



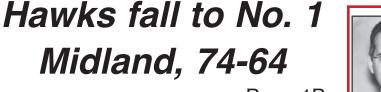
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Two indicted for robbery of Exxon store

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By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

A pair of Big Spring men who allegedly held up a gas station on Highway 87 in mid-December were indicted Thursday on first-degree felony robbery charges, as a Howard County grand jury handed down 18 true bills.

Enrique "Ricky" Sabedra Jr., 40, currently in Howard County Jail, and Michael Lee Munoz, 26, also being held in the county jail, were both indicted on charges of robbery, an enhanced first-degree felo-According to law enforce-

ment reports, the pair were

arrested Dec. 18 shortly after a police officer who was getting ready to take a meal break at the Travel Centers of America truck stop spotted them running from the gas

"The officer saw the two suspects running along Interstate Highway 20," said Sgt.

Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department. "It appeared the two were looking for a way to cross the Interstate."

Everett said the officer, assisted by deputies from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, pursued the two men and eventually took them into custody in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20, a short distance from the Exxon station.

The alleged assailants are not believed to have used a weapon in the robbery,

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Diane Wood, left, and other members of the Healthy Woman's Advisory Council check in attendees to the dinner Thursday night. More than 250 people attended the event to kick off the program's 2010 season.

'Edutainment' gives insight on gender variance

By LYNDEL MOODY **Features Writer**

Psst, women and men really are different.

That was the subject of Thursday night's presentation by Dr. Pat Love, a licensed marriage and family therapist and nationally-known speaker, who gave a "edutainment" talk titled "How to Tell a Man from a Woman" at the Healthy Woman kick off dinner for 2010.

"Even two decades ago we wouldn't be allowed to talk about the difference between men and women because it was so politically incorrect," Love said. "In fact, the medical field is one of the fields that got us to really look at



was the keynote speaker for Thursday's **Healthy Woman** event.

women were dropping dead from heart disease. They didn't realize that women had different symptoms heart disease than

and they

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weren't taking them seriouslv. Now we have a whole

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Healthy Woman program a success, officials say

By LYNDEL MOODY

Features Writer

With a full year under its belt, Healthy Woman's coordinator said community-wide program designed to provide health information and resources to women has received an overwhelming response.

community — the women in our community — has been incredible," said Kim Howell, Scenic Mountain Medical Center marketing director/ Healthy Woman coordinator.

"The response from our

"We had a goal for 2009 of 300 members. We thought that would be terrific. We

have nearly 700 members if that gives you an idea. We've been overwhelmed by the response. "Our advisory

council works very hard to come up with



programs to appeal to folks," Howell said. "We've been thrilled by the turnout from the community. We struggled

to find space to use to accommodate the number of guests who attended our nine programs last year."

More than 250 participants packed the health fair and dinner held at Dora Roberts Community Center Thursday to kick start year two of the program. Dr. Pat Love, a licensed marriage and family therapist and nationallyknown speaker, gave a "edutainment" talk based on gender science titled "How to Tell a Man Fom a Woman."

"My boss, Troy Tompkins,

who works for Prudential, advised me that this would be a good deal for me to come to," said 23-year-old Annissa Lerma, who attended the health fair. "Nowadays we have so many problems, it's good to know about these things and be aware of health issues, especially at my age." Also attending was Joann

Trevino, whose daughter Trisha Hobdy is a charter member of the Healthy Women's Advisory Council.

"I was going to come last year and just didn't make

it," Trevino said. "I made a point of coming this year. It's awesome."

The aim of Healthy Woman, sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, is to provide programs, information and networking to area women to help in making informed decisions about their health.

