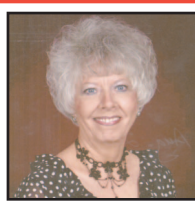


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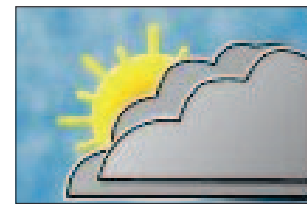
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**Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes, left, confers with Board of Trustees President Alan Partee before the start of Thursday night's special meeting.****Trustees stand behind Downes****Superintendent passes evaluation with high marks**By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Thursday night's Big Spring school board meeting was a night of statements — statements of support and statements of innocence.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees emerged from a three-hour closed session Thursday night with a statement of support for Superintendent Michael Downes, then Downes declared his innocence to recently surfaced misconduct charges.

The board held a special meeting Thursday to conduct its annual evalua-

"We support Mr. Downes ... and we're going to go forward from here. We have not seen anything at this time to conclude otherwise."

—Alan Partee,
BSISD board president

tion of Downes, as well as consider accusations of impropriety against the superintendent.

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Details released pertaining to coaches' suspensions**BSISD releases edited information in compliance with Public Information Act request**By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials have released more information concerning the December suspension of two teacher/coaches.

The coaches, Derric Workman and Lilian Chavez, were suspended in late December after an incident

involving them and three BSISD students in November.

Workman and Chavez were reinstated Dec. 21 after administrators cleared them of any wrongdoing. At that time, officials declined to reveal the coaches' names or any details surrounding their suspensions.

In response, the *Big Spring Herald* filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act,

asking the district to release the relevant information pertaining to the incident.

Thursday, the district released transcripts of a statement taken from Chavez, along with notes taken Athletic Director Mike Ritchey, who conducted the investigation.

The district declined to release other information, believing it to fall under confi-

dentiality statutes, and stated it is seeking a ruling from the Texas Attorney General as to whether this information should be disclosed, according to a letter signed by Superintendent Michael Downes.

According to the statements and notes, three students — whose names were not released — arrived at the home of

Workman and Chavez on the evening of Nov. 17.

Chavez stated the three students subsequently went to sleep at the house, one on the couch, one on the living room floor and the other in one of the bedrooms.

Workman stated he returned from a scouting trip in El Paso

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Officials: Senior Center will reopen MondayBy **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Asbestos abatement at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center is on target and plans are to reopen the facility Monday, city and county officials said.

Contractors brought in to per-

form the abatement are expected to complete their job today, according to Todd Darden, assistant city manager for Big Spring.

"They actually finished the abatement Thursday, but there was quite a bit more debris than

they expected," said Darden. "So it took longer to clean up than we had hoped. If it weren't for that, they could have been finished and out of the building Thursday. According to the contractor, everything has gone smoothly and they didn't run

into any snags."

Darden said he expects the contractors to finish clean-up efforts and remove the barrier used to keep the debris from escaping the work area today.

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Kids invited to fishing tourney

Howard County area youth are invited to a fishing tournament Saturday at Comanche Trail Lake.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked the lake with 1,500 rainbow trout this week.

Officials are taking advantage of this opportunity to hold a fishing tournament from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday for those age 17 and younger. There will be a workshop from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to discuss baits and techniques for catching the stocked trout. Prizes will be awarded for first fish caught, largest fish and most fish.

Registration will take place at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The tournament is being sponsored by Wal-Mart.

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MLK program planned Jan. 21**Community choir slates rehearsal for Saturday**By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Martin Luther King Jr., one of the most influential civil rights leaders in American history, will be remembered during a program set for 6 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

"This is for the entire com-

munity," stressed Stephanie Horton, who is co-organizer of the event along with the Rev. William Vaughn. "We want everyone to come."

The public is not only welcomed to the free program, area residents are invited to participate by joining a community choir which will per-

form during the event.

Those interested are asked to attend a 3 p.m. music rehearsal Saturday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church, 630 N.W. Fourth, and a second rehearsal at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the municipal

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IN BRIEF

Baseball Booster Club meeting Wednesday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of high school baseball players are invited to attend and to meet new Head Coach Burt Otto. For more information, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Howard College presenting the Harlem Starz

The Howard College athletic department will present the Harlem Starz at 7:00 p.m. Jan. 28th at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game is a fundraiser which will benefit the Howard College athletic program. With names like Zig Zag, Hollywood, K-Money, Air Bama and Werm, fans will know they are not attending an ordinary basketball game. Almost every play will involve fancy dribbling, no look passes, amazing dunks, and comedy that will have the stands shaking with laughter. In addition to the game, highlights will include a halftime show, prizes and autographs. The game will provide every fan in attendance with a memorable night of sports, fun and entertainment. For ticket information, contact Howard College at 264-5040.

KBYG 1400 AM's scheduled airings of NBA basketball

KBYG 1400 AM is airing both San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Mavericks basketball throughout the NBA season.
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San Antonio vs. Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

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Big Spring girls basketball at Frenship, 6 p.m.
Big Spring boys basketball at Frenship, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma girls basketball vs. Anson, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma boys basketball vs. Anson, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY
Big Spring girls basketball at San Angelo Lake View, 6 p.m.
Big Spring boys basketball at San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma girls basketball vs. Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma boys basketball vs. Colorado City, 8 p.m.
Forsan girls and boys basketball vs. Roscoe, 6:30 p.m.

Hawks surge past Westerners, 80-67

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

SNYDER — Before Howard College's Thursday night matchup with the Western Texas College Westerners, Hawks Head Coach Mark Adams wasn't exactly ecstatic with his team's performance coming out of the Christmas break. The Hawks went 2-1 over a 3-day span in Arizona with the one loss coming in overtime to Mesa Community College. However, despite the winning record, Adams felt the Hawks hadn't played up to par. Those feelings promptly subsided after the first 10 minutes in Snyder. Howard scored the first nine points of the game, pushed that lead to 28-7 by the 10-minute mark and carried a 46-26 lead into halftime. WTC never recovered as Howard scored an impressive 80-67 victory. "I'm very pleased. The guys gave a great effort and played hard," Adams said. "We had a lot of heroes in this game." The first-half hero was sophomore forward Sean Watson, who scored 21 of his game-high 26 points in the opening half. Watson opened the game making eight of his first nine field goal attempts, including a perfect three of three from behind the arch. In the second half, WTC flirted with cutting the lead to less than 10 points several times. Fortunately for the Hawks, they also had a hero ready to step up for the last 20 minutes of the game. Freshman point guard Denzel Barnes responded to WTC's energy with several watts of his own, thwarting the Westerners' comeback bids by scoring 11 of his 16 points in the second half. Barnes consistently penetrated the lane and got to the rim. If he couldn't get to the basket, then Barnes pulled up and sank a jumper. Adams was very impressed with the point guard's performance.



