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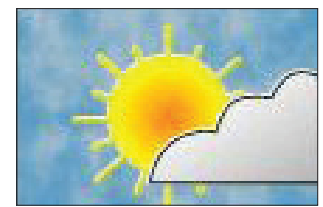


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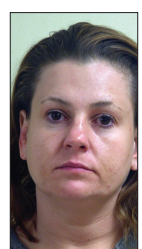
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2 indicted for robbery

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring residents arrested in connection with a February robbery were among 17 people indicted by the Howard County Grand Jury Thursday.

Lana Dower Martinez, 35, of 1905 Wasson, and Garland Green Jr., 53, of 705 Wyoming, were indicted for robbery for their suspected roles in a hold-up at the



Martinez



Green

Travel Centers of America truck stop.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the

offense was reported shortly after 11 p.m. Feb. 10.

"Officers arrived on the scene and learned that a white female and a black male had robbed the clerk and fled," said Everett. "The victim said the female suspect approached the counter

and displayed a handgun, demanding money. She took an undetermined amount of money and she and the male suspect fled the store in a red vehicle.

"Minutes later Howard See **INDICTED**, Page 3A

Volunteer firefighters exhausted

10 blazes keep firemen going 24 hours, Sullivan says

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

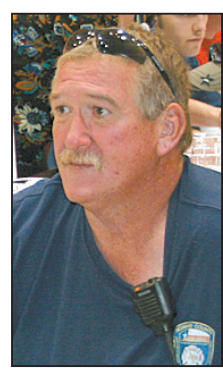
A mix of high winds and downed power lines had county firefighters hopping Thursday.

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department ran a figurative marathon, responding to 10 calls over a 24-hour period that ended early this morning.

"Everybody's exhausted," said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the county volunteers. "We averaged 20 personnel working over 24 hours ... that's a lot of man-hours for such a short period of time."

No major injuries or structure damage was reported,

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Sullivan



Courtesy photo
Members of the Big Spring High School Drama Department rehearse a scene from "The Insanity of Mary Girard," the school's entry in the University Interscholastic League One-Act Play competition. The cast will compete in the UIL Area contest today in Abilene. The top two plays advance to state competition later this year in Austin.

'Insanity' on stage in Abilene

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School drama department is one step away from the stage it has been aiming for all year.

BSHS thespians are competing today at the University Interscholastic League One Act Play Area Contest in Abilene.

At stake is a spot in the state UIL one-act play competition, scheduled for later this spring in Austin.

BSHS will perform "The Insanity of Mary Girard" by Lanie Robertson at today's contest. The top two placing casts will earn a spot at the state contest, which will be held at the University of Texas.

Drama Department instructor Tabitha Wright said her charges qualified for the area contest by placing second at the March 24 district UIL contest at Abilene Cooper High School.

Rachel Overby and Eric Valle were named to the all-

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Photo by CMSgt Gonda Moncada, Texas Military Forces Public Affairs
Major General Eddy M. Spurgin became the 36 Infantry Division's newest commander March 27 at the Renaissance Austin hotel. Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin receives the unit colors from Maj. Gen. Jose S. Mayorga, The Adjutant General (Designate).

Spurgin takes command of 36 Infantry Division

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN— Major General Eddy M. Spurgin became the 36 Infantry Division's newest commander March 27, at the Renaissance Austin hotel. Gen. Spurgin assumed command from Maj. Gen. Jose S. Mayorga, who vacated the post to serve as the Adjutant General of Texas.

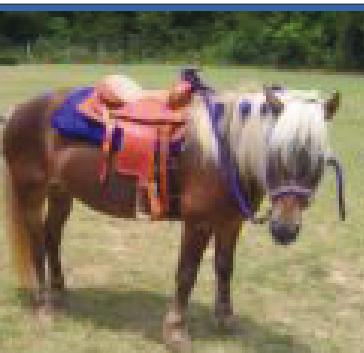
"It will be my honor to lead the 36 Infantry Division, whose courageous actions have been written about in the history books," Gen. Spurgin said to a capacity crowd in the grand ballroom of the Re-

"It will be my honor to lead the 36 Infantry Division, whose courageous actions have been written about in the history books."

—Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin

naissance Austin hotel. "The soldiers of this division stand ready when called upon to do so by the governor or the president, and I pledge to

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Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Steers golf team poses with its medals and plaque after placing second in the District 4-4A Tournament Thursday in San Angelo. The Steers overcame an 11-shot deficit to clinch a spot at regionals. Pictured from left are Gerald Harris, Kade Parker, Andrew Fillingim, Jake Moore and Blake Borman.

BSHS golf rallies to regional tourney

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Thursday's windy conditions could be called anything but ideal for golf.

It didn't seem to faze the Big Spring Steers golf team, though.

The Steers started the third round of the District 4-4A Tournament at Quicksand Country Club in San Angelo in fourth place, needing to make up 11 strokes against second-place Plainview in order to advance to the Region I Tournament. Not to mention, they had to combat the wind which was gusting as high

as 30 miles per hour Thursday.

No problem. Big Spring shot 349 as a team, eclipsing Plainview by nine strokes and earning a spot in the regional tourney set for April 20-21 at the same course in San Angelo.

Frenship Gold finished in first, 59 strokes ahead of Big Spring. Frenship had an opportunity to send two teams to regionals with its Blue team sitting in third at the start of the final round.

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Lady Steers rally falls short

Frenship staves off BSHS surge for 2-1 victory

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Frenship's Lady Tigers hadn't had much trouble District 4-4A play heading into Thursday's game with the Big Spring Lady Steers.

The Lady Steers made the district's top club sweat a bit before all was said and done, though.

In a game delayed nearly two hours due to high winds, Frenship was able to hold off a sixth-inning Lady Steers rally for a 2-1 victory. The win keeps the Lady Tigers a perfect 5-0 in 4-4A play.

"We had a good chance to win this one," said Lady Steers Head Coach John Sparks. "It was within our grasps. We have challenged this team more than anyone else in the district over the past few years, but we keep coming just short of getting a big win."

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Lady Steers second baseman Valerie Ross lays down a bunt in softball action from April 3 at Lady Steer Park. The Lady Steers fell to Frenship, 2-1, in a District 4-4A game Thursday in Wolfforth.

Campbell leads at Augusta, Tiger five off the pace

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — With Tiger Woods waiting to tee off, John Merrick made his second round of the Masters.

Merrick, who qualified for Augusta following a strong showing at last summer's U.S. Open, birdied two of the first four holes Friday to push his score to 6 under par. The 27-year-old Californian has yet to win in three years on the PGA Tour, but he tied for sixth at Torrey Pines last summer, the tournament Woods won in a playoff before undergoing knee surgery.

Chad Campbell took a one-stroke lead into the second round after challenging the record with a 7-under 65 on Thursday. He got off to the best start in Masters history, making birdies on the first five holes, and another run of four straight birdies on the back side had him poised to equal or break the 63 that Nick Price shot in 1986 and Greg Norman matched a decade later.

Unfortunately for Campbell, he bogeyed the final two holes to fall short of the mark and leave himself with a bit of a sour feeling. Still, he set the pace on a day of impressive scoring — 19 players shot in the 60s, another 19 broke par, both records.

The center of attention was Woods, who had a mid-morning tee time on another warm, sunny day at Augusta National. With the forecast calling for a chance of late-afternoon storms, the early starters might have an advantage on day two.

Woods struggled with a balky putter but still managed a 70 in the opening round, a very familiar score for the four-time Masters champion. He also started with 70 in each of his first three Augusta victories, and had to overcome a 74 to capture his fourth green jacket.

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Rangers complete season opening sweep of Indians

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers are going to make people forget about those miserable starts of the recent past if they keep playing like it is 1996 again.

For the first time since the season of their first AL West title, the Rangers are 3-0.

"You couldn't be more excited right now coming off this first series, playing with energy and passion," pitcher Brandon McCarthy said. "The team chemistry in here is second to none, and right now it's a special team to be

part of."

Marlon Byrd and Ian Kinsler hit long home runs and the Rangers outslugged the Cleveland Indians 12-8 Thursday. Texas, which got its only series sweep last season in late August, is the only American League team still undefeated.

"This team has a different feel," said Byrd, who matched a career high with five RBIs. "We go out there and we're expecting to win now."

The Rangers got off to a 7-16 start last season that raised questions about the future of manager Ron Washington, who made his debut a year earlier with a 20-loss May that pushed Texas

to a season-worst 19 games under .500 by mid-June.

"What happened in the past has nothing to do with what we do now," said Michael Young, the most-tenured Ranger in his ninth season. "We're focused on the task at hand, and I think that showed the first three games."

Byrd's homer was a three-run shot that capped a five-run first off Carl Pavano (0-1), who made his first start for Cleveland after being a free-agent bust with the Yankees the past four seasons.

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Sports in brief

Notification from BSISD Athletic Dept. on athletes needing physicals

The Big Spring ISD Athletic Department is only accepting physical forms with the revised date of Jan. 6, 2009, as per UIL requirements.

All other forms will not be accepted, so parents need to be sure they have the correct form filled out when taking their child for a physical.

Physicals are required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade students and are due in the athletic trainer's office before the first day of practice of any sport.

No plans have been made to have mass physicals, so it is the parents' responsibility to take their child to a doctor of their choice.

Registration and tryouts for Big Spring Pony League set

The Big Spring Pony League will have registration and baseball tryouts April 18 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 infor-

mation, contact Shelli Harrington at 264-6501 or e-mail her at soccermom077@yahoo.com.

Golf tournament to benefit KBSB set for April 18

The fifth annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for April 18 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.

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Obituaries

Frank Edwards

Frank Edwards, 80, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 9, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 13, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Richardson, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Police blotter

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

- CHARLES RAY SMITH, 52, of 613 McEwen, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Marcy.
 - in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 100 block of Eighth Street.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

- Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Ay-lford.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

CHANGING DATES

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

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Junior Class will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts at Wal-Mart beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday. This is a fund-raiser for the Junior-Senior Prom. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

• A retirement ceremony for Coahoma Mayor Bill Read will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 in the Signal Mountain room at the First Bank of West Texas' Coahoma office. The public is invited.

• 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, April 18, for \$7 per plate from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 703 W. Third St. There will be games and a dance beginning at 8 p.m. featuring the Hill Country Pickers. For more information, contact Vonda Wrye at 816-1261.

• A fund-raiser featuring dinner, drinks, a dance and a silent auction will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. May 23 in the Garden City Community Center. Tickets are \$100 per couple or \$50 each and may be purchased by calling Kristin Schwartz at 354-2698 or 270-0544 or Shana Kirkland at 354-2331 or 213-4198. Funds raised will allow the Texas Hooter Honeys to walk in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, 60-Mile Breast Cancer Walk.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.




• Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a hospital in Lubbock. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

• Coahoma alumni will hold an all school, all classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. Individual classes are encouraged to plan their class get-togethers Friday night or Saturday night. This year's reunion theme will highlight sports and former coaches Bernie Hagins and Norman Roberts will be honored, along with all former athletes and coaches at Coahoma ISD. Funds will be raised for the Coahoma Scholarship Fund as well. The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at pmeeks@basin-net.net or (432) 267-6688 with updates.

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

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

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TODAY

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society meets at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh St. at noon. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at (432) 264-7599.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 18-2-20-15. Bonus Ball: 5.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-31-17-14-34. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$26,442. Winning ticket purchased in: Arlington.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-4-6. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-5. Sum It Up: 14.

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Mavericks aim to continue surge in West standings

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Something has clicked for the Dallas Mavericks.

Maybe it's first-year coach Rick Carlisle figuring out his squad. Maybe it's Josh Howard learning to play on his aching ankle. Or maybe it's savvy vets Jason Kidd and Dirk Nowitzki getting cranked up just in time for the playoffs.

Or, maybe it's all of those things.

Regardless, the Mavericks sure have stirred up the bottom of the Western Conference playoff race. With only four games left, there's no telling whether Dallas, Utah or New Orleans will be stuck with the No. 8 seed and a first-round matchup against Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Mavs have spent the last month and a half in that dreaded spot, but high-scoring, runaway victories over Phoenix and Utah have lifted them into a tie with the Jazz for No. 7. The Hornets are No. 6, but are only a game ahead of the Mavs going into a home-and-home series Friday night in Dallas, then in New Orleans on Sunday.

"We've got a little momentum," Carlisle said Thursday. "Now the challenge is to keep it and build on it."

