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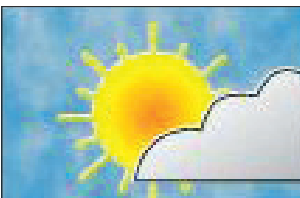
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People’s Choice

Symphony performance to feature audience favorites

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The people have spoken — and the symphony has listened.

The Big Spring Symphony will give democracy a chance when they hold the third concert of their season at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors citizens and \$5 for students and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Blum’s Jewelers, Big Spring Herald, Faye’s Flowers, First Bank of West Texas and Heritage Museum.

Titled “The People’s Choice,” the concert will feature fan favorites and requested pieces.

“I have been keeping mental notes of pieces people actually requested over the years,” said Dr. Keith Graumann, music director and orchestra conductor. “We will



Graumann

play music that been requested for several years but we haven’t had a chance to perform until now.”

Topping the request list, Graumann said, are piano concertos by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff. Peforming movements from Tchaikovsky’s first and Rachmaninoff’s second piano concertos will be guest artist Esther Park, a recent graduate of the Juilliard Music School in New York.

“She will be pursuing her studies in Germany,” Graumann said. “And she is a candidate for the Van Cliburn (international piano competition) that will be held this May in Fort Worth.”

Park is the winner of the 2004 Gina Bachauer Piano Competition at the Juilliard



Courtesy photo

Juilliard Music School graduate Esther Park will perform during Saturday’s Big Spring Symphony concert at 8 p.m. in the municipal auditorium.

School as well as the Juilliard concerto competition, the 52nd Kosciusko International Piano Competition, New Jersey Young Artists Audition, the Van Cliburn-TCU Institute Young Art-

ist Competition and Corpus Christi International Competition.

“We will also feature members of our own orchestra

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‘Buy American’ provision in stimulus plan drawing ire from some, cheers from others

By **VERONICA SMITH**
 AFP Writer

WASHINGTON — A “Buy American” drive in President Barack Obama’s economic stimulus plan is sparking protests from businesses and trading partners, and drawing cheers from domestic manufacturers and unions.

Obama is pushing Congress for swift passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as vital to prevent the collapse of the fragile US economy amid the accelerating global financial crisis.

The House of Representatives passed an \$819 billion version of the economic stimulus package Wednesday that con-



structure project.

The massive stimulus plan of tax cuts and spending has moved to the Senate, where lawmakers are working on their own version that extends the “Buy American” initiative on iron and steel to include all US manufactured goods.

The bulk of Obama’s stimulus pack-

ains a “Buy American” provision generally barring the purchase of foreign iron and steel for any stimulus-funded infra-

age is infrastructure spending targeted to ensure the country’s long-term competitiveness in the global economy.

The sweep of infrastructure projects is broad, from roads, rail, bridges, airports and dams to military construction and housing, among others.

Obama argues the expensive stimulus package, supported by unions, could save or create more than three million jobs.

Leading business interests warned that such measures could trigger trade wars that only will exacerbate the slump in trade volumes and economic growth stemming from the financial turmoil.

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Exxon Mobil shatters record for annual profit

By **JOHN PORRETTO**
 AP Energy Writer

HOUSTON — Exxon Mobil Corp. on Friday reported a profit of \$45.2 billion for 2008, breaking its own record for a U.S. company, even as its fourth-quarter earnings fell 33 percent from a year ago.

The previous record for annual profit was \$40.6 billion, which the world’s largest publicly traded oil company set in 2007.

The extraordinary full-year profit wasn’t a surprise given crude’s tri-

ple-digit price for much of 2008, peaking near an unheard of \$150 a barrel in July. Since then, however, prices have fallen roughly 70 percent amid a deepening global economic crisis.

In the fourth quarter alone crude tumbled 60 percent, prompting spending and job cuts in an industry that was reporting robust, often record, profits as recently as last summer.

With piles of cash and diversified operations, the majors like Exxon Mobil have fared better than many

smaller oil and gas companies, but Friday’s results show no one is completely insulated from the ongoing malaise.

Irving, Texas-based Exxon said net income slid sharply to \$7.8 billion, or \$1.55 a share, in the October-December period. That compared with \$11.7 billion, or \$2.13 a share, in the same period a year ago, when Exxon set a U.S. record for quarterly profit. It has since topped that mark twice,

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HC women trounced by No. 3 Lady Chaps

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

In the first game of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule Dec. 3, 2008, Midland College came close to losing its only game of the season as Howard College had the third-ranked Lady Chaps sweating bullets.

However, in the rematch, the Lady Chaps left no doubt in the outcome, ripping the Hawks, 81-57.

"This was a disappointing showing," said Howard College Head Coach Earl Diddle. "After we played

them so well in Midland, you would think we could put together a better performance tonight. I think it's safe to say that we lost our opportunity to upset Midland this season when we let them come back and beat us at their place.

"We gave up a bunch of easy buckets. We just let them get inside too much," Diddle continued. "For us to come out and upset Midland, we have to play one of our best games. We definitely didn't do that tonight. They ripped us pretty good."

Howard's Miesha Blackshear was the star of the

game for the first 10 minutes, slashing through the lane at will, scoring 15 points in the first 20 minutes. Howard led for most of the first half, but seemed to lose its edge at the 10:00 mark.

That's when Midland started to make its charge, eventually tying the game at 25 with 7:34 on the clock. The Lady Chaps went on an 11-3 run from there, going up 36-28. That 8-point advantage would hold until halftime with Midland leading 42-34

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Hawks pull off upset

Howard men hand No. 4 Midland first WJCAC loss

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

It was ugly, but in basketball, ugly counts.

Howard College's men's basketball team didn't put together its best looking performance of the season, but it might have been the most rewarding as the Hawks dealt the fourth-ranked Midland College Chaparrals their first WJCAC loss Thursday, 63-51, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Neither team had a good first half with Howard taking a 16-11 advantage into the break. The Hawks shot a mere 26.1 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes, which was better than the 12.5 percent Midland put up.

Things got better in the second, though.

With Howard leading 19-18 with 18 minutes to play, the Hawks got a much needed spark on the offensive end from an unexpected source.

Dante Menter hadn't scored in double figures this season, but put up 14 points in the second half alone Thursday. Menter keyed a 17-5 Howard run, putting Midland in a 36-23 hole with 13 minutes to go.

The Chaps had a response, though, and powered their way back into the game with a 14-3 rally, cutting the deficit to 2, 39-37, with 6:32 left.

Howard garnered enough district by the 20 mark, 46-38, forcing Midland to start fouling in hopes of the Hawks failing to convert at the charity stripe.

Unfortunately for Midland, they kept putting Denzel Barnes at the line who went 7 for 8 on the charity shots in the final two minutes. Devon Baker was also clutch with free throws down the stretch, converting 5 of 6 attempts.

Cards' Fitz is 'doing what he was born to do'

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Larry Fitzgerald soars above the outstretched arms of defenders, caresses the football with his fingertips, and clings to it as he comes back down to earth.

The scene is all too familiar to his teammates and coaches, and now the 25-year-old receiver's amazing skills are the talk of the Super Bowl. He could, single-handedly, be the potent equalizer the Arizona Cardinals' needed against Pittsburgh's powerhouse defense.

Watch him. He has an uncanny knack for lifting his 6-foot-3 body off the ground at precisely the right moment, at the right height, so he can be exactly where he needs to be to grab the ball.

"He is doing what he was born to do," Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward said.

Fitzgerald is the antithesis of the stereotypical brash receiver. After he makes spectacular touchdown

catches, he simply flips the ball to the official.

"I aspire to be great," Fitzgerald said. "That's one of the reasons to play the game — to win, to be great. I feel that if you aren't trying to be the best, then I don't understand what your motivation is in this game as a player."

His friends keep him humble. Former Minnesota Vikings great Cris Carter, a longtime pal and mentor, tells him he's not the best receiver in the NFL.

"He's not better than Andre Johnson," said Carter, who persistently nudges Fitzgerald to improve. He is the voice in Fitzgerald's ear that whispers "what you did last week really doesn't matter."

Fitzgerald is as alert to detail in practice as he is in games, slapping his hands in disgust if, heaven forbid, he should drop a ball in a drill.

"I don't look too far in the future. I just look at today," Fitzgerald said this week. "How can I be the best

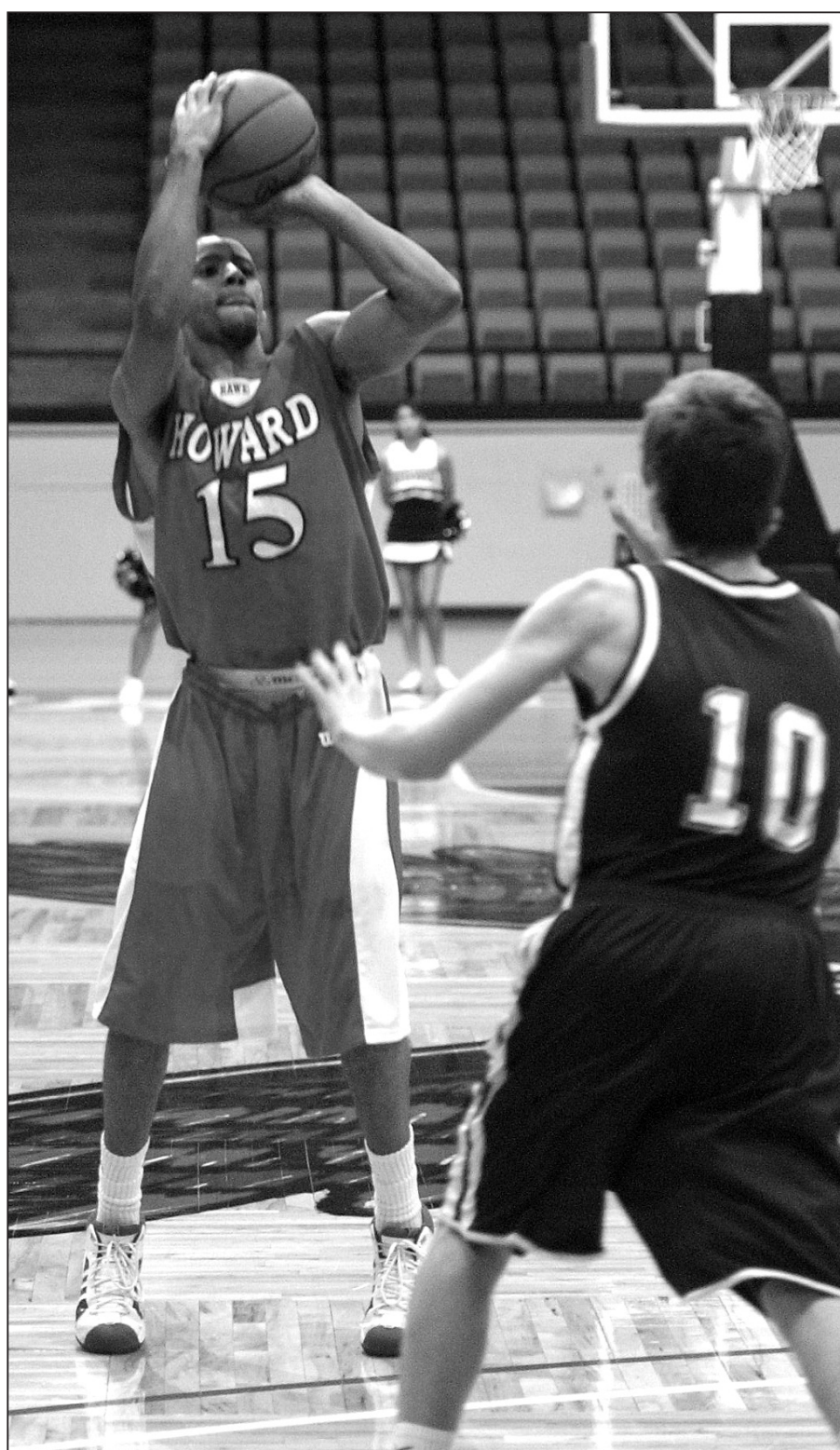
player I can be on Wednesday? How can I be the best player I can be on Thursday? If I can continue to chip away like that, then I can be the best player on Sunday."