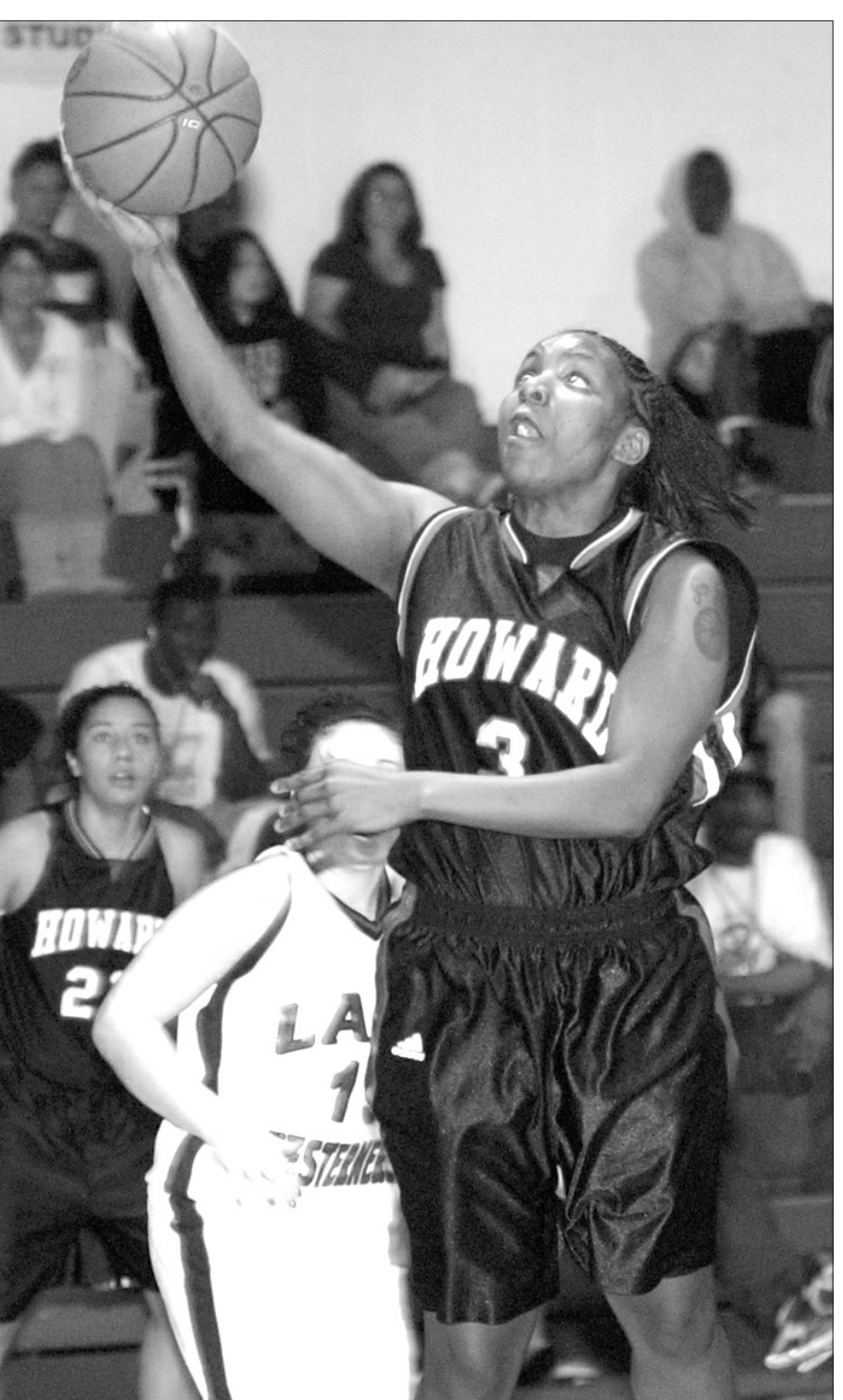
HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks forward Sean Watson glides to the basket for a layup in the Hawks' 80-67 win over Western Texas College Thursday in Snyder. Watson led the Hawks with a game-high 26 points.

"I was very impressed with Denzel's play tonight. He gave us a lot of motivation in the second half," Adams said. "Corey Allmond didn't have a good game because he's sick. It's good to see other guys step up when one of our top scorers isn't 100 percent." Howard ended up shooting 66.7 percent from the field in the game, including 60 percent from the 3-point line. Markeys Dean

also hit double figures in scoring for the Hawks, grabbing six offensive rebounds and pouring in 14 points. The Hawks improve to 3-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, guaranteeing them at least second place in the current standings. Howard plays the New Mexico Military Institute Monday in Roswell, N.M.

Howard College 46 34-80
Western Texas 26 41-67
Howard (3-1, 14-4): Corey Allmond 6, Devon Baker 6, Denzel Barnes 16, Sean Watson 26, Markey Dean 14, Corteze Isaac 6, Vladimir Gavranic 4, Check Kone 2.
Western Texas (1-2, 8-5): Chris Ajayi 4, Tyrone Fleming 16, Derek William 16, Tyler Rushing 6, Jermydrell Burton 10, DeRon Anderson 8.
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HC women fall in overtime, 52-48



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College's Candace Lambert goes for a layup in the Hawks' 52-48 overtime loss to Western Texas College Thursday in Snyder. Griffin scored seven points.

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

SNYDER — Howard College's women's basketball team went into Snyder to take on the Western Texas College Lady Westerners on a hot streak. The Hawk women were winners of their last six games, including four victories in Arizona from Jan. 2 to Jan. 5. However, the Hawks cooled off substantially in the second half of their contest with the Lady Westerners, surrendering a 12-point halftime lead and allowing WTC the opportunity to tie the game at 46 as the buzzer sounded to end regulation. Howard continued to struggle from the field in the overtime session, connecting on just one field goal as the Lady Westerners stole a 52-48 win. "I thought there were some really good parts to the game and then there were some really bad parts to the game," Diddle said. "This is a hard loss. I thought we played hard enough to win, we didn't play smart enough. We certainly were in position to win the game and we let Western Texas come back and steal one. Shame on us." The two squads traded leads throughout the first nine minutes of the game until Howard's Kandace Griffin nailed the second of back-to-back 3-pointers, sparking a 17-4 Howard run to end the first half. Trailing 33-21 coming out of the intermission, WTC methodically cut into Howard's lead. The Lady Westerners eventually overtook the Hawks at the 9:30 mark, courtesy of a 16-3 run to open the half, 37-36. "Any time you're up 12 and on the road then we've got to match Western Texas' energy in the second half," Head Coach Earl

Diddle said. "We talked about this at halftime. We were up big and we got caught on her heels. It took us a while to get started again." Down 40-38 with 4:15 remaining, Howard again got a spark from Griffin, who drained a 3-point shot from the left wing, giving the Hawks a 1-point advantage. "Kandace knows her role and does her role very well," Diddle said. "You've got to couple that with the players around her that know her role and get her the ball." Over the last four minutes, the Hawks had several opportunities to put the game out of reach, but missed five layups, giving WTC some life. Trailing 44-40, the Lady Westerners' Sirena Medrano threw up a prayer from behind the arch that banked in off the glass, putting WTC down by just 1 with 1:20 remaining in regulation. Howard had more opportunities to put the game away, but Candace Lambert, Monica Jones and Jotosha McDonald combined to go two of seven at the free throw line, leaving WTC down 46-44 with 14 seconds left to play. The Lady Westerners' Iesha Everline grabbed an offensive rebound off of an initial WTC miss and laid it in as time expired, sending the game to overtime. It was Everline who struck first in the extra frame. She positioned inside for two points plus a foul, giving WTC the early lead. That two point lead turned into five, but Howard connected on two free throws to cut the lead to three with 25 seconds remaining. The Hawks got two looks at tying the game, but Griffin couldn't

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connect for her third 3-pointer of the night and McDonald's potential game-tying shot struck off the back of the rim after gaining an offensive rebound.

"We had our opportunities to win the game," Diddle continued. "We missed a lot of legitimate layups from zero feet and you can't do that on the road. This is a hard loss."

Griffin led the Hawks with 12 points while Lambert and Jones added seven apiece. Howard ended up shooting 23.6 percent as a team, including just 11.5 percent in the second half.

Medrano finished with 17 for WTC and Everline scored a game-high 19 and pulled down 16 rebounds. The two teams combined for 56 turnovers.

The defeat drops Howard to 2-2 in league play, meaning another defeat could take the

Hawks out of contention for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title.

As it stands now, the Hawk women are currently going to be at least tied for fourth place in the conference. They could slip to as far as fifth, depending on the results of other league games unavailable at press time.

Howard has a week to get back on task with New Mexico Junior College coming into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Howard College	33	13	2—48
Western Texas	21	25	6—52

Howard (2-2, 16-5): Candace Lambert 7, Monica Jones 7, Danielle Cota 6, Aqueelah Watkins 3, Rachael Dryver 4, Kandace Griffin 12, Jotosha McDonald 4, DeAndra Thomas 5.