"Women are the primary healthcare decision makers, and we hope that with our program they will learn some tidbit, some information — See SMMC, Page 3A

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Dawson won't seek re-election

Staff Writer

By STEVE REAGAN

The Big Spring Independent

School District Board of Trustees will have at least one new face later this year. Board President Mike Dawson an-

nounced during Thursday's trustee meeting that he will not seek reelection this year. Dawson, a 12-year veteran of the

BSISD school board, said the time

Dawson

"At no time in the past 12 years have I felt

was right for him to step

more confident in the direction the district is heading with regards to student improvement," Dawson said. "This community has united in the

last year in a way I've never seen before, working for the betterment of those living in the city and county

as a whole." Trustees formally approved May 8

as the date for the next trustee elec-Board seats currently held by

Dawson (District 5), Vice President Jeff Brorman (District 6) and trustee Phil Furgueron (District 7) will be up for election. Furgueron said Thursday he will seek another term on the board.

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Lady Chaps prove too much for HC Hawks



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Asia Reid (right) goes for a layup Thursday in the Hawks' 52-32 loss in Midland.

By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Howard College Hawks were badly needing a win going into Thursday's matchup at Midland College, but it was a tall order against the nation's No. 15 team.

The Hawks were outrebounded 53-33, including 17 Midland offensive rebounds, in a 52-32 loss Thursday night at Midland. The Hawks fell

to 0-3 in conference play and 14-4 on the season.

"We literally did not block them out," Diddle said, "and that's discouraging because that's one of the things we try to do on day one. I think a team has to develop a mentality to block out, and obviously we haven't developed that."

Asia Reid led the Hawks' scoring effort with seven points as Howard shot 18 percent from the floor. Coahoma graduate Heather Sheppard led the Lady Chaps with 12 points and nine rebounds, and Jessi Cowden and Adrie Shiels each scored 10.

"We had a hard time getting loose from somebody," Diddle said. "I think that's attributed to the defense. They played very good defense, and you have to be able to counter that with your offense."

The Hawks' defense limited Midland to 27

in the first half, but Midland scored seven second-chance points and built a seven-point halftime lead.

"We have to get better at what we do," Diddle said. "We have to be able to move without the ball, we have to rebound the ball, we have to compete with our brain and we have to get the people the ball that can score for

Howard made its run See HCWB, Page 2B

percent from the floor with 15 minutes left in the second half, using an 8-0 run to pull within two on a Tasha Tubbs 3-pointer at the 11:43 mark. Midland snapped that streak when Erika Warren was fouled on a layup and converted the 3-point play, which started an 11-0 Lady Chap

> "i thought we did a lot of good things," Diddle said. "We came back in

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR

Chaps beat Hawks for 20th win

BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

MIDLAND-Howard walked into Chaparral Center in Midland on Thursday with a better-thanaverage chance to be the team that upset the No. 1 Chaparrals on their home floor.

But as the Chaps' Guy Landry slammed home an exclamationpoint dunk with one second left in regulation Thursday to cap a 74-64 win, the Hawks became another notch on the Chaps' long, 20-game belt.

Howard (16-2, 3-1) hung tight with the Chaps for 39 minutes in a game that featured eight ties and five lead changes. The Midland lead was four going into the last minute, but the Chaps made all six of the free throws they took to shut the door.

Midland beat the Hawks to the tune of a 41-26 rebounding advantage.

"They're so big and athletic," Howard coach Mark Adams said. "Most of the time when you bring down an offensive rebound you're going to get fouled going back up



Jae Crowder (above) scored 21 points for Howard, but the Hawks were unable to win in Midland as the No. 1 Chaps won 74-64 Thursday.

or you're going to get a layup, and that just hurt us over and over again."

Adams said he was happy, however, with the way the Hawks found a way to stay in the game.

"I'm encouraged because we played so bad individually and had so many holes in our team offense and defense," he said. "As ugly as we played, I do think that there were some bright spots because we kept competing."

Jae Crowder scored 21 to lead the Hawks.

"There may be more talented players, but in my opinion he's the best player in the coun- See **HAWKS**, Page 2B

try," Midland coach Ross Hodge said. "He can do everything ... you just have to try to make him work, and I thought we did a good job of that and he still had 21."