If the Mavs sweep Chris Paul and the Hornets, they'll be a game up on New Orleans with only two games left. If they follow that by winning their last two regular-season games, they wouldn't have to

face Bryant and the Lakers until the conference finals — if they get that far.

"We can't be happy or satisfied," Dallas guard Jason Terry said. "We've got a lot of work to do."

Perhaps the biggest work is in the training room.

Howard's left ankle already has kept him out of about one-fourth of the season, including 11 straight games in March.

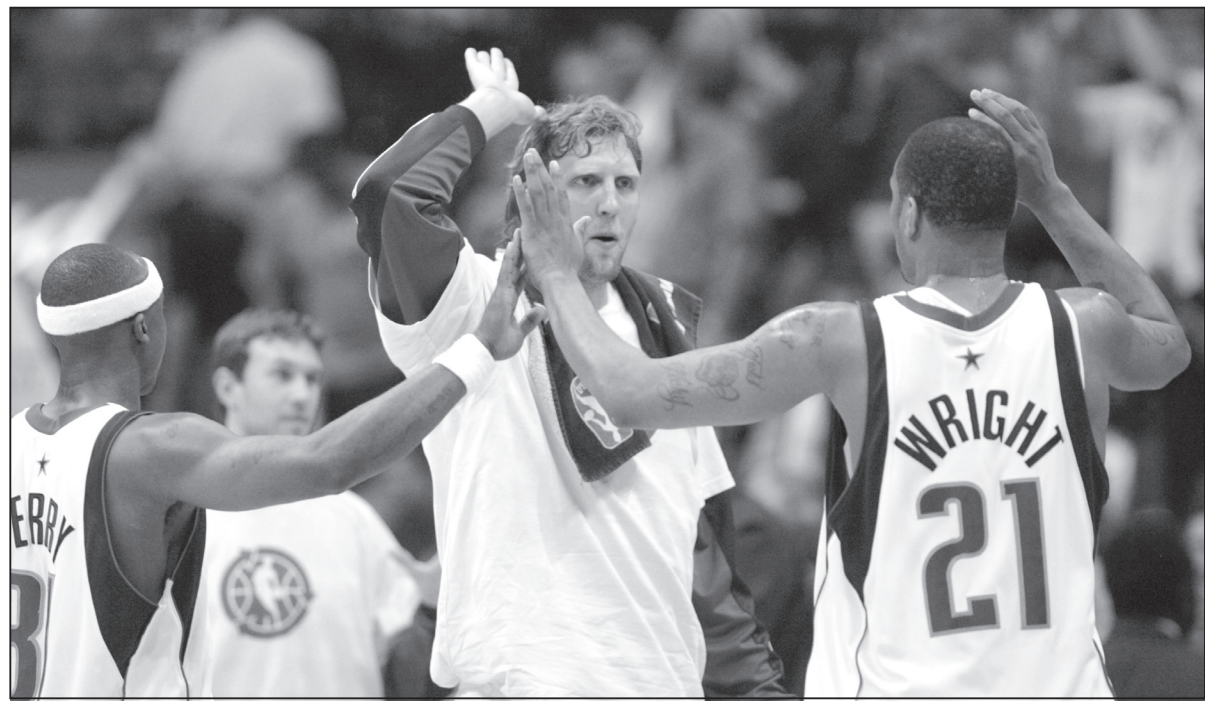
Since he's returned, Dallas has won all four games he's played.

Three of the wins were by at least 20 points. In the other, Howard secured the victory by drawing a foul in the closing seconds. He also missed one game in that stretch — and Dallas lost, to lowly Memphis.

"Without him, we're pretty much trying to scratch and claw to figure it out," Terry said. "With him, we know what we're going to get. We need him out there. Offensively, we can do different things. Defensively, that's where we miss his toughness."

How's this for tough: Against Utah on Wednesday night, Howard was smacked in the face, gushing blood from his nose and leaving a cut over his left eye that quickly began to swell. He still managed to score 13 points and grab a career-high seven steals in a 130-101 victory.

"As long as my eyeball wasn't falling out or I was half dead, I was going to come back out there," he said.



AP photo/Donna McWilliam

Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Terry, left, forward Dirk Nowitzki, center, and forward Antoine Wright (21) celebrate in the second half of their NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz in Dallas Wednesday. The Mavericks won 130-101, tying them with the Jazz for the seventh in the Western Conference standings. The Mavs have a chance to move up even further with back-to-back games against current sixth-seed New Orleans.

It's a performance sure to be remembered, if for no reason but this: Dallas took its official 2008-09 team photo Thursday.

Nowitzki and Kidd also have been major factors in this well-timed surge, which includes the team's first back-to-back games of at least 125 points in five years.

Nowitzki had 19 points in the third-quarter alone against the Jazz and finished with 31.

It was his 21st straight game with at least 20, matching Dwyane Wade for the longest

streak in the league this season. Only LeBron James, Wade and Bryant are averaging more points than Nowitzki this season.

Kidd had 20 assists in three quarters against the Phoenix Suns on Sunday, powering Dallas to 81 first-half points and 140 total. He also passed Magic Johnson for third place on the league's career assist list that game, then was named the Western Conference player of the week.

Another part of Dallas' success is home sweet home. The

Mavs are 12-1 at home since the All-Star break, and three of their four remaining games are at the American Airlines Center.

Their last 372 regular-season and playoff games have been sold out.

"A big part of this is our crowd — 19,200," Carlisle said. "It's one of the few buildings in the league that's full every night. We don't take that for granted. We've got to get them involved. When they get involved, it makes it tougher for opponents coming in here."

RANGERS

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"I was trying to be aggressive and I let some pitches get away from me," said Pavano who gave up nine runs pitching into the second. "That put me more in a defensive mode. It's disappointing."

Cleveland hit five homers, including two by Grady Sizemore, but couldn't rally from an early 9-1 deficit. The Indians last were 0-3 in 1996, though they did come back to win 99 games and the AL Central that season.

"We saw some signs offensively," manager Eric Wedge said. "Our guys are never going to quit. They're going to fight all the way through."

Sizemore hit a pair of two-run homers for Cleveland while Victor Martinez, Travis Hafner and Kelly Shoppach, who is from nearby Fort Worth, added solo shots.

Texas won its first seven games and went on to win its first AL West title in 1996. They won the division again in 1998 and 1999, but still haven't won a playoff series.

McCarthy (1-0) struck out seven in his five innings, striking out the side twice though he didn't have a 1-2-3 inning. He walked four and left with an 11-3 lead after 105 pitches.

Pavano retired only three of the 12 batters he faced. The only time Pavano recorded fewer outs in 175 previous starts was for Florida in June 2003,



AP photo/LM Otero

Cleveland Indians shortstop Jhonny Peralta (2) is knocked over by a sliding Andruw Jones (25) of the Texas Rangers, breaking up the double play at second base during the second inning of an MLB game in Arlington. The Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the Indians and have opened the 2009 regular season 3-0.

when the right-hander gave up six runs without an out against Boston.

Kinsler, who had three hits and three RBIs, led off with a single and Michael Young doubled. Josh Hamilton hit a sacrifice fly, Andruw Jones had an RBI single in his first Texas at-bat, Nelson Cruz walked and Byrd hit a 418-foot shot to the hill in center.

Pavano walked No. 9 hitter Omar

Vizquel to start the second before Kinsler's 415-foot homer to left, and was done two batters later.

After winning 18 games for the Marlins in 2004, Pavano signed a \$40 million, four-year deal with the Yankees.

His first season in the Bronx was cut short by shoulder tendinitis and he missed spring training in 2006 with a bad back before elbow surgery.

He had reconstructive elbow surgery in '07 and made seven starts at the end of last season.

Pavano got a \$1.5 million, one-year deal from the Indians in January.

Jones, a five-time All-Star and 10-time Gold Glove center fielder for Atlanta, hit .158 with three home runs and 14 RBIs in 75 games in an injury-plagued season for the Los Angeles Dodgers last year after signing a \$36 million contract.

Jones, the fifth outfielder and a part-time DH, went 3-for-5 with a double and scored twice in his first appearance for Texas since he made the team during spring training after signing a minor league deal.

Notes: There was a moment of silence before the game for Angels rookie pitcher Nick Adenhardt, who was killed in a car crash early Thursday. ... Sizemore had his seventh career multihomer game. He struck out his other three at-bats. ... Rangers C Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who left Wednesday night's game experiencing dizziness because of inner ear inflammation, said he felt better and hoped to be ready to play Friday. ... The Indians will show a video tribute for former pitcher and broadcaster Herb Score during pregame ceremonies before their home opener Friday. Score died in November. Score's widow, Nancy, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. ... With three noon games this weekend in Detroit, Texas is scheduled to play four day games in a row for the first time since April 1998.

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High winds that roared through the area Thursday caused this tree in the 1800 block of Grafa to split down the middle. Gusty conditions also hampered county and local firefighters' efforts to control several grass fires reported in the area.

News in brief

Pirates holding U.S. hostage in talks with Navy as they drift off Horn of Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Somali pirates and their hostage American sea captain were adrift in a lifeboat Thursday off the Horn of Africa, shadowed by a U.S. destroyer with more warships on the way in a U.S. show of force.

The U.S. brought in FBI hostage negotiators to work with the military in trying to secure the release of Capt. Richard Phillips of Underhill, Vt. An official said the bandits were in talks with the Navy about resolving the standoff peacefully.

As the high-seas drama stretched into a second day, the freighter that was the target of the pirates steamed away from the lifeboat under armed U.S. Navy guard, with all of its crew safe — except for the captive captain.

The pirates tried to hijack the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama on Wednesday, but Phillips thwarted the takeover by telling his crew of about 20 to lock themselves in a room, the crew told stateside relatives.

The crew later overpowered some of the pirates, but Phillips, 53, surrendered himself to the bandits to safeguard his men, and four of the Somalis fled with him to an enclosed lifeboat, the relatives said.

Phillips has a radio and contacted the Navy and the crew of the Alabama to say he is unharmed, the Maersk shipping company said in a statement, adding that the lifeboat is within sight of the USS Bainbridge, the naval destroyer that arrived on the scene earlier Thursday.

Pope Benedict XVI urges earthquake stricken-people to have courage

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI has urged quake-stricken people to have courage and keep up hope.

The pope told the survivors that he felt "spiritually among you" and that he was sharing their anguish.

The message was read Friday by the pope's secretary, Monsignor Georg Gaenswein, at the opening of a collective funeral for 205 victims of the quake.

Benedict plans to visit the quake area in the coming weeks.

The Vatican granted a special dispensation to hold a Mass on Good Friday, the only day on the Roman Catholic calendar on which Mass is not normally celebrated.

INDICTED

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County Sheriff's Deputies spotted and stopped a red four-door vehicle matching the clerk's description. The vehicle was occupied by a white female and black male, both matching witnesses' descriptions. They were taken into custody at that time."

Everett said a search of the vehicle turned up the cash allegedly stolen in the heist.

"Money was recovered from the suspects, but the weapon was not located," he said.

Robbery is a second-degree felony punishable by a term of between two and 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Also indicted during Thursday's grand jury session were:

- Debrah Ann Buchanan, 44, 1003 Rosemont, theft more than \$1,500 but less than

\$20,000 (state jail felony).

- Franklin Kyle Casey, 47, 1704 W. Fourth, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Samantha Leigh Castillo, 24, 505 Nolan, tampering with a governmental record (third-degree felony).

- Kelly Dawn (Bradberry) Forshee, 40, 1519 Kentucky Way, two counts of DWI (first-degree felony enhanced).

- Raul John Garza Jr., 39, 501 E. 15th, DWI with child passenger (state jail felony).

- Salvador Gonzalez, 19, 1605 Kentucky Way, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- Marty Wayne Huckabee, 28, 804 W. Interstate 20, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Lucas Shane Hughes, 28, 3906 Connally, theft from person (state jail felony).

- Eloy Casas Leal Jr., 25, 1806 11th Place, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information (state jail felony).

- Brandon Joe Robinson, 23, Coahoma, evading arrest (third-degree felony en-

hanced).

- Jerrick Decova Straughter, 37, 1705 Ritchie Rd., possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Yeidro Villareal III, 41, Howard County Jail, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit aggravated assault (first-degree felony) and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

- Curtis Dwayne Woodruff, 23, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

- Ricky Bob Yanez, 23, 1605 Lincoln, unauthorized use of a vehicle (state jail felony).