A measure of greatness is how well a player performs on the biggest stage. In his first three playoff games, Fitzgerald was phenomenal. His 419 yards receiving broke Jerry Rice's NFL postseason record, and he still has a game to go. His three 100-yard receiving games tie him with Tom Fears, Rice and Randy Moss for most in a career postseason.

His 23 playoff catches include several of the climbing-to-the-stars variety, but also a mix of crossing routes, where he breaks wide open over the middle. On a few occasions, he's bowled over would-be tacklers, something he never would have done in his early pro career.

"I think Larry has always had the ability to catch the football," coach

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College Hawks guard Dante Menter spots up for three in action from earlier this season at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Menter hit four treys in Howard's 63-51 upset of No. 4 Midland College Thursday.

Ginobili leads Spurs past Suns

PHOENIX (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs were having a scoring feast against the Phoenix Suns, and coach Gregg Popovich was eating it up.

"We're scoring way too many points," Popovich said jokingly after the Spurs beat the Suns 114-104 on Thursday night. "We shouldn't be having this much fun."

Manu Ginobili had the most fun. He made 18 free throws, setting a franchise record for foul shots in a game without a miss, and finished with 30 points and nine rebounds.

Tony Parker added 26 points, and Tim Duncan had 20 points and 15 rebounds for the Southwest Division leaders (31-14).

The victory was the Spurs' 29th in a row when they score 100 or more points — 14 last season and 15 this season.

The game was close through three quarters, before a 9-2 run early in the fourth period gave the Spurs a 12-point lead. The Suns cut it to 107-104 with 1:05 remaining, but Parker's field goal and Ginobili's five free throws closed out the scoring.

Roger Mason, whose 3-point buzzer-beater gave San Antonio a one-point victory over Phoenix on Christmas, added 12 points. The team's point total was the most in regulation since Dec. 6.

Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Grant Hill had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Steve Nash finished with 16 points and 18 assists, and Shaquille O'Neal and Matt Barnes each scored 13 points. It was the first time in 20 games that O'Neal failed to score at least 15 points.

"Kurt (Thomas) and Timmy (Duncan) did a great job defensively against Shaq," Popovich said. "They anchored our defense."

O'Neal, chosen to the West All-Star team Thursday and shooting nearly 60 percent from the field this season, was only 5-of-14 against the Spurs.

Ginobili, a longtime Suns killer, was aggressive throughout.

"I had a good start and my confidence went up," he said. "My focus was to get to the rim. I found a lot of lanes to the rim."

Parker, who also was named to the West All-Star team as a reserve on Thursday, also found a lot of holes in the Suns' defense.

"We just tried to stay close and we are confident in our defense to make stops in the end and we made some big shots in the end."

The first half, which ended 57-57, was filled with notable milestones, heated play. unusually high scoring when these teams meet and immaculate ballhandling.

During the half, Nash had nine assists, passing Suns coach Terry Porter for 11th place on the NBA's career list. Nash's seventh assist gave him 7,161, one more than Porter. O'Neal, who had eight points in the half, moved into seventh place on the

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Sports in brief

Free junior tennis league starts Feb. 9

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen is starting a free Junior Tennis League Feb. 9 at the Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The league is for boys and girls 8-12 years old or in grades four through six.

It will be held every Monday, beginning Feb. 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Just bring a racket or one will be provided.

At 5:15 each Monday before the league starts, Olesen will accept challengers who believe they can throw a football further than he can. Anyone able to do so will win a free 30 minute tennis lesson.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School field.

Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

Obituaries

Olivia R. Escovedo

 Olivia (Libby) R. Escovedo, 61, died Jan. 28, 2009. She was born June 5, 1947, to Vicenta and P.O. Rios in Lohn. She married M.J. Escovedo, June 11, 1966 in Big Spring. She worked at Rebsamen Hospital in Jacksonville, Ark. or 24 years. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, P.O. Rios Jr. and Daniel Rios.

She leaves behind her husband, M.J. and their five sons and their wives, Nunie and Katie Escovedo of North Little Rock, Ark., Tony and Cyndi Escovedo of Russellville, Ark., Eddie and Sherese Escovedo of Sherwood, Ark., Ronny and Juanita Escovedo of Jacksonville, Ark., and C.J. and Crystal Escovedo of Surprise, Ariz.

Additionally, she leaves behind 15 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews. Libby is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Luis Rios, Joe Rios, Janie Rios and Manuela Galindo, all of Big Spring and Ophelia Bowen of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at 6 p.m. at North Little Rock Funeral Home, 1921 Main St., North Little Rock, Ark., (501) 758-1170. The rosary will be immediately following at 7 p.m.

Funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in North Little Rock with the Rev. Tom Stehlik presiding.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Anne Catholic Church, 6150 Remount Rd., North Little Rock, Ark. 72118. Burial will take place at Edgewood Cemetery, 4200 Division St., North Little Rock.

Online obituary and guest register are at www.nlrhf.com.

Earl Reed Burnett

Earl Reed Burnett, 74, of Midland died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009. There are no funeral services planned.

Earl was born Jan. 26, 1935, in McAllen to Ester and James Burnett.

Survivors include two sons, Brandon Burnett of Midland and Earl Burnett Jr. of San Antonio; a daughter, Beverly Burnett Parker of Burleson; sisters, Patricia, Elizabeth Ray and Linda Lou, all of Weatherford; and his grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager’s Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

CHANGING DATES

- The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- ANDY LEE CUELLAR, 23, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid and a Jefferson County warrant.
- GUY JEFFERSON, 19, of 311 W. Sixth St., was arrested Thursday on charges of theft and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- ANDRES JUAREZ JR., 20, of 411 Trades, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.
- ERNEST CLARK, 68, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Runnels.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff’s Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.
- MANUEL ARMENDARIZ, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
 - ARNULFO CHAVERA JR., 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces, less than five pounds.
 - KANIEL MATTHEW MIRAMONTES, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of delivery of marijuana – more than a quarter-ounce, less than five pounds.
 - ANTONIO JOE FLORES, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
 - LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 28, was arrested Thursday on a judgment/sentence.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Salem Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of E. 12th Street.
- TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of E. Fourth Street.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the “Hat Lady,” Marci Lyken at 267-2915.

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Bulletin Board

TODAY

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Prospector’s Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman’s Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-12-21-20-2.
Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 25-4-26-27. Bonus Ball: 29.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:7-5-2. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-1-1. Sum It Up: 12.

Take Note

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.
- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life’s journey. Make a difference in someone’s life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.
- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. Donations are appreciated.

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at the break.

The second half was all Midland’s, though.

The Lady Chaps turned up the defensive heat and took advantage of several missed shots and turnovers by Howard. Midland built a 20-point lead, 64-44, with 10:48 to play. From there, the Lady Chaps simply coasted to victory as Howard’s shooting woes continued.

The Hawks were guilty of six air balls in the second half as they struggled to find the basket from anywhere on the floor.

Five Lady Chaps scored in double digits with Florencia Fernandez leading the way with 15 points. Lauren Mansfield turned in an 11-point performance, while Lyrell Barfield, Leeshantea Johnson and Adrika Ullman each scored 10.

Blackshear only got off two shots in the second half, making one of them and finishing with a game-high 17

points after scoring 15 in the first stanza.

Patricia Malouff added 16 for Howard.

The Hawks shot just 25.9 percent in the second half after hitting for 43.3 percent in the first. Midland hit 58.8 percent of its field goals in the game, including 52.9 percent from behind the 3-point line.

Midland improves to 24-0 and 8-0 in conference play, while the Hawks cost themselves some positioning in the WJCAC standings.

With the top four teams qualifying for the Region V Tournament in March, the Hawks (19-5, 4-4) are clinging to the final spot available with six games to play in the season.

They’re tied with Odessa College for the fourth seed, but hold the edge courtesy of a victory over OC earlier this season.

Both squads sit a half-game back of New Mexico Junior College (13-7, 4-3).

Howard travels to Borger Monday to take on Frank Phillips College at 5:30 p.m. The Hawks have defeated FPC (9-14, 2-5), which is coached by

former Howard assistant Eric Rodewald, twice this season.

“This is a big game for us in the conference standings,” said Diddle. “We talked about our goal to make the regional tournament at the start of the season and we know what we need to do to get there.”