Western Texas (2-1, 9-4): Marah Guzman 4, Sirena Medrano 17, Trikeyia East 5, Ariel Sanchez 2, Ilesha Everline 19, Sharena Wilson 2, Simone Jackson 2, Breanna Talavera 1.

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By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Terrell Owens ran routes and caught passes in his return to practice Thursday, showing only a slight limp at times. The All-Pro receiver seems on track to play in the Dallas Cowboys' playoff game against the New York Giants.

Owens, recovering from a sprained left ankle, didn't go against any defenders during the short period of practice open to the media. But he took part in some team drills after that.

While he was taking full strides running routes and making some cuts without any apparent problems, Owens had a slight limp at times when he jogged or walked.

"I thought that he moved well, and ran at the level that we were practicing, and those weren't half-speed."

owner Jerry Jones said. "He's in very good spirits, very competitive spirits, very focused on our success here Sunday."

T.O. stopped and spoke with receivers coach Ray Sherman after completing one route. Owens then took off his helmet and could be seen smiling while talking to backup quarterback Brad Johnson.

Seen in the perimeter around the locker room during lunch before practice, Owens appeared to be walking fine, though he said little.

"You're not getting anything out of me," Owens said.

Owens hurt his ankle Dec. 22 in the game at Carolina, and sat out the regular-season finale at Washington. He took part in the team's light walk-through Monday, but didn't practice Wednesday while doing rehabilitation.

"Obviously, he was bet-

ter today because he practiced some. It was limited," coach Wade Phillips. Phillips insisted the receiver is still a game-time decision.

"You think he's going to play, you don't think he's going to play, that's where I am. We'll see," Phillips said. "No, I don't think it would be a surprise (if Owens plays), but it would be a nice present."

Jones said it is a “very legitimate game-time decision” and that one consideration would be if playing could threaten Owens’ availability for future playoff games if the Cowboys beat New York.

But Jones then made it clear that, "Sunday is the major point of emphasis, and any decision will be made risking most anything to have success Sunday."

Plus, Jones knows it would be hard to keep Owens out if the receiver

wants to play.

"I haven't said 'no' to Terrell Owens since I gave him the check," Jones said. "There's no question that he's going to say that he wants to play. ... Terrell knows his situation better than any trainer, or any doctor or certainly than Wade or anybody else. He knows his situation very well, and you're going to have to count on him to use a little bit of judgment."

Fellow receiver Sam Hurd said Owens has spent "like 19 hours out of his day" trying to get back on the field and expects T.O. will play.

"He tells me all the time, opportunities like this don't come around every season, so he wants to take advantage of them," Hurd said. "He believes in this team so much that he wants to get out there and help this team get to the Super Bowl."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The watery vibrations of the moon in Pisces have been known to spill drinks, emotions and even the beans. It's not that the Pisces moon is sloppy — there's just so much shifting about her watery depths that it kind of bubbles over. But maybe it's the absurd moments and inexplicable situations that mysteriously illuminate everything.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have reached an impasse in a relationship. Best not to belabor the points you've been making all along. Leave your problems behind while you follow a lovely distraction. When you come back, you'll be refreshed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're looking for guidance. You may have even asked the universe for a sign. Be open to receiving what you asked for at any moment. Your cue will be subtle but unmistakable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're insatiably curious. This, more than bravery, will help you cross the threshold into the unknown. Once you step in, nothing is the same. But don't worry, knowledge is power.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It doesn't take much for a disagreement to become a full-blown argument. By the same token, simple compliments are only a breath away from becoming

declarations of true love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not only about getting what you want, but also wanting what you have. Re-evaluate. Go through your relationships, your choices and your stuff and decide what is worth the effort it takes to maintain it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your work efforts may not yield a desired result as quickly as you want, but maintain faith in your plan. You are planting seeds of greatness that you will sow months, perhaps years, from now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no better way to be creative than simply to dive in. The novelist John Steinbeck said: "Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon, you have a dozen."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know your potential. However, potential is not something to gamble on, it's something to develop. Over the next three days, concentrate on realizing your abilities. Practice diligently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You already contribute to those around you. Now you're figuring out how you can build even greater value into those contributions. Caring this much is the key to happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love is not something that happens to you, it's self-created. Paradoxically, now you feel more in control of the out-of-control feelings that come with being in love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you get what you want, and the respect that goes along with this achievement, it's important that you realize you are more than your accomplishments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you think is a light schedule is quite overwhelming to someone else. Your teammates need special care and specific instructions now if they are to keep up with you. Be patient, or go it alone.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** An element of surprise is elemental to setting the weekend mood for romance. **TAURUS:** You're as excited by the potential of a new experience as you are by the one you're sharing it with. **GEMINI:** It's wearing a casual cover right now, but someone's getting ready to deepen a commitment to you and only you. **CANCER:** You're outspoken and frank about love — even if you need to alter your perspective later. **LEO:** You appreciate the uniquely special people in your life, which is why you'd do almost anything to accommodate their fanciful whimsies. **VIRGO:** A partner stokes your restlessness with an enticing offer. **LIBRA:** You look at life and love with ease, breezy curiosity and are entertained by the spectacle. **SCORPIO:** You already have the indelible power to attract the people and things you want, but you still insist on dazzling them. **SAGITTARIUS:** You make progress in love, even if your heart spins topsy-turvy in the process. **CAPRICORN:** Give only if you can give naturally and freely. It's a gesture that makes a difference. **AQUARIUS:** Your friendship transforms love, and your love transforms friendships. **PISCES:** Someone steps closer to discover a mesmerizing side of you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Who will tickle Capricorn's fancy and arouse undying devotion? A sign noted for loyalty — Cancer. Cancer's nurturing warmth makes a ploy straight for Capricorn's heart, whose instinct is roused to cherish and protect. Cancer softens Capricorn's tough exterior with TLC, and Capricorn steadies Cancer's insecurity with you-can-count-on me support.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All."

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DOWNES

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A complaint was recently filed by former BSISD teacher Jamie Owen with the State Board of Educator Certification. While copies of the complaint have not been released to the public, at least one person has come forward accusing Downes of having inappropriate

contact with students at previous stops during his career. Minus any specific information regarding the complaint, however, board members indicated their support for Downes. Board President Alan Partee said in a statement that trustees were aware of the complaint but have not received either a copy of the complaint or any "complaint or allegation of misconduct by Mr.

Downes during his tenure at Big Spring ISD." Under those circumstances, Partee said the board proceeded with Downes' evaluation, which the superintendent passed with high marks. "Each trustee has participated in developing the written evaluation and Mr. Downes is rated to be proficient in his performance," Partee stated. He concluded his statement by saying that

Downes' contract with the school district — which currently runs through May 2009 — will be considered at the board's regular monthly meeting next Thursday. Partee was even more direct after the meeting adjourned. "We support Mr. Downes ... and we're going to go forward from here," he said. "We have not seen anything at this time to conclude other-

wise." Trustees did say they will continue to monitor the situation in the coming months. Following Partee's statement, Downes addressed the complaint with a statement of his own, in which he vigorously denied any wrongdoing. "The investigation and resolution of the complaint will be handled through formal conferences and hearings and

not through the media," Downes said. "Once the process is concluded, I can assure the board, staff and patrons of Big Spring ISD that the facts will substantiate that I have not done anything inappropriate." *Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.*

COACHES

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at around 5:30 a.m. the following morning to find the front door unlocked and an unknown person asleep on the living room floor. "Not to chance his own safety, he

began to hit and kick the unknown person," the statement read. Workman admitted that he cursed the student, telling him to immediately leave the property. Workman then found the second student sleeping in the bedroom. "Again, he lost control and hit (the student) as he escaped the house," the statement read.

