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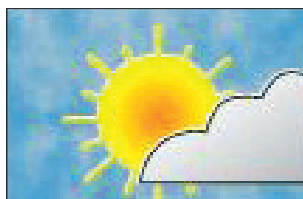
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Money ‘falls from sky’ for BSISD

Funds for other projects will have to come from taxpayers, officials say

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

About \$3 million that “fell from the sky” will serve as seed money for some Big Spring Independent School District facility renovations. Funds for more serious facility upgrades, however,

will have to come from more earth-bound sources — namely, the taxpayers.

BSISD trustees discussed preliminary plans for upgrading the district’s aging infrastructure during their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening.



Waggoner

School officials plan two phases of facility upgrades in the near future and Phase One will be relatively painless, at least to taxpayers, because of an unan-

ticipated windfall.

Earlier this year, the school district received \$3.2 million from the Texas Education Agency — TEA had misfigured the amount of state aid BSISD was to receive in 2007-2008 and made up for that shortfall this year.

“We call it ‘the money that fell from the sky,’” Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said with a laugh.

Whatever the source of the funds, officials have already earmarked a good chunk of

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HERALD file photo

Some 65 organizations are lined up to have booths at the 27th annual Health Fair, which will be held from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.

Health Fair will feature free, low-cost screenings

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Your health and how to preserve it will be the focus of the 27th annual Howard County Health Fair, which will be held Saturday. The fair will run from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is

free.

The theme for this year’s fair, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and several local businesses and organizations, is “Know Your Numbers” — as in vital statistics, such as blood pressure, blood

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Violent storms spawn twisters, NWS confirms

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials with the National Weather Service say wind gusts may have reached upward of 90 mph during the storm that tore through the Crossroads area Thursday night.

Ryan Barnes, a meteorologist with the NWS Midland office, said this morning reports of damage and downed phone lines were still coming in as a result of the violent thunderstorm that spawned at least two tornadoes north of Big Spring.

“There was a tornado reported to have touched down at approximately 8:53 p.m. approximately five miles northwest of Big Spring,” said Barnes. “There was a second tornado reported at 9:05 p.m.

“There have been quite a few phone lines reported down, and there was a 60-foot cell phone tower that was reportedly blown over.”

—Ryan Barnes, meteorologist

near the Fairview area. Both of these reports were sent in through our storm spotters in the area.”

Barnes said damage caused by the tornadoes and strong winds was minimal, but reports are still coming in. “There have been quite

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COMING SUNDAY

Pieces of a disassembled AK-47 assault rifle believed to have been used in a Big Spring double-homicide in May 2008 were recovered from the White River in Crosby County this week, according to unconfirmed reports. See the weekend edition of the *Big Spring Herald* for more on this developing story.

Fed up, trustees dump student software system

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Whoever coined the phrase “parting is such sweet sorrow” never dealt with balky computer programs.

For five years, Big Spring Independent School District officials have struggled to make the Chancery student management system work smoothly.

Thursday night, the school

district officially gave up.

Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a new SMS package at their regular meeting Thursday night at the high school.

The BSISD/Chancery union

was never a happy one — grading, attendance and transcript problems were widespread within the system and ultimately forced the district to adopt a hybrid system using Chancery and other pro-

grams.

“We always felt that Chancery was designed with larger school districts in mind — districts that could employ

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Luau-themed trade show bound for Big Spring

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Hawaii it’s not, but that won’t keep a luau from taking place at the Howard County Fairbarn this weekend. More exactly, the event is Dee’s Trade Shows, the second time this particular arts and crafts show has been in

Big Spring. The first was in November, and organizer Denise McCombs is glad to be back.

“We’re looking forward to seeing everyone again. We had a good show last time,” she said. “We keep getting bigger.

“This year’s theme is a luau,

and we’ll be giving away free leis as long as they last,” she added.

The show will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission fee.

McCombs is expecting about 65 vendors who will be offering a wide variety of items

— many of which are handmade.

“We have crocheted items, handbags, wooden crosses, pot holders, blankets, candles, lotions — just a lot of stuff,” said McCombs.

There is an emphasis on jewelry.

“We have a man who forms

sterling silver, platinum and

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Dominance Lady Steers sit second in district

Steers cruising after first day of 4-4A meet

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — Dominance might be putting it lightly to describe what the Big Spring Steers track team did after the first day of the District 4-4A meet.

The Steers had athletes place first in the four events completed Thursday and have amassed 74 points heading into the second day. Their closest competition is Abilene Cooper with 19 points.

In two events, the Steers swept the medals. Kade Parker, Jordan Valle and Shane Allen finished 1-2-3 in the 3,200-meter run. Parker defeated the favored Valle by one-hundredth of a second.

Big Spring also finished 1-2-3 in the triple jump with Tyrone Clemons claiming gold, Mike Menefield taking silver and Sidney Parker receiving bronze.

Clemons was crowned district champion in a second event, winning the high jump.

Zack Saldivar was Big Spring's final 4-4A champ, claiming gold in the discus with a throw just two inches further than Plainview's Keeton Harch.

The top three finishers in each event qualify to participate in the Region I Meet in San Angelo May 1-2.

The 4-4A competition wrapped up today in Wolfforth. Full results will be available in Sunday's edition of the Herald.

Team standings (Four events): 1. **Big Spring, 74**; 2. Abilene Cooper, 19; 3. Frenship, 15; Plainview, 9.

Field Events

Discus: 1. **Zack Saldivar, Big Spring, 160-07**; 2. Keeton Harch, Plainview, 160-05; 3. Patrick Angus, Abilene Cooper, 142-02; 4. Josh Richardson, Frenship, 141-05; 5. Garrison Railsback, Abilene Cooper, 138-08; 6. Michael Garcia, Plainview, 137-10.

High jump: 1. **Tyrone Clemons, Big Spring, 6-05**; 2. Lance Ratliff, Frenship, 6-04; 3. **LaRay Woodward, Big Spring, 6-03**; 4. Derek Footer, Abilene Cooper, 6-02; 5. John Brown, San Angelo Lake View, 6-0; 15. Paul Mesta, San Angelo Lake View, 6-0.

Triple Jump: 1. **Tyrone Clemons, Big Spring, 46-07**; 2. **Mike Menefield, Big Spring, 45-06.75**; 3. **Sidney Parker, Big Spring, 45-02.75**; 4. Antonio Jeter, Abilene Cooper, 45-02.50; 5. Derrick Randle, Abilene Cooper, 43-06.25; 6. Josh Bowman, Abilene Cooper, 42-03.25.

Running Events

3,200: **Kade Parker, Big Spring, 10:42.96**; 2. **Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 10:42.97**; 3. **Shane Allen, Big Spring, 10:55.16**; 4. Joe Pena, San Angelo Lake View, 10:57.29; 5. Shawn Spicer, Frenship, 11:10.17; 6. David Baker, Frenship, 11:13.58.

Johnson, Longorio, Hill lead Forsan track

Herald Staff Report

WINK — Forsan's girls and boys track teams had several athletes qualify for the regional meet Thursday in Wink.

Highlighting the event was freshman Tye Johnson, who nabbed first in the triple jump and second in the 100-meters.

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Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — After one day of events at the District 4-4A Girls Track Meet, a clear-cut favorite is yet to emerge.

Abilene Cooper leads after four events with 42 points, but Big Spring is nipping at the Lady Cougars' heels with 38. Frenship sits in third with 26.

The Lady Steers had two individ-

ual district champions crowned.

Sophomore Desiree Anderson won the long jump, leaping 18 feet, three inches.

Senior Catherine Leubner claimed gold in the 3,200-meter run, defeating her closest competition by nearly 40 seconds. Leubner's toughest opponents turned out to be her own teammates.

Marisol Rodriguez and Opal Gonzales finished second and third,

respectively, in the event.

Leslie Leal picked up the only other points for the Lady Steers with a fourth-place finish in the shot put.

The top three finishers in each event advances to the Region I Meet in San Angelo May 1-2. The 4-4A competition was completed today in Wolfforth.

See **LADY STEERS**, Page 2B



HERALD file photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma third baseman P.J. Daylong gets a hit in baseball action March 5, 2008. Daylong and the Bulldogs improved to 6-1 in district play Tuesday with a 10-6 victory over Ballinger.

Bulldogs rally past Ballinger

Coahoma improves to 6-1 following comeback win

Herald Staff Report

BALLINGER — Coahoma's Bulldogs baseball team stayed in the hunt for a District 7-2A title Tuesday with a 10-6 come-from-behind victory over the Ballinger Bearcats.

The Bulldogs trailed 5-4 heading into the top of the seventh inning, but got a lift off the bat of first baseman Austin Garvin.

Garvin highlighted a 6-run inning for the Bulldogs with a grand slam. It was his second home run of the game as he hit a 2-run shot in the second inning.