Midland College (24-0, 8-0) 81, Howard College 19-5, 4-4) 57

Midland (81)
Lauren Mansfield 4-5 2-2 11, Lyrell Barfield 4-7 0-0 10, Leeshantea Johnson 4-8 1-3 10, Mele Leasau 2-4 1-3 5, Florencia Fernandez 6-9 3-7 15, Tajai Rodgers 1-1 2-2 4, Camille Cooper 1-1 0-1 2, Dymond Morgan 3-5 0-0 7, Candice Kohn 1-2 0-0 3, Shaquiri Graham 1—1 2-2 4, Adrika Ullman 3-7 1-2 10, Heather Sheppard 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-51 12-22 81.

Howard (57)
Miesha Blackshear 8-13 1-3 17, Patricia Malouff 4-11 6-8 16, Rachael Dryver 2-7 2-4 6, Chassidy Cole 1-7 0-2 2, DeAndra Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Tamara Wallace 1-2 0-0 2, NaTalia Smith 0-3 3-4 3, Danielle Cota 0-0 1-2 1, Valerie Wood 0-2 0-0 0, Kklarissa Krum 3-9 0-0 8. Totals 20-57 13-23 57.

Halftime: MC 42, HC 34. 3-point goals: MC 9-17 (Mansfield 1-1, Barfield 2-3, Morgan 1-3, Kohn 1-2, Johnson 1-1, Ullman 3-7), HC 4-20 (Malouff 2-6, Krum 2-6, Wallace 0-1, Smith 0-2, Cole 0-4, Dryver 0-1). Rebounds: MC 37 (Fernandez 7), HC 32 (Dryver 7). Assists: MC 18 (Mansfield 9), HC 10 (Cole 5). Turnovers: MC 14, HC 11. Total fouls: MC 16, HC 16. Fouled out: Smith.

WJCAC Women's Standings		
Team	Conference	Overall
Midland College	8-0	24-0
South Plains	6-2	19-5
New Mexico JC	4-3	13-7
Howard College	4-4	19-5
Odessa College	4-4	15-9
Frank Phillips	2-5	9-14
Clarendon College	2-5	13-8
Western Texas	0-7	5-18

Thursday's results: Midland 81, Howard 57; Clarendon 61, Odessa 60; South Plains 74, Western Texas 55; New Mexico and Frank Phillips were open.

Saturday's game: Clarendon at Western Texas.

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SPURS

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scoring list, passing Hakeem Olajuwon. O’Neal’s sixth point him at 26,947, one ahead of Olajuwon.

The heated play was reflected in that four technical fouls were called, three against the Suns, each of which Mason converted. The high scoring was mostly the result of an uptempo first period, which ended with San Antonio leading 32-31. Usually when these teams face each other, it’s a low-scoring affair, but both teams’ sharp ballhandling led to the big point production.

The Suns, one of the league’s worst offenders in turnovers, did not have a turnover in the first two quarters. San Antonio only had five turnovers, one in the first period.

By halftime, when there were 12 ties and 11 lead changes, five players were in double figures. Duncan led the Spurs with 13 points, Ginobili had

12, and Parker 10. Stoudemire topped the Suns with 14, and Nash had 12, including a 3-pointer from 26 feet just before halftime that tied it.

The third period, which finished with San Antonio leading 89-84, was marked by a parade to the free throw line by the Spurs. Overall, the Spurs converted 17 of 20 foul shots, including nine in a row by Ginobili, to the Suns’ three of three.

Surprisingly, the Suns started fouling Bruce Bowen intentionally — similar to the Spurs’ often-used strategy of Hack-A-Shaq against O’Neal. Bowen, who had made only two of eight from the line this season, was 5-for-6 during the quarter.

Duncan was surprised that the Suns decided to foul Bowen.

“We weren’t expecting it,” he said. “He missed the first one, then made five of six. That was huge for us.”

Bowen, a 57-percent career foul shooter, wasn’t surprised that he was so successful at the line.

“In those situations, if I get there, I’ll make them,” he said.

Again, the ballhandling was near flawless, with San Antonio committing just one turnover and the Suns their first three of the game.

Porter was disappointed in the Suns’ play late in the game.

“We lost our composure,” Porter said, noting the Suns’ five turnovers in the last period. “Those San Antonio games are like playoff games, they’re very emotional. But you just have to play through it and we didn’t do it.”



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
?			

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ K4 ♥ AK742 ♦ 6 ♣ AJ853
2. ♠ 5 ♥ AQ764 ♦ A8 ♣ KJ742
3. ♠ J4 ♥ QJ1053 ♦ AQ ♣ AKJ9
4. ♠ 862 ♥ KQJ83 ♦ A ♣ AJ92

1. Three spades. Partner’s two-spade bid, even though it’s merely a repeat of his suit and therefore not an invitational bid, nevertheless should encourage you to go on. Partner almost certainly has six spades. His failure to pass two clubs or to show a preference for hearts indicates substantial trick-taking values — provided spades are trump.

Your now-adequate spade support and singleton diamond, as well as your extra high-card values, are attractive features that you have not yet shown. If there is a game, it must lie in spades, so you should encourage partner to bid it.

2. Pass. There’s no use fighting the cards you were dealt. This is not a game-going setup, and the only real issue to be settled is where to play for a partscore. In view of the obvious misfit, your opening bid has not

improved one bit.

Partner will probably score four or five trump tricks at spades, and together with your high cards he is likely to produce a plus score. Any further effort by you to find a better resting place than spades is apt to result in a minus score.

3. Three notrump. No further opportunity to play under game should be extended to partner. Your 18 high-card points and excellent intermediate cards plus partner’s two bids clearly add up to a healthy chance for game.

Partner may of course elect to retreat to four spades, but with J-x of the suit you’re well-prepared for that eventuality. Partner should be able to make 10 tricks at spades easily, if he bids it.

4. Four spades. Your jump to game with such meager trump support may look like an optimistic overbid. But partner’s two spade bids make the prospect of losing four tricks rather remote.

Point-count bidders may find it difficult to accept the jump-raise to four with the given hand, but they would be hard-pressed to construct a hand that would not produce a good play for game opposite this one. For example, if partner has as little as ♠ KQJ753 ♥ 9 ♦ 865 ♣ 1043, game would be a very reasonable proposition.

Tomorrow: East dons his thinking cap.

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sudoku

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The band's most recent album, Time of the Broken Heart — a Smith Entertainment Records release — has been on the Americana and Texas music charts and has been featured in the recent edition of Country Weekly magazine.

Back Porch Mary have toured around the country, playing with acts including the Reverend Horton Heat, Jason and The Scorchers, Fuel, Ted Nugent, Ragweed, Reckless Kelly and John Michael Montgomery.

For more information on Back Porch Mary, visit them on the World Wide Web at www.backporchmary.com

2-1-1

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formation centers in their region,” said Castilleja. “These experts have access to the most comprehensive data base of community-based organizations, government agencies and non-profits that exist in Texas. Information can be provided in more than 90 languages, including Spanish.

“The list of resources available through 2-1-1 is extensive,” she added. “Some of our outreach includes providing information for assistance with domestic violence programs, drug and alcohol treatment, elder care services and emergency shelter and food.”

Castilleja said other information and referral services include family counseling; housing assistance; legal help; disaster response and relief; prenatal, health and home care; and temporary financial and energy assistance.

For more information on 2-1-1 Texas, visit www.211texas.org on the World Wide Web or call Castilleja at (432) 570-1039.

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SYMPHONY

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in a performance of the often-requested Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by Bach,” Graumann said. “Soloists for the Bach concerto will be

concertmaster and violinist Dr. Susan Baer, flutist Anna Henry and harpsichordist Sigurd Ogaard.”

Other popularly requested pieces to be played include Hebrides Overture (Fingal’s Cave) by Mendelssohn, Blue Danube Waltz by Strauss and Bolero by Ravel.

Man accused of threatening Obama surrenders

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado man has been indicted on charges of threatening to kill President Barack Obama and blow up the Mall of America in suburban Minneapolis. The man said the threat against Obama was a prank.

Timothy Ryan Gutierrez, 20, surrendered Thursday at the FBI’s office in Durango and was being held without bond, the U.S. attorney’s office said.

A federal grand jury in Denver handed up the indictment Tuesday against Gutierrez, of Cortez, in southwestern Colorado. He was to appear in court Friday.

“Both threats were taken seriously, and both threats were investigated immediately by the FBI,” said Jeff Dorschner, spokesman for acting U.S. Attorney Dave Gaouette.

In an interview, Gutierrez said the threat against Obama was just a prank because the president misrepresented himself.

“I’m not mad about him becoming president, but he’s not doing what he said he was going to do,” he said. “He’s not doing anything for the lower class — just the middle and upper class. Medications are going up, not lowering, and jobs are being lost. His actions are going to get him in trouble.”

Gutierrez said he is from Andrews, Texas, and had been staying with relatives in Cortez. He said he didn’t have a job in Texas but “played with computers” by taking them apart and putting them back together.

boy and folk western music.

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AMERICAN

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“Since 95 percent of the world’s consumers live outside the United States, American workers would be the first to suffer as ‘Buy American’ provisions trigger retaliation by other countries -- that is, ‘Buy German,’ ‘Buy Chinese,’ and so on,” said Chris Braddock of the US Chamber of Commerce.

“We certainly aren’t against companies and governments ‘Buying American,’ but we are against the government arbitrarily mandating such a requirement, because it would harm our economy in numerous ways,” Braddock said, citing the trade wars that eventually sparked the Great Depression.

“The Chamber is absolutely committed to

avoiding a replay of that disaster,” he said.

The House’s “Buy American” provision bars spending on any infrastructure project “unless all of the iron and steel used in the project is produced in the United States.”

Exceptions would include the unavailability of a sufficient quantity of satisfactory quality of the US metals and if their inclusion would raise the overall project’s cost by more than 25 percent.

The “Buy American” provision in the House-approved bill raised hackles in Canada, the United States’s biggest trading partner, as well as in Europe.

“We want to avoid protectionism in this economic slowdown,” said Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

It is a “serious concern to us,” he said, and so

“we’re joining with all countries in the world to insist that the United States respect its WTO (World Trade Organization) commitments.”

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Canada sells about 40 percent of its steel to its southern neighbor.

Harper intends to broach the “Buy American” issue with Obama when the US president visits Ottawa on February 19, Canadian Industry Minister Tony Clement said.

A European Union spokesman said it was premature to take a stance on a text that had not yet been seen but “if a bill is passed which prohibits the sale or purchase of European goods on American territory, that is something we will not stand idly by and ignore.”