One of the students suffered a cut and bruised lower lip and lost one tooth while two others became loosened, his mother, Tris Clemons, told the *Herald* in late December. The incident did not come to the district's attention for about a month. "The only reason I can give for not bringing it to anybody's attention is that I was scared; I did not know what would

happen," Chavez said in the statement. "And I heard that they were not going to say anything." School officials have declined further comment on the matter. *Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.*

CENTER

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"I talked with (County) Judge Mark Barr about this, and they are planning to stay on schedule for the Monday reopening they announced last week," said Darden. "So it will be business as usual for the Senior Center next week." According to Barr, the abatement was limited to the dance

floor located in the center of the facility's main room. "The city owns the building, so it will be up to them what they do with that area from here," said Barr. "I expect they will put in a new dance floor, which should make the seniors who dance out there very happy." The center was closed late last week when state inspectors spotted tiles that had been removed from the facility's

floor by city officials, according to Barr. "An inspector with the State Health Department arrived to inspect the center and he determined removing the tiles amounted to an illegal asbestos abatement. "The inspector spoke with the Senior Center Director, Leslie Grantham, and gave her a list of specialists she could call to get advice on what to do next. She contacted a specialist out of

Houston and he told her they should shut down the center. She contacted me with the information, and I told her to go with the advice of the specialist until we would get an expert to look at it and determine if it poses any kind of health risk." While the center was closed last week, Barr said Scenic Mountain Medical Center provided meals to be delivered to the facility's homebound

patrons. Though the Senior Center seems to have overcome its asbestos woes, the anticipated transfer of the facility's operation from the county to the city is still unsolved. City and county officials announced more than a month ago negotiations between the two governments were ongoing to turn the center over to the city of Big Spring for management.

MLK

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auditorium. Dr. George Bell, pastor of the Greater Ideal Baptist Church of Midland will present the Jan. 21 program. Big Spring High School student Joshua Wilson will recite King's stirring speech, "I Have a Dream." "We will have leaders from the city, the county, our schools and our churches who have been invited to give their thoughts, inspirations and prayers," said Horton. Also invited to comment are members of

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the League of United Latin American Citizens, she said. The program replaces the annual MLK Walk normally held in Big Spring each year. "We wanted to try something different. It's always been very cold during the walk and we wanted to try and bring everyone together — that was Martin Luther King's desire. So we decided to try this program instead," said Horton. "We hope it will be well attended and something people will want to do every year."

Dr. King was born Jan. 15, 1929, received his B.A. degree from Morehouse College, his B.D. from Crozer Theological Seminary and his doctorate at Boston University. He accepted the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., in 1954 and was a strong worker for civil rights. A non-violent leader, he accepted leadership of the infamous 382-day Montgomery Bus Boycott which led to the Supreme Court's 1956 decision that segregation on buses was unconstitutional. In 1957, he was elected president of the Southern

Christian Leadership Conference — an organization which he helped found. Over the following 11 years, King would travel millions of miles, making thousands of appearances. He organized rallies for the registration of black voters and the rights of all people to be treated equally. He directed a march of 250,000 in Washington, D.C., delivering his famous "I Have a Dream" address. He was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963 and, in 1964, at 36, was the youngest man to receive the Nobel

Peace Prize. He donated the \$54,123 prize to the civil rights movement. His short life ended April 4, 1968, when he was shot and killed by an assassin while standing on the balcony of a motel

room in Memphis, Tenn. Martin Luther King day was set aside as a national holiday in 1986. King was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004.

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Jerusalem (II)
Should the U.S. Embassy be moved to the capital of Israel?
In a previous clarifying message we showed that before the Six-Day War in 1967, the claim that Jerusalem was a Muslim/Arab city had seldom been asserted and that such claim had come about only in modern times. The status of Jerusalem continues to be of great importance. The Arabs clamorously insist that at least the eastern part of the city should be yielded to them. The Israelis insist that Jerusalem continue as the indivisible capital of their country.
What are the facts?
Jerusalem — reunited and indivisible. Ever since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, all American governments and Congress have confirmed their conviction that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and that, once reunited, it should remain indivisible. Before the Six-Day War in 1967 the city was divided, the Jordanians having occupied the eastern part since the War of Liberation in 1948. During their 19-year reign, all Jewish residents were driven out and all Jewish places of worship closed or destroyed. The various Christian denominations operated under the strict control of Muslim authorities. All this ended in 1967 with the liberation of all of Jerusalem by the Israel Defense Forces and with the reunification of the city. Access to all holy places became available to all. The many religious bodies in the holy city (and in all of Israel) are able to pursue their activities without any restrictions. Jerusalem is today truly a free and open city. Just as the whole world rejoiced when the ugly wall dividing Berlin was torn down, so do we rejoice that the wall, the barbed wire and the machine gun emplacements dividing the city were finally torn down. **U.S. Embassy not in Israel's capital.** While the Palestinians lay claim to the eastern part of Jerusalem and wish it to become the capital of a hoped-for Palestinian state, nobody, not even the Arabs, questions the western part of the city to be Israeli. It is remarkable therefore that, despite this universal recognition, the United States has steadfastly insisted on placing and keeping its embassy in Tel Aviv, the major commercial city, instead of in Jerusalem, Israel's capital and the seat of the Knesset (parliament), the Supreme Court, and of all government offices. It is as if a government accredited to the United States were to insist on keeping its embassy in, say, New York, rather than in Washington D.C. With the U.S. in the lead, all other countries have also located their embassies in Tel Aviv. It is a bizarre situation: All ambassadors and their staffs must make almost daily trips to Jerusalem, because no government business is conducted in Tel Aviv. The United States maintains diplomatic relations with over 150 countries. In all of them, the U.S. Embassy is located in the nation's designated capital. The only exception is Israel where, so far, our government has insisted on locating its embassy in a city other than the capital. **Congress in favor of moving embassy to Jerusalem.** Despite the fact that, prior to their elections, both Presidents Bush and President Clinton assured the public that the U.S. Embassy would be moved to Israel's capital, the Administration has until now blocked all moves in that direction, declaring that it would jeopardize the so-called "final status" talks on Jerusalem. Leaders of Congress — both Republican and Democratic — have introduced legislation by which the U.S. Embassy would have to be moved to Jerusalem within the next three or four years. And that was about ten years ago. That legislation has been endorsed by 93 senators. The U.S. has a lease on a 10-acre embassy lot in Talpott, a totally Jewish neighborhood in West Jerusalem. It is to be hoped therefore that, before too long, reality will prevail and that the U.S. Embassy in Israel will indeed be located in Jerusalem — the capital of one of our country's closest allies. Three of the current Republican candidates to the presidency have promised that, if elected, they would move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. The main reason given for not moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is that it would violate "Arab sensitivities." That might indeed be the case. But while there would be some posturing, none of the Arab states could afford to do much else. Egypt would certainly not refuse its yearly multi-billion dollar subsidy from Washington. King Abdullah of Jordan would not jeopardize the political and financial lifeline that the U.S. has extended to him. Saudi Arabia would make some perfunctory noises, but that would be just about all. The status of Jerusalem goes to the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict. To deny the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel questions the legitimacy of the state. The move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem will signal once and for all that there will be no U.S. or world support for the division of Jerusalem and for the establishment — in any part of it — as the capital of a new Arab state. This message has been published and paid for by **FLAME** Facts and Logic About the Middle East P.O. Box 590359 ■ San Francisco, CA 94159 Gerardo Joffe, President FLAME is a tax-exempt, non-profit educational 501 (c)(3) organization. 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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:

- Ethan Martinez, Howard County's first baby of 2008, and his parents, Samantha and Robert Martinez. Congratulations!

- Big Spring High School senior Kevin Porras, who was selected to the Texas Music Educators Association Class 4A All-State Choir. Hats off, too, to BSHS Choir Director Jeanie Fishback.

- Oncor officials who quickly restored electrical power after a mishap downed lines early Thursday morning in Big Spring. We're thankful too for Big Spring Police Department officers who directed traffic at key intersections until the lights came back on.

- Election volunteers who were honored with "Volunteers for Democracy Day" recognition for their efforts in making it possible for every eligible citizen to vote.

- All of the winners of the Children in Need fund-raising project — too many to name here, as well as West Texas Centers for MHMR and the local Eagles Lodge. Thanks as well to everyone who helped out with the project.