Darrell Williams turned in a 16-point, 10-rebound double-dou-

Smith to be honored as JC Coach of Year

BY CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING — The Howard College Board of Trustees will recognize Howard College Hawk baseball coach Britt Smith for his award as 2009 Diamond /American Baseball Coaches Association NJCAA Division I National Coach of the Year during its regularly scheduled meeting Monday.

A ceremony honoring Smith will be held during pregame festivities of the Hawk men's basketball game Monday night beginning at approximately 7:15 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In addition to Smith's ceremony, the 2010 Hawk Baseball team will be introduced during Monday night's activities.

Smith led the Hawks to their 2009 National Championship and 63-1 national record-breakdefeated Santa Fe (Fla.) College 7-4 in the late innings to win its second national title and first since 1991.

He received award from ABCA and Diamond Sports at their annual banquet held in Dallas earlier this year.

"We are so proud of Coach Smith and what he has done for

Hawk baseball," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president. "He is a leader, role model and excellent coach and we are proud to have him at the helm of Hawk baseball."

Smith navigated the Hawks through 6 seasons while posting the highest winning percentage of any Hawk baseball coach with a .742 average. He has a record of 259 wins and 90 losses and his program has produced eight NJCAA All-Americans.

After leading the Hawks through their storybook 2009 season, Smith was tagged as the WJCAC, NJCAA Southwestern District and NJCAA National Coach of the Year.

"We are very fortunate to have a coach of this caliber at Howard College," said Sparks. "Coach Smith is an asset to this organization and our students ing season. Howard and we are proud that he is leading our baseball program to new

heights." On their way to the national championship the Hawks posted a 57-0 win streak that broke the record for the longest undefeated streak at any level of college

For more information on Hawk baseball visit www.hchawk.com

baseball.

Phillips gets 2-year contract after 1st playoff win in 13 seasons

Associated Press

Wade **IRVING** Phillips has a new twoyear contract with the Dallas Cowboys, a deal that indicates owner Jerry Jones is encouraged but not satisfied.

"This contract represents that," Jones said Thursday after signing Phillips through the 2011 season. "Two years in the NFL is an

eternity, but it has to be urgent and it has to be addressed as if there is no tomorrow. ... It addresses the urgency of where we want to go from here."

The Cowboys have won two NFC East titles in three years under Phillips, and two weeks ago got their first playoff victory since 1996, which was the season after their last Super

While Phillips is 34-17 in Dallas (playoffs included), there had been speculation about his status since Jones had failed to pick up the 2010 option that was part of the deal Phillips got when he replaced Bill Parcells after the 2006 season. Jones repeatedly indicated he wanted Phillips back, but didn't make it official until now.

"We want to build on the foundation we have put in place over the last three years," Jones said. "I want to take advantage of the continuity."

Instead of picking up the 2010 option, though, Jones gave Phillips a new contract. One that doesn't include

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Jerry Jones, signed Wade Philips through 2011.

Sports in brief

Friday's area hoops matchups All are girls/boys district games See Sunday's Herald for results

Coahoma vs. Grape Creek, 6:30/8 p.m. Forsan at McCamey, 6:30/8 p.m. Grady at Loop, 6:30/8 p.m. Sands at Borden County, 6:30/8 p.m. Stanton vs. Iraan, 6:30/8 p.m. Garden City vs. Water Valley, 6:30/8 p.m.

Big Spring softball tournament needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the City of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament this

The tournament needs community support to be a success. Banners wil be displayed at the tournament for business owners who wish to support the tournament.

Call John Sparks for information at 270-2711.

BSHS Cheerleaders to offer mini-camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders are offering a mini-cheer camp for girls kindergarten through eighth grade.

The camp will be held Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and Feb. 15th from 6-7 p.m. Sign up through Jan. 25.