There was no immedi-

ate reaction from China, another major steel producer.

Obama, who criticized international trade agreements, including NAFTA, in his presidential campaign, has wasted no time in taking a tough stance on trade since taking office on January 20.

The next day, the Obama administration branded China a currency manipulator, setting the stage for a trade war with the Asian giant which has overtaken Japan as America’s biggest foreign creditor.

“It’s time for economic patriots to stand up in our country. We need to ensure that our laws are aggressively implemented to ensure that American taxpayer dollars are used to put Americans back to work and help renew our economy,” said Leo Gerard, head of the United Steelworkers

union which supports the “Buy America” campaign.

Kevin Kearns, president of the US Business and Industry Council, said a stimulus bill that lacks strict “Buy American” provisions “will only encourage ever more consumption of foreign goods with borrowed foreign money -- which helped produce today’s economic crisis in the first place.”

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PROFIT

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first in last year’s second quarter and then with earnings of \$14.83 billion in the third quarter.

Revenue in the most-recent quarter fell 27 percent to \$84.7 billion.

Both the per-share and revenue results topped Wall Street forecasts. On average, analysts expected the company to earn \$1.45 a share in the latest quarter on revenue of \$69.1 billion, according to Thomson Reuters.

Shares rose \$1.52, or 2 percent, to \$78.52 in early trading.

The nation’s second largest oil company, Chevron Corp., reported profits of \$4.9 billion for the fourth quarter, though revenues slid 26 percent with oil prices in sharp decline.

It earned \$2.44 per share in the three months ended Dec. 31. Like Exxon, Chevron easily beat ex-

pectations of analysts, who were looking for profits of \$1.81 per share.

The industry went into retrenchment toward the end of the year with demand falling.

As expected, Exxon Mobil’s bottom line took a beating from its exploration and production, or upstream, arm, where net income fell 31 percent to \$5.6 billion. The culprit: lower crude prices, which the company said decreased earnings by \$3.2 billion in the fourth quarter alone.

The company, which produces about 3 percent of the world’s oil, said overall output fell 3 percent in the most-recent period, a troubling trend in previous quarters. Exxon, which generates more than two-thirds of its earnings from oil and gas production, said production-sharing contracts and OPEC quotas contributed to its lower output.

Results were better at its refining and marketing unit, where earnings rose 6 percent to \$2.4 bil-

lion as higher margins overcame costs related to last summer’s hurricanes and other factors.

The company’s chemical division also took a hit, posting net income of \$155 million versus \$1.1 billion a year ago. Results were hurt by lower volumes and margins and hurricane-repair costs.

Exxon Mobil said it bought 119 million shares of its common stock in the quarter at a cost of \$8.8 billion. Roughly \$8 billion of that amount was dedicated to reducing the number of shares outstanding; the balance was used to offset shares issued as part of the company’s benefit plans.

Exxon said it spent \$26.1 billion on capital and exploration projects last year, up 25 percent from 2007. Its earnings release provided no information about its planned spending for 2009.

For the full year, Exxon Mobil’s massive profit amounted to \$8.69 a share, versus \$7.28 a share a year ago.

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OUR VIEW

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments. We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute:

- Big Spring native Neina Cisneros, who has gone to work for State Rep. Joe Heflin’s 85th Texas House District office in Austin.
 - Local AARP officials and Tax-Aide program volunteers who have begun the process of assisting area citizens with their 2008 income tax returns.
 - Those who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony on the site of the proposed Martin County Senior Citizens Building.
 - The estimated 200 people who attended the first Healthy Woman event, as Scenic Mountain Medical Center debuted its program to provide area women with resources to make more informed decisions when it comes to their health.
 - The 142 students who entered projects for the Big Spring Independent School District Science Fair. Winners were Maranda Scott, Teodora Arguello, Tucker Durham, Charles Anderson, Paige Knowlton, Brycen Kiker, Julie Jiminez, Erin Pollard, Garrett Wheeler, Brady Weber, Drake Wortham, Tony Solis and Hannah Weber.
 - Leroy Sutherland, who was honored as rememberavet.net’s Veteran of the Month during ceremonies at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.
 - Orville Spradling, who was honored as January’s Veteran of the Month by the Hangar 25 Air Museum at a reception Thursday.
- Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, help us achieve the security we desire.

Amen

The ‘Miracle on the Hudson’

On Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15, I had a chance to meet with my daughter Maegan for a short get-together. We try and do that a couple of times a week. It’s like a dad date. Maegan is a stunningly beautiful, blond-headed, 22-year-old nursing student who works at Plaza Medical. Among her many talents and qualities, her greatest flair is her God given ability to wrap her Daddy around her little finger.

She asked me what I thought about the day’s news and said, “Isn’t it wonderful?”

Now usually the words news and wonderful don’t belong in the same sentence. That was the first I heard about Flight 1549 and the crash landing everyone is calling Miracle on the Hudson.

If you are a regular reader of my column, you know by now I am a self-proclaimed Jesus Freak. You probably have also picked up that while I prefer the term cutting edge most would aptly call me off the wall. This week’s confession of a highly caffeinated Christian blatantly states I am in all probability even worse than you thought. I’m the kind of Christian the devil warned you about. I believe in miracles. I believe God isn’t a symbol but an actual person and He speaks to all of us. I believe that while we live in a ruined world full of innumerable mess-ups, This God I’m talking about is prevailing His goodness

while being blamed for the bad. He’s a really nice guy and I just love to hope in Him and look to Him.

I saw Him again last week. I think anybody with an eye to see, meaning people who wanted to see, saw God’s goodness and heard a powerful message through our nations headlines on Jan. 15.

The themes being preached through this incredible event came power-packed with a word for you and yours. Lets take a look at some of them.

- This story is not about what went wrong but what went right. Let me tell you I think this sentence belongs to you in 2009. Your story this year is not going to be about all the things going wrong but rather about the amazing things going right. It’s like Isaiah 58:10 where is says your darkness will be like noon-day. It’s not about the darkness but about the brightness that’s in it.
- What hasn’t worked before worked perfectly this time. We have all seen what happens when a jumbo jet tries to land in the water and typically it’s a terrible disaster. I think what has hasn’t worked before works for God’s people this year. I am going after things again this year where I have failed before and believing this time it all works perfectly.
- Quick response is needed and cooler heads prevail. Pilot “Sully” Sullenberger made quick and radical decisions that saved the lives of 155 people. This also should be our story this year. We should refuse to panic and make quicker decisions than ever before. Rapid response and appropriate actions will qualify us

to get upgraded from a nobody to a hero in so many people’s eyes.

- Sometimes you have to ditch the plane

It’s not about everything going perfectly, it’s about a perfect outcome. There are certain victories you have to have this year and sometimes we get rid of things precious to us in order to achieve those amazing outcomes.

- Playbooks are being rewritten. When they re-write the textbooks and the training manuals on what to do in that same scenario, they will follow the way pilot Sullenberger did it. I think there are new ways of doing things that are better than how we have done things before. Don’t be surprised if God has you blazing a few trails for others this year.
- Pay attention to the preflight safety announcements. The instructions on how to safely exit a downed plane are being paid much more attention to after Jan. 15. The directions are not courtesy but specific instructions we had better take seriously if we want to be safe. (See Psalm 119:117, Proverbs 18:10, and Proverbs 29:25)
- The pilot and crew refuse attention and credit. I think when God does miraculous things through us (we could all learn something from the pilot and crew of flight 1539) it’s important for us to get out of the way, remain humble and not make it all about us.

The idea is not to make Ministries famous but the good Lord all of us serve.

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Teamless but not nameless

They were ragged coats, this pair of college administrators, poring over the ledger as the final flickering minutes of the fiscal year faded away. Weary of cost-cutting measures, they’d turned off the heat to save money. The cold north wind whistled through crack-plagued walls.

Feverishly, the business officer made final entries before shouting the good news to the little school’s president. “It’s razor-thin, but we’ve finished ‘in the black,’” he bragged.

“Wonderful,” the CEO responded. “Our trustees love black ink.” Pausing, the numbers guy dampened the depression-era moment. “Boss, we’re out of ink,” he lamented. “If we buy a bottle, the bottom line changes color, and it’ll have to be red ink.”

Stories like this come to mind as today’s economic woes hog the headlines, as well as radio and TV news.

Minuses and negatives dominate, but seemingly spared from it all is North America’s “largest private higher education institution” — The University of Phoenix.

While much is backward, inward and downward throughout the world in general, not so with The University of Phoenix — UPX as it is now known. This 33-year-old institution spreads onward, outward and upward, growing from an opening enrollment of eight students to some 350,000 today

UPX claims to be cutting edge, offering baccalaureate through doctoral degrees on 204 campuses in 40 states — and beyond. The institution’s motto is “thinking ahead.”

Critics of UPX suggest that “bone-head thinking” may be more appropriate.

Some educators and numerous entities would like to put the brakes on the school that has become the “800-pound gorilla” of higher education.

It should be noted that UPX is a “for profit” institution. It is owned and operated by the Apollo Group, Inc., and is listed on NASDAQ. Buy some stock if you’d like.

With an ever-growing enrollment and average tuition of \$12,000, solvency seems assured.

Operating with 95 percent part-time faculty, UPX brain trusts found \$154.5 million to secure naming rights for the new stadium in Glendale, Ariz. The rights span 20 years. One wag said this might be the “cheap way out,” achieving an athletic connection without cost of fielding teams or hiring high-powered coaches.

On traditional campuses, students would march on the administration building if funds were spent in this manner. Trouble is, most UPX students don’t know where the administration building is, or if the institution even has one!

Never mind that this staggering figure helped to make possible North America’s only stadium with both a retractable roof and the first fully retractable field — almost 19 million pounds worth. The field is “rolled out” to absorb the Arizona sunshine 95 percent of the time.

Never mind, also, that UPX and other accredited schools face an ongoing battle with unscrupulous and unaccredited “colleges” that flood the Internet with illegitimate offers. They come in all shapes and sizes. For these “fly-by-nighters,” all it takes is money, no questions asked, and return mail will bring diplomas suitable for framing.

Who knows if UPX can pass the test of time? It perhaps can.

Being the largest recipient of student financial aid funds from the government, however, may be nettlesome, and ongoing accreditation is never guaranteed. Last year, UPX received more than \$2.8 billion in federal financial aid — more than any

other educational institution in the nation.