- Derrick Allen Young, 37, 601 Caylor, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony and third-degree felony, respectively).

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PLAY

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star cast, while Natalie Beech, Elyse Salazar, Will Currie, Paula Mills and Josh Wilson received honorable mention recognition.

Wright said the cast will give a public performance of the play at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19 in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$2.

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FIRE

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he added.

Two calls demanded the majority of firefighters' time Thursday.

The first major call was to the Mary Foster Ranch area along the Howard-Mitchell county line at around 10:30 a.m. High winds which

gusted up to 50 mph downed power lines in the area and the resultant sparks ignited a fire that ultimately claimed 120 acres of grassland.

Up to 18 units spent more than three hours fighting that fire.

"With the wind the way it was, I was scared we'd just have to chase the fire for miles," Sullivan said. "But fortunate-

ly, we were able to make a stand along a road we used as a firebreak."

The second major call, in a heavily wooded area along FM 821 east of Big Spring, resulted in far less property damage, but took much more time to bring under control.

"We had to have a Forest Service helicopter come and make wa-

ter drops on that fire," Sullivan said. "The trees were so thick we couldn't get our trucks in to it."

Only about 20 acres were consumed in the fire, but the difficult terrain meant that it took about 12 hours for firefighters to finally bring the blaze under control, Sullivan said.

The fire chief ex-

pressed great pride in his crews.

"I just want to thank my firefighters for what they did," he said. "The professionalism they showed and the hours they put in ... they did the county a really good service (Thursday)."

Exhausted firefighters are hoping to catch a break from Mother Nature today.

"The wind shifted last night and is supposed to be about 20 mph," Sullivan said. "To us, that's just an everyday thing. We can live with that."

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SPURGIN

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you that all military requirements will be met."

Gen. Spurgin takes command during an important time for the 36 Infantry Division. The division is made up of more than 16,000 soldiers and is comprised of seven brigades: two infantry brigade combat teams, a combat aviation brigade, a battlefield surveillance brigade, a sustainment brigade, a maneuver enhancement brigade and an engineer brigade.

Spurgin said the advancement didn't come as a surprise to him and his family, as he's been on-track for the promotion for some time now.

"It came a little sooner than I had expected, but we weren't necessarily surprised," said Spurgin. "This is going to be a very busy time for me, as my division gets ready to be deployed to Iraq in 2010. There's a tremendous amount

of training involved in preparing for deployment. It takes a lot to get a division headquarters ready to be deployed, as well."

As for Spurgin's life in the Crossroads area, he said he will definitely be coming back to Big Spring once his work in Iraq is done.

"I'll be taking a leave-of-absence from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that will amount to about two-and-a-half years," said Spurgin. "However, we're not planning to move. My wife will stay home, right here in Big Spring, and when we come back from our deployment I'll be coming back here to my home and my job."

The division currently has more than 4,000 soldiers deployed with more headed to Iraq and Afghanistan in the coming years. Combine mobilizations with hurricane relief and other state duties, and the 36 Infantry Division has never been busier. Addressing an audience of commanders and senior

non-commissioned officers, Spurgin assured leadership that he was ready for the challenge and looks forward to working with commanders and continuing the past and present successes of the division.

During his speech, he stressed physical fitness and marksmanship as key elements needed to create a qualified and well-rounded soldier.

It was an important day for the general as he was promoted from brigadier general to major general and assumed command of the division. This took place during a larger ceremony in which former division deputy commanding general of support, Brig. Gen. Joyce Stevens, was promoted to commanding general of the Texas Army National Guard, and Maj. Gen. Jose S. Mayorga assumed the title of Ad-

jutant General of Texas designate of the Texas Military Forces.

Maj. Gen. Spurgin began his military service in 1980 after graduation from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in animal science. He has attended the Field Artillery Officers Basic Course, the Field Artillery Cannon Battery Course, Reserve Component Tank Commanders Course, the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College.

Maj. Gen. Spurgin has served as the commander of Troop B, 1-124th Cavalry; Company C, 2-142nd Infantry; HHC, 2-142nd Infantry; 2-142nd Infantry Battalion; 36th Brigade, 49th Armored Division, 72nd Brigade, 36th Infantry Division, and most re-

cently, 142nd Corps Security Detachment (III Corps ROC).

At this time, Gen. Spurgin's deputy commanders have yet to be announced.

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Rockets blast Kings, 115-98, move into 1st in Southwest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — It was a familiar site at Arco Arena on Thursday night, with Ron Artest playing a starring role and Rick Adelman coaching his team to a victory.

They just weren't doing it for the Kings.

Cheered in pre-game warmups for his tenure in Sacramento, Artest responded by scoring 26 points and the Houston Rockets used a big third quarter to pull away for a 115-98 victory over the Kings, Adelman's first at Arco since being fired by the team after eight seasons.

There was little sentiment afterward by either Adelman or Artest. The Rockets are focused on finishing the season strong and getting ready for the playoffs, a place Sacramento hasn't visited since Adelman last coached the Kings in the 2005-2006 season.

"What I'm thinking about right now is the next game, not about coming back here to play or what this game means in the standings," Artest said.

Yet the victory was a significant one for Houston. It was the Rockets' third straight and moves them past San Antonio and into first place in the Southwest Division with three games remaining in the regular season. Houston is third in the Western Conference.

Yao Ming had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Rockets, who trailed by five at halftime but dominated the third quarter, taking an 11-point lead that never dipped back into single digits in the fourth. Luis Scola scored 15 points, Von Wafer had 13 and Shane Battier added 12.

Spencertype:bold; Hawes had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the struggling Kings, while Francisco Garcia and Andres Nocioni scored 17 each and rookie Jason Thompson added 16 points and 10 rebounds.

"A team like that, trying to get that third seed in the playoffs, well you can't do the stuff we did (in the second half) and miss a lot of shots," Thompson said. "It kind of bit us at the end of the game."

Artest was at his best in his first regular season game in Sacramento since playing for the Kings for 2½ seasons and leaving last summer in a trade to Houston. He connected on three 3-pointers, made 10-of-18 shots overall, and added four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

After trailing much of the first half, the Rockets established control in the third quarter. Going to Yao frequently inside and with Artest hitting a variety of shots, Houston outscored the Kings 36-20.

"We all knew we had to pick up our defense in the second half, we didn't need any General Patton speech to do it," Battier said of Houston's inspired play in the third quarter. "There is a tendency to want to put a team like that away in the first five minutes. They are pros too. They played loose, made shots, and put pressure on us in that first half. We wanted to play hard and wear them down in the second half and that's what we were able to do."

Artest scored 13 in the third period

and Yao added 10 as the Rockets took an 85-74 lead.

"We started playing solid ball in the third quarter and began playing off Yao," Artest said. "We got the ball into Yao and he was finding the open man. In the third quarter it happened to be me a lot."

The victory completes the Rockets' three-game season sweep of the Kings, who dropped their sixth straight and eighth in nine games. With the NBA's worst record at 16-62, Sacramento is on track to have its worst finish in franchise history.

"No, I don't think much about the Kings (struggles)," Adelman said. "I just think it's going to take some time. They have had to make changes. They have had to change players and it's hard to stay at the same level when you do that."

Thompson and Hawes, the Kings' promising frontcourt players, bothered the Rockets at the offensive end in the second quarter. Thompson

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LADY STEERS

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Coming into Thursday, Frenship's dynamic pitching duo of Ashton Bell and Hope Baker had held their last three district opponents scoreless. In fact, the only 4-4A team to post runs against Frenship has been the Lady Steers.

They scored four runs in the first meeting between the two teams, which ended in an 11-4 win for Frenship. The Lady Steers scored just once in Thursday's contest, but had opportunities to add more than that.

Big Spring stranded a runner on third in the first inning after Linzee Yarbar led off the game by reaching first via an error by Frenship pitcher Bell. She moved to second on a wild pitch and got to third on a ground out by Jillian Valle.

With one out, Mirella Torres laid down a bunt down the first base line, but Yarbar didn't take off for home as

the ball was hit hard at the first baseman.

Instead, Torres was beat by the throw for the second out of the frame. Yarbar was stranded after a high pop fly from the bat of Valerie Ross was handled by Meagan Low in center, although the wind nearly carried it over her head.

Frenship got on the board in the second inning via a two-out rally. Baker kept the Lady Tigers alive in the frame with a single. Baker's speed on the basepaths proved problematic for the Lady Steers.

Bri Garza followed Baker with a single that dropped just in front of Big Spring right fielder Macy Briggs. Briggs fielded the ball on a short hop, but Baker had already motored around to third.

Briggs overthrew the cutoff in an attempt to hurry and get the ball in as Baker threatened to head to home. However, the throw was high and Baker scored easily, placing Frenship ahead 1-0.

It became a 2-0 lead for the Lady Tigers in the bottom of the fifth when Ashley Nabors worked her way

around the bases after singling with one out in the inning. Nabors stole second and scored on a double by Low.

The Lady Steers finally threatened in the sixth. With one out in the frame, Valle smacked what appeared to be an extra base hit to left field. However, Frenship left fielder Maddie Johnson hustled and knocked the ball down with the tip of her glove, preventing it from reaching the fence and holding Valle at first.

Valle scored anyway after advancing to second on a single by Torres and crossing the plate on a single by Ross.

Ross and Torres advanced to second and third on the throw to home, but were left there as Bell settled down for Frenship, recording the next two outs with a strikeout and a grounder back to the pitcher's circle.

Big Spring couldn't get on base in the seventh inning and Frenship staved off the threat of its first loss of the district season.

Big Spring managed just five hits off Bell, who recorded 15 strikeouts in the game.

"We've got to start putting the ball in play. We'll have games where we hit with confidence, then we'll turn around and play scared at the plate," said Sparks. "We can't do that. We're playing great defensively. Kenzie is giving us quality pitching, but we're not swinging the bat with confidence."

Valle led the Lady Steers at the plate, recording two of their five hits.

Hunt held Frenship in check, pitching the entire game and allowing two runs — one earned — on seven hits and two walks, while striking out six batters.

The Lady Steers (9-14, 2-4) continue District 4-4A play Tuesday with a trip to Abilene. They'll face Cooper at 5 p.m.

They lost a heartbreaker to the Lady Cougars more than a week ago. Cooper won 1-0 after scoring in the top of the seventh inning.

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Kenzie Hunt and Jessica Womack. Ashton Bell and Ky Rodriguez. W - Bell. L - Hunt. 2B: FS - Meagan Low. RBI: BS - Valerie Ross; FS - Low.

GOLF

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However, a 368 knocked them down to fourth. Meanwhile, Plainview struggled with the wind and shot 369.

Leading Big Spring was Andrew Fillingim, who finished with an 84. Gerald Harris and Jake Moore were just a stroke back of Fillingim at 85. Blake Brorman had the final qualify-

ing score with a 95.

It was the second consecutive round of the district tournament that players had to deal with heavy wind. Similar gusts hampered performance at Abilene in Round 2.

The Steers didn't cope nearly as well and fell back to fourth with a 370. Apparently, they learned from the experience and adjusted well Thursday.

"The team was more mentally prepared than the other teams on the course," said Big Spring Golf Coach

Chris Joslin. "Other teams were wanting to quit after nine holes because of the wind. Our group didn't want that. They wanted to just keep playing and it made a big difference."

The top two teams at the regional tournament will advance to state with the top two individuals not on either qualifying team also making the trip to compete for a solo state title.

Joslin feels the Steers have a legitimate chance of competing for one of the top two spots, but will have to

overcome four very good teams in Frenship, Canyon High, Canyon Randall and Aledo.

"We've got a group of kids that play and practice all the time. They go every weekend and play together and that's what it takes to improve the way they have over the past two years," said Joslin. "I feel like if you can get out of our district then you have a legitimate chance to play well at the regional. There is going to be good competition for the regional, but that course can mess with scores."

MASTERS

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in 2005.

"It's a long week," he said. "You've just got to keep patient, stay with it. It's not like I haven't been in this position before."

Campbell's brilliant round Thursday was marred by the finish. He failed to get up and down out of a bunker at No. 17, and he three-putted from about 50 feet on 18. Still, he matched the best opening round of the past 13 years and went to bed with a one-stroke lead over Jim Furyk and Hunter Mahan.

"Obviously, I'm happy to be in the lead, but you definitely never want to finish the round with two bogeys," Campbell said.