The girls will perform at halftime of the boys basketball game on Feb. 16. Cost is \$50 per child. Call Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 1416.

Obituaries

Michael Lawrence Bell

Michael Lawrence Bell died Jan. 18, 2010, at his home in Gilbert, Ariz., following a battle with colon

Mike was born Sept. 10, 1959, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Alan and Imogene Bell. He served in the United



Walker of Big Spring on Feb. 29, 2008. In June 2008 he became a father when he

adopted Jennifer's sons.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jennifer Bell; sons, Patrick Bell and Timothy Bell, both of Gilbert, Ariz.; stepdaughter, Addison Elliott of Gilbert, Ariz.; sisters, Alana Bell-Dittrich of Gilbert, Ariz., Laela Quinn of Carrolton and Jean Agan of Cave Creek, Ariz.; father-in-law, Wayne Walker of Big Spring; mother-in-law, Sharon Wadley of Childress; and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Interment will be Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the VA National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice of the Valley or the American Cancer Society.

Wallace L. Stockton

Wallace L. Stockton, 66, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

James Mathews

James Mathews, 78, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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.

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

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 Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.



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Police blotter

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

- KENNEY KRUEGER, 23, of 1207 Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another
- SANTIAGO CANTU, 36, of 505 Young, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxica-
- LOLITA SALAZAR, 40, of 703 W. 18th St., was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- TRINITY OWEN, 30, of 2614 Ent, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TONY DELAGARZA, 44, of 1002 E. 16th St. Rear Apt., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1700 block of Benton.
- · ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the
- 1500 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this

- ELEUTERIO PADRON, 60, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • SHEILA MARIE WOODRUFF, 46, was arrested
- Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for assault causing bodily injury. • LOLITA ALVAREZ SALAZAR, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on
- charges of harassment and theft more than \$500, less than \$1,500. JESSE PAUL SILVA, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for

violation of a protective order.

• ANNA MARIE GODINA, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear (two counts) and a motion to • AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 revoke probation for injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intent to bodily injury.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Grace. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. Service refused. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the
- intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of • MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N.E.
- 11th Street. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Runnells. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.



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Abilene	67	42	rain	Kingsville	79	52	pt sunny
Amarillo	57	29	windy	Livingston	71	47	cloudy
Austin	69	46	cloudy	Longview	67	47	t-storm
Beaumont	68	54	t-storm	Lubbock	61	32	windy
Brownsville	81	56	mst sunny	Lufkin	71	48	t-storm
Brownwood	71	45	rain	Midland	64	38	windy
Corpus Christi	73	52	cloudy	Raymondville	83	54	mst sunr
Corsicana	68	47	t-storm	Rosenberg	70	51	cloudy
Dallas	70	47	t-storm	San Antonio	72	49	pt sunny
Del Rio	68	47	pt sunny	San Marcos	70	47	cloudy
El Paso	51	32	rain	Sulphur Springs	66	47	t-storm
Fort Stockton	61	39	windy	Sweetwater	67	40	windy
Gainesville	68	41	t-storm	Tyler	67	46	t-storm
Greenville	65	44	t-storm	Weatherford	70	43	t-storm
Houston	70	51	cloudy	Wichita Falls	67	38	pt sunny
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Atlanta	51	44	cloudy	Minneapolis	37	29	frz rair
Boston	33	17	sunny	New York	40	30	sunny
Chicago	40	38	rain	Phoenix	54	36	rain
Dallas	70	47	t-storm	San Francisco	52	40	mst su
Denver	42	26	cloudy	Seattle	50	39	rain
Houston	70	51	cloudy	St. Louis	51	43	rain
Los Angeles	61	42	pt sunny	Washington, DC	46	36	mst su
Miami	77	69	pt sunny				

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-12-17. Bonus Ball: Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-17-23-33-36. Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$7,936

Winning ticket purchased in: Castroville, Austin,

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-9-1. Sum It

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-6. Sum It



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Iverson to start All-Star game; Nash, Duncan as well

Iverson was voted to start in the All-Star game Thursday, while Steve Nash and Tim Duncan made late moves to claim starting spots for the Western Conference.