Feds are posing ongoing questions, many concerning whether the school properly balances value to students and profits to shareholders.

UPX’s deep pockets may be challenged if things should turn south.

Some of their “out-goes” are substantial, particularly in fines and settlements. In 2004, the university paid a settlement of \$9.8 million to the US Department of Education for alleged violations of provisions prohibiting distribution of financial incentives to admission representatives.

There are numerous other pending federal issues, including a lawsuit set for trial in September. At issue are hundreds of millions of dollars awarded in federal financial aid.

“Thinking ahead” may be a questionable motto for an institution that trumpets new opportunities for older students who are holding down fulltime jobs.

It does so with much on-line instruction. By US Department of Education standards, the UPX graduation rate of 16 percent ranks well under the national average of 55 percent.

UPX responses hang much on the school’s commitment to non-traditional students.

I dunno.

But I do know that the \$12,000 average tuition seems steep, and that \$154.5 million expended to name a stadium is ludicrous, inappropriate and ill-advised by any measure. If I were a UPX student, I’d find some others to help me march. Then, we’d see if there’s an administration building to be found.

And if it turns out that UPX flounders, university stockholders may wind up buying red ink-by the barrel.

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DON NEWBURY

FITZ

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Ken Whisenhunt said, “but as a player that wants to be great, he’s worked hard at the little things, as we say, to improve his game. I believe that’s why he’s had such a successful year this year and such a fantastic postseason.”

Fitzgerald the football player is there for all to see. Fitzgerald the person is far more private, polite but reserved.

“He’s trying to control his image,” Carter said. “We were always taught through Denny Green that if you don’t control your image, then the media will control it.”

Fitzgerald has been surrounded by football his entire life. His father, Larry Fitzgerald Sr., writes a column for the weekly Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder and became a close friend of Green while he coached the Vikings.

“Larry obviously got to work with two potential Hall of Fame wide receivers in Cris Carter and Randy Moss,” his father said. “The great coaches here — Dennis Green, Tony Dungy, Brian Billick. It was like a family affair, but yet he was always learning something. The Vikings played football at a very high level here for a long time.”

As a youngster, Fitzgerald spent his

summers visiting relatives, including his grandfather, Chicago optometrist Robert Johnson.

Johnson said young Larry was “all over the place” and hyperactive, “like a bad kid.” But when Fitzgerald played sports, Johnson said, a different child emerged.

“Larry is a smart kid,” Johnson said. “When he has to do it, he can do it.”

Fitzgerald apparently had problems doing homework, but his grandfather said they were related to his vision and that subsequent drills he had the boy do incorporated skills that helped him with football.

Drills like asking his grandson to balance on a board while trying to track a dot or walk on a wood rail while focusing on an object. All were designed to improve perception, hand-eye coordination and, ultimately, focus.

“He was a real busybody, so what we had to do was get him to learn how to control himself,” said Dr. Stephanie Johnson-Brown, Fitzgerald’s aunt and the executive director of the Plano Vision Development Center in Chicago.

Johnson said Fitzgerald “sees with his brain” and shuts his eyes when the ball gets to him. Fitzgerald politely says that while his grandfather’s drills were a great help, he actually keeps his eye on the ball until it is in his grasp.

The teenage Fitzgerald excelled in

football, starting as a linebacker before eventually moving to wide receiver, but academics were a problem. After his senior year in high school he was sent to a Virginia military academy to get his grades up so he would be eligible for the many football scholarships that were coming his way. He landed at the University of Pittsburgh.

By his second season there, Fitzgerald was a star, finishing a close second in the Heisman Trophy voting to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White. Fitzgerald was eligible to turn pro after his sophomore season because three years had passed since he was a high school senior.

By that time, his old friend Green was coaching the Cardinals. Fitzgerald was just 20 years old when Arizona made him the third overall pick in the 2004 draft.

Anquan Boldin was in his second season when Fitzgerald was a rookie, and the two immediately became a formidable receiving tandem. Fitzgerald topped 1,000 yards receiving in 2005, 2007 and 2008, earning Pro Bowl honors all three years. He was an All-Pro selection this season after leading the NFC with 96 receptions for a career-best 1,431 yards.

After the 2007 season, Fitzgerald signed a four-year contract with Arizona worth \$40 million, \$30 million guaranteed.

He signed the contract just before leaving on what have become annual

journeys to the corners of the world — South America, Australia, New Zealand, where he did a 630-foot bungee jump from the Sky Tower in Auckland.

Last December, word leaked of a court document filed by the mother of his son accusing Fitzgerald of assaulting her. No criminal charges were filed and he denies the accusation.

“It was an incident that was not what was reported,” he said, when asked about it this week. “Anyone who knows me knows the kind of person I am, and I would never involve myself with that type of business.”

Perhaps the toughest time of his young life came in April of 2003 when his mother, Carol, died of breast cancer. He acknowledges the relationship was difficult at times, but now honors her memory every day: He carries her driver’s license with him and wears dreadlocks because she wore them, too.

Carter said losing his mother is something football can never replace for Fitzgerald.

“I don’t care, he can catch a thousand-yarder, he’ll never have his mom with him,” Carter said. “There’s a part of him that will never be full or complete because of that.”

AP sports writers Andrew Seligman in Chicago and Jon Krawczynski in Minneapolis contributed to this report.

HAWKS

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Midland was led by Greg Hill’s game-high 18 points and picked up 11 points from Bryant Evans off the bench.

The Chaps shot just 31.5 percent from the field, including a dismal 22.6 percent behind the arch, and converted just 41.7 percent of their free throws.

Menter led Howard with 14 points, while Baker and Barnes scored 11 apiece. Joshua Watkins, whose pull up jumper just before the buzzer sounded to end the first half put the Hawks up by 5 at the break, finished

with 10 points.

The Hawks shot an astounding 61.1 percent from the floor in the second half and made 7 of 11 3-pointers in the frame.

Howard improves to 5-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play and keeps itself in the thick of the Region V race with the victory. The Hawks are just a half-game out of the fourth and final spot for regionals, with Western Texas holding it with a 5-3 record.

The loss serves as Midland’s first in the WJCAC season and second overall.

Howard travels to Borger to play Frank Phillips College, which the Hawks dominated earlier this season, at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Howard College (16-6, 5-4) 63,
Midland College (21-2, 8-1) 51
Midland (51)
Garrett Lever 0-3 0-0 0, Brad Kelleher 2-11 1-2 7, Marlon Louzeiro 0-0 0-2 0, David Terrell 1-2 0-0 2, Greg Hill 6-17 4-6 18, Kavon Lytch 1-3 4-10 6, Larry Wilkins 2-5 0-0 4, Bryant Evans 4-6 1-4 11, Adrzan Van Buren 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 17-54 10-24 51.

Howard (63)
Devon Baker 2-4 5-8 11, Denzel Barnes 1-3 9-10 11, Ricardo Zanini 0-4 1-2 1, Markeys Deans 3-8 0-0 7, Vladimir Gavranic 2-4 1-4 5, Dante Menter 5-6 0-0 14, Shaad O’Garro 0-1 0-0 0, Nikola Mandic 1-2 0-0 2, Joshua Watkins 2-4 6-9 10, Latrail McCoy 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 17-41 22-33 63.

Halftime: HC 16, MC 11. 3-point goals: MC 7-31 (Hill 2-10, Kelleher 2-9, Van Buren 1-5, Evans 2-4, Terrell 0-1, Lever 0-2), HC 7-20 (Menter 4-4, Baker 2-3, Deans 1-4, Barnes 0-1, Gavranic 0-2, Mandic 0-1, Zanini 0-3, McCoy 0-2). Rebounds: MC 37 (Lytch 13), HC 32 (Deans 6). Assists: MC 6 (Evans 2), HC 12 (Barnes 5). Turnovers: MC 19, HC 14. Totals fouls: MC 28, HC 23. Fouled out: Lever, Kelleher, Terrell, Baker.

WJCAC Men's Standings		
Team	Conference	Overall
Midland College	8-1	21-2
Odessa College	5-4	18-4
Western Texas	5-3	15-6
South Plains	7-2	19-2
New Mexico JC	6-3	18-5
Howard College	5-4	16-6
NMMI	1-8	6-17
Frank Phillips	2-6	12-10
Clarendon College	0-8	8-13

Thursday's results: Howard 63, Midland 51; Odessa 97, Clarendon 89; South Plains 58, Western Texas 57; New Mexico JC 87, NMMI 59; Frank Phillips was open.

Saturday's game: Clarendon at Western Texas.

Monday's games: Howard at Frank Phillips, New Mexico JC at Midland, South Plains at Odessa, NMMI at Western Texas, Clarendon is open.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008				
Data	10	60	Total	
Control	General	Capital	Other	Governmental
Codes	Fund	Projects	Funds	Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$8,412,912	\$13,935	\$661,026	\$9,087,873
5800 State Program Revenues	833,652	-	36,121	869,773
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	198,679	198,679
5020 Total Revenues	9,246,564	13,935	895,826	10,156,325
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	1,827,207	82,091	149,432	2,058,730
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	31,793	-	-	31,793
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,778	-	-	1,778
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	-	9,499	9,499
0023 School Leadership	162,206	-	-	162,206
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	69,390	-	-	69,390
0033 Health Services	38,116	-	-	38,116
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	220,215	118,017	-	338,232
0035 Food Services	-	-	174,032	174,032
0036 Extracurricular Activities	200,433	-	-	200,433
0041 General Administration	303,642	-	-	303,642
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	608,016	-	-	608,016
0053 Data Processing Services	13,294	-	-	13,294
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	-	-	455,000	455,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	-	-	128,750	128,750
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,657	980,897	-	983,554
Intergovernmental:				
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	5,292,337	-	-	5,292,337
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	53,431	-	-	53,431
6030 Total Expenditures	8,824,515	1,181,005	916,713	10,922,233
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	422,049	(1,167,070)	(20,887)	(765,908)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	8,183	-	-	8,183
7915 Transfers In	-	-	73,278	73,278
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(73,278)	-	-	(73,278)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(65,095)	-	73,278	8,183
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	356,954	(1,167,070)	52,391	(757,725)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	\$4,335,381	1,167,071	14,791	5,517,243
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$4,692,335	-	\$67,182	\$4,759,518

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► Church News

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue the series “The Irresistible Invitation; Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God.” This is week four of the 40-day study and is titled “Fit For Kingdom Living.”