Larry Mize, the 1987 champion but far past his prime, opened with a 67 and had a good chance to make it to the weekend for only the second time in the last nine years.

He got off to a sluggish start Friday, making double bogey at the first hole, but bounced back with two straight birdies.

"I still believe," the 50-year-old Mize said. "You've got to believe."

Todd Hamilton was another surprise. He plunged completely off the charts since his improbable British Open win five years ago — arriving at Augusta ranked No. 373 in the world — but mustered a 68 on Thursday, easily the best round of his Masters career.

Augusta National has gone to great lengths to shield itself against the combined onslaught of stronger, fitter players and the technological advancements in their equipment. Holes were lengthened, trees added,

tee boxes shifted around in an ever-vigilant quest to stay ahead of the scoring curve.

It worked, especially the last two years when foul weather made it even tougher to go low. But there was a growing sense the club went too far, wringing all the drama out of its hallowed course by turning it into a survival test, where winning was determined by the fewest mistakes rather than the boldest shots.

Whether they were reacting to all the complaints or simply feeling in a charitable mood, the head honchos at Augusta National set up a course with soft, receptive greens and pin placements that were more inviting than devious.

Woods certainly would have opened with a score in the 60s if not for a shaky putter, a familiar problem the past two years at Augusta. He put himself in position to win both times, but couldn't make enough putts to chase down a pair of grinders, Zach Johnson in 2007 and Trevor Immelman a year ago.

"I had good pace, just didn't make any putts," Woods said. "If I hit bad putts, it would be a totally different deal. But I hit good putts. That just means I need to read them a little bit better."

Round two should be a nostalgic feast, even if the course conditions are much tougher. Gary Player will play the final round of his Masters career, which has stretched to a record 52 appearances. Fuzzy Zoeller is planning his finale, as well, ready to fade away on the 30th anniversary of winning at Augusta on his very first try.

"I've got one more in me," said Zoeller, who had no expectation of making the cut and fulfilled it by shooting 79 Thursday. "I'm looking forward to it."

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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:

- Danny Ferrell, a graduate of Big Spring High School, who has been named the new assistant superintendent for the Big Spring Independent School District. Ferrell, who assumes his duties July 1, is currently superintendent of the White Deer ISD.

- Brady Weber, the 14-year-old Boy Scout who plans to restore the fading mural created by the late Coy McCann on the side of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

- Forsan students Amanda Longorio, Shelby Hudgins, Sydney Holdampf, Reagan Newsom, Autumn Alton, Aric Denton, Mario Hernandez, Kyle Stevenson and Garrett Willey, all of whom advanced to the regional meet following their showing at the district UIL meet in Wink.

- All those who took part in Saturday's Keep Texas Beautiful Trash-Off, sponsored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful members.

- Everyone who participated in the fifth annual Big Spring Powwow at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum last weekend.

- Participants, sponsors and spectators who took part in fifth annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals basketball tournament held March 27 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

- The members of the Big Spring High School academic team, which won its fourth District 4-4A Spring Meet championship by a record margin last Friday. Team members placing included Catlin Carlisle, Katie Tompkins, Channing Martin, Kristina Chang, Trey Harris, Jessica Rubio, Mary Kincaid, Danielle Freeman, Pete Covarrubias, Samone Foster, Cole Pittman, A.J. Richey, Josh Smith, James Bowen, Haley Zarate, Marilyn Anguiano, Thad Loftis, Andrew Lewis, Erika Batten, Opal Gonzales, Saije Clare, Kade Parker, Andrew Fillingim, Blake Brorman, Eric Valle, Carlita Green, Katie Cooper, Bianca Mancha, Kala Long, Lacy McMurtrey, Jonathan Womack, Mindy Ralston, Jessica Stone, Brian Kirk, Meghan Harp and Courtney Long.

- All those who took part in the first ever Big Spring Kidney Walk Saturday at Comanche Trail Park.

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.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, have the knack to get at the heart of any of our problems. May we trust You.
Amen

Knowledge by the stack

Most folks have spent significant time in books, but determination of a consensus favorite after the Holy Bible might be hard to come by.

For me, the choice is easy. My parents bought a set of books in 1943, signing on for their first-ever purchase strung out with monthly payments. But Dad defended straying from his usual "cash on the barrel head" practice because he was plumb caught up in advertising. The Compton Encyclopedias, ads claimed, contained all the information known in the world. And he was sure that's all we'd ever need to know.

Mom may have voted "yes" to the purchase out of enlightened self-interest. Hair-cutting was one of her many talents, and with three encyclopedias stacked on a chair, no longer did she have to bend over to "whack away" with her hand shears. As a six-year-old who learned the importance of "sitting right still" during hair-cutting sessions, I knew that there'd also be drills about "Compton book-learnin'." Within months, questions about names of states and capitals — all of them — were fair game.

I didn't get a "store-bought" haircut until college years. Mom had gotten some electric shears a few years earlier, but she drew the line on cutting burrs and flat-tops, both of which I favored. I don't remember her being openly critical of the then popular cuts for men, but the "standard cut" mastered by trial and error was as much as she cared to attempt.

Many's the time relatives

showed up for dinner, and before dishes were washed and dried, a granddad, uncle or cousin would trot out well-worn barbershop humor to ease into not-so-subtle requests for free haircuts.

Recollections include: "Reckon I could get my ears lowered? Could you remove this growth from my head? Is the 'clip joint' open?" Perhaps the most memorable came from an uncle who invariably asked her for a "hair-yank," avowing that the hand clippers yanked out as much hair as they cut.

Her barbering really got crackin' at holiday time. Names were drawn first for gifts, and then for the men's hair-cutting order. She'd call a name, and a relative would ask someone to "play his hand" at the "42" table while he got his hair cut. Sometimes a dozen were sheared in a single session.

Occasionally, requests were for "a simple trimming, just a little off around the ears." (Typically, they came from relatives a couple of months late for haircuts.) Mom would protest, saying that if she didn't give full cuts, "they'd do just as well wearing dog collars."

She did what she could for loved ones, saving them 50 or 75 cents, then maybe \$2 before she put the clippers away. A sincere "much obliged" from 30 or so kinfolks and neighbors was pay enough. (If they had 50 cents, they'd go to a "real" barber, she often laughed, and that if she took a dime, it would ruin her amateur status!)

Dad was particularly grateful. His death at age 83 in 1992 ended a marriage of more than 61 years, and I don't think he ever visited a barber shop. She passed in 2000 at age 88, but some six decades of hair-cutting ended with Dad's death.

Lots of styles have come and gone over the years. Mom had no use for what she called "extreme

cuts," whether shaved heads or unshorn locks. She was forever asking me to "tell that joke about the long-haired boy." I always did so, even though she knew it, word for word.

The story goes that a youngster, a high school senior, refused to get a haircut. His dad told him that if he would do so and read the Bible in its entirety, he would buy him a car for graduation. A few weeks later, the senior, his hair still long, told his dad that he'd read the entire Bible, and was ready for the car.

"Son, you forgot to get your haircut," his dad responded. "Dad, I'm glad you mentioned my hair. Jesus, the central figure of the Bible, wore long hair." Then came his dad's big moment: "You're correct, son," he said. "And Jesus walked everywhere he went."

After Sunday school the other day, I chanced to see Larry Smith, a young man who distinguished himself as a student and football player during my presidential years at Howard Payne University. He's continued the same pattern as a football coach and teacher at Everman High School.

I asked about his haircut, noting a two-inch square of hair in front that was spiked skyward. He said something about meeting the high school guys half way. "Some of them have Mohawks," he explained, "And mine is a 'faux-hawk.'"

Mom would have laughed, and she would have loved Larry Smith. She, too, believed that life is about far more than hair, and even more than all that learnin' in Compton Encyclopedias.

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Sometimes Congress not constructive

I've followed the career of Sen. Chuck Grassley (R) since he was the youngest legislator in the Iowa Legislature and if there's one thing I'd never accuse him of, it's irony. He has none. He has burnished his image as a bumpkin until it glows with the luster of a sapphire. He makes his money being underestimated. So when he made his now-famous suggestion to the AIG executives who accepted bonuses for their good work — take a deep bow and apologize; then either resign or commit suicide — I took him at his word.

He quickly backed off the suicide part — he is from Iowa, after all — but unsurprisingly his crack found resonance with millions of Americans who are outraged at the thought that the tin-cup executives of AIG should be rewarded for (if you believe what you read) putting their company, the nation's economy and the global economy itself, on the brink of oblivion.

Politician after politician has risen to denounce the AIGers, the bonuses, the bailouts, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, President Barack Obama and the hapless head of AIG; everybody but Alex Rodriguez, the Yankee third baseman who is apparently to blame for everything else.

But really, is what the Bonus-Babies did so bad?

Given the choice of a mil or so wrapped in a slimy feeling

about oneself, and zero dollars wrapped in virtue, who among us would choose the latter? (Thank you St. Francis; it's good hearing from you.)

Our capitalistic society is much more forgiving of the sin of greed than the sin of poverty. Commentators have insisted on calling the executives "incompetent." They weren't incompetent. The object of capitalism is to make oneself rich. They made themselves rich. That's competence.

The public rage that burst forth at the news of the bonuses had been building for months, ever since the bailouts of the financial industry last fall during the dying days of the Bush administration. Finally, it was too much to bear.

"Enough!" the people were saying. "Too much, in fact. No more bonuses. No more bailouts. Roll out the tumbrels; we want some heads." All of which is inspiring, but I fear the collateral damage from this bloodletting will be our economy. For years to come.

It's all well and good for "legislators" to fight their way to the microphones and demand immediate repayment of bonuses and bailouts and say they're against government interference in the sacred Free Market but come on fellows...ladies...let's get serious. Not one of the don't-just-do-something-stand-there crowd has an answer to the question: "What then?"

When our economy is squashed flat, along with those of Western Europe, Russia, China, Japan and India, what do we do then? And for how long? While there is precious little

agreement on what should be done, there is a virtual consensus that doing nothing will result in utter disaster.

The stupid bonuses — which amount to a fraction of 1 percent of the money involved — may have made it all but impossible to do anything effective about the financial crisis that is driving these hard times.

AIG is going to need more money; everyone agrees on that. Probably other companies too. But where are the politicians who are willing to stand up in the face of the storm of public protest that more bailouts are sure to produce? Not in the majority certainly.

The Bonus Babies, in a noble act of self-sacrifice, should give the money back. It would be the financial equivalent of throwing themselves on a grenade. It would be preferable to forcing the government to wrest the money away from them by means that are constitutionally dodgy or downright illegal.

The money should never have been given them. AIG has not yet gotten used to the idea that four-fifths of it is now owned by the government. As such, it is essentially an agency of the government and government executives don't get million-dollar bonuses.

I don't think they should commit suicide, however. An apology would be nice, though.

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Owens says late arrival a non-issue

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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Terrell Owens showed up for the Buffalo Bills voluntary workout sessions a few weeks late and wondering what all the fuss was about.

With a shrug of his shoulders, Owens noted he wasn't the first or only NFL player to miss a session where attendance isn't mandatory. It just seemed that way to T.O., based on the headlines he generated after failing to arrive for the start of the program on March 23.

"That's the thing, what I find so unfair about it is that I'm not the only guy out of 32 teams that didn't show up," Owens said Thursday. "That's what's so frustrating about the whole thing is that everybody nitpicks at anything and everything I do."

No stranger to creating a buzz during a prolific and attention-grabbing 13-year NFL career, Owens noted he's aware that his reputation isn't going to change now that he's with his fourth team after signing a one-year \$6.5 million contract with the Bills shortly after Dallas released him last month.

"I realize that's part of it," he said.

"In a sense it motivates me, and I'm really looking forward to the season."

Now that he is in town, Owens intends to take part in all the team's voluntary minicamps once they open next month.

Owens also had a message for anyone questioning whether he'll be a disruption. Breaking into a smile and standing before eight cameras and a dozen reporters inside a cramped interview area outside the Bills' media room, Owens said: "No worries."

With a red Bills cap turned backward on his head, and wearing a loose white Bills wind-breaker and blue tights, Owens looked in good shape. After working out on his own, Owens said he traveled to Buffalo for additional workouts along with his own personal trainer, James 'Buddy' Primm.

Owens said he's already discussed his offseason schedule with head coach Dick Jauron and receivers coach Tyke Tolbert, and informed them that he'll be traveling back and forth between Buffalo and his off-season home in Miami.