Nash passed the inactive Tracy McGrady as the second guard, while Duncan disappointed Dallas fans hoping to see Dirk Nowitzki start by rallying past the Mavericks forward. LeBron James was

the leading vote-getter for the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium, becoming the first player to earn at least 2.5 million votes three times. He will make his sixth All-Star appearance, all as a starter.

"The fans still love and see what I do every night and they appreci-

NEW YORK — Allen ate it, and I appreciate them for electing me as an All-Star starter," James said before the Cavaliers hosted the Los Angeles Lakers. "It's still special."

Joining James and Iverson as East starters were Miami guard Dwyane Wade, Orlando center Dwight Howard and Boston forward Kevin Garnett.

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant was picked in the West along with Phoenix center Amare Stoudemire and Denver forward Carmelo Anthony.

Starters were decided by fan balloting at NBA arenas and electronically. The reserves will be chosen by votes by the head coaches in each conference and will be announced next Thursday.

The fans still love Iverson, even though he's played only 19 games during the worst season of his career. He appeared on the West ballot since he began the season in Memphis, but he and the Grizzlies parted ways following only three games.

Iverson's votes counted in the East since he rejoined the Philadelphia 76ers, his longtime team. He is averaging only 14.8 points with the 76ers, but will get a shot at earning a third All-Star game MVP award if he chooses to play.

Bothered by a sore knee, Iverson previously said he would consider his health before deciding whether to play in the All-Star game for the 10th time. He's been an AllStar for 11 straight seasons, but missed the 2007 game because of injury.

"I just want to thank everybody for their support this season and it's an honor that the fans have voted me into the All-Star game as a starter," Iverson said in a statement. "The fans are who make us and make the NBA so popular. This year is even more special because I'll be representing a city and fans that I love and a team that has been such a big part of my life throughout my career."

A McGrady election would have been a bigger embarrassment for the NBA, since he has played sparingly in only six games for the Houston Rockets. The team gave him permission to leave the team and work out on his own while trying to find a trade, yet McGrady still was second among West guards when the most recent update was released on Jan. 7.

That sparked some criticisms of the voting process, but Nash and New Orleans' Chris Paul both moved ahead of McGrady in the final days of voting. Duncan's late surge

giveshima12thAll-Star appearance. Bryant, who claimed his third All-Star game MVP last year when he shared it with Shaquille O'Neal in Phoenix, also will be appearing for the 12th time.

Garnett's selection was his 13th, trailing only O'Neal (15) among active players.

The NBA expects

more than 80,000 fans. which would be the largest crowd ever to witness a live basketball game.

It's a return to Dallas for Nash, who spent six seasons with the Mavericks before signing with the Suns in 2004. He and Stoudemire give Phoenix two starters in an All-Star game for only the second time, joining Charles Barkley and Dan Majerle in 1995.

All Star Starters

East Allen Iverson Dwayne Wade LeBron James Kevin Garnett Dwight Howard

West Steve Nash Kobe Bryand Carmelo Anthony Tim Duncan Amar'e Stoudemire

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option past the next two seasons.

"As long as the team knows I'm going to be here this year with this team, that's all I need as a coach," Phillips said. "It doesn't matter if it's one year or 10

years. With this team right now, I feel very comfortable. I think we can go further and we will go further."

In Phillips' first season, Dallas was 13-3 and the No. 1 seed in the NFC before losing its opening playoff game. The Cowboys were 9-7 and missed the playoffs a year ago before an 11-5 record this season earned them the NFC East title. They beat Philadelphia in the NFC wild-card round before a 34-3 loss at Minnesota last weekend.