The United Methodist Women Reba Thomas Circle will begin a study of Native Americans Tuesday, Feb.10 at 2 p.m. The study will consist of four sessions held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in February and March.

The Adult Education Team will again offer Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University beginning the second week in February. Participant kits are \$93. Sign up sheets are available in the church office.

There will be a new Beth Moore Bible Study beginning Feb. 17. This series, “Ester: It’s Tough Being A Woman,” will be held Tuesday and Friday mornings in the church parlor. For more information, contact Joyce Choate at 393-5722.

Be sure to take note that the all-day Walk Thru the Bible event scheduled for Feb. 8 has been postponed until the fall.

Thanks to the many who have inquired about Amy, wife of our youth director, Brent Williams. She continues treatment and subsequent surgery soon. We ask for your continued prayers for this young family.

If you are looking for a church home, come visit us. Our services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 each Sunday Morning. Mid-week Bible study and lunch is each Wednesday at noon in Garrett Hall. It’s First Methodist at Fourth and Scurry, where families grow in Christ.

‘One minute of thanksgiving’

Sam Segundo doesn’t want Big Springers to forget the Miracle on Refinery Road.

Local pastor Segundo wants local residents to pause Feb. 19, the one-year anniversary of the Alon Refinery fire, and give thanks that no one was seriously injured.

“Wouldn’t it be awesome if every resident of Big Spring would pause for one minute on that day and just fill the atmosphere with praise?” Segundo asked. “I think everyone should take 60 seconds out of their day on Feb. 19 to thank the Lord for preserving our community.”

Segundo does not anticipate the “Minute Miracle” to be an organized event, but he believes it is something everyone in this community should take to heart.

“It should be one minute of miraculous thanksgiving,” he said. “We’re not going to meet anywhere, we’re not going to do anything formal ... we just want everyone to give thanks for the miracle that happened that day.”

Segundo said he would be meeting with others in the community to drum up support for the idea.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Wednesday activities are Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and youth group and choir practice at 6 p.m.

Kay Kennemur is in charge of “Take Ten” refreshments Sunday.

Liturgist for February is Linda Hammond. Communion servers are Paschal and Lucy Odom, Karen Schaedel and Mike Robinson. Ushers for the month are Todd Patterson, Sarah Tipton, and Rip and Claudie Patterson.

Presbyterian Women postponed their meeting Jan. 27 because of the icy conditions. They will meet Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in the church library for the Bible study of “Jubilee! Luke’s Gospel for the Poor” by D. Lindsay Morgan, to be led by Marj Carpenter.

Our Youth Group needs drivers for Tres Rios Youth Connection (TRY-C) at Prude Ranch, Fort Davis, Feb. 6-8. Please contact Gary Holloman at (432) 770-2122, if you could provide this help.

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28. The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be observed during worship. The choir will present the communion anthem “Come to the Banquet,” words and music by Joseph M. Martin and the Melody Green arrangement of “There Is a Redeemer.” Rev. Bronaugh’s sermon, entitled “Taking Charge,” is based on Mark 1:25-26.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, ordinarily led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger. This Sunday Dennis Haralson, CLP from Seminole, will preach and administer the sacrament of communion in the absence of Tom, who with his wife Nancy, will be celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

The faithful steward

The American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster (1828), defines the word “steward” in scripture and theology as “a minister of Christ, whose duty it is to dispense the provisions of the gospel, to preach its doctrines and administer its ordinances.” It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful, honest and of strong endurance.



JERRIE STOCKS

All of the above depicts the attributes of Christ-likeness. In preparing this column, I allowed my mind to ponder a bit on the definition of stewardship. The very mention of the word steward brings to mind one who is faithful, persevering, unwilling to give up and has an undying passion for his work. One whose daily life purely oozes with the love and goodness of Christ-likeness, never tiring in his task as a witness to others for Jesus Christ, regardless of race, color or the time involved.

I can name many whom I would cast a vote for to wear this title with honors, but none more readily than a man in our own community. This man has worked faithfully to enhance the spiritual force of this small west Texas town. He never appears too weary to minister to those who come to him for prayer, counseling or encour-

agement. There has never been an awkward or inconvenient place or situation that he could not use for the benefit of prayer on behalf of another.

He is a man of his word, always strong in faith and character. He relentlessly performs his varied duties as a minister, teacher, counselor, community leader and witness for Jesus Christ. The place and time has never taken priority over the act itself. His duties are always done with an eye toward excellence, whether he ministers to one or to many. No subject is taught without hours of preparation.

He is a man quick to remind the community of The National Day of Prayer, encouraging all to participate. The yearly remembrance of 9-11 is no different, as we pray for the survivors, our president and our country. Also included is Alon, the refinery that employs hundreds of men and women in our town. Corporate and individual prayers for rain with no damage have become a part of our daily rituals, thanks to his gentle urgings.

All these activities are spearheaded by a man who has a strong faith in God’s Word, and unceasingly believes in miracles. His teachings have touched hundreds of men throughout this community through the Kingdom Leadership Group. This group of business men met every Wednesday morning until only recently, when he felt he could no longer

be effective due to the health problem with his voice. These men met for an hour each week as their speaker encouraged them to become a spiritual influence in their circle of friends. Exhorted to “do unto others as you would have men do unto you,” he was teaching by example how to live in a Christ-like manner in a world that is full of greed and hate. I know of no other place, town or city that has been graced with such a blessing as the Kingdom Leadership Group has been to this town.

Many of his faithful friends wonder how he does what he does. The answer is simple. He exhibits an unwavering faith in God that passes human understanding. It is a deep settled peace that abides within his very being, and he does it with a Christ-like class.

All of us face mountains in our lives, but not many are given a Mt. Everest, yet he has never complained, lost his composure or asked “Why me?” So who would I cast my vote for as a faithful steward with honors? His name is Everett Bender, a man known throughout this community, as well as the surrounding area. He has worked faithfully at his calling, never giving up in the difficult times. Thanks Everett, for your faithfulness to not only enhance this West Texas town, but the lives of so many of us who know your heart.

God bless.

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

Worship services and holy communion are at 9 a.m. with the Rev. Robert Boyce as officiant. Pastor Boyce is a retired minister who drives from Abilene to serve us. We really appreciate him.

Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. our pre-confirmation students will meet with Mr. Bobby Roever, teacher.

Sunday, the Executive Board/ Building and Growth Committee will meet at noon with the Rev. Steve Lockhart of the Church Extension Fund of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at the church.

Mark your calendar for Feb. 14. There will be a congregational meeting with the Rev. Steve Misch to discuss missions and growth. Everyone is invited.

Jaunell Roever invited all ladies who are interested to let her know if you wish to be a “Prayer Pal” this next year. This is a lot like a secret pal but it is most important to pray for your prayer pal and to let them know you are praying for them. She also invited anyone who would like to help serve at the Veterans Hospital once each month to do so. Everyone can support this effort or volunteer their time. Our veterans really appreciate the goodies and the visits. The next time we serve is Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.

Sunday school is in need of an electric pencil sharpener, a 3-hole punch, pencil boxes, scissors and folders with brads and pockets.

We are proud to have a church phone number and answering machine so tell your friends and record this number in your phone book, your cell phone, your computer and call it when needed. We are also on the Web. The web gives our name and information for everyone to see and find us. The calendar for February is also listed.

The phone is 264-7818 and the Web address is www.lutheranonline.com/aliveinchristbstx

The president of our congregation can still be reached at 267-2594.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church meets Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. for morning service and again at 6 p.m. for evening service. A nursery is available at all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colora-

do City Highway. For further information, please call 394-4655.

College Baptist Church

Bro. Ken is continuing the series of sermons on our new mission/vision statement that proclaims “On Mission, in Real Life: Reaching, Teaching, Ministering in Jesus’ Name.”

The church has exceeded its goal of \$9,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Church members have donated a total of \$9,633 to this cause.

February 7, 14 and 28, youth will be sponsoring burrito sales at Wal-Mart to raise money for the mission trip to New Orleans March 6-14.

The GA spaghetti dinner fundraiser is scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 11. The meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. All money donated will be used to help the girls pay for camp in June.

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary’s this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary’s will begin having a noon Holy Eucharist service beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4 Please join us in the chapel for this service each Wednesday.

For more information about St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org

St. Mary’s is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is “to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life.”

Services begin at 9 a.m. with adult, youth and children’s Sunday school classes following at 10:15 a.m. Our services are led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost.

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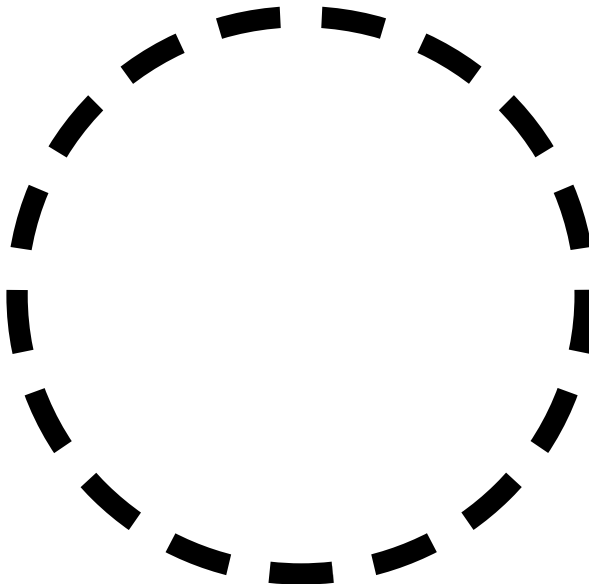


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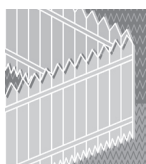
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Members of the Big Spring Chicano Golf Association present Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen with a check for \$7,000 to help pay for repairs to the Comanche Trail Park Kid's Zone during Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council.



Courtesy photo
Big Spring City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., left, poses for a photograph with District 28 U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar during a recent meeting in Laredo. Ramirez said the two discussed recent efforts for the city of Big Spring to adopt Mexico's San Miguel en Alto, Jalisco, as a sister city.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Shane McMullen, right, of the Red Knights motorcycle club and a representative of rememberavet.net, presents the Web site's Veteran of the Month award to Leroy Sutherland, center, during recent ceremonies at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Sutherland served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

It's what survives in the heart that matters most

"Education is what survives when what has been learned is forgotten," says psychologist B.F. Skinner. If Skinner's theory is correct, I must be well educated because I have forgotten most of what I was required to learn to get out of school.