"Austin had been struggling some at the plate, but those two home runs were big," said Coahoma Head Coach Shane Fuller. "This is the first time this year we've been in a position to come back in the last inning. We started to get hits and we never quit. It says a lot about the character of this team."

Garvin's 2-run homer in the second inning was the highlight of a 3-run rally for Coahoma. The game had been scoreless to that point.

Ballinger had an answer, though, and posted five runs in the bottom of the frame. The Bearcats held the lead until the seventh inning.

Nathan Deporto picked up the win for

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Frisbee golf returns to Big Spring this weekend

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

There are a couple different golf tournaments occurring in Big Spring this weekend, but not all of them are played with a ball.

For the 17th consecutive year, a frisbee golf tourney is coming to Big Spring, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in Comanche Trail Park. Registration takes place from 8 a.m.

to 9 a.m. and costs range anywhere from \$20 to \$60 depending on the division a player enrolls in.

Once again at the center of the tournament is Big Spring's Greg Brooks.

"Frisbee golf has a lot of the same rules as ball golf," Brooks explained. "You throw your disk and where its lands is where your next throw takes place. Each throw counts as a stroke. At the end of each hole is a

basket. We have 27 holes on the course. The player with the lowest stroke total wins."

So far, the tournament doesn't have a great number of players signed up, but Brooks says that is typical.

"We don't generally get a lot of pre-registrations," said Brooks. "The players usually show up the

See **FRISBEE**, Page 2B

Sports in brief

Site for Forsan softball game vs. Junction changed to BSHS

Due to the rains that drenched the area Thursday night, the Forsan Lady Buffaloes District 2-A softball game with the Junction Lady Eagles has been moved from Forsan to Lady Steer Park.

Game time is still 5 p.m. today. The winner of the game will claim the District 2-A title.

BSCGA holding monthly tourney at 10 a.m. Sunday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding its monthly tournament at 10 a.m. Sunday at the municipal golf course at Comanche Trail Park.

Entrance fee is \$20 and prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Registration needs to take place at 9:30 a.m.

The format is a four-person selected drive.

For more information, call Pano Rodriguez at 816-4223.

Registration and tryouts for Big Spring Pony League set

The Big Spring Pony League will have registra-

tion and baseball tryouts Saturday at Roy Anderson Complex.

Registration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with tryouts starting at 2 p.m.

Players must be within the age range of 13-15 years old.

If a child is currently 12 and turns 13 by April 30, he or she is eligible to play. A 15 year old must not turn 16 by April 30. Birth certificates are required to sign up.

Cost is \$90 per child with no fund raiser.

Anyone interested in coaching or for more information, contact Shelli Harrington at 264-6501 or e-mail her at soccermom077@yahoo.com.

Golf tournament to benefit KBSB set for Saturday

The fifth annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tourney will be played in a four-person scramble format with an entry fee of \$65 per player. Tee time is 8:30 a.m.

Any individual or company can sponsor a hole for \$100.

For more information on sponsorship, contact

Verna Davis at 267-8003 or 425-2325.

Harlem Starz taking on Big Spring coaches Monday

In an attempt to raise money for camps for the Big Spring Lady Steers varsity girls basketball team, several Big Spring ISD coaches will be taking on the Harlem Starz at 7 p.m. Monday at Steer Gym.

Tickets cost \$7 and can be purchased at the Athletic Training Center during business hours.

2009 Cancer Scramble Golf Tournament April 25-26

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a golf tournament April 25-26 with all proceeds to benefit The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The format is a four-person scramble with the option to either form a team or be assigned to one.

Prizes in the form of BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates will be awarded.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$22 golf cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

To enter, call the BSCC at 267-5354.

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Obituaries

Katherine Jeanette Decell



Katherine Jeanette Decell went peacefully home to her Lord and Savior Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 9:50 a.m. in the arms of her best friend, husband and caregiver Tom. She was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Philadelphia to Katherine and James Henderson.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Beck Funeral Home of Cedar Park, (512) 259-1610.

Katherine proudly served her country in the U.S. Air Force. She was a registered nurse since 1956, specializing in geriatric care. She gave selfless and compassionate care to all. She was instrumental in the formation of Adoration of the Blessed Presence and the communion of the homebound and sick at The St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Granbury.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Katherine and James Henderson; sister Florence Henderson; brothers Charles and James Henderson; and her son, James Decell.

Katherine is survived by her husband of 51 years, Thomas Decell of Cedar Park, previously of Granbury.; twin brothers George and Thomas Henderson of Haddonfield, N.J.; children, Mary and Marc Lebel of Outremont, Quebec, Canada, Thomas Decell of Tampa, Fla., Catherine and Abderazzak Maraboro of Abilene, Patricia and Joe Ward of Cedar Park, Therese and Jeff Dixon of Bellevue, Neb., and Caroline Clifton of Granbury; and 10 grandchildren, Lauren, Mary, Jon Mychal, Leanne, Steven, Ryan, Daniel, Stephanie, Kyle and Katie.

Katherine touched countless lives by serving her ministry with her God-given spiritual gifts. Her legacy continues through her children and grandchildren.

Paid obituary

Earnest A. Richters



Earnest A. “Ernie” Richters, 91, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with the Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating and the Rev. Guy White assisting. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Coahoma.

He was born Feb. 19, 1918, in Saltillo and married Lucille Arnett Jan. 20, 1939 in Midland. She preceded him in death March 18, 2005.

Earnest served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a deacon of deacons, serving more than 50 years. He was a big supporter and encourager of Coahoma athletics. He was a true servant of God and was fun-loving and a great father. He served as mayor of Coahoma and was a member of the Lions Club. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Veta and Billy Spears of Coahoma, Shirlene and John Topping of San Antonio and Linda and R.L. Coates of Coahoma; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Alice Richters of Alvarado, Dean and Kathy Richters of Coahoma, and Don and Susie Richters of Eldorado; 16 grandsons; seven granddaughters; 53 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Ginger Darden Davis and Madeline Foster Raney; one brother; and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the missions fund of your local church.

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

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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.

Police blotter

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

- DEAN CAMDEN, 19, of 3215 Cornell, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft of a firearm.
- ELISA ORTIA, 26, of 1407 Virginia, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft of a firearm.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERLINDA RIOS, 21, of 1906 Winston, was arrested Friday on charges of duty on striking fixture and disorderly conduct – language.
- THEFT was reported: in the 3200 block of 11th Street. in the 1500 block of Johnson. in the 3400 block of Highway 80.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Hillside.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 700 block of Avondale.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

- JUAN JOSE ACUNA, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- FRANCISCO CERVANTES, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance (two counts).
- MICHAEL LEE DOTSON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a miscellaneous charge.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault Class C – family violence.
- RUBEN JUAREZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less in a drug free zone and possession of a dangerous drug.
- ELISEO CELESTINO MEDINA, 21, was arrested by immigration on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- MICAH LEVI PEARSON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of harrasment.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$10 each. Meals will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Carry-outs will be available. Everyone is welcome.

• The Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3188 American Legion Post 506 will be sponsoring a fund-raiser for Lee Karwedsky, a young boy with Muscular Dystrophy who is confined to a wheelchair, in hopes of raising enough money to purchase a handicap-accessible van. Homemade chopped barbecue sandwich plates, complete with trimmings, will be available Saturday for \$7 per plate from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 703 W. Third St. For more information, contact Vonda Wrye at 816-1261.

• A retirement ceremony for Coahoma Mayor Bill Read will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Signal Mountain room at the First Bank of West Texas’ Coahoma office. The public is invited.

• A benefit account has been established at Woodforest National Bank (Account 1652331339) for John Allison and Jacoby Rivera, who lost their belongings in a residential fire Friday on Runnels. Donations can also be made by calling (431) 213-4091.

Your Local Weather

Sat 4/18	Sun 4/19	Mon 4/20
 76/45 A mainly sunny sky. High 76F. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph.	 71/41 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 75/45 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher’s Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
• Time change starting April 20. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Drag-on China Buffett.
• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
• 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
• Howard County Master Gardeners meet at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The public is invited.
• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

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 at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-28-33. Bonus Ball: 9. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-10-11-37. Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$7,806
Winning ticket purchased in: Wharton, Houston, Stafford.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:5-1-9-9. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-4. Sum It Up: 14.

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Artist's reception 3-5 pm Sat May 9
All area artists welcome. No limit for entries.
Entry fee \$8 each, \$6 for BSAA members
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Forsan's Alex Huckabee hands the baton off to teammate Jace Sandridge in the sprint relay at the District 2-A track meet April 9 in Iraan.