Jones refused to give any specifics about the financial terms of the deal, but said it was "serious money" while making clear there would be a hefty bonus for reaching a Super Bowl.

"Is he being overpaid? Not one penny," Jones said. "Is he being underpaid? Probably, for what I think he is. The bottom line is we have something that works and certainly is structured so that we have great incentive to do what he wants to lead us into doing any way, and that is ultimately get to that Super Bowl."

Only Colts, the Patriots and Chargers have won more games than Dallas during Phillips' three seasons, but the Cowboys have gone a franchise-worst 14 seasons without winningorreachingaSuper Bowl. Next season, the Super Bowl will be at

Cowboys Stadium, and Jones has long wanted to become the first host team to play in the big

"I feel like we're going to be knocking on the door," he said.

Then a smiling Phillips jumped in with a line made famous by his dad, Bum Phillips, when he coached the Houston Oilers: "We're going to kick that SOB in, too."

Phillips has been among the league's lowest-paid head coaches at around \$3 million per season. This past year, he also took on the role of defensive coordinator, and Jones called him "the MVP of the defense."

Jones said Phillips impressed him with how the coach never let the contract status affect him during the season.

"One of the things that he demonstrated was just how well that ambiguity didn't matter relative to getting the job done or relative to aspiring to where we wanted to go," Jones said. "Don't think that players, and for that

matter a lot more people than players, operate with some ambiguity with what's going to happen next year and the next year and the next year. Hello life."

The defense led by Pro Bowl picks DeMarcus Ware and Jay Ratliff allowed the fewest points in the NFC this season and closed the regular season with the first back-to-back shutouts in the franchise's 50-season history.

Phillips just finished his 33rd year in the NFL, 28 of them spent as either a defensive coordinator or head coach. He's 62.

If Phillips finishes this contract, he will match Jimmy Johnson as the longest-tenured coach during Jones' ownership. Phillips already has the highest winning percentage among Cowboys coaches, topping Johnson, Tom Landry and Barry Switzer. However, he's lumped in with Parcells, Chan Gailey and Dave Campo as Dallas coaches who haven't won a Super Bowl.

"We've produced well, but that isn't good

enough," Phillips said. "I think we have a lot better opportunity to do that now."

This will become the longest head coaching stint for Phillips, who is 81-54 in the regular season and was 0-4 in the playoffs before this season. Phillips was Buffalo's coach for three seasons and spent two seasons in Denver, along with interim stints in New Orleans and Atlanta.

Jones expects to bring back the entire coaching staff, including three assistants whose contracts expire after this season. Among them is Phillips' son, Wes, who is in charge of offensive quality con-

The one change was when defensive line coach Todd Grantham last week became the new defensive coordinator for the University of Georgia. The Cowboys quickly replaced him by rehiring Paul Pasqualoni, a Dallas assistant for three seasons before spending the last two seasons as Miami's defensive coordinator.

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Puzzles by Pappocom

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By Steve Becker **Bidding Quiz**

Your right-hand opponent deals and opens Four Hearts, neither side vulnerable. What, if anything, would you bid with each of the following four hands?

. **♦** AQJ94 ♥ 8 ♦ K5 **♣** J10752 2. ♠AK83 ♥—♦KQJ10 ♣ QJ1063 3. ♠ A95 ♥ QJ98 ♦ 763 ♣ KQ7 4. **♦** K7 ♥ — **♦** AKJ8 **♣** AKQJ984

1. Pass. The primary objective of a pre-emptive bid is to make it difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding safely and accurately, and that is what has happened to you here. After your opponent's opening

four-heart bid, there is certainly a temptation to bid four spades. If you are by nature fearless, you bid four spades and hope the roof doesn't cave in on you. But if you are more cautious by nature, you pass and hope partner has the proper values to enter the fray in one way or another.