While I have a handful of diplomas in a box somewhere to prove that I have an education, the only thing I



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remember about chemistry is the stench in the science lab when the instructor burned some long-forgotten substance to make carbon black. My mathematical skills have diminished as well. While I know enough about fractions to cut a pie into eight equal parts, I barely remember that an equation has to be equal on both sides and a square root is a mathematical term, not something that grows under the ground.

Over the years, my history and geography knowledge has dwindled as well.

Although I still remember that George Washington was the first

president and that Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, I have no clue who the 13th President of the United States was or how much tea was thrown overboard at the Boston Tea Party. I've even forgotten many of the states and capitals that I had to memorize to get out of elementary school.

However, my language and literary skills have fared a little better. I still remember that Moby Dick was a whale and Chaucer was a writer not a receptacle for a coffee cup. While my usage of gerunds needs to be dusted off a bit, I'm always careful not to dangle a participle or split an

infinite.

Although my stockpile of information seems to be shrinking every day, the Psalmist has a solution to the problem of remembering things. He wrote, *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee"* (Psalm: 119:11 KJV).

It really doesn't matter how much information I'm able to retain in my head.

I can always look up the 13th president on the internet or find the capital of Montana on a map.

The life-changing things that matter most are the things that survive in the heart, not in the head

CHURCH

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Also on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., the Lutheran Hour is on radio station 1070 AM for your listening pleasure.

Several small group Bible studies are available. Anyone wishing to join one or more of these interesting classes may contact the church office at 267-7163 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday for places and times.

Ongoing Support for our troops is continuing. The items are hand and feet warmers as used by skiers, hunters; vitamin C drops, such as cough drops; and beef or turkey jerky (no pork). You can also donate to the AT&T phone card fund. This allows our troops to call home. Items can be dropped by St. Paul at 810 Scurry St.

Baptist Temple Church

We are continuing our sermon series, "I Need to Change." All of us need to change the way we are. We are incapable of doing it on our own. Only God can change us. It isn't easy for change to take place but we must allow God to change us if we are ever going to be set free.

Sunday we will have a Super Bowl Outreach Party. We will gather in our fellowship hall to watch the big game on the big screen. At halftime, we will watch a video of Derrick Brooks, linebacker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, tell the story of his faith journey with God. Bring a dish to share and bring your favorite board game if you wish. We will get started at 5 p.m.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. We have a new class called Temple 101. This is open to anyone wanting to know what our church is about. Our worship services are at 11

a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Our 12-step group meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the fellowship hall. It is open to anyone struggling with any addiction. It is free, though donations are accepted to cover the cost of the workbook.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Come visit us at East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 401 E. Fourth St. Our church is offering the Total Church Life Seminar, led by Dr. Darrell Robinson Friday, Feb. 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A light lunch will be provided Saturday.

Everyone should take a tour to the second floor of our church to see the newly remodeled Youth Department. Many thanks and appreciation goes out to the ones who worked so hard and long in getting this job done.

There will be a New Christian Growth Class beginning Sunday. This will be a four-week study, taught by our pastor, Keith Weaver.

Plans are in the making for the Mission Trip to Reserve, La., March 6-14. If interested, contact Cal Westerhof through the church office at 267-2291.

Sunday services start with Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have Adult Bible Study and prayer meeting, Youth Bible Study and Children's Back Door Bible Study at 7 p.m. A Men's Bible Study is at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a church home we encourage you to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a Fundamental Independent Baptist

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For further information call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

Chapel of Faith

The Chapel of Faith, located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad, invites you to Sunday worship service each week at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Joel Miller and Associate Pastor Scott Willis bring a message based on scripture to help us to learn more about the Bible and about God's love.

Services are informal and if you come early, you can join in a time of fellowship and refreshments.

On Sunday, Feb. 15, there will be a meeting following services to recap the year of 2008. Plans for a community project will be discussed as well as plans for community activities for the coming months. All members and other interested persons are asked to be at this meeting. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Remember that God loves you no matter who you are. Come to church Sunday to learn more about His love.

3 U.S. men plead not guilty to black church fire

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Three white men have pleaded not guilty to torching a predominantly black church in Massachusetts hours after the election of President Barack Obama.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

If you listen very intently you might hear the distant sound of whips being cracked. This morning's Aries moon is like a dynamic boss who upon entering the workplace rouses all to sit up and look extremely busy. The nice part is that when the work is over it's really over and people are inspired to play just as hard as they labored.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19). Your support team will grumble if you're not around to return the sentiment. You'd be surprised how much the music of your voice helps others. Get on the horn — or the phone as the case may be — and spread good cheer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It would be a shame to take a nagging responsibility with you into the weekend. Hunker down and get it done. You'll be surprised how much more loveable the world seems to you once you finish your task.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The places you go are part of who you are. The scenery, the characters and the sounds of it influence you. Pick a new place to visit — a place with which you wouldn't mind being readily associated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've a way of getting under someone's skin and causing a loss of control and decorum. Though it's not necessarily the response you want to evoke, the reaction is nonetheless a testament to your powerful presence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You derive great joy from fixing things and making them work better than new. There's one relationship that could use a little tinkering, too. It's something to think about while you're making easier repairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your heart is grateful, which your speech reflects.



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Something about the physical act of getting your gratitude down in writing, perhaps in the form of a thank you note, will magically effect your spirit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone is attracted to a person who feels attractive. You raise your self-esteem with a pep talk and suddenly you realize that life has put you right next to the people you are supposed to meet. New friends are everywhere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Once again it's time to back away from other people's problems. Sure, you could solve them in a wink. But if you rush in now you rob the person of their lesson and create a future dependency.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All that's in your home environment was once a seed in your mind. You're anxious to make a few adjustments to ramp up the creativity in spaces. Home needs to be a place where you are free to continue dreaming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone feels insecure around you — that's the real cause of this person's bragging. Your acceptance, attention and humility cause good that ripples out to the far reaches of your community. It's mind-boggling!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The demanding task you signed up for requires exceptional knowledge. If all you do is learn for the whole day you can count this period as a major success. Stick your nose to the books and soak it all in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are connected to the tides, but not in control of them. In order to take a thrilling ride you must catch the waves as they come, whether or not you feel ready. Opportunity is fleeting. Capture it while you have the chance.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You'll be covering many social bases this weekend and are likely to spend a short time with each person. **TAURUS:** It's lucky to involve your loved

ones in the planning of your weekend and also your life. **GEMINI:** Be patient with the special people in your life. They will require lots of time to make up their minds. **CANCER:** You're an idea person who can forge a powerful partnership with someone who is all action. **LEO:** Just when you were starting to get bored with the same old scene there are new people to meet and rooms to work. Get mingling. **VIRGO:** Your best partnership is with one who can recognize and draw attention to your talents. **LIBRA:** You make everything more exciting for the one you love. **SCORPIO:** You have much to teach your peers and a potential love is among your "pupils." **SAGITTARIUS:** Share a special collection with friends — it's lucky for your life. **CAPRICORN:** You enjoy pursuing someone who poses a difficult challenge. **AQUARIUS:** There's a hint of mystery in your style and someone wants to know more. **PISCES:** You hit it off with other water signs (Pisces, Scorpio and Cancer).

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries, the warrior, and Aquarius, the peacenik, are the kind of odd pairing one might see in an entertaining show with a "buddy" theme. Like Felix and Oscar, Thelma and Louise, or Dharma and Greg, Aries and Aquarius are very different from each other, and their partnership has fantastic chemistry and/or comedy because of those differences. This weekend the two experience sheer magic.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

and stays that way.

Dad is very proud and will not tell us when he needs something nor will he ask for help. I don't want to be held liable if something awful happens.

I have mentioned the problem to other people and they tell me to just blow it off. I need to know how to handle this. — *No Name and No State*

Dear No Name: You are not accountable if your father's refrigerator breaks, but you have a responsibility to check up on him.

Don't wait for him to ask for help. Go see him in person. Look at what needs replacing, whether his hot water is working or if there is heat and food in the fridge. Talk to him about his financial situation and see if he'll let you look at his checkbook or credit card statements.

Maybe you can enlist the help of a neighbor to drop in on Dad now and then. You can get more information through the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 and AARP (aarp.org). To find federal and state support for older Americans on low or fixed incomes, check out benefitscheckup.org.

Dear Annie: My husband is from a state that is generally considered progressive. We now live in my state, one where people are generally perceived by many as ignorant hillbillies.

Because we plan to retire to my husband's hometown, we bought property there and make frequent trips to check on it and visit his relatives. Lately, I have been subjected to many rude

remarks about my home, to the point where I have told my husband I no longer wish to retire to his state.

My husband thinks I should overlook the insults and pity the ignorance of those making them, but I know I can never be happy living in a place where, no matter how bright, funny and articulate I am, I will always be considered a haysed.

The irony is that my home state has good jobs and beautiful homes (including ours) while the area my husband hails from is extremely rural and so riddled with poverty that the highest aspiration its residents can have is to land a job at the local mill.

What do you think about this situation? — *No Hayseds Here*

Dear No Hayseed: We think your husband is being a bit insensitive and you seem to have a slight chip on your shoulder. Most people tend to be defensive about their hometown and critical of others', but these things can be overcome with time. The locals will not consider you one of them until you actually live there. Aside from topography, we assume your husband wants to be closer to his relatives when he retires. This is a valid reason to relocate, so we hope the two of you can discuss it a bit further and work out a reasonable compromise.