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Recording Events
3,200; 1. Catherine Leubner, Big Spring, 12:28.55; 2. Marisol Rodriguez, Big Spring, 13:07.67; 3. Opal Gonzales, Big Spring, 13:09.84; 4. McKenna Chancellor, Frenship, 13:13.07; 5. Morgan Pentecost, Abilene Cooper, 13:15.73; 6. Daisy Guerrero, Plainview, 13:42.59.

The top four finishers in each event advanced to the Region I Meet.

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Madden said his health is fine, but at the age of 73, he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Not that Madden expects to sit at home all the time. He'll keep using the bus and stay busy with his many endorsements. His "Madden NFL Football" is the

He left Fox in 2002 to become the lead analyst for ABC's "Monday Night Football" and joined NBC in 2006 when that network inaugurated a prime-time Sunday game.

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The Bulldogs (15-4, 6-1) play host to Colorado City at 1 p.m. Saturday, then have a game with Wall scheduled for Monday. However, Fuller is attempting to have that game rescheduled for Tuesday.

On the horizon is a season finale April 24 against Grape Creek at Coahoma. Grape Creek handed the Bulldogs their only loss of the district season.

Fuller is confident the team is building enough momentum to end the season with at least a share of the district title, though.

"I think we've got a great chance to win out with the way we're playing," he said. "We played a tough game with Grape Creek at their place, but now they've got to come here. I think we've got a great shot."

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day of the tournament. Last year, we had 65 players. We're expecting more this season. We made the mistake of scheduling our tournament the weekend before the Disc-Crazy in Amarillo, which is the biggest frisbee golf tournament in West Texas. This year, we're set up two weeks before it. I think that will help with the turnout."

The tournament is a two-day event. Players will play two rounds Saturday and then a third Sunday.

For Brooks, the great appeal of frisbee golf is that it isn't a hard sport to pick up and it's also a good family event.

"I've always liked it because it's something I can do with my sons. We've had a great time doing this together over the years," said Brooks. "It's a family-oriented type of event and it's also multi-generational. We'll have players as young as 10 to as old as 60 taking part. Many of the players will camp out at the park Saturday night with their families.

"Anyone wanting to come out and give it a try is welcome to attend," he added. "You can play for \$20 and player packages will be available for everybody that include a disc and a T-shirt. We've got divisions ranging from beginner levels to advanced. There are junior divisions for younger players. There's a women's division and master's division for senior citizens. There's a spot for everyone to compete."

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BSISD

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that rebate for facility improvements.

For starters, \$600,000 will be used to reconstruct the track at Blankenship Field. Plans call for the oval to be resurfaced and expanded to seven lanes, which would not only upgrade BSHS training facilities but allow the school to host track meets in the future, officials said.

Also on tap for renovation is the high school roof.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades, and North leads the four of clubs. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A K J 10 8 4	♠ Q 9 7 5 2
♥ J 9	♥ A Q
♦ A 9 4	♦ K J 3
♣ A 2	♣ K 8 3

This is strictly a percentage problem. There is no way to guarantee the slam, but there is one approach that gives you the best chance for the contract. Three different lines of play stand out, and they all start the same way. You win the club lead with the ace, draw trumps, cash the king of clubs and ruff a club.

Line No. 1: You take a heart finesse. If the queen loses to the king and a heart is returned, you next lead a diamond to the ace and a diamond back, finessing the jack.

This approach wins if North has either the king of hearts or the queen of diamonds. It offers about a 75 percent chance of success.

Line No. 2: You cash the A-K of diamonds. Assuming the queen does not fall, you then continue with the jack of diamonds.

If South has the queen, school is out because he must return a heart or yield a ruff-and-discard. But if North has the queen of diamonds, he wins

Tomorrow: A word about squeezes.

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Officials propose setting aside \$500,000 for “roof remediation measures” — clearing the drains, patching rough spots, etc. — Interim Superintendent Dr. Michael Stevens said.

In an effort to centralize district administrative services, officials want to spend \$425,000 on modular buildings to expand office space at the 11th Place Administration Building. That would add about 11 more offices and allow the district to have more of its administrative services at one location, Stevens said.

Other expenses include \$50,000 for emergency repairs at Marcy Elementary (the archway needs work soon, Stevens said) and \$175,000 for assorted maintenance projects.

The remainder of the state rebate will be placed in the district’s reserve fund balance, Stevens said.

Trustees are expected to give final approval to these measures when they hold a special meeting at noon Wednesday.

The second phase of facility upgrades is both more ambitious and more expensive — with the added twist that the district’s taxpayers would have to foot the bill.

School officials announced tentative plans for a \$40 million bond election either later this year or sometime in 2010. These plans differ significantly from the \$34 million bond issue which voters rejected in 2008.

Gone are plans for a “mega” elementary campus. Instead, officials want to expand the district’s elementary campuses to include students in grades kindergarten through 5 and move sixth-graders to

STORMS

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a few phone lines reported down, and there was a 60-foot cell phone tower that was reportedly blown over,” said Barnes. “The tower was located near W. County Road 17 and FM 2230. There are still reports coming in, but so far we haven’t received any reports of damage to homes or other structures.”

Howard County Chief Deputy Sheriff Mark Hall also confirmed there were no reports of severe damage to homes or other structures in the county.

“The cell tower is the only structural damage we’ve been made aware of at this time,” said Hall.

The *Herald* received two reports of damage to buildings north of Big Spring, but neither was based on first-hand information and neither could be confirmed prior to presstime. An area north of the city was without electrical power for about two

the junior high school.

To do that, Stevens said the district plans to construct two new elementary campuses to replace Washington and Marcy, close those campuses plus Bauer Elementary (whose students would be moved to other schools) and renovate other campuses to accommodate the increase in students.

Washington and Bauer were rated “obsolete” in a 2007 survey of district facilities. Marcy, while relatively newer than those other campuses, has been seriously overcrowded for years and must use portable buildings to house the student overflow.

A breakdown of estimated costs in the new bond include:

- \$28.5 million for the new elementary campuses.
- \$1.3 million for renovations to the junior high to accommodate the addition of sixth-graders.
- \$2 million to renovate Goliad Intermediate (which would become a K-5 campus).
- \$2 million for additions to Moss Elementary.

Big Spring High School also would receive renovations under the tentative plans. Stevens said \$4.2 million would be spent to replace the roof on the 63,000 square-foot structure and \$1 million for new science labs.

The remaining \$1 million in the bond plan is earmarked for furniture and technology purchases and miscellaneous improvements.

The bond plans will be further refined at future board meetings, Stevens said.

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hours Thursday night.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said the high winds and trace rain — NWS officials say the Big Spring area received approximately 0.11 inches of rain as a result of the storm — made for a fairly quiet evening for him and his firefighters.

“We didn’t have a single call last night,” said a weary Sullivan, who along with other firefighters, have been battling a non-stop slew of wildfires in the area. “We went out near Luther and looked around, but we didn’t see any major damages to structures or homes destroyed. It was mainly just some wind damage and plenty of downed utility lines.”

Unfortunately for Sullivan and his volunteer firefighters, the lack of heavy rains as a result of the storm means little, if any relief for local wildfires.

“It’s just another day at the office,” said Sullivan with a laugh.

HEALTH

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sugar level and the like.

To help residents get a better handle on those numbers, the fair will offer a number of free screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, PSAs, Pulse/Ox testing and

weight. Fluoride treatment for children will also be available, as well as fingerprinting and picture identification kits for children and senior citizens.

In addition, 65 organizations will have booths at the fair, with personnel distributing information and various give-away items,

said Nancy Newell, executive assistant at the chamber.

There will be several demonstration, Newell added. Dimple the Clown will be on hand for the children, which H-E-B Grocery Store representatives will distribute fruit cups to fairgoers. Newell also noted that Howard County

4-H members will be giving away “backpack snacks” and officials with the regional American Cancer Society will distribute “vegetable Smoothies” as well as breast cancer awareness information.

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SOFTWARE

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computer programmers and other people dedicated to dealing solely with it,” said Vickie Cheyne, PEIMS Coordinator for BSISD. “We just never had those sort of resources.”

To replace the balky Chancery system, BSISD will purchase a SMS program from the regional educational service center in Midland. Start-up costs will be \$65,000 — \$49,000 for license fees and \$16,000 for servers and other related hardware.

“We’ve had part of this all along ... in our financial department,” Interim Superintendent Dr. Michael Stevens said. “We’re just getting the complete package now.”

Cheyne promised a much easier transition than what was experienced under Chancery.

“I can’t guarantee that it will be absolutely without problems,” she cautioned. “But in comparison to what we had before, the problems will be minimal.”

The reasons for her optimism are two-fold — familiarity with the program and readily available tech support.

“It’s already up and running to some degree,”

Cheyne said. “Over the next six weeks, it will be taking over more and more of the student management functions ... and tech support is right down the road in Midland. They know us and they know what we need. It’s just better all the way around.”