Though he's yet to find a temporary place to live in Buffalo, Owens joked

that he might "shack up" with a member of the Bills coaching staff.

"You never know," Owens said with a wink. "So I'm still looking."

A month since the Bills made one of the NFL's biggest splashes this off-season, the buzz about T.O. in Buffalo has yet to diminish.

Owens attracted attention a few weeks ago when he and fellow Bills receiver Lee Evans sat courtside at a Toronto Raptors game. There's even a sign on an expressway entering town that someone has altered with spray paint to read: "Welcome t.o. Buffalo."

Owens has also toured Buffalo, and been made to feel welcome by the Bills fans he's met.

"So far I'm loving it," he said.

Of course, time will tell how long the love affair lasts.

The Bills went after Owens believing that the 35-year-old has the potential to provide a spark to an offense that has ranked 25th or worse in the NFL in each of the past six seasons. Buffalo, coming off its third straight 7-9 finish, is also seeking to make the playoffs for the first time since the 1999 season.

Owens is coming off a solid season, in which he had 69 catches for 1,052

yards and 10 touchdowns. The Bills, by comparison, scored only 14 receiving touchdowns last year.

Owens has to constantly deal with the perception that he is selfish or can be a disruptive force. On Wednesday, current NFL broadcaster and Cowboys Hall-of-Fame quarterback Troy Aikman suggested Dallas made the right move in releasing Owens, believing the team got better by subtraction.

Owens laughed when informed of what Aikman said.

"That's fine. Troy, I think he has three Super Bowl rings, so he has the authority to say that," Owens said. "I've been called selfish pretty much throughout my career. I think I'm in good company. Jerry Rice has been called selfish before. So, other than that, it doesn't bother me what he says."

Owens noted when he played college at Tennessee-Chattanooga, he never envisioned he'd get drafted in the NFL.

"The things that I've accomplished so far really eclipses anything negative that anybody says about me," Owens said. "(Aikman) said it, and I'll move on."

Angels mourn death of rookie pitcher Nick Adenhardt

BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hours after pitching his best game yet in the major leagues, Los Angeles Angels rookie Nick Adenhardt was killed by a suspected drunk driver, leaving his teammates and fans stunned he won't be around to fulfill the promise he had shown.

The Angels planned to pay tribute to the 22-year-old pitcher before Friday night's opener of a three-game series against Boston in Anaheim. They will wear a patch or emblem on their jerseys the rest of the season to honor him.

The team postponed Thursday night's series finale against Oakland to mourn Adenhardt, who was killed along with two other passengers in a car crash early Thursday in neighboring Fullerton.

The car they were riding in was broadsided in an intersection by a minivan that apparently ran a red light, police said.

Andrew Thomas Gallo, 22, of Riverside, was driving on a suspended license because of a previous drunk driving conviction. Preliminary results indicated Gallo's

blood-alcohol level was "substantially over the legal limit" of .08 percent, police Lt. Kevin Hamilton said.

Gallo was booked into jail on three counts of murder, three counts of vehicular manslaughter, felony hit-and-run and driving under the influence of alcohol. No bail was set.

Fans paid their respects outside Angel Stadium on Thursday as news spread of Adenhardt's death. They placed flowers, baseballs, posters and Rally Monkeys at a makeshift memorial on the pitcher's mound on the replica brick infield near the stadium gates.

After 17-year-old Kayla McGuire laid her flowers next to the others, she and two friends stood silently staring at the display.

"It's sad," she said. "He was a rookie who could have had a really good future."

Her friend, Rachael Watson, also 17, said, "It was a big shock. He was here pitching yesterday, six amazing innings, had a really good game. Today, he's gone."

Chris Burns, 41, who watched Wednesday night's game on TV, said, "There's a real sense of loss. To come here and be with others who are grieving at the same time is comfort-

ing."

His 20-year-old son Matt said, "He was only two years older than I am. That puts it in perspective for me."

A poster read, "No. 34, You are one more Angel in heaven." Scribbled on a baseball was, "Now you play for another Angels team."

Inside the clubhouse, the team met privately to remember Adenhardt, who made the major league opening day roster for the first time in his career after overcoming a devastating elbow injury and subsequent surgery in 2004.

"A lot of these guys in here have never lost anybody in their family that's close to them. I hate that this happened, but this is part of life. This is the real deal," outfielder Torii Hunter said. "That's why you've got to kiss your kids, kiss your family every day when you get up in the morning and before you leave for work."

Adenhardt was killed hours after making his season debut with his father in the stands, throwing six scoreless innings against the Oakland Athletics.

The Angels ultimately lost the game, 6-4.

"It is a tragedy that will never be

forgotten," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Adenhardt's father, Jim, a retired Secret Service agent, walked onto the field in the empty stadium Thursday and spent several moments alone on the pitcher's mound. Wearing a red sweatshirt in the team's color, he briefly covered his eyes with one hand.

Jim Adenhardt also spoke during the clubhouse gathering.

"He just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity, thank you for raising his kid in minor league ball on up through the system in the Angels' organization," Hunter said.

Adenhardt died in surgery at a hospital. Henry Pearson of Manhattan Beach, a 25-year-old passenger in the car, and the driver, 20-year-old Courtney Stewart of Diamond Bar, were pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Stewart was a student at nearby Cal State Fullerton, where she was a former cheerleader.

Another passenger, 24-year-old Jon Wilhite of Manhattan Beach, was in critical condition, although he was expected to survive, a hospital spokesman said. Wilhite played baseball from 2004-08 at Cal State Fullerton.

Cycling chief attacks French over Armstrong testing

LONDON (AP) — The head of world cycling on Friday accused France's anti-doping agency of unprofessional and "disturbing" behavior after it released a report saying Lance Armstrong did not

fully cooperate with a drug tester.

The French agency, known as AFLD, said it could punish the seven-time Tour de France champion for not remaining in sight of the doctor conducting a test on his hair, urine and blood on March 17.

No banned substances were found and Armstrong has denied misbehaving, claiming that he was allowed to take a shower during a 20-minute delay.

While the tests fell outside the International Cycling Union's jurisdiction, Armstrong received the organization's backing on Friday.

"The fact (is) the test was done and was a matter

of fact reported by Lance Armstrong himself on Twitter," UCI president Pat McQuaid told the BBC. "Then the French authorities decides to make up a report on the testing procedure, forward it to the UCI — knowing that the UCI have no jurisdiction this case — and at the same time that report has leaked to the press."

"So I would have to question why is that the case? I would have to say that the French are not acting very professionally in this case."

Armstrong responded to the AFLD statement by taking swipes at French officials on his Twitter feed, saying "Was winning the Tour seven times that offensive!?" and "Just took a shower. Got it down under 10 mins. Whew."

Armstrong has had tense relations with France's anti-doping authorities for years, but is hoping to win an eighth Tour title in July after coming out of retirement.

McQuaid said proceedings between anti-doping agencies and the UCI are supposed to be kept confidential until "a decision to open up the case has been taken."

"But this case, it has leaked to the press and I do find that disturbing," he said.

Armstrong was training in Beaulieu-sur-Mer in southern France when the test was conducted. Armstrong said he had returned from a ride to find the tester at his house, identifying himself as a representative of a French lab.


ROCKETS

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had 14 points and seven rebounds in the opening half and Hawes added 13 points and eight rebounds, helping Sacramento take a 54-49 lead.

Battier made four 3-pointers and scored 12 first-half points for Houston. Artest added 11 points for the Rockets, who shot 41 percent over the first 24 minutes.

Notes: Kevin Martin missed his fourth straight game with a sore ankle. ... The Rockets shot 65 percent in the third quarter.



Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Your right-hand opponent opens with Four Hearts, both sides vulnerable. What action would you take with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠AQJ84♥6♦K9♣Q9732
2. ♠AK95♥—♦KQJ10♣QJ863
3. ♠KQ7♥QJ96♦A85♣984
4. ♠K6♥—♦AK109♣AKQJ972

1. **Pass.** The main purpose of a pre-emptive bid is to make it difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding. So if you happen to hold this hand against a four-heart bid, it is not easy to decide whether to pass or bid four spades. You are truly between a rock and a hard place. If you are by nature a fearless competitor, you will bid four spades and hope the roof doesn't cave in on you. If you are by nature cautious, you will pass and hope for the best. Either way, you won't feel comfortable.

Probably 60 percent of experts would pass, but a highly respectable 40 percent would boldly enter the fray with four spades and take their chances.

2. **Double.** Your partner might elect to pass the double, which is intended primarily for takeout, but even though you may feel this is undesirable, you have no reasonable alternative. The dilemma you face merely emphasizes how bothersome a pre-emptive bid can be. If partner does pass, it may well turn out that the best possible result is to defend against four hearts doubled and beat it one or two tricks when there is no game your way.
3. **Pass.** Here you expect to beat four hearts, but you dare not double because partner is likely to bid rather than pass, and your side will wind up minus rather than plus.

You may not exact the full measure of punishment by passing (if the next two players also pass), but it is not a good idea to get greedy in this type of ambiguous situation, where the potential for disaster lurks right around the corner.

4. **Six clubs.** Here you should bid what you think you can make. Of course, you may go down, but against that you must weigh the probability of making either 12 or 13 tricks. The best you can do in these sticky situations is to make the bid you think will win in the long run, and in this context a leap to six clubs should be regarded as the percentage bid.

Tomorrow: It only hurts for a minute.

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► Church News

Birdwell Lane Baptist

Happy Easter and blessings to all on this Resurrection weekend. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. We will observe the Lord's Supper in the evening service. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. The children's church will be handing out Easter bags to everyone Sunday morning. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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



Courtesy photo

Monday, April 6, Pastor Cal Callender, First Church of the Nazarene, was in character as he depicted Jesus in the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, to the children at New Hope Christian School. With the children's help, Pastor Cal told the Easter story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Daisy (on loan from Jesse and Donna Morgan) played the part of the chosen donkey.

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.

Come enjoy a Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 2-10 at the Old Settlers Pavilion in the Park. Celebrate joys of the Easter season. Free hotdogs, games, inflatable bounce house, face painting and prize eggs are included. Parents must be present. Sign up begins at

9:30 a.m.

Get your motorcycle washed and ready because Biker Sunday is coming back May 3 to First Church of the Nazarene. Please look for more information in future articles.

As always, if you have any questions, call 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 fourth grade and Busy Bees News Gang for fifth and sixth 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 seventh 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 Restrauracion is led by Pastor Felix Torres.

First United Methodist

Our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will lead the Easter Celebration at both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday. Following the early service there will be an all-church brunch in Garrett Hall in place of the regular Sunday school hour. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite breakfast-type goodies. And those of you who have spring flowers blooming are urged to bring some of them to fill in the beautiful cross in the foyer.

Also during this time period, prior to the late service, the children will gather on the lawn to release colorful balloons and live butterflies in celebration of Christ's resurrection. And they will sing "A New Hallelujah" during the 10:50 service.

Church offices will be closed Monday and will resume regular activities Tuesday.

The new "SPARK" group will have its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16. Supporting Parents And Reaching Kids plans to be a safe, supportive, educational place to discuss parenting issues for anyone raising children. This is open to the public. Childcare will be provided at no cost. For more information, contact Adriana Kocak at (432) 935-4306 or Joyce Willis at (432) 267-6394.

Dave Ramsey's Town Hall for Hope is coming to First Methodist and the nation Thursday, April 23. This is open to the public and is free of charge; child care will be provided. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the event begins at 7. You can get any additional local information by calling the church at 267-6394.

The Philathea/Couples class will be selling and serving breakfast burritos following the early service Sunday, April 26. This is part of the fund-

raising efforts for our Relay For Life teams. It's all at Fourth and Scurry, First Methodist, where families grow in Christ.

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

Good Friday services will be held jointly with First Presbyterian, Big Spring, at the Big Spring church. Friday's Tenebrae Service (service of darkness) begins at 8 p.m.

The men of First Presbyterian, Coahoma will prepare and serve a breakfast Holy Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. We will have an Easter vigil service at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma church.

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at the Coahoma Presbyterian Church, at 7 a.m. Easter Day worship service will be at 11 a.m. as usual; but because of the breakfast Saturday, we will not have our regular first-Sunday covered dish meal.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Easter Sunday.

The lectionary for Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord is Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring

Bible study met at 5:17 p.m. and the youth group at 6 p.m. Wednesday this week. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The Working Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. in the parlor for study of the book, "Jubilee!" by D. Lindsay Morgan.