Actually, if you were to take a poll of the several hundred 10-best players in the world, probably 60 percent of them would pass, while a respectable 40 percent would step into the unknown by bidding four spades

2. Double. There is a real possibility that partner will pass the double

out), and though you might deem this undesirable, there is no better alternative to the double. The dilemma you face merely emphasizes how annoying a well-timed pre-emptive bid can be. However, it might well turn out that the best result your side can achieve is to let the opponents play the hand in four hearts doubled. 3. Pass. This time you should

(which is intended primarily as take-

expect to beat four hearts, but you can't afford to double because your partner will almost surely bid, and the wrong side might wind up playing the hand. It is true that a pass here might result in failing to punish your right-hand opponent to the fullest extent (if the next player and your partner both pass), but a far worse result might ensue if you doubled and partner took the double out.

4. Six clubs. Here you should bid

what you think you can make. Of course, you might go down, but against that you should weigh the probability of making 12 (and perhaps all 13) tricks. The best you can do in these sticky situations is to make the bid you think will win most often in the long run, and in this context six clubs should be regarded as the best percentage bid.

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HAWKS

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double effort and Brockeith Pane matched his point total to lead four Chaps in double figures. Jordan Walker had 12 and Guy Landry dropped 11 for Midland, while Howard's Josh Watkins added 16, Carlos Emory added 13 and LaMont Austin chipped in 10.

Howard was able to stem the tide of each run Midland threatened to make in the first half. Midland built its largest lead of the night, 10 points, on the strength of a 6-0 run late in the first half, but Howard fought back to within six at halftime.

The Hawks took six

minutes to erase that deficit in the second half and took its first lead since the opening minutes with 10:13 to play on a Josh Watkins free throw. With the game later tied at 52 at the 7:51 mark, Midland embarked on a 9-2 run that gave it the lead for

good. Howard threatened to pull within striking distance in the waning minutes, but the Hawks could only cut the deficit to four. Midland made 13 of 14 free throws in the second half.

"I think us and Howard are really evenly matched, and I think (Thursday) we were just able to make a couple shots late in the game and get a couple stops, but that's it," Hodge

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said.

recognized Adams how talented the Chaps

"They have my respect, there's no question,' Adams said of the Chaps. "But it's a long season so we have an opportunity to get better, and when you play teams like this, they expose your weak-

nesses." Midland 74, Howard 64

HC (16-2, 3-1)- Austin 3-5 10, O'Garro 1-1 2, Watkins 5-10 16, Crowder 6-15 21, Emory 4-8 13

Bright 1-5 2; MC (20-0, 4-0)- Nurse 1-3 5, Landry 5-9 11, Brockeith Pane 4-10 16, Edmondson 2-2 5, Moore 1-7 2, Dean 0-0 1, Simmons 1-7 6, Williams 7-14 16, Walker 4-6

Halftime 43-37 MC; FG HC Halftime 43-37 MC; FG HC 20-48, MC 25-58; 3-point HC 5-22 (Austin 2, Watksins 2, Crowder), MC 7-24 (Pane 4, Nurse, Landry, Edmondson); FT HC 19-24, MC 17-23; Rebounds 41-26 MC (Williams 10, Emory 7); Turnovers 20-20; Assists HC 6 MC 11 (Simmons 4): Total 6, MC 11 (Simmons 4); Total Fouls HC 18, MC 22; Steal HC

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the second half, cut it to (2), had a lot of momentum, and then between taking a lot of bad shots and not rebounding the ball, they just killed us on the boards."

Midland put the game out of reach with another 8-0 run at the nine-minute mark to go ahead by 20.