Board President Irene Galan agreed with Cheyne.

“The best thing is that the tech support is right here in West Texas,” Galan said. “We didn’t have that with Chancery.”

The switch-over will be accomplished in stages over the next few months and the new program should be fully in place by the start of the 2009-2010 school year, Cheyne said.

In other business Thursday, trustees approved:

- The purchase of two 46-passenger activity buses for a total cost of \$320,000. The buses will be used to transport athletic teams and other extra-curricular squads to various competitions.
- Deeded nine properties which were obtained in lieu of taxes to Howard County.

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Those attending will be able to walk out with Z-Coil shoes — they’ll put a spring in your step — shaded from the sun by a genuine Sumbody palm leaf hat. Knives, gift baskets and ships in a bottle will also be for sale.

Several vendors will offering food, including barbecue sandwiches, turkey legs, hot dogs and funnel cakes.

Young children will be able to enjoy train rides.

Add a hot tub dealer, sports memorabilia, a Mary Kay representative and... “It just comes out to the fact that we have a lot of vendors and a lot of items,” confirmed McCombs.

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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:

- Josh Wilson and Rachel Overby, cast members of “The Insanity of Mary Girard,” Big Spring High School’s entry in the Region I, Class 4A, Area 2 One-Act Play Contest. Wilson was named to the all-star cast, while Overby received honorable mention recognition.

- Eddy M. Spurgin, a newly-promoted major general in the Texas Army National Guard, who was recently named commander of the 36th Infantry Division, which currently has 4,000 soldiers deployed in Iraq and more are headed there and to Afghanistan.

- The people who turned out at the Howard County Courthouse Wednesday during the “Tea Party” protesting federal economic policy and the amount Americans are being taxed. Whether one agrees with the protestors or not, one has to admire them for using their rights as American citizens to vocally express their opposition to the government’s policies.

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

May we draw You, Lord, into the spotlight through our faith.  
Amen

For children of all ages

Circus barkers across the years have, well, “barked” about amazing acts in three rings for “children of all ages.” The best of them, however, fade when compared to the colorful, non-stop goings on at professional sports venues.

And the “best of the best” may be the American Airlines Center, home of the Dallas Mavericks, where mastermind team owner Mark Cuban holds forth. Someone said that he thinks not only outside the box, but maybe outside the universe, as he and his folks offer a total entertainment package that includes a basketball game.

Exhibit “A” is a recent game with the Phoenix Suns. It was a “laugher,” of sorts, with the Mavs winning, 140-116. In this contest, Jason Kidd moved to the No. 3 position in NBA assist records as he fired passes to scorers on 20 occasions.

On pace to score 160 points when reserves took over for most of the fourth quarter, the starters were able to take their rest.

With the outcome sealed early, Dallas fans leaned back to absorb sights and sounds, maybe even catch T-shirts fired from cannon-like courtside contraptions.

Perhaps the biggest “buzz” of the 20,000-plus fans on home-ward drives had nothing to do with the game. Instead, focus was on a promotion often attempted, but never previously accomplished.

A 26-year-old Austin fan plucked from the audience for a second-quarter promotion made four baskets to claim \$3,250 worth of furniture. Fisher Floyd became the first contestant

to make a lay-up, free throw, three-pointer and a basket from mid-court.

His nothing-but-net shots warranted extended applause. He bowed before blowing a kiss. Many fans may have “felt smacked,” but the airborne smooch was actually for his wife, Lindsey. He figured it might soften her response to his prize choice — a pool table.

Floyd appeared relaxed enough to take on Superman in a building-bounding contest.

“No, I was anything but relaxed,” he admitted. “Just before the promotion, they took me to the practice gym. I put on tennis shoes, then took 15-20 warm-up shots, making a couple out of a dozen from mid-court.”

Further, he complained of a cramp in his left thigh. He wasn’t sure that he’d be able to loft the ball for any of the shots.

Though his amateur status remains intact, it turns out that the 6-2, 190-pound prize-winner is not devoid of basketball experience. He was a two-year starter at Highland Park High School, where the 2001 graduate led his team to playoff honors during his senior season. He was named “offensive player of the year” in District 13-4A, and later played intramural basketball at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Orlando Magic promotion people might do well to “go to school” on Dallas’ wall-to-wall, stem-to-stern, never-a-dull-moment approach. (Dull moments are not allowed at the AAC, and if detected, would be quickly escorted from the arena.)

Orlando’s April Fool’s Day promotion, just three day’s before Floyd’s AAC feat, didn’t set well. There, a blind-folded fan was told that if he hit a shot from mid-court, he would be awarded a hundred grand.

As the blind-fold was knotted, fans were advised to “clap anyway.”

They did, and the “winner”

jumped about in high animation, thinking he had won.

Then, he was handed a “100 Grand” candy bar. Ouch. The guy had just been laid off from his job. He and a bunch of the fans were not amused.

Finally, speaking of “ouches,” surely veteran Maverick TV analyst Bob Ortelgel should be forgiven if he spews an invective about yet another memorable and ever-so-rare basketball feat that Sunday afternoon. I’m referring to Josh Howard’s 71-foot prayer of a shot that banked in a split second before the half-time buzzer.

On hundreds of occasions, Ortelgel has spoken of buzzer-beating shots that “might be the one,” grousing privately at his disgust when players have time for last-second shots, but simply don’t take them. At almost any other game of the year, he would have painted Howard’s performance in brightest colors for the TV audience.

Alas, this particular game was telecast exclusively by ABC. Look for him and his broadcast buddy, Mark Followill, to make future references to the shot.

If you run into either of them, give them a “100 Grand;” they like candy bars.

And if you visit “The Dump,” the Dallas furniture firm sponsoring the four-shot promotion, ask folks there if they ever expected to “pony up” with the prize.

Finally, computer phobes are invited to visit youtube.com. Type in “fishin&swishin” to view Fisher’s feat. One of his friends made a video with his cell phone. It has upbeat music, with lyrics “rapped out” way too fast for old ears to process

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Obama could disarm Latin left

He rules a country from the left, yet he doesn’t have any need to be totalitarian. He has been called a socialist, yet he doesn’t jail his political opponents, censor critical media, or try to amend the Constitution to prolong his time in power.

Just by being himself, our new liberal American president could disarm the Latin American left.

When President Barack Obama goes south of the border this week, he has a unique opportunity to change the course of Latin American history. Just by being himself, he could steer Latin America back from its recent decline toward totalitarian socialism. The revival of the old Latin American (SET ITAL) caudillos (END ITAL), now re-branded as leftists, could come to a screeching halt if Obama plays his cards well.

First in Mexico and then in Trinidad and Tobago, where he will participate in the Summit of the Americas with 33 other leaders this weekend, Obama undoubtedly will begin a new chapter in the history of U.S. relations with Latin America and the English-speaking Caribbean.

The question now is this: What kind of a chapter does Obama

want to write? Will he tell Latin Americans to seek freedom and democracy above everything else? Or will he end up agreeing to sing “Kumbaya” with people who should be tried for crimes against humanity? Will he embrace dictators and ignore their atrocities, as a group of Democratic lawmakers did in Cuba last week, or will he tell Latin Americans that any kind of (SET ITAL) caudillo (END ITAL), from the left or from the right, should be a thing of the past?

After announcing an executive order lifting U.S. travel restrictions for Cuban-Americans who want to visit or send remittances to their relatives back on the Caribbean island, two White House spokesmen -- in English and Spanish -- insisted Monday that the Obama administration now expects the Cuban government to make concessions that would lead to freedom and democracy for the Cuban people. This is crucial, and it means that President Obama may be on the right track. It’s not Washington that has to change. It’s Havana!

We simply cannot lift the U.S. economic embargo against Cuba without seeing some change -- fewer political prisoners, violations of human rights, and mobs of government-sponsored goons and less repression and censorship, just to get started.

Because he is considered a leftist, in Latin America, Obama may have much more cred-

ibility to speak for democratic principles than his predecessor. Let’s face it: The radically leftist Latin American leadership nowadays -- especially in Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Ecuador -- doesn’t know what to do with Obama. In order to promote themselves as crusaders against “Yankee imperialism,” they would much prefer to have someone like George W. Bush in the White House.

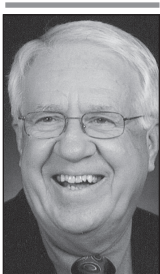
And because Obama doesn’t look or act like a Yankee imperialist, they know they have a huge “problema” on their hands. How do they keep using the United States as an excuse for seeking authoritarian powers? Where is the American boogeyman now?

Yet if Obama speaks in Latin America the way he spoke in Europe, if he addresses anti-American sentiments the way he did in Strasbourg, France, many confused Latinos may begin to identify their own real boogeymen.