- Students, moms and dads, volunteers and hard workers who participated in the Glasscock County 4-H Junior Livestock Show. And don't forget, the Howard and Martin county shows are next week!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we have You, Lord, we are coming from a solid place.

Amen

From the road: Beating the daily grind

So when you take off, do you head for snow or sand? When you think "get-away," are you thinking mountains or rivers? The Brewer doesn't care just as long as I can get out of here from time to time. I grew up in Joshua back when we called it Joshuway and like that old Mac Davis song, I thought happiness was Joshua, Texas, in my rear view mirror.

Yet 30 odd years later, I'm still here and firmly planted.

Glad to be here, too. With all that said, about every six weeks I get what the dictionary refers to as "stress from confinement or isolation: an emotional condition, marked by irritability, distress caused by prolonged isolation or confined living quarters." You and I would just say cabin fever.

Sometimes I call it "lets get-the-heck-out-of-dodgeotomy."

It's the big cure all for the daily grind.

A Change of Scenery

The biggest perk for doing mission's work throughout the world is actually going all over the world. The greatest thing to me about taking the show on the road is the actual road.

Yeah, we visit trash dumps, lep-rosy colonies and prisons, but we are a long way from the normal boring routine of home responsibilities. It's adventurous, fun and actually very therapeutic for the Brewer to hit the road as often as

possible.

People have always sung songs about the road. There is something romantic about going somewhere else.

The Allman Brothers sang "Midnight Rider" and "Ramblin Man." Lynard Skynard sang "They Call Me the Breeze." The Beach Boys sang "I Get Around." Blackfoot did "It's a Highway Song." John Fogerty played "The Old Man Down the Road."

AC/DC said they were on the "Highway to Hell," and they can have that road, the Brewer ain't going that way.

Truth be told, the road is something worth singing about.

Just recently I had a great talk with a non-Christian about what I feel like the difference between Christianity and religion is all about. When he told me he hated religion, I told him I did too.

He said, "but you're a Christian pastor." And I went into trying to define the difference between being a Kingdom of God kind of person and being religious. As Ricky said to Lucy, "Let me explain."

The Kingdom of Heaven, as Jesus explained it, is more about intimacy with God during the journey than the actual destination. The most important commandment in the Bible is not saving the world but actually loving God and loving the people around you.

Religion is all about going to Heaven. Christianity is supposed to be about loving God right now.

Religion is about how you function. Christianity is supposed to

be about relationship.

Religion is all about escaping the earth. Christianity is supposed to be all about making a big impact and influencing the earth.

Religion is all about trying to take the earth to heaven. Christianity is supposed to be all about bringing heaven to this earth.

I say "supposed to be" because we Christians have a very sorry history of being religious nuts that want to dominate and turn people into something more controllable. God doesn't want religious nuts; He wants spiritual fruit.

The "Fruit of the Spirit" is all about letting God's love come out of you right now.

When it comes down to it, true Christianity (in my view) is about knowing God through Christ right now and seeing people the way God sees people right now.

This is something you progress in. So while it may be a road less traveled, it's a faith more about the journey than the destination. The road really is something worth singing about.

I hope your journey through 2008 is one full of laughter and song.

Keep the Lord ahead of you and sooner or later you will hear constant steps behind you. That's just goodness and mercy following you, as you keep moving forward.

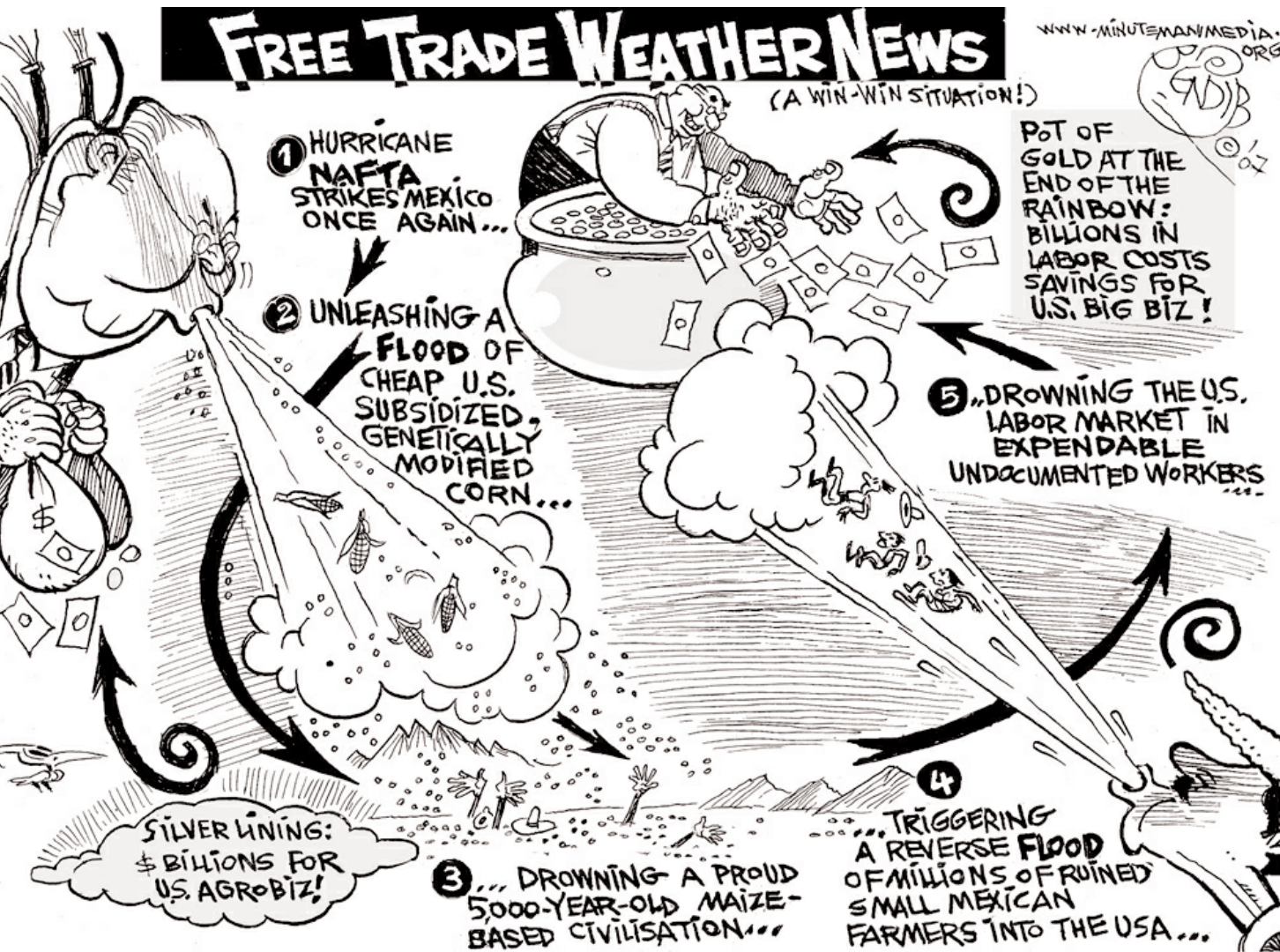
Psalms 23:6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. He can be e-mailed at troy@OpenDoorMinistries.org.



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The wave's effect on campaigns

This is what a wave feels like: One candidate has good crowds; the other has amazing crowds. One candidate has enough supporters to win if the same number of people who voted last time vote this time. But they don't.

The stories start circulating early in the day about polling places running out of ballots, people standing in line, first-time voters filling out the lines.

One campaign sends out the word not to "dance in the end zone." The other tries to bat down the talk of major staff takeups, premature exits, new people taking over and coffers running on empty.

One campaign puts out the buckets to collect the money as fast as it pours in. The other dials for dollars, hitting up people who have been hit up before to give more, find more, do more.