The 2009 Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Tres Rios Presbytery will be held in Big Spring Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The meeting title is "Presbyterian Women in Missions: 200 Years and Going Strong," and will feature Marj Carpenter, past moderator of General Assembly PC (USA), and Patti Nance, Synod of the Sun Mission interpreter.

Children and interested adults will have a special celebration during Sunday school Easter Sunday in the fellowship hall. Nancy Hale is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments.

The Coahoma Presbyterians will join us at 8 p.m. today, Good Friday, for a Tenebrae Service; this is a Service of Darkness. The choir will offer "Behold, the Lamb of God," by Healey Willan, "Sinners Come, the Saviour See," by John Antes, edited and arranged by Walter Ehret, and "Lamb of God," by Twila Paris in a choral setting by Lloyd Larson. The Rev. Bert Bronaugh will be assisted in these services by Tom Koger from the Coahoma church.

The church office will be closed today and Monday.

The lectionary for Easter Sunday is Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8. The choir will sing "Alleluia, Alleluia," arranged in hymn form by Noble Cain, "'Tis Easter Day," by Elinor Davies, and "Alleluia, Alleluia," by Deborah Govenor. Based on Mark 16:1-8, The Rev. Bronaugh's sermon will be "He's Alive!"

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Living the simple life

The book of Proverbs is known as the book of wisdom. Unfortunately, wisdom is no longer being passed down from one generation to the next as it once was, and as a result, each person must acquire wisdom for himself. Proverbs offers us a no-fail system for gaining wisdom. One's success or failure depends largely upon how much wisdom one acquires during a lifetime.

A few years ago I was talking with a family friend who is a prominent physician and a very deep thinker. He said, "I am almost 65 years old and I've never learned the secret to living a simple life. What is the secret? I want to know." I told him, "Perhaps we could all benefit by identifying ourselves more with Jesus Christ and by practicing the principles from the book of Proverbs, which tells us how to live a simple life and be blessed with wisdom, as well."

"Oh," he said, "you just spoke words of great value, but what is the secret to identifying oneself with Christ and obtaining this simple life with its wisdom? How does one get there?" I went on to say, "I don't believe we just 'obtain' a simple life, it is something we actively decide to have each day. The more wisdom and knowledge we get from the scriptures, the more the simple life takes care of itself."

Many people today are asking this same question, but they are looking in all the wrong places for the answer. They see Jesus Christ as a figure in a stained glass window. Others associate Him with the Easter bunny, or a misty creature floating on a cloud, but few know Him as the living Savior, the One who knew us even before we were born. He is as close as the air we breathe, and He desires a personal and intimate relationship with each of us.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind, and the personification of Almighty God. He is our life source. In Him we have fullness of life without lack. Living a simple life comes by gaining wisdom from His Word, identifying ourselves with Him, and then choosing the simple way

through quality decisions.

So, how do we identify ourselves with Christ? The quickest and simplest answer is by reading His instruction book, the Bible. In not doing so, we can never have a concrete knowledge of who we really are in Him.

Many do not understand the simple plan of salvation. Others do, yet they have lost their enthusiasm, zest and passion for God and for life. Consequently, their lives become heavy, burdensome, and restless. Make no mistake, this is not the kind of life Jesus died for us to have. He said in John 10:10-11, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and kill and to destroy: But I am come that you might have life and life more abundantly. I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep."

If salvation in Christ were a mere formality such as church membership or the performing of certain duties, then it is no wonder there would be no enthusiasm or passion, but performance of duties will not offer us salvation in Christ. Living a simple life is not just a slogan or a title, but a deeply felt personal quest. It involves a passion to learn more, to be more, to spend quiet time with Him and to know His ways.

Developing a relationship with Christ Jesus is by far the greatest gift of life. Everything else pales in comparison to life in Christ. It is the only way to identify ourselves with Him and it is the only way to live a simple life without all the havoc. He truly wants us to cast our cares upon Him because He cares for us, 1 Peter 5:7.

We often fail to recognize what we already have on the inside. We were not born into life as a worthless piece of human flesh, but as a part of our heavenly Father, the Supreme, Almighty, ever-present God. His wisdom passes all understanding, yet we are a part of it through Him. Our ability to understand many of the holy paradoxes resides in a personal relationship with Him. It is not so much in the duties one performs, however good they are, but it is in the heart-felt knowledge of who we really are in Christ.

The world looks in disbelief at what would appear to be anti-principles in light of the way most people and nations conduct their lives. The world

says "Hate your enemies," but Kingdom law says, "No! Love them." The world says, "Hit back," but God says, "Do good to those who mistreat you." Evil and hate toward another will not produce simplicity of life, only heaviness, restlessness, and tension of mind.

It is a sad loss when we use our minds and bodies to plot evil against others. Isn't this what Judas did to Jesus? He tried to disguise his evil deed with a kiss on the cheek, but Jesus knew the intents of his heart. When will we understand that we are all of one family? Our commandment is to love, not to avenge.

To do evil is a direct sin against God's Word and against our own physical bodies. Having been created in His likeness, it is easy to understand why we so often suffer with continual infirmities as we force our bodies to act in ways in which they were never meant to act. The Bible clearly states that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

When we identify ourselves with Jesus Christ, it demands that one not be timid or shy in speaking about spiritual things. We must understand that the spiritual realm is as real as the natural. It is not a smoky, ghostly feeling or act, but simply developing a personal relationship with Him. In desiring to please Him and to bless others, we are doing our bodies a great service.

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"You need to create a Web presence," my younger writer friends told me. "You need to get 'Linked In.'"
"Linked in to what?" I asked. "I've been linked up to the same guy for over 40 years. Isn't that enough?"
"It's all about social networking," my friends told me. "Do you have a Facebook?"

"I have a box full of old high-school year-books in the closet," I said. "Does that count?"
My friends just shook their heads. "Do you Twitter?" they asked.
I knew that my left eye twitches sometimes, but I didn't think I had ever twittered.
"You have to get on Twitter and 'tweet' every day to let people know what you are doing. You have to get people to follow you," one of my technologically-gifted friends replied.

"How many people actually read all that stuff?" I asked.
"Millions," they all agreed. "Millions of people spend hours surfing the internet and following each other on Twitter."

I know that my young friends are much more Internet savvy than I, but I'm just not convinced that millions of people care whether or not I went to Wal-Mart today.

I suppose that building a Web presence has some advantages, but God already knows more about me than I am willing to post anywhere. The Bible says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12: 6-7 NASB).

If God already knows how many hairs are on our heads, why would He need to follow us on Twitter to know what we are doing? We are already "Linked In." Our pictures are already in His "Facebook." Shouldn't we be more concerned about living in the presence of the Creator than we are about creating a Web presence?



BONNIE WHEAT

Club News



Pictured left to right are Lesa Jaird, Dot Tidwell, Sereena Hogan, Teresa Bullard, Sandy Shifflett, Cindy Tubb, Karen McCormick and Bunny Fletcher.

Crossroads Auxiliary chartered in West Texas

On March 9, the Crossroads Auxiliary No. 212 in Big Spring received its charter and was organized as a new auxiliary in a ceremony officiated by National Vice President Sereena Hogan.

Teresa Bullard, wife of Jerry Bullard, secretary/treasurer and legislative representative for Div. 212 in Big Spring, was the guiding force behind the newly formed auxiliary. Seven spouses attended the installation ceremony and dinner, which was sponsored by the law firm of McKinney and McKinney, designated legal counsel, of Houston.

Teresa Bullard was installed as the president, Melinda Reyes as the vice president, Sandy Shifflett as the secretary/treasurer, Bunny Fletcher as the legislative representative and Karen McCormick as the chaplain.

The law firm provided beautiful arrangements of pink carnations (the official flower of the Auxiliary) for the tables, and each of the new members was presented with a long-stemmed carnation (provided by Inspirations Flowers & Gifts).

Patrice and Pete McKinney addressed the entire group, explaining the significance of the Federal Employees Liability Act and the importance of contacting BLET designated

legal counsel in the event of an injury or death on the railroad. The law firm also presented each of the new Auxiliary members with a gift bag containing a beautiful sterling silver charm in the shape of Texas and engraved with the words "BLET Ladies Auxiliary." Patrice, Pete, and their investigator, Joe Rouse, who was instrumental in planning and organizing these events, also joined the Auxiliary as associate members.

We would also like to welcome anyone who is associated with BLET or UTU to come and be apart of our Auxiliary. Next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 13 at the Texas Cajun Café, 802 W. IH 20.

CHURCH NEWS

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East Fourth Street Baptist

If you are looking for a place to attend church this Easter Sunday, we encourage you to come visit us at East Fourth. Our pastor, Keith Weaver, will be bringing the Easter message during the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Then, beginning at 6 p.m., Evangelist David Garrett will lead the first evening of our Spring Revival. Come join us in Celebration of Hope. The services will start at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

The church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

Alive in Christ Lutheran LCMS

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

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching from the pulpit. Our scripture reader will be Bobby Roever and our acolyte will be Anisya Rodriguez. Angela Newton is our organist. Our elders for this week are Richare Knocke and Richard von Hassell.

Plans for the area youth retreat May 8-9 in Midland are being finalized by our youth group. This retreat will involve youth from Midland, Odessa, Lamesa, Big Spring and Sweetwater.

Last Sunday our church signed the official Texas District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Constitutional Church register. Our congregational meeting followed with reports from our Building and Growth Committee.

As we look forward to Easter, we are excited that Jesus Christ has promised us ever-lasting life with Him in Heaven but we are also saddened by his suffering and humiliation during Passion Week, especially the time period between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday leading up to his crucifixion.

Our Good Friday service today at 7:30 p.m. will include communion and a somber recollection of the last hours of Jesus' life. Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ, but as a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Remember, through His death, He forgave us all of our sins and as a result, we are His sisters and brothers.

Our Easter Festival will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. All ages will be able to participate in cookie decorating, Easter egg coloring, crafts, face painting, egg walk (like the cake walk but prizes instead of cakes), Easter egg hunt for the younger children and a scavenger hunt for the older teenagers.

The church is waiting in anticipation for Easter, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Plan on joining us

Easter morning at 8 a.m. for our special Sunrise Service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, followed by a pancake and sausage breakfast at 8:45 a.m. During our Celebration Service at 10 a.m., we will celebrate our first baptisms at Alive in Christ Lutheran Church.

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Spring events are coming up soon. Mark your calendars for the spring LWML Rally on April 25. The rally will be hosted by Grace Lutheran Church. Details coming soon. Everyone start looking up your favorite recipes and get ready for a May 2 bake sale. Proceeds will be given to the high school Bible class. Watch for more information next week.

Small group Bible study classes are always welcoming anyone who wishes to attend. You may contact the church office at 267-7163 for an update on times and places, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You can also stop by the office at 810 Scurry St.

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Mark your calendar for our annual Going to Camp Garage Sale April 18. May 3 we will enjoy "Heavens Harbor" quartet. Come be blessed by some great gospel music. East Side is located at 1108 E. Sixth St. For more information, call 267-1915.

Gateway Baptist

Gateway Baptist is "ringing out" the news with a set of beautiful chimes we recently installed. They remind those within hearing distance that there is a house of worship nearby, where they can worship and praise the Lord.

Gateway is a small, growing congregation who love the Lord and are reaching out to the community. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit with us. You will find a warm and loving fellowship of believers, where you will be welcomed.

On Sunday evenings, we are having an expository study on the Book of Revelation, speaking the love of God and putting God's love in action. Please come and join us.

We're having a special sunrise service Sunday at 7:30 a.m. followed by our regular service.

The church is located north of I-20 and east of Snyder Highway. Call 263-4883 or 264-1565 for information or directions. The pastor is Brother Jim Mills.

Baptist Temple

Today, Good Friday, we will have a service emphasizing the crucifixion of Christ. It will be at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary and we will take communion together. Easter Sunday will

start with breakfast in our fellowship hall at 8:30 a.m.

Our Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m. Starting at 11 a.m. we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ as our choir presents "He is Risen." We will not have evening activities as to allow everyone to spend time with their families Sunday.

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 broadcasted all over the nation in a live stream over the internet. We will show it in our auditorium at 7 p.m. It will run an hour and half.