“There have been times where America has shown arrogance and been dismissive,” Obama said. “But in Europe, there is an anti-Americanism that is at once casual but can also be insidious.”

Wow! If he says something similar to that at the Summit of the Americas, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega will have to duck!

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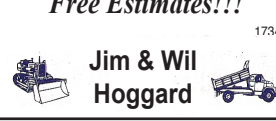
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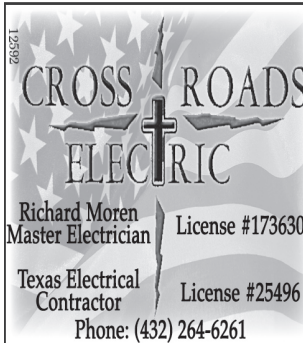
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Tank was a handsome fellow with canine characteristics worthy of his name. His stout body was proportioned perfectly with his broad shoulders and wide jaws. In spite of his guard-dog physique, he was a friendly pooch with a happy disposition and a wagging tail. Tank only had one flaw. His tongue, which was too long for his mouth, always hung out to one side.

While Tank's appearance may be unique, tongue control is a problem for many of us. Over the years, tongue blunders have evolved into several tip-of-the-tongue clichés. Who among us has not gotten his tongue tangled up and blurted out some humiliating bit of babble? Then there are those tongue-tied moments when we just don't know what to say, followed by tongue-wagging sessions that go on for hours.

As the tongue lashing continues, who can resist a good-natured tongue-in-cheek jab at a gullible friend or a laughable situation? Even the most verbose of us, whose tongues are loose at both ends, often find that our tongues and our brains are not connected at times. We have to bite our tongues to avoid trouble.

Apparently, the first century followers of Jesus also had tongue problems. James, the brother of Jesus wrote, *"For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human race. But no one came tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison"* (James 3:7-8 NASB).

Tank, the friendly dog, seems to function just fine with his tongue hanging out of his mouth, but most of us need to work a little harder at controlling our tongues. We may not be able to tame them completely, but with some thought and prayer we should be able to keep our mouths shut and keep our tongues inside more often.



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**Salem Baptist**

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 and evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for all Sunday services. The Wednesday evening prayer service 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 Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 394-4655.

**First United Methodist**

This Sunday our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will begin a new sermon series titled "Living the Master Plan."

Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday evening at 6, the Administrative Council will meet in the Pathmaker's classroom located in the youth hall.

Confirmation classes for youth in Grades 5 thru 8 have started and will continue through a retreat May 22-23. Confirmation Sunday will be the May 24. For more information, contact the church office at 267-6394.

Our newest outreach program, SPARK (Support-

**Eastertide Concerts**

The first of St. Mary's two annual Eastertide Offerings Concerts will be held at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday. Special guest artists for the concert are members of the Big Spring High School Honor Band under the direction of Rocky Harris. The band's annual concert at St. Mary's is one of the highlights of the music program of the church, and the excellent playing of the mem-

bers is enhanced by the beautiful acoustics of St. Mary's church building.

The Eastertide Offerings Concerts are sponsored by St. Mary's, both as a gift to the community of Big Spring and to benefit local charities. Isaiah 58 is the charity that has been chosen to be the beneficiary of donations received at the April 21 concert.

The second concert will be held Thursday, April 30. Compositions for handbell choir, instru-

mental trios and vocal quartets will be featured.

Each of the two concerts in this series is approximately 30 minutes in length and will feature a wide variety of pieces and musical styles. A free lunch is provided by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's immediately following the concerts. There is no admission charge for these programs. St. Mary's is located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad in Big Spring.

200 Years and Going Strong," and will feature Mari Carpenter, past moderator of General Assembly PC(USA), and Patti Nance, Synod of the Sun Mission interpreter.

Lucy Odom will be in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday.

The lectionary for the second Sunday of Easter is Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31. The choir will sing "Come Proclaim the Victory" arranged by Joseph Martin and "The Day of Resurrection" by Thomas Martin. Based on I John 1:1-22, Rev. Bronaugh's sermon will be "Walk in the Light."

**Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS**

Our credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

Tobin Scott from San Angelo will be preaching from the pulpit. Our scripture reader will be Richard Knocke and our acolyte will be Abby Saucedo. Angela Newton is our organist. Our elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. Communion will be postponed until April 26.

The Easter Festival held last Saturday was a huge success. All ages had a wonderful time during the cookie decorating, Easter egg coloring, face painting, egg walk, Easter egg hunt and sun catcher painting. Thank-yous go to Caitlin Carlisle, Deanna Carlisle, Daniel Budke and all the adults who participated in the planning and executing of the various activities. The smiles on the children's faces were the best part of the day.

Historically, on the Sunday after Easter, this Sunday's Gospel lesson records an event that occurred eight days after Jesus' resurrection. It is the familiar story of Honest Thomas, or as we know him — Doubting Thomas. After unfortunately being absent when Jesus appeared to the rest of the 11, Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. It eventually happened, and Thomas was on the receiving end of Jesus' famous lines: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

About 2,000 years later, many people still think: "Blessed was Thomas because he got to see!" It strikes us that all Thomas really wanted was the same opportunity all his closest friends already had. We can imagine that he had wanted (as we often do after we've done something dumb or missed something good) to give himself a good swift kick for being absent when Jesus appeared to the disciples the first time.

Thomas certainly overstated his case by saying he would not believe if he did not touch and see for himself, but that may have been the result of his anger at himself. When the opportunity finally came, Thomas didn't touch, but he did believe. He probably did not feel very good, however, about Jesus' comment. That had to feel like a slam. Was it a slam? Was Jesus putting Thomas down or was he just lifting up all those who would hear and believe without seeing? If those who believe without seeing are blessed, was Thomas not blessed? If he wasn't, then what about the other 10? They all believed after seeing. Interesting concept to consider.

**First Church of the Nazarene**

New and exciting things are happening at First Church of the Nazarene. Our new pastor, the Rev. Calvary Callender, wife Ceresa and daughter Morgan joined our family in February. We invite you to come and hear anointed, vision-oriented messages each Sunday morning.

Get your motorcycle washed and ready because Biker Sunday is coming back May 3 to First Church of the Nazarene. Bike Blessings by the Christian Motorcycle Association and a brisket lunch will follow the morning service. Come enjoy all the fun.

As always if you have any questions please call at

**Baptist Temple Church**

Sunday, Pastor Jeff Stehle will be presenting a State of the Church sermon during the morning worship service. He will present where Baptist Temple is as a church, present a vision of what Baptist Temple needs to be, and give some steps the church needs to take in order to get there.

Thursday, April 23, we will show a live broadcast of Dave Ramsey in an event called "Town Hall for Hope." Dave will be addressing the current economic situation and offer ideas on how we can approach it. This will be broadcast all over the nation in a live stream over the Internet. We will show it in our auditorium at 7:30 p.m. It will last about an hour and a half.

We have started a weight-loss support group, SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day). It meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Baptist Temple fellowship hall. There is no cost and it is open to anyone interested in attending.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

We are taking a short break from our 12-Step Recovery Program, but will resume it at a later date.

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

**First Presbyterian, Coahoma**

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger

The breakfast prepared by the men of First Presbyterian, Coahoma, on Holy Saturday morning was greatly enjoyed and well-attended. The Easter Vigil Service Saturday night and the Sunrise Service Easter Sunday, both scheduled to be outdoors, were moved inside because of the welcome rain.

This Sunday, Dan Miracle will preach, filling in for Tom, who will be preaching the sermon at the Worship Service for Recall 2009 at Schreiner University in Kerrville.

The lectionary for the second Sunday of Easter is Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

**First Presbyterian, Big Spring**

During worship Easter Sunday, we welcomed the York Rite Masons to our service.

The Working Women's Bible Study met Tuesday in the parlor for study of the book, "Jubilee!" by D. Lindsay Morgan. Wednesday, Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. and the youth group met at 6 p.m. There was no choir practice. Thursday, the Service Committee met at 5:30 p.m. The Personnel Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor Friday.

The 2009 Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Tres Rios Presbytery will be held in Big Spring from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25. The meeting title is "Presbyterian Women in Missions:

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus, aka Our Lady of Beauty and Love, changes direction today and this should provide a similar change of direction in our relationships. If you've felt you are in a rut or can't get past certain issues in your personal life, then you can take this Venus transit as a positive sign that things are going to get better. Barriers to love will be lifted.



HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When your ideas about how a loved one should be acting do not match up with reality, the result is stressful. Drop your image of how things should be and accept the way they are and stress melts away.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A positive cycle begins in your career. A friend's success will help you, and your success will help another friend. Make very few promises and be sure to follow through.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You may take on an easy task to avoid one that taxes your brain. It's not a bad choice. While folding clothes or sweeping the floor your

mind will work on the more perplexing task anyway.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). People from your past think of you fondly. Do you return the sweet sentiment? There's still some baggage from way back and it doesn't make you want to touch base anytime soon. This is the perfect time to forgive.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You know the best way to accomplish many things, but resist the urge to correct others. It might come as an unexpected relief to pull back and let people learn on their own. Suddenly you can focus on what is important to you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are improving. There's no question that you look and feel better than you did yesterday. You're moving into a different level of vitality and will attract new interest in yourself and your work because of this.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to learn and therefore will find teachers everywhere. Some resources may be imperfect, but the insights you gain will still be quite true. Even a clock that has stopped is correct two times a day.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Know your priorities. There is a choice to be made. It may seem small,

but it's significant. The moment you choose one path over another is the moment you decide who you are.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your tastes are changing. Something you were nuts about just a few weeks ago now holds little interest. This is cause for new explorations. You'll be joined by someone equally flexible and in the moment.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A group you belong to faces a problem, and the issue is about as complex as the group itself. A variety of approaches will be needed to sort this one out. Your listening and communicating skills will be put to fine use.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be inspired by beautiful designs and artistic people. You'll probably want to bring some of today's influence into your home. The things around you should be fun for you to look at!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are wise beyond your years and will gain insight from humble and random bits of life. Share what you learn with those who can appreciate your quirky musings. You make life fun for these people.

**WEEKEND FORECAST:**

Though you'll feel like displaying your deep affection, do some research first to find out how best to go about it. Then wait for the undeniably great moment that comes Sunday.

**TAURUS:** You will be given gifts and treats from people who enjoy you immensely.

**GEMINI:** In a mischievous mood, you may take an opposing view to that of your loved one just for entertainment.

**CANCER:** Whatever you are "supposed" to do will be likely abandoned for a choice that seems like much more fun.

**LEO:** You are lucky when you shower the people you love with affection and don't hold back.

**VIRGO:** A problem will be resolved and love can resume as it was.

**LIBRA:** New social horizons are opening to you, which may require additions to your wardrobe.

**SCORPIO:** You'll enjoy spending money on the one you love.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Entertain at home. You'll take great pride and pleasure in how well it all comes together.

**CAPRICORN:** An unconventional person intrigues you. Strike up a conversation and you'll be charmed.

**AQUARIUS:** You have fine instinct for smoothing over rough patches and living in harmony.

**PISCES:** You will be motivated by an industrious partner. Together you can move mountains.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Aries and Aquarius are a hot pairing and may feel inexplicably attracted to each other this weekend, considering the current dynamic between their guiding planets. There will be a circumstance to unite them. They inspire each other to reach beyond previous limitations. Neither will care what the rest of the world thinks of them. Together they form a private club of mutual admiration.

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Dear Margo: Kind of like a soap opera

**Dear Margo:** I am 23 years old with two small children. My husband and I have been together for five years. He works out of town most of the week and our time together isn't exactly romantic.

Real life is bills and stress, so the loving relationship I want us to have goes out the window. An old romance contacted me and we started talking.

Each day that we talked, more and more was discussed. Eventually we both acknowledged our feelings and said "I love you" to each other.

It was long distance so there was nothing physical. It was merely a phone relationship. Then he called it off in a rather mean and hurtful way, saying cruel things about a very confused message I sent him.

I am feeling heartbroken and guilty. I have a great husband, yet this person invades my

thoughts. Should I forget the past and let go? — *Fixated*

**Dear Fix:** I think what happened was that your phone friend offered you a fantasy to focus on. Life is tough with two little kids and a traveling husband. I suspect your old beau started to feel he was getting in too deep and broke it off in a ham-handed and cruel way.

Thankfully, it was only a telephone "relationship," so no harm done — except to your ego. Let this be a cheap lesson that your energies need to be refocused on your marriage and your children.

Things move, things change, and you can make your routine better. Hate to sound like a fortune cookie, but marriage, like life, takes work. — *Margo, knowledgeably*

**When the "Child" Becomes the Caretaker**

**Dear Margo:** My mom, 63, has been essentially disabled since a fall three years ago. Her health is poor and she requires quite a bit of care, which she had been getting from her partner of 10 years. He and I have never gotten along,

and I live several hours away.

I visited for the purpose of going to a doctor's appointment with Mom and to see if I could get more information.

When she came into the train station, she was shaken and said that her boyfriend had slapped her in the car on the way over, apparently not for the first time, and evidently had been verbally abusive for some time, as well.

When he came into the station, he was very drunk. We had words, and he left.

Mom has also struggled with drinking for a long time, and this guy is of the opinion that he has somehow "cured" her so it's OK for her to continue to have a drink now and then.

Mom came home with me, where she still is, in our tiny New York apartment. The partner is still in Mom's house. (It and all her assets are in her name alone.) He doesn't really know that she's left, just that she's staying with me.

Now I have a mountain of legal, medical and logistical stuff to deal with, and I just don't know where to start. She's hop-

ing to do physical therapy and return to living and working by herself, which I fear is unrealistic. — *At the End of My Rope*

**Dear At:** Hoping that your mother doesn't change her mind about her abusive partner (and enabler), here is what you do:

Since this man who is supposed to be caring for her is instead slapping her around and being generally abusive, not to mention "supervising" her drinking, I would find an assisted living facility nearer you, where she can be independent to the degree that she can manage.

She will have her own apartment, plus care and companionship. Put the house up for sale or rent, inform what's-his-name to find new quarters, and use her assets to finance her new life.

— *Margo, organizationally*

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Romans 6: 14

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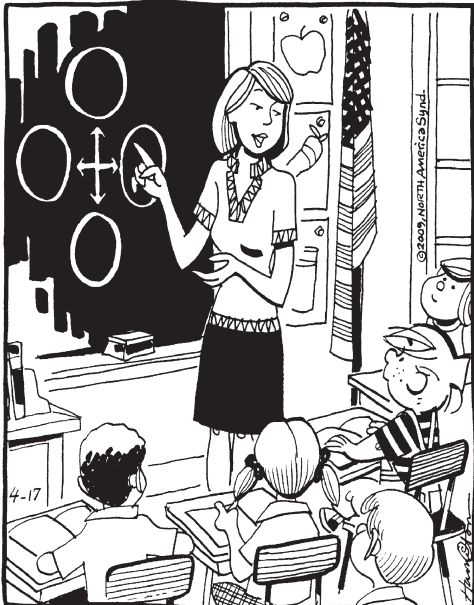
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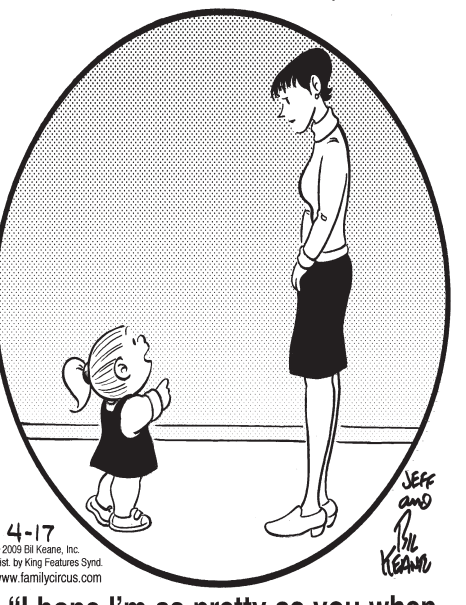
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"No, Dennis, the four food groups are not cake, ice cream, peanut butter and candy."

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"I hope I'm as pretty as you when I'm really old like you, Mommy."

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 17, the 107th day of 2009. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (He was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York Harbor.

In 1790, American statesman Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia at age 84.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1895, the Treaty of Shimonoseki ended the first Sino-Japanese War.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany in World War II.

In 1964, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its new Mustang model at the New York World's Fair. Jerrie Mock of Columbus, Ohio, became the first woman to complete a solo airplane flight around the world.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The First Secretary of Czechoslovakia's Communist Party, Alexander Dubcek, was deposed.

In 1970, the astronauts of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft.

In 1990, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, the civil rights activist and top aide to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Atlanta at age 64.