Waves don't always reach the beach. There was a wave for Gary Hart coming out of Iowa and New Hampshire in 1984 that slowed down in Alabama and ran out of steam by June. There was a wave for John McCain coming out of New Hampshire in 2000 that ran into a wall in South Carolina.

But there is still nothing like riding the wave. Nothing better, nothing

worse.

Obama is doing everything right, which is a lot easier to do when you're riding the wave than when you're facing it. He goes from New Hampshire to New Jersey, to Hillary's back yard, signaling his intention to compete and win even in her strongholds on Super Duper Tuesday, then to New York and Boston to fill up the buckets with money, and then to Chicago to rest, which is critical in a grueling business. His people have put out the word to be gracious — no Carter 1980 dancing on the grave, which led to a protracted battle, a bloody convention and a disappointing general election.

For Hillary, it's harder. Much harder.

When a campaign is going well, everything is a sign of it and everyone involved is a genius. When it's going poorly, everything is a sign of weakness and everyone involved is a fool. In Hillaryland, eyes welling up are viewed as bad strategy and disingenuous emotion, and last year's geniuses are this year's fools, bad strategists who missed the wave instead of smart tacticians who played the hand they were dealt. Campaigns that lose have to acknowledge failure and make changes, if only to satisfy the media's demands for affirmation of their judgments.

What should Hillary do? She has two choices: She can try to stop the Obama wave, or she can stand

up and fight for what she believes in.

She can wake up and say this isn't about me; the days of inevitability are over; the dynasty has fallen; this is what I believe in; these are my bold ideas for America's future; this is how your life will be better if I am president.

Or she can try to destroy Barack Obama — and destroy herself in the process.

Standing up for what she believes in, fighting for what she cares most about, defining this race in terms of our future and not hers, may or may not be enough to stop the wave that is, right now, the Obama campaign. His numbers are going straight up, and hers are going straight down. There will be many people telling her it isn't fair, that he's gotten less scrutiny than she has, that the media and the pundits and the rest have done her in. It doesn't matter. At this point, one of the reasons Obama is winning is because he represents a different kind of politics. You don't beat the new politics with the old politics.

Part of the change people want is a change in politics. Hillary Clinton can be part of that change, or its first victim.

It's up to her.

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Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you out to our "Friends and Family" day worship service. Dr. George A. Bell, senior pastor of the Greater Ideal Baptist Church, will be the speaker Sunday Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Covenant Church is a ministry that has "One Heart; One Vision: Connecting the Cross to the Community." We are located at 706 East 12th St. Adult Bible studies are Mondays at 7 p.m. Youth Ministries meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (dinner is served). Worship services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Michael B. Willard is the senior pastor.

First Baptist Church

Happy new year to all of you.

First Baptist Church would like to let you know early so you can make your plans to attend a concert Friday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. The Stamps Quartet will be here to present their style of gospel music and we want you to be here. Although the Stamps claim to fame, if they needed any help, for a time was being the back-up singers for Elvis Presley, they have continued to be known throughout these years since Elvis' death to sing the message of God ... gospel style. We're going to have a great time of worship that evening, and we

Judge dismisses suit against Baptist megachurch pastor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A judge dismissed a lawsuit against the senior pastor and two other leaders of a Southern Baptist megachurch, saying the court lacked jurisdiction over the case.

A lawsuit filed last year by about 75 members of Two Rivers Baptist Church accused the Rev. Jerry Sutton of failing to abide by church rules and punishing those who question his authority.

The members accused Sutton of misappropriating funds, including using church money for personal trips and paying for his daughter's wedding reception. They demanded access to church records and asked the court to remove Sutton as officer and director of the church.

Sutton and others denied the allegations and said the church members had no right to sue just because they didn't like the way the church spent their offerings.

In her ruling, Chancellor Claudia Bonnyman said the court lacked the jurisdiction to be involved, but the members were entitled to see more financial documents.

want you to be here to share that time with us. No tickets will be sold, but a love offering will be taken to support these men in their ministry.

All our programs are back in operation with the new year, and we would love to have you come and build God's kingdom with us through His bride, First Baptist Church. Call us, 267-8223, if you have questions.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship services are at 9 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

This week's scripture reader is Joyce Riddle.

Be sure to smile pretty when you see Bruce Schooler. He is updating our picture board so every one can put names and faces together. He does a superb job and you may want to buy some, too. (You don't have to, though!)

Whoopie! We'll soon be receiving our new Lutheran Service Book. The ones we presently have were copyrighted in 1982. I'm really excited about them and want to buy one for our home use. Don't forget we can buy one or more in someone's memory on honor. They also make great gifts. Call the church office for help. I'm sure Sara will be glad to help you.

Check the insert in the bulletin when you start to say your prayers. We have many on the prayer list who have cancer or other major problems and there is a long list of military personnel to pray for, too.

This month's Operation On Going Support items are: Easy open (foil pack) tuna or chicken one-dish packages, blank CD's (RW) and/or jewel cases and small cans of any flavor Pringles. All donations to the AT&T phone card fund are appreciated.

We receive thank you letters from our chaplains telling how much the military men and women appreciate the little extras we send to them. Keep up the good work!

St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry. The pastor is Wayne Frost.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The regular meeting of the church Session was held at 5:57 p.m. at the church social hall Thursday, Jan. 3. The Session reminds members, friends and visitors

of the "Family Frolic" to be held Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the church social hall. Anyone who wishes to share a talent or enjoy the talent of someone else is cordially invited to attend.

This Sunday is designated as the day of "The Baptism of the Lord." Worship will be led by CLP Tom Koger at 11 a.m. The lectionary from which he will preach is Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; and Matthew 3:13-17.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The regular Bible Study was at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday, followed by choir practice. The Youth Group will resume meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The new class for adults and older youth had a well-attended initial meeting in the Theater Room last Sunday. The first six-week session, which uses DVDs and study guides, is titled "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get out of the Boat." Helen Glass led the discussion. Anyone interested in a new study and spiritual experience is invited to attend.

Sunday worship at 11 a.m., will be led by T.C. Kincaid, commissioned lay pastor from Fort Stockton. Liturgist for the month is Pam Morgan. The choir will offer the anthems "Love Never Ending" by Aaron Zinter and "Blest Are the Pure in Heart" by Frederick Swann. The lectionary for this Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord is Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

Sunday, Jan. 20, the youth of the church will lead worship.

Chapel of Faith

Now that the holidays are past and we have settled back into school, work and our daily routines, perhaps it is time to include going to church. The Chapel of Faith would like to invite you to attend services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The Chapel of Faith is an interdenominational group led by Pastor Joel Miller. The services are informal but will always include a meaningful message from the Bible. We are just getting organized and welcome you to come help us grow.

There will be a quick meeting following services this Sunday. The remaining committees need to be organized and

plans made for a workday. There are several items that need to be taken care of, as the church building has not been used for a while.

The Chapel of Faith is located at 501 E. 14th St. on the corner of Goliad and 14th. Watch for the new sign being installed. All are invited to come and share as we learn more of God's love. There is no greater love than the love God has for each of us.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to visit with us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Children's Church is during Sunday morning worship for children ages 4-9. For a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

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We meet at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and at 1:45 p.m. each Sunday. We also meet at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

Wednesday, we will begin our mission conference. We have several missionaries scheduled and we believe you will receive a blessing by attending.

Friday, Jan. 18 and Sunday, Jan. 29, we will enjoy Rosie O'Tool. Mrs. O'Tool is a sweet lady with a great voice and a Christ-like spirit. Come see us when you can. We love company. Nursery is provided for 4 and younger.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

Angel Food Ministries of Georgia has notified us that they have extended the order dates for the Jan. 26 delivery. The new order dates are Friday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241. Orders are taken at North Birdwell Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell.

Worship services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school for all ages immediately following.

Bible study meets the first and third Wednesday

of each month at 6:30 p.m. United Methodist women meet on the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Jim Smith, interim pastor, will be preaching at both services of worship Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:45 a.m. Our mid-week services are at noon on Wednesday in Garrett Hall and include a luncheon meal.