We have started a weight-loss support group. The name of it is SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day). It meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. 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 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Nip, tuck — you've got a 'new' prom dress

NEW YORK (AP) — A snip here, a tuck there might be all it takes to give a makeover to a prom dress sitting in the back of a closet somewhere. And we all know there are many prom dresses jammed into the back of closets.

In this tough economy, maybe it's time to breathe new life into that black strapless or frilly fuschia frock. Just because an older sister or a cousin wore it once before doesn't mean someone else can't "own" it she adds touches that reflect her own personal style.

"It comes down to creativity and accessories. We're celebrating creativity now: Sew rosettes to the waistline or the straps of a dress, add ribbons," says Tammy Tibbetts, editor in chief of MyPromStyle.com. "Be ambitious, go to craft stores."

The average cost of a new prom dress last year was \$236, according to Seventeen magazine, but it expects that number to drop this year judging from buzz from its online teen network.

Formal dresses tend to have long shelf lives because they aren't usually quite as trendy as school clothes and they certainly aren't getting worn out from use. But girls are reluctant to wear the same one in consecutive years.

So why not wear someone else's?

Ashley Greene, star of "Twilight," gave several of her party dresses, including a gold goddess number and a bright blue cocktail dress, to DonateMyDress.org because she wants them to see the light of day again.

DonateMyDress.org is a national network of dress-drive organizations that collects and distributes special-occasion outfits for prom, Sweet Sixteens and quinceaneras. Other celebrity donors include Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus and Demi Lovato.

"I tried to figure out how to make the gold one into a shorter cocktail dress. I had paid for it myself, but I decided I should donate it. I know there's some other girl who's going to love it just as much as I did," said Greene, who attended her boyfriend's school proms in her hometown of Jacksonville, Fla.

She styled the gold dress with a shawl but she hopes the next wearer will put her own spin on it. "Once you find the right dress, even if it's not new, there's a feeling that you should look like a princess. It's about the prom 'experience,' and the dress is the start of it all," Greene says.

"I've taken friends dresses and have worn them to formal occasions — and they're always new to me," she adds.

Tibbetts, who also oversees the DonateMyDress Web site, says that bridesmaid dresses, which are typically longer-length, solid-color dresses, are good candidates for tweaked prom dresses. They're almost a blank canvas, she says, but they still give



(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

Tammy Tibbetts, editor of DonateMyDress.org and MyPromStyle.com, holds up a dress once worn by Taylor Swift Thursday, March 19, 2009, in New York. The dress was donated to Donatemydress.org, an organization which collects donated prom and special occasion dresses.

you "that red-carpet moment."

Adding crinoline to the underside of a dress is a big trend in the prom market this year, and you can even use colored crinoline to make a bold 1980s-inspired statement, says Gina Kelly, fashion director at Seventeen. It's an easy, inexpensive trick that really changes the look of a dress.

Other transformations can come with adding a collection of brooches to either the neckline or waistband, or adding a belt to change the silhouette of, say, a flowy bohemian style. You could change the hem length, pile on necklaces or wear bright shoes, something to change the focal point of the dress.

But, warns Kelly, don't take on a big alteration project if you're unsure exactly how to do it. "A lot of girls don't know how to thread a needle, so only get the hot-glue gun out to add sparkles if you know what you're doing. Otherwise ask mom or try a local seamstress."

With the economic downturn, Paige Newman,

editor of trend-tracker Zandl Group's Hot Sheet, predicts the emphasis will be on fun fashion instead of very formal styles. The dazzle will come from chunky costume jewelry or embellished hair clips instead of the dress, she says.

Kelly also predicts some girls will adopt the popular rocker-chick look — even for the prom. They could throw on a leather jacket over their dress instead of a shawl or cardigan, or pick black leather accessories.

Even a new black dress doesn't have to be that expensive, notes Kelly. Her tips on choosing cheap dresses: Get a dark-colored short dress and skip beads or sequins, which really look best when they're done with a fine hand.

Budget-conscious girls can forgo professional hair or makeup and do a DIY beauty event with friends, Newman adds, which actually make getting ready for the prom more fun.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

20-Feb. 18). Many people are thinking fondly of you these days. If someone is less than supportive, you will notice right away — the person sticks out like a sore thumb. Of course, you can win over anyone if you try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be false starts. Maybe you'll pick up the phone, dial halfway and hang up. Or you'll walk into a room and forget why. Abandoned missions are for the best. You can resume in better conditions.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You might be intimidated because you have discriminating tastes. Stay down to earth. **TAURUS:** You're in an intellectual mood and will want to spend time with those who can stimulate your mind. **GEMINI:** There's something appealing about the one who seems to have control all of the time — you can't help but rock the boat just to see how this person reacts. **CANCER:** Vibrant, vital people are attracted to you. You'll be busy all weekend. **LEO:** Take your time in all matters of love. There is absolutely no rush. **VIRGO:** People around you think you have all the answers, and just maybe you do. **LIBRA:** You'll be drawn to a protective, warm-hearted person who takes the time to listen to you. **SCORPIO:** Those younger than you will inspire your style and your approach to love. **SAGITTARIUS:** Someone is fond of the sound of your laughter. Shared humor brings happiness. **CAPRICORN:** Share those big dreams you have for yourself and your family.

AQUARIUS: New couples are forming around you. Different social configurations inspire good things in your love life. **PISCES:** You'll connect with fascinating people when you follow your humanitarian spirit.

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Tired of the Doghouse

Dear Margo: My wife and I have been married for seven years, most of which have been wonderful.

But now I fear our relationship is broken, and it is my fault. After many years of failing to have children, in 2006 we adopted a wonderful little boy.

However, in the months leading up to the adoption I committed an indiscretion by becoming emotionally involved with a female co-worker.

I turned to her for consolation while my wife was out of the country working on the adoption, and we became very close.

I was never technically unfaithful, but the relationship was inappropriate and I knew it. I told my wife about it. She urged me to break it off, but I didn't, and when she found out it was very painful.

I have had no contact with this other woman for the past 18 months and have assured my wife that I will never see her again (she no longer works with me).

Unfortunately, my wife does not trust me anymore. If I need to work late or have a cli-

WEEKEND: Taurus and Aries are a strong match. Both are leaders; however, things work best this weekend if Aries lets Taurus make the plans. Taurus has a special gift for searching out the best experiences and deals around, and then communicat-

ent dinner, she becomes suspicious and angry.

I always tell her where I am and who I am with, and I keep my cell on so she can call me, but this doesn't seem to be enough.

When I try to talk to her about her feelings, she invariably clams up. If I press her, she becomes borderline abusive, making remarks about my appearance and habits that are very hurtful.

I know I let her down, but I feel I have gone the extra mile to make it up to her. How long should it take for someone to forgive an indiscretion if she says she loves you? — Seeking Forgiveness

Dear Seek: Your mea culpa sounds heartfelt, though you clearly have much to be culpa about.

Confessing and then refusing to break it off may be what you're paying for now.

Because your wife will not discuss her anger and lashes out at you while affirming her love, perhaps the question to ask her is how long she wants to live this way? To break this cycle I would suggest counseling for her — with or without you.

Aided by professional guidance, time is a great healer, even when it involves a guy who has been a heel. — Margo, optimistically

In Sickness and in Health, but Not in Bed

ing with such charm that people will sweeten the deal just because they feel like it. Aries enjoys getting the top-notch treatment that Taurus demands for them.

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Dear Margo: I consider my best friend to be my "platonic soul mate" — like my brother, only closer.

He's a gay male, I'm a straight female; no romantic interest, but a deep and meaningful love nonetheless.

We talk about raising children together, but adopting in many states requires the adopting parents to be married — which is fine.

Would it be considered duping friends and family to have a real wedding? — *Wanting To Do the Right Thing*

Dear What: I doubt that you would be duping anyone, and I'm sure your friends would wish you well.

Gay people marry straight people all the time for a number of reasons — and sometimes even without their knowledge!

If you've decided you do not wish to marry a straight man and have your heart set on making a family with your close friend, it's fine with me. There are many ways to live a life. Good luck. — Margo, alternatively

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Yesterday, Mercury entered Taurus and already the economic tides are turning, at least on a personal level. You may realize a certain expense will be necessary or toy around with new budgeting ideas. The concept of spending to save will probably come up, as options that seem expensive in the short run promise long-term value.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Remember when you needed to ask mom and dad for everything you needed and wanted? It's so satisfying that you now make your own money. You'll continue to higher levels of financial freedom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You admire different people for different reasons at different times of your life. So don't be surprised if someone you once were mad about now holds little appeal. It's a sign of your personal growth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Dreamy notions may be a stark contrast to the reality of the situation. However, you are undaunted. There are at least three things that can be immediately improved with very little effort. Get on it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The work situation is changing. Whatever you did to stand out before is old news. Stay two steps ahead. Find out what high-ups are measuring to determine the effectiveness of the company. Deliver more of that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not content with a mediocre mood. That's why you're drawn to people who will make you laugh again and remind you who you really are — someone who was put on the planet to have fun and spread joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are grateful for the recent contributions that have been made to you and your cause. It's crucial you acknowledge those gifts in writing. Keep the giving cycle flowing by writing thank-you notes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your attractions may be inexplicable, but they are nonetheless quite real. Find out more about the people and ideas you are drawn toward so you can either cross them off the list or see where things will lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stay true to your priorities. Don't let your personal life get overshadowed by the mundane paying of bills, handling of transportation issues and work. Those details can wait until after you spend quality time with those you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be careful about the image you project. The people you align yourself with will be a big part of this. You'll spread good energy by simply refusing to be party to negative talk and gossip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're already going in a good direction, but you could use more confidence. What will help is if you rack up the karma points and do so as quietly as you can. Anonymous good deeds earn more points than loud ones.

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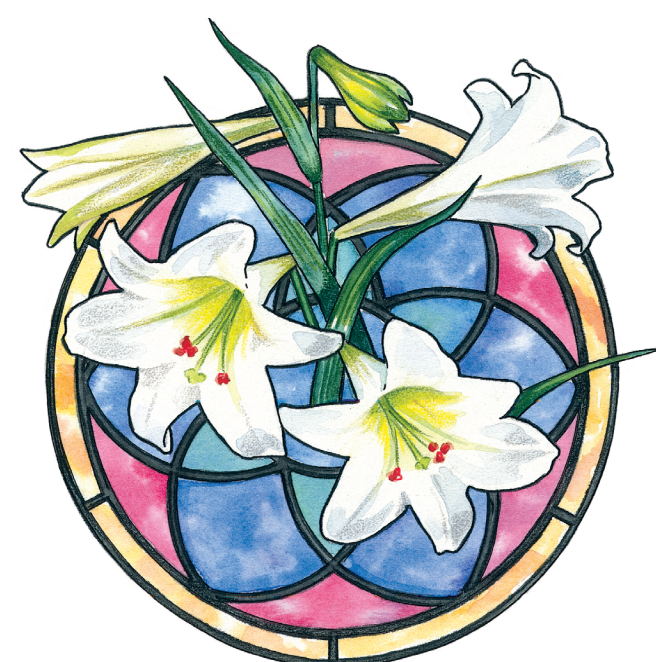
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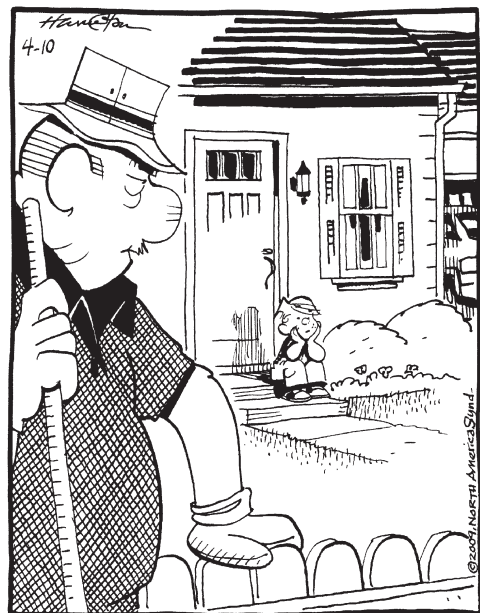
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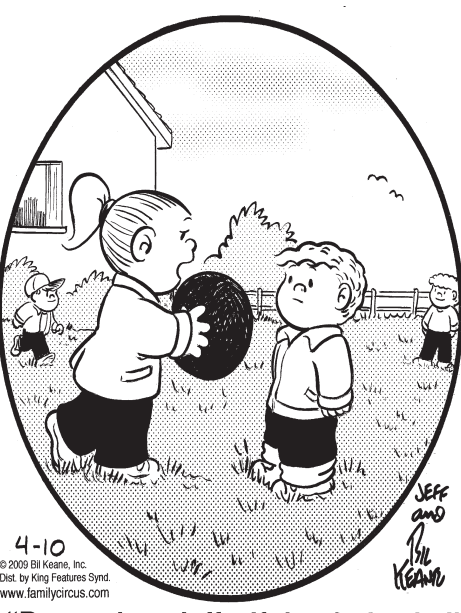
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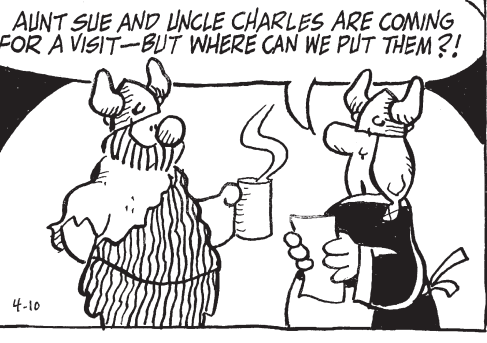
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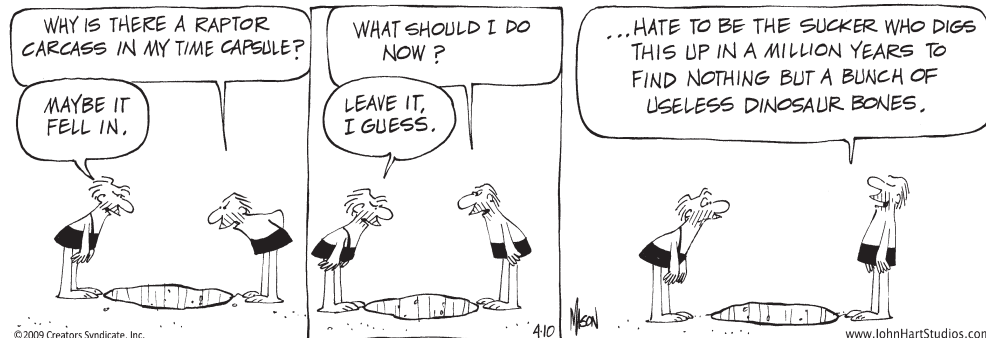