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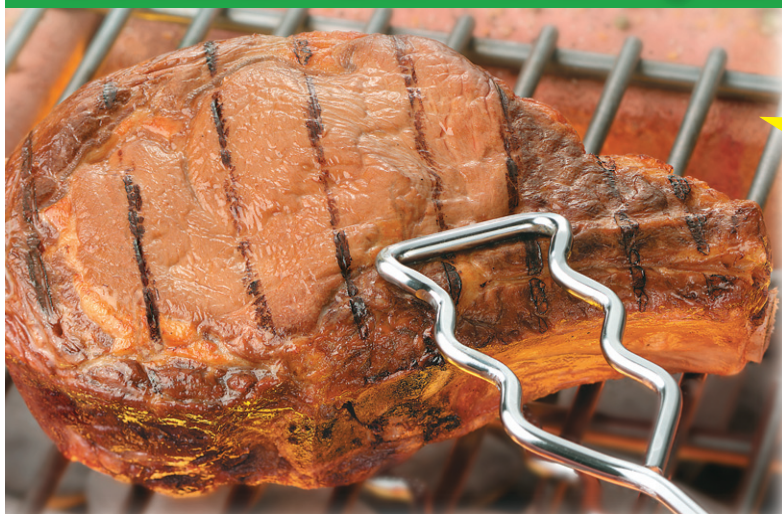
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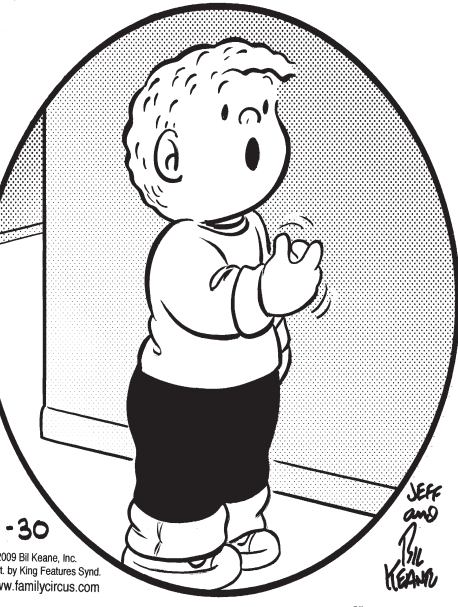
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"You can get up now, George. Dennis has left the building."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

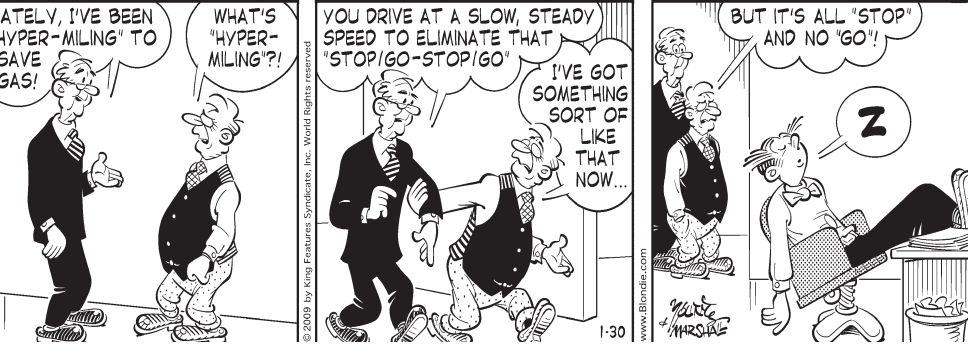


"Mommy, can you help my fingers remember how to snap?"

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BLONDIE



This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2009. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

On this date: In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded. In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1909, community organizer and social activist Saul Alinsky was born in Chicago. In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in

Detroit. In 1939, the Supreme Court, in Tennessee Electric Power Co. v. Tennessee Valley Authority, upheld the right of the federally owned TVA to compete with private utilities. In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was shot and killed by a Hindu extremist. In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit. In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return. In 2003, Richard Reid, the British citizen and al-Qaida follower who'd tried to blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives hidden in his shoes, was sentenced to life in prison by a federal judge in Boston.

Today's Birthdays: Actress

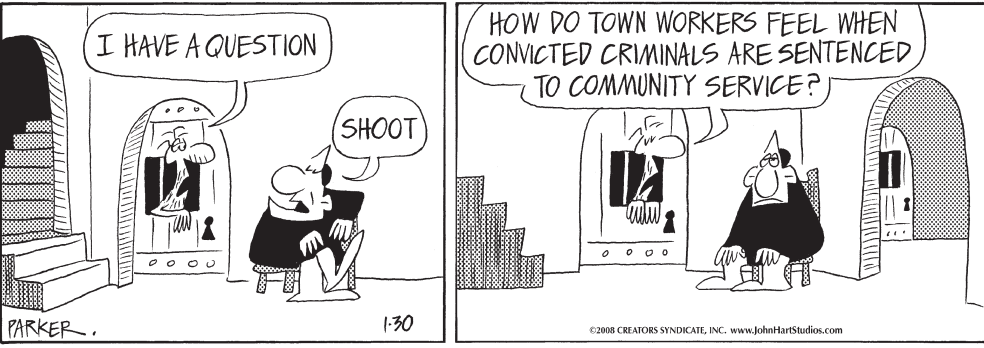
Dorothy Malone is 84. Producer-director Harold Prince is 81. Actor Gene Hackman is 79. Actress Tammy Grimes is 75. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 72. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 72. Country singer Norma Jean is 71. Vice President Dick Cheney is 68. Rock singer Marty Balin is 67. Rhythm-and-blues musician William King (The Commodores) is 60. Singer Phil Collins is 58. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 58. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 51. Singer Jody Watley is 50. Actor Norbert Leo Butz is 42. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 37. Actor Christian Bale is 35. Pop-rock singer-songwriter Josh Kelley is 29. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 29. Actor Jake Thomas is 19.

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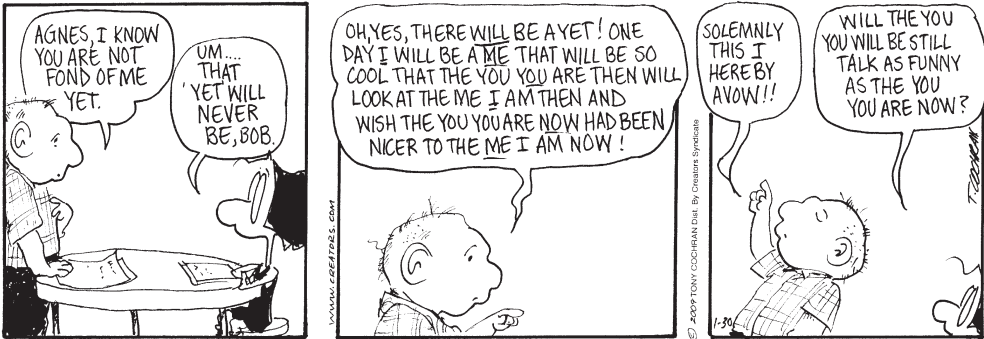
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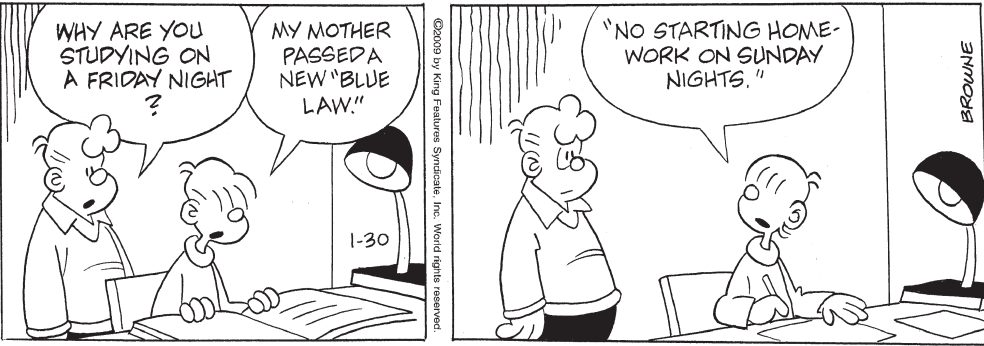
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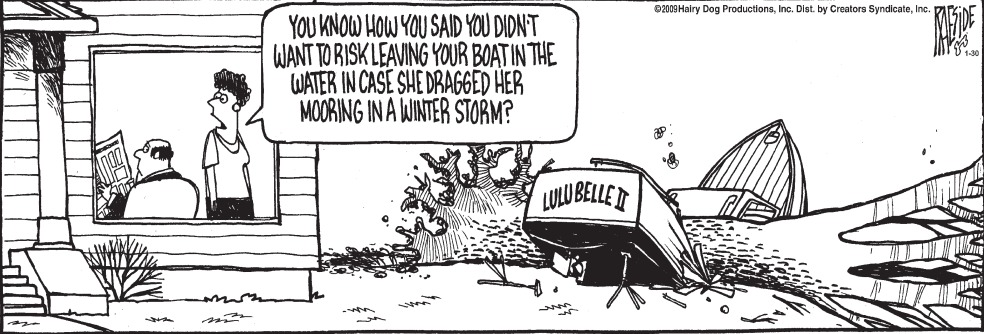
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- ACROSS**

1 Basic-cable station

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16 Move a muscle

17 Hard-hit baseballs

19 Pocket particles

20 Wall St. investments

21 Wears slowly

23 Parisian life

24 Barrel part

26 China, for example

28 Zip

30 Hostel offering

33 Nuptial

35 Sci-fi weapon

36 Horn of Africa

37 Key to the puzzle's theme

38 Tropical tuber

42 Burger extra

45 Atomic process

47 Do something else

51 Cereal grass

52 Scottish girl

53 Loam deposit

55 Poorly

56 Glass stickers

59 Blunted sword

62 All-____ cookware

64 British rock singer

66 Bingo kin
- 67 Quaint sign word

68 Clear

69 Norms: Abbr.

70 19th-century cartoonist

71 Plan details
- DOWN**

1 Toon frames

2 Buttonhole

3 Walking papers

4 Alamogordo event

5 Homer Simpson's neighbor

6 Like Independence Hall

7 VCR descendant

8 Emulated

9 Mails again

10 Ravens' org.

11 Twelfth Night character

12 Oldest

13 Stretch out

18 Let the good times roll

22 Kemo ____

25 Lawyers' grp.

27 25 Down concerns

28 Berle's network

29 Nest-egg letters

31 In seclusion

32 NL player, in headlines

34 Red ink

37 Monopolize

39 NORAD's concern
- 40 Singer Orbison

41 Word on a dime

43 Etcher's supply

44 Encourage

45 Crop bane

46 Put to work

47 Oil leaks

48 Place for bills

49 Kitchen feature

50 Ready to go

54 Clinch

57 Drink flavor

58 Throws in

60 Norse navigator

61 Leaving guesses: Abbr.

63 Necessities

65 Woods rival

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