Our mission trip to Matagalpa, Nicaragua will get under way in a little more than a week. First Methodist members going include Ron Logback, Agustin Ypina, Jane Jones, Betty Kelley and Diane and Murray Murphy.

Other Big Spring residents who have joined forces are Ray Russell, Dr. John Myers, Dr. John

Marshall and Cynthia Marshall. This group will meet with members of Western Hills UMC of El Paso and others.

We ask for your prayers for this mission that it might be successful and that each will receive a blessing and a safe return home.

Our church is sponsoring a 13-week series "Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University" beginning on Feb. 4.

There will be a special free video preview immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service of worship on Sunday, Jan. 13. For more information, contact Pam Steel at 263-5128. More details are also available by going to daveramsey.com. Class facilitators will be Delbert Donelson and Justin Myers.

First United Methodist Church's buildings are located in the very heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry Streets. If you are looking for a church home we have "Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Minds." Come see us.

► Club News

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers met in December at Howard College's Cactus Room. The Coahoma Children's Choir presented a variety of Christmas carols.

Teachers considering retirement in the next several years will be encouraged to attend a pre-retirement seminar which will be announced in the near future. Options for savings and other important choices will be discussed.

Sometime in January, in conjunction with the announcement of the seminar, RTA members will be placing refreshments at schools for teachers. This is in appreciation of the great work teachers do in educating children and accomplishing a variety of tasks

related to education. Also we will be drawing attention to the need for teachers to plan several years ahead for investments related to retirement.

The guest speaker for the RTA's Jan. 21 meeting will be Tim Lee, director of the Texas Association of Retired Teachers. Lee is very knowledgeable about legislative matters concerning retired school personnel.

All interested persons are invited to attend this informative meeting. There will be an update on the 13th check approved by the Texas Legislature for retired personnel. Retirees have not had a cost-of-living adjustment in several years, and one of our priorities for 2008-2009 is to encourage our legislators to consider an adjustment in the next legislative session.



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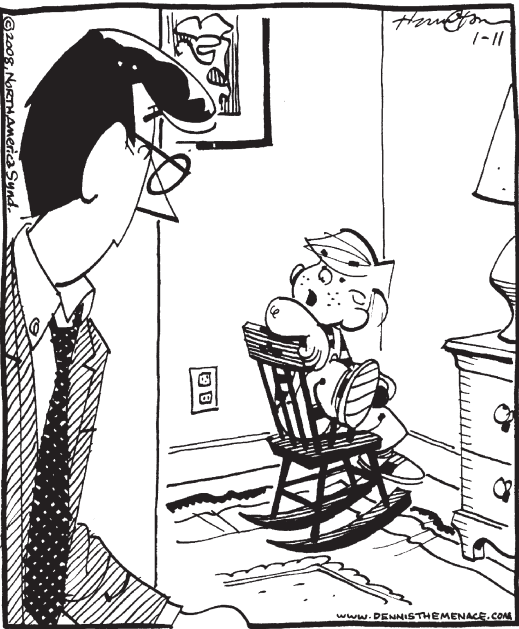
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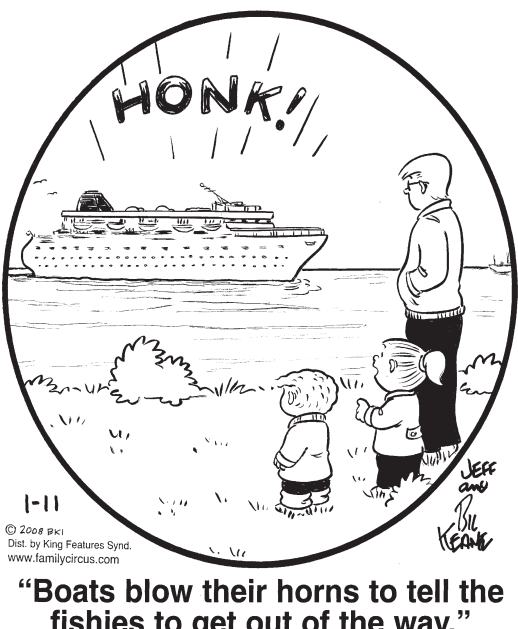
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11 :PM	The Insider	Jimmy Kimmel	Fabrica de	Law & Order:	Letterman	Decisiones	Late Night	Movie: My	In Touch-Dr	Tavis Smiley	Survivorman	Stood Still	MXC	Beneath	Jamie Foxx	Replacements	NFL Live	Bucks at Los	Stargate
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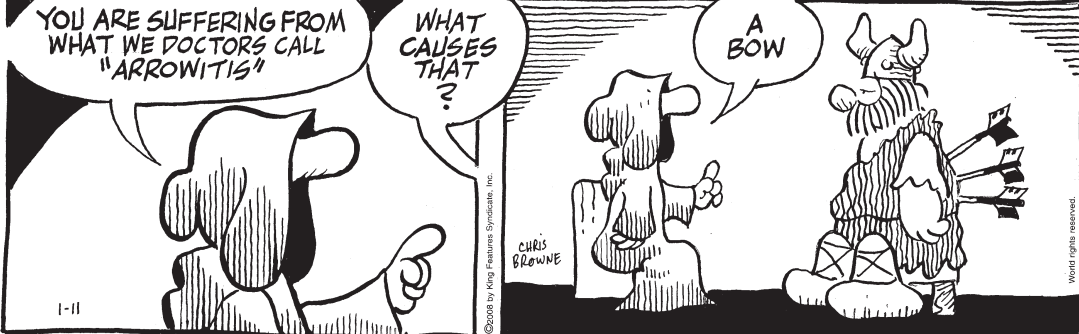
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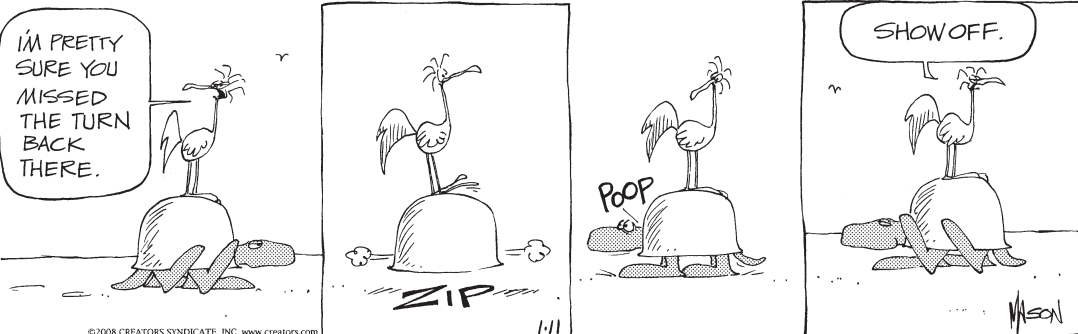
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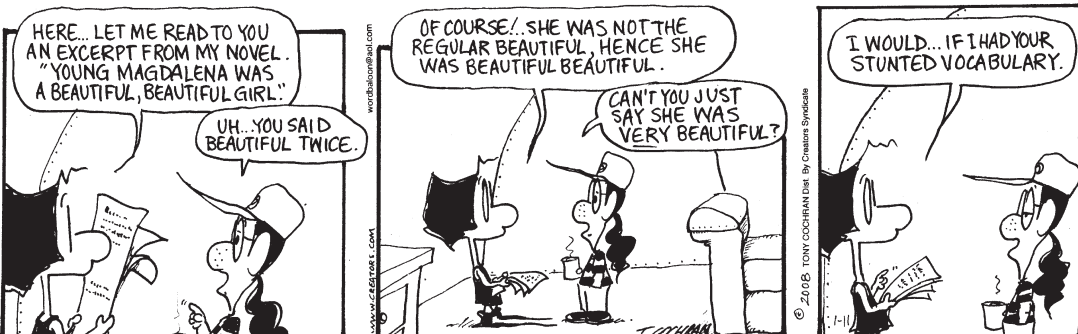
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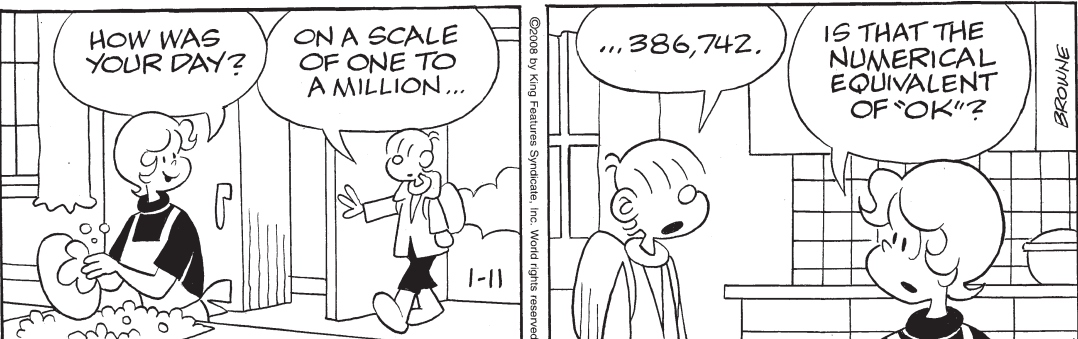
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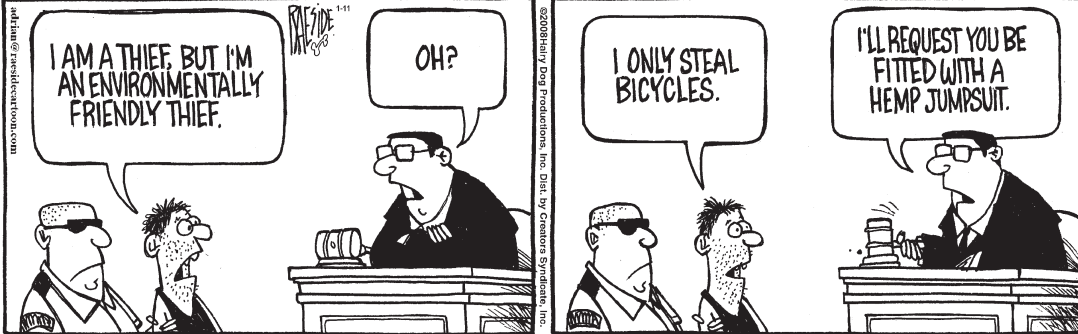
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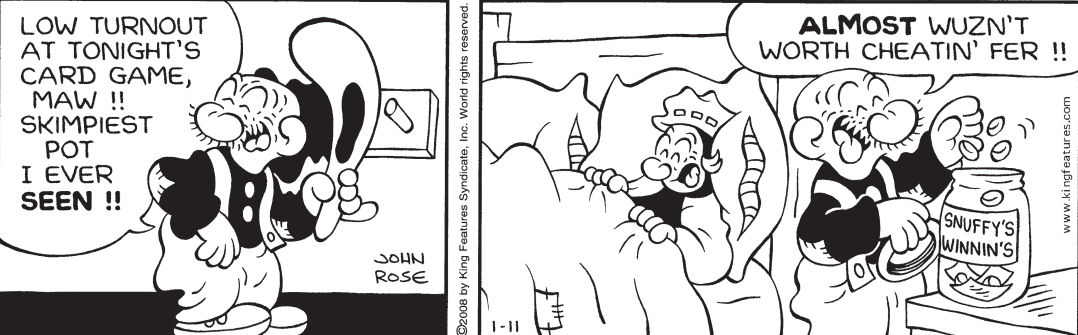
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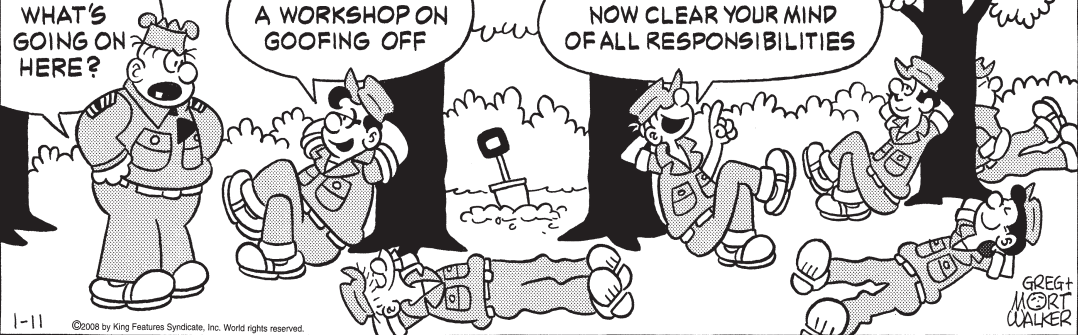
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2008. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 11, 1908, the Grand Canyon National Monument was created with a proclamation by President Theodore Roosevelt. (It became a national park in 1919.)