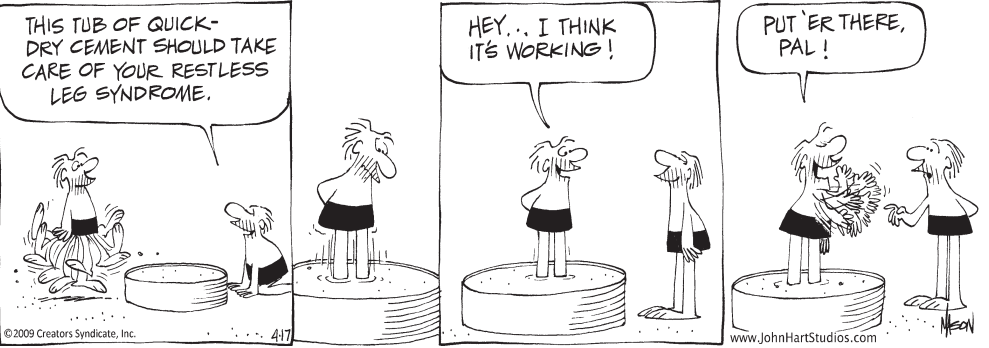
Today's Birthdays: Rock promoter Don Kirshner is 75. Composer-musician Jan Hammer is 61. Actress Olivia Hussey is 58. Actor Clarke Peters is 57. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 54. Actor Sean Bean is 50. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 45. Actress Lela

Rochon is 45. Actor William Bacher is 44. Actress Leslie Bega is 42. Actress Kimberly Elise is 42. Singer Liz Phair is 42. Rapper-actor Redman is 39. Actress Jennifer Garner is 37. Country musician Craig Anderson (Heartland) is 36. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham (Spice Girls) is 35. Actress-singer Lindsay Lohan is 31. Actor Paulie Litt is 14. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 13.

Thought for Today: "A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found; for a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy." —Thomas Merton, American poet and author (1915-1968).

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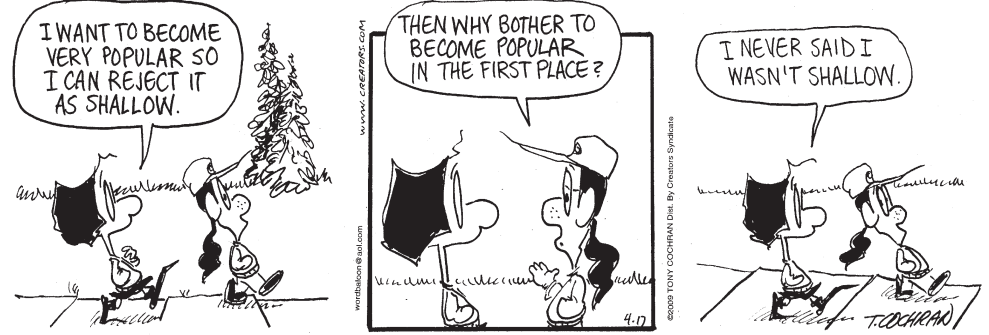
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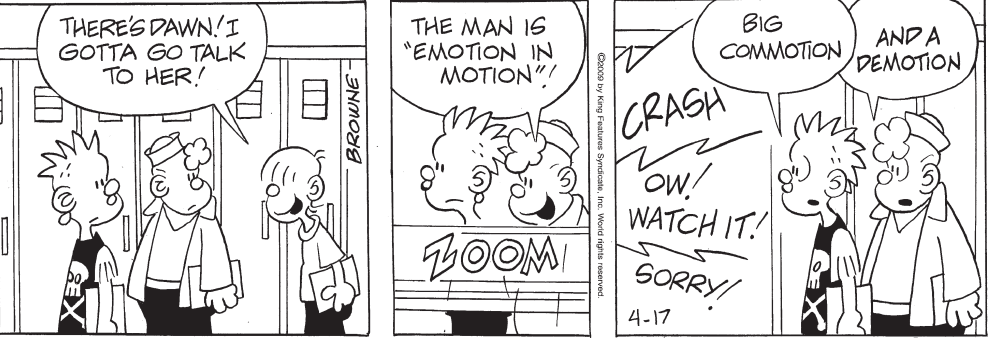
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27 Bowl-game anthems

31 Two-wheeled carriage

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36 Wagner heroine

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43 Starter's need

44 Relative of Thai

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48 Bring into harmony

50 1937 Triple Crown horse

53 Larger-than-life

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56 General at Gettysburg

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61 In the \_\_\_ (informed)
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69 Minimal progress

70 Pay-stub figure

71 Interjects

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1 Pro golfer Karrie

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3 Defense acronym

4 Tawdry

5 Every last bit

6 White elephant, e.g.
- 7 Unskilled worker

8 Fall behind

9 Quite a stretch

10 Pranksters

11 Somewhat

12 Mortgage figure

13 In that case

18 See 2 Down

19 Hill of fame

24 Varsity regulars

26 Lenin's land

27 Stable group

28 "Cut that out!"

29 Climb aboard

30 Less dated

32 Comics-page

33 Lexus competitor

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47 Big number

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51 Comparable with

52 Shoulder muscle, briefly

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267-7015 or e-mail us at church@nazfamily.org.

Classes and activities for all ages keep Wednesdays and Sundays fun and uplifting. There is a place for everyone, from newborn to mature adult, to experience God’s love; so come check us out.

Adult opportunities include Sunday morning fellowship time with coffee and donuts begin at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Wednesday evening classes begin at 6:30 p.m. with your choice of studies including “Highway to Holiness” study or a look through the book of John.

Opportunities for children include Sunday morning activities for age 4 through the 6th grade in Discipleship Junction at 10 a.m.

Wednesday evening is Caravan, a midweek scouting ministry for children Pre-K through 4th grade and Busy Bees News Gang for 5th and 6th grade which includes producing a monthly church newsletter. Infants through 3 years old are lovingly cared for in our nursery/toddler classroom Sundays and Wednesdays.

Youth, 7th through 12th grade, enjoy Bible study, fun and fellowship in Youth Explosion Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Cal.

Hispanic services are Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m.; Casa de Restruracion is led by Pastor Felix Torres.

## St. Mary’s Episcopal

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.

The Planning Committee will meet in the church office following the 10:30 a.m. service.

St. Andrew’s Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m.

St. Mary’s Eastertide Concert will be held at noon Tuesday. Our special guests will be the Big Spring High School Honor Band. A light lunch will be provided by St. Mary’s after the concert. There will be no admission charge. This concert will benefit Isa-

iah 58 and the Northside Community Center.

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

St. Paul Lutheran invites everyone to join us for worship service at 9 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school for all at 10:15 a.m. We are located at 810 Scurry and the office can be reached at 267-7163 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are led in worship by Pastor Wayne Frost.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League will be attending a spring rally at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25 at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland.

It is bake sale time again. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the church library. Proceeds will benefit the High School Bible Class Fund. Stop by and choose your baked goods early!

Small group Bible study classes welcome you to attend. Contact the church office for times and places.

## Chapel of Faith

Are you looking for a church home that is dedicated to studying the word of God in an informal atmosphere? Chapel of Faith may be just the place you are seeking. Worship service is held each Sunday morning at 10:30 with Pastor Joel Miller and Associate Pastor Scott Willis bringing messages from the Bible. The Chapel of Faith is located at the corner of East 14th and Goliad.

In our program of Sharing our Blessings, the congregation voted to contribute to the Relay for Life, HATS through First Methodist Church, Emergency Services Chaplain Corps and the Haven House for this quarter. A donation will be sent to each of these places. As we have been blessed, we hope to share these blessings with others.

The annual community chili supper has been scheduled for 5 p.m until 7 p.m. June 13. More details will be announced later, but mark your calendars now to come and enjoy home-cooked chili and all the trimmings.

Remember, God loves you no matter who you

are, where you are, or what you are doing. Attend worship service at the church of your choice this week.

## Coahoma Church of Christ

Coahoma Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting with Ted Kell beginning Sunday. The theme is “An Apostle’s Witness to Jesus (The Gospel of John).”

Topics will include Jesus, the Son of God at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible class; Jesus, the Teacher, 10:20 a.m. Sunday morning worship; Jesus, the Soul Winner, 6 p.m. Sunday evening worship; Jesus, the Uplifted Savior, 7 p.m. Monday; Jesus, the Conqueror of Death, 7 p.m. Tuesday; and Jesus, the Judge of All Men, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The church is located at 311 N. Second St. in Coahoma. Call 394-4277. Please come and bring a friend.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

We are so pleased to be in our “new” building in the College Park Shopping Center! The former StarTek building has been transformed from a call center into a beautiful church building.

Spring Creek Fellowship is a wonderful, friendly congregation that is ready to welcome you and your family. Come just as you are and find out why our motto is “Where you make connections for life.”

Fellowship time with coffee and doughnuts begins at 9 a.m. in our garden area. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. We have a group for every member of your family where God’s Word is studied and where we learn how to apply it to our lives.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God’s one and only Son and that He died for the sins of the world, that He is risen from the dead and one day He will return to claim His children. We believe that the Bible is God’s Word and that it is inerrant.

Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, is beginning a new sermon series “When God Shows Up...” This week’s sermon is “When God Shows up... But You Don’t.”