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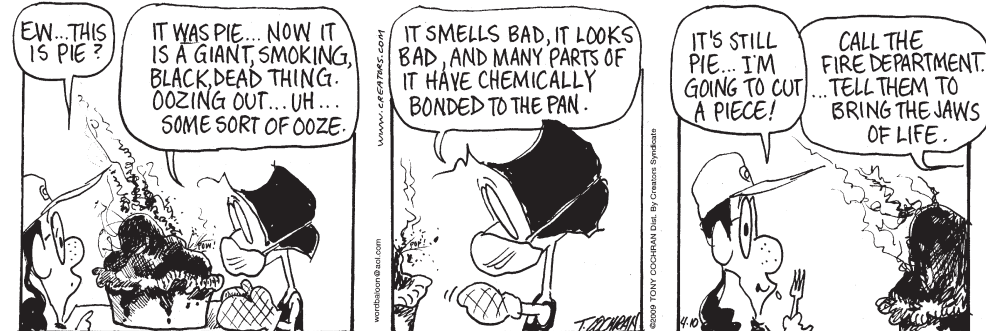
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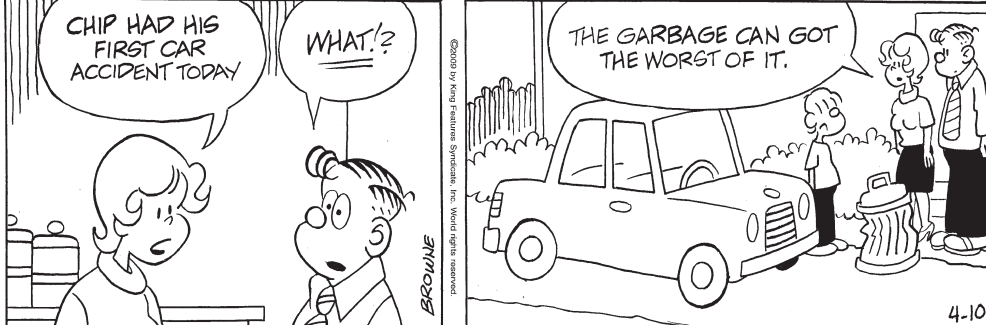
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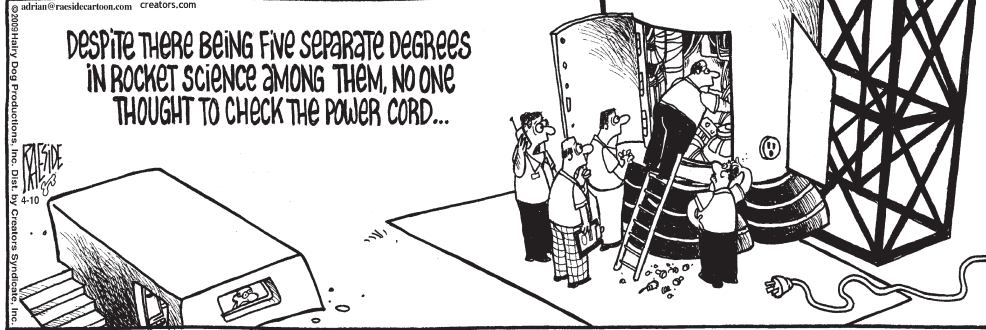
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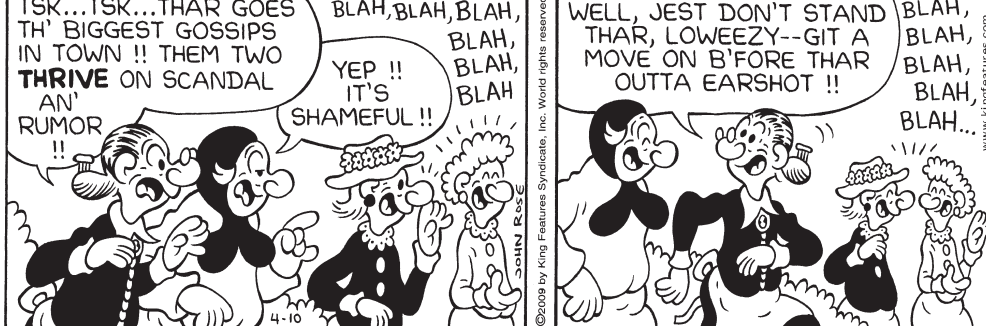
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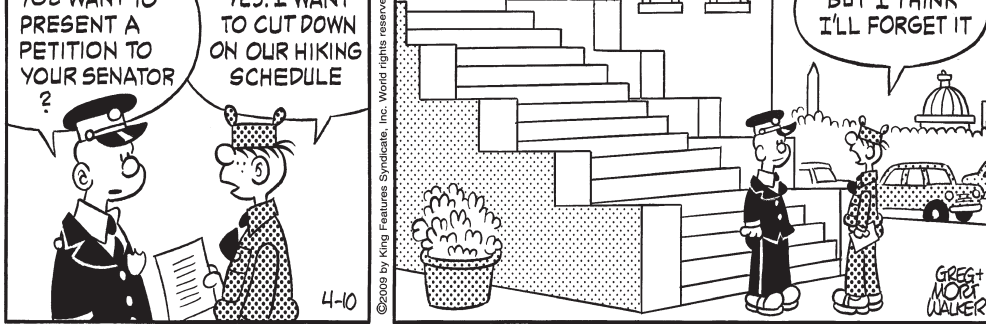
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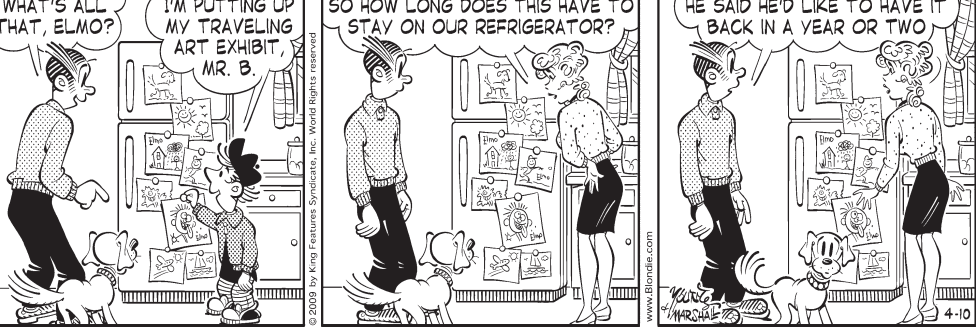
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This Date In History

Today is Good Friday, April 10, the 100th day of 2009. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 10, 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

On this date: In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first United States Patent Act.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

In 1932, German president Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

In 1957, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to all shipping traffic. (The canal had been closed due to wreckage resulting from the Suez Crisis.)

In 1959, the future emperor of Japan, Crown Prince Akihito,

married a commoner, Michiko Shoda.

In 1963, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Thresher sank during deep-diving tests off Cape Cod, Mass., in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1972, the United States and the Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.

In 1978, Arkady Shevchenko, a high-ranking Soviet citizen employed by the United Nations, sought political asylum in the United States.

In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harry Morgan is 94. Actor Max von Sydow is 80. Actress Liz Sheridan is 80. Actor Omar Sharif is 77. Sportscaster John Madden is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobbie Smith (The Spinners) is 73. Sportscaster Don Meredith is 71. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 62. Actor Steven Seagal is 58. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 56. Actor Peter MacNicol is 55. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000

Maniacs) is 52. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 51. Rock singer-musician Brian Setzer is 50. Rapper Afrika Bambaataa is 49. Rock singer Katrina Leskanich is 49. Actor Jeb Adams is 48. Olympic gold medal speedskater Cathy Turner is 47. Rock musician Tim "Herb" Alexander is 44. Actor-comedian Orlando Jones is 41. Rock musician Mike Mushok (Staind) is 40. Singer Kenny Lattimore is 39. Rapper Q-Tip (AKA Kamaal) is 39. Blues singer Shemekia Copeland is 30. Actress Laura Bell Bundy is 28. Actress Chyler Leigh is 27. Actor Ryan Merriman is 26. Singer Mandy Moore is 25.

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- 10 Torah holders
- 14 Dumfries girl
- 15 AFTRA medium
- 16 First name in philosophy
- 17 Social starter
- 18 Go-between
- 19 Till slot
- 20 Fast-food convention?
- 23 "Gotcha!"
- 25 Soccer-stadium cry
- 26 Duffer's impossible dream
- 27 Parlor piece
- 29 Luxurious
- 32 Ultimate end
- 33 Castro cash
- 34 Try to shoot
- 36 Making sugar?
- 41 AFTRA medium
- 42 Pull over
- 44 Frat letters
- 47 Take seriously
- 48 E-business
- 50 Role for Walter and Jack
- 52 Take up, for example
- 53 Raised rails
- 54 Reason to buy size 20 shoes?
- 59 What-now filler
- 60 Doing battle
- 61 Score symbol
- 64 Pasta shape
- 65 "Somewhere" singer
- 66 Nutrient in spinach

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- 1 Mobile home, briefly
- 2 Moved it
- 3 "No kidding?"
- 4 Fusion cuisine influence
- 5 WWII-era film star
- 6 Escher Museum site, with "The"
- 7 Baltic feeder
- 8 Tell all
- 9 Mall bag
- 10 Kitchen drawer?
- 11 Go back on one's word
- 12 Prepares to be dubbed
- 13 Sonnet ending
- 21 Simpsons bar owner
- 22 Get back into shape
- 23 Venomous one
- 24 Dickens villain
- 28 Track character
- 29 Made the rules for
- 30 Twist the arm of
- 31 Large quantity
- 34 Time to quit, maybe
- 35 Examine
- 37 Indira Gandhi's father
- 38 Poor grade
- 39 "Yada, yada, yada"
- 40 Work on leather
- 43 UK leaders
- 44 Skunks on the field
- 45 Finishes off
- 46 Copier of old
- 48 Help to pay
- 49 Be behind
- 51 Showed initiative
- 52 Whelk relative
- 55 Beats it
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- 58 Noted Norseman
- 62 Ill, to Jr.
- 63 Destroyer's need

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