On this date:
In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day

that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1995, 52 people were killed when a Colombian airliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena.

Birthdays:
Producer Grant Tinker is 83. Producer David L. Wolper is 80. Actor Rod Taylor is 78. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, is 74. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 74. Actor Felix Silla is 71. Rock musician Clarence Clemons is 66. Movie director Joel Zwick is 66. Country singer Naomi Judd is 62. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 56. Singer Robert Earl Keen is

52. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 50. Actress Kim Coles is 46. Actor Jason Connery is 45. Contemporary Christian musician Jim Bryson (MercyMe) is 40. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 39. Singer Mary J. Blige is 37. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 37. Actor Marc Blucas is 36. Actress Amanda Peet is 36. Actor Rockmond Dunbar is 35.

Thought for Today: "In much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." — Ecclesiastes 1:18.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Energetic
- 5 Taken-back merchandise
- 9 Latin music
- 14 Latin bird
- 15 Thought
- 16 Blunted weapons
- 17 Buttercup relatives
- 19 Auspices
- 20 "The most merciful"
- 21 Souvenir
- 23 Region bordering the Rhine
- 26 _ Tomé and Principe
- 27 Fate
- 28 Wise, man
- 31 Ancient navigator
- 33 Rightful
- 35 Questionnaire question
- 37 Narrow passage
- 40 Well into the night
- 41 Barrel of laughs
- 43 Seat of the Mughal Empire
- 44 Hans Christian Andersen's hometown
- 46 Groups of petals
- 48 Marching grp.
- 49 School 007 attended
- 50 Two sharp turns
- 51 Ministry of Defence div.
- 53 Stretch (out)
- 55 Humbles, in a way
- 57 Snobs
- 60 Gather in

- 64 Jay's late-night successor
- 65 Engulf
- 68 Family man
- 69 Masterson colleague
- 70 Actress Reid
- 71 Do some tailoring
- 72 Acctg. periods
- 73 Center cuts of beef

DOWN

- 1 Celebratory
- 2 Sort of circular
- 3 Brownie, for one
- 4 Herr Schindler
- 5 Split open
- 6 URL suffix
- 7 Special privilege
- 8 Retreats
- 9 Cruise-ship stop

- 10 Copies
- 11 Hotshot defender
- 12 Timex alternative
- 13 Goodwill, e.g.
- 18 Big name in Florida football
- 22 Admits one's mistake
- 24 Nags
- 25 European capital
- 28 Symbol of purity
- 29 Old-style "Yikes!"
- 30 Network Oscar winner
- 32 Boundary marker
- 34 Russian river
- 36 City on I-80
- 38 Portfolio holdings

- 39 Soviet news source
- 42 Scintilla
- 45 Women's Hall of Fame member
- 47 Heat star
- 51 Come back
- 52 Singularly
- 54 Footnote abbr.
- 56 Struck down
- 58 Unlikely story
- 59 With 61 Down, repel
- 61 See 59 Down
- 62 Agreeable response
- 63 Hydromassage facilities
- 66 Opposite of dep.
- 67 Yard-sale staples

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