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. with praise in music and prayer. God is so good and He loves you. We would love to share that love with you. Come check us out this Sunday.

# Keeping on: The law of perseverance

We have all heard the old saying, “Success is 99 percent perspiration and 1 percent inspiration.” It is true that a lot of good ideas never amount to anything because there is no sustained effort behind them. This same principle held true when Jesus told His followers to persevere, be persistent, and keep on trying, even in prayer. He was saying to them, “Don’t give up even though you have prayed many times.” He knew that by persevering, they would soon get their answer.



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In Matthew 7:7 and Luke 11:9-13, the Lord’s instructions are to keep on asking, searching, and knocking, followed by the promise that our requests will be granted by the Lord. Many times Jesus taught that success comes by persistence and effort. This simple truth is contained in the Law of Perseverance.

It is not stated in Luke 18:1-8 why the

widow came to the unjust judge. We only know that she had a complaint which needed a verdict, and she was tenacious in her continual coming to make known her request. The judge was known for his unfairness, who had no respect for God or man, yet he was persuaded to do the right thing due to the widow’s persistence. He said, “I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming, she weary me.”

Perseverance and endurance are important principles of life, but most people today do not want to stay the course on a long term basis, especially in today’s ‘microwave’ society. Even the most optimistic person can lose hope and give up in long-term waiting, but the fact is, perseverance does have a sure reward.

No promise in the Bible is greater than this; God will hear your prayers and answer them. The sovereign God of the universe listens when you talk to Him. And He will answer your prayers if you are persistent.

Another example of perseverance is found in Luke 11:5-13. It is the parable of the friend

who came at midnight to get bread from his neighbor. If a man will get up from his warm bed at midnight to give bread to his persistent neighbor, God will much more respond to the sincere and tireless prayers of the needs of His family. He commands us to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking.

Success in this life comes by perseverance. Dedication, commitment, patience, self-discipline, and hard work will bring positive results. In short, those who hold on through difficulties and hardships, and persevere despite the set-backs, are those who receive their reward.

Every parent should be examples of perseverance in their home. Children need to be taught to work hard, be persistent, committed, and to develop good character traits. This is the way to success in life, and the Bible backs this up.

Most successful people today are those who are willing to work hard and not give in to the pressure when the going gets tough. Rough times never dictate that we quit, give up, or discount our dreams. It is in the hard times that

one becomes strong. God often uses the trying times to spur us on. He is stretching our endurance, patience, and yes, even our faith.

The Law of Perseverance is the law of struggling and keeping on. It is the “Don’t give up” law. Jesus taught this principle by saying, “Ask and God will give to you. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will open for you.”

It is unfortunate that due to the great stress and strain in people’s lives today, some have turned to chemical dependency or psychologists. Others hope to cope by relationship-hopping or other equally unsuccessful methods, but more often than not, they never find the answers they seek because they are

looking in the wrong places.

Many don’t seem to understand that God’s formula for success includes hard work, perseverance, and commitment. None of us have ever struggled or have paid such a heavy price as Christ did for our lives. Yet He was never once willing to forfeit the plan or to give up. He persevered under tremendous pressure, despite the pain

and suffering.

When we learn to practice God’s principles and laws for success, we will attain the goals and dreams He placed within us. When He said on the cross, “It is finished,” everything we needed to live a successful life was bought and paid for in full — for you, for me and for the entire human race. God bless!

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## ► Club News

### Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 20, at Howard College's Cactus Room. After a Dutch treat lunch at 11:30 a.m., the meeting will begin at noon.

Members and interested persons are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. Plans will be finalized for RTA Day, April 20, in Austin. This is an opportunity for members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association to meet with their senators and representatives to let them know we are politically involved in matters relating to the RTA. Additionally, attendees will be able to lobby for positive action on bills that will benefit retired school personnel.

Plans are for interested retirees to go to Austin in groups, leaving and

returning Wednesday, April 22. RTA members need to indicate their intention to attend RTA Day as soon as possible.

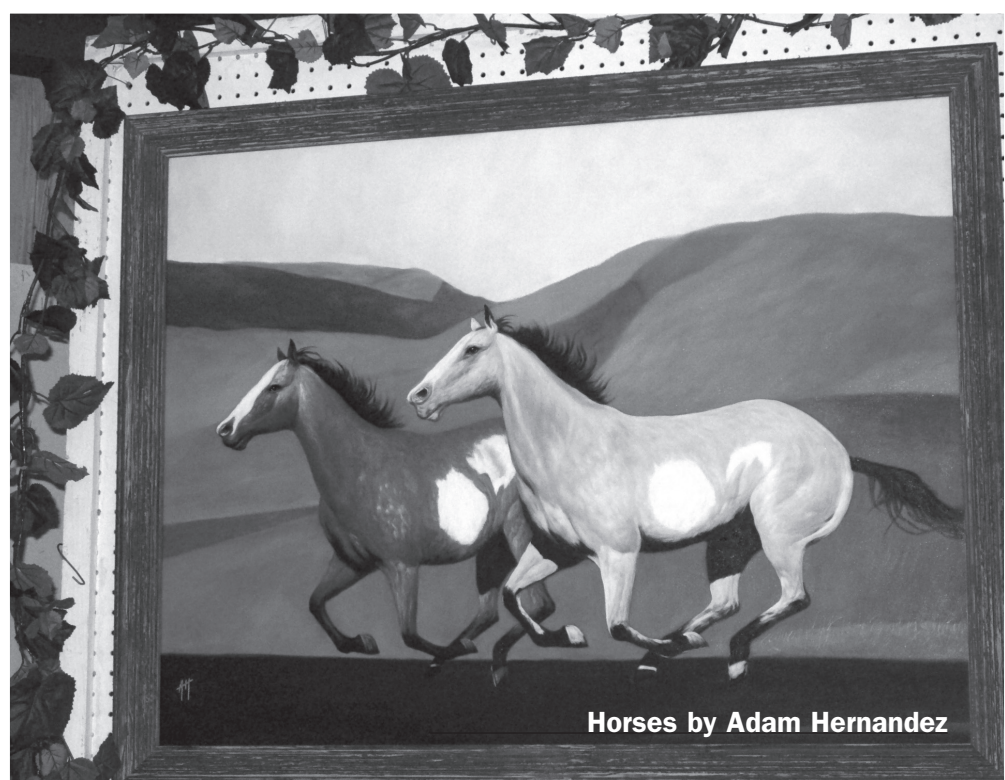
Monday's program will be about the job of the Volunteer Fire Department. Speaker will be Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Department.

Attendees and new members who pay their dues at the April meeting will be paid through July 2010.

### Big Spring Art Association

The BSAA met March 17 for its monthly meeting. A short business meeting was held and the upcoming art show was discussed. Kay Smith and Leatrice Brown were the hostesses that evening and Kay also presented the program.

This month, the BSAA will meet the third Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Our program will be present-



Horses by Adam Hernandez

ed by Adam Hernandez, of Ackerly.

Adam is a self-taught artist with an amazing talent in oil painting. He grew up in Ackerly and Knott, attending school in Ackerly. His biggest influence and mentor is his brother, Joe Hernandez, a great artist on his own. Adam said he would watch him draw, and he would give him tips on his own drawings. He didn't show Adam how to do it, but gave him good advice.

Adam Hernandez also has his own catering business. He hosted our meeting a few months ago and it was wonderful.

Anyone interested in art/photography is invited to attend Tuesday's meeting. We welcome all visitors and encourage local artists to join our group.

### TOPS Club

TOPS Club met Monday evening in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad at 5:30 p.m. We had eight TOPS members and two KOPS present.

The meeting was called to order by Leader Laura Sickles with members giving the TOPS cheer. Dennis Stapel led members in the TOPS pledge and Ethel Cassady led the KOPS in their pledge. The welcome song was sung by all and led by Pam Klaus.

Minutes of the previous meeting

were read, corrected and approved. Roll call followed, led by Hughetta Roberts. The loss for the club was 3.25 pounds. Frank Sickles was the best weekly loser with 1.25 pounds lost and was awarded a certificate and \$1.

Mary Churchwell gave a humorous reading "Seven Days to Go." Everyone enjoyed a good laugh at her reading.

The business portion began with a reminder of the TOPS Club garage sale set for May 2. Time and place will be announced at a later date.

Next was a lengthy discussion about the time of TOPS Club meetings. Several potential members have suggested that if our meeting time was one-half hour later they would like to attend. It was voted to change the weigh-in time to 5:30 p.m. and our meeting time to 6 p.m. This new time schedule will begin April 20. TOPS Club welcomes all visitors and potential members.

Treasurer Frank Sickles then presented a financial report in detail and all members approved his report and club expenditures.

No program was presented at this meeting due to the extensive business discussions.

For more information about TOPS, call IFrank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

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