Midland 52, Hawks 32

Howard (15-4, 0-3)- Reid 2-12 7 Ards 2-8 5, Fountain 0-5 2, Murgel 2-6 6, Colbert 1-1 3, Tubbs 2-10 5, Blagrave 0-4 1, Bartelson 1-2 3;

Midland (19-3, 3-1)- Mansfield 1-9 2, Anderson 0-0 2, Cowden 3-9 10, Simmons 2-6 6, Shiels 4-9 10,

Warren 3-6 7, Sheppard 5-7 12, Bright 1-2 3; Halftime 20-13 MC; FG HC 10-55, MC 19-54; 3-point HC 4-22 (Murgel 2, Ards, Tubbs), MC 5-17 (Cowden 2, Simmons 2, Shiels); FT HC 8-16, MC 9-14; Rebounds 53-33 MC (Sheppard 9, Bartelson 5); Assists HC 2, MC 12 (Anderson 5); Turnovers HC 11, MC 18;

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according to Everett, and no injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

"According to the report, the two men approached the clerk at the Exxon station and told them, 'This is a robbery,'" said Everett. "They took the clerk back to the store's bathroom and told them to stay in there. The clerk stayed there until they heard the door chime, at which time he believed the men had left. However, when the clerk opened the bathroom door, he saw the two men running out the door with the station's cash box."

The cash box was recovered when officers arrested the two men, according to Everett.

Also indicted Thursday were:

- Shawn Carl Anderson, 38, currently in Howard County Jail, forgery (two counts, both state jail felonies).
- Patricia Labelle Edwards, 47, of 9202 Kay Rd., driving while intoxicated (thirddegree felony).
- Mickey Aubrey Emerson, 47, of 5817 N. Service Rd., driving while intoxicated with open container (third-degree felony).
- Priscilla Irene Hernandez, 29, of 707 Magnolia, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jerry Lee Hinojos, 41, of 302 W. Carpenter in Stanton, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Joann Hirzel, 19, of 1805 Alabama, possession of a controlled substance (state jail

• David Brian Lownes, 50, of 3911 Hamilton, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Sherry Lynn Johnson, 43, of 1708 S. Scurry, driving while intoxicated (thirddegree felony).
- Michael Steven Marquez, 27, currently in the county jail, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- David Lynn Peterson, 34, of 1502 Sycamore, forgery (third-degree felony, enhanced).
- Phillip Arnold Price, 46, of 1526 E. 17th St., forgery (state jail felony).
- Ann Marie Renteria, 38, of 107 N.E. Ninth St., theft – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Charles Luther Ussery III, 55, of 411 Glenna, driving while intoxicated (thirddegree felony). • Jesse Rojo Valverde, 41, of 805 Ohio,
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- Cheyenne, driving while intoxicated (two counts, both second-degree felonies - en-• Terri Lynn Yanez, 44, of 1802 Wasson,
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Veterans Families Fund assists **Chaviras**

The Veterans Families Fund recently presented a \$500 check to Airman 1st Class Robert Chavira, his wife Ashley and their daughter, 3-yearold Brionna.

Monies in the fund are donated by Big Spring

area residents to be presented as a "thank you" for service to coun-Chavira has been in the Air Force for three years. He is stationed

second deployment, having already been sent to Iraq. He is 22 years "Thank you, Big Spring area, for providing these funds," said Dr. J. Gale Kilgore, who oversees the Veterans Families Fund. "You know the veterans and their families appreciate the check. Sometimes Uncle Sam doesn't give enough, so again I thank you for your

in Tucson, Ariz., but is currently deployed to Afghanistan. It is his

donations." Those who would like to donate can send a check to Veterans Families, Account 5901848, Wood Forest National Bank, 201 W.

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SPEAKER

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field of gender medicine."

"As we look at the brain now that we can look at the brain without opening the skull and we have a lot more volunteers for research - we realized that women are different from men," Love continued. "Understanding and honoring the difference will just help collaboration and cooperation in relationships instead of maligning them. The biggest culprit is a man expecting a woman to be like a man and a woman expecting a man to be like a woman. And yes, it's on a continuum but the most feminine man is still more like another man than he is a woman and the most masculine women is still more like another woman than man."

Love — and, yes, that really is her birth name — spoke to a crowd of about 250 people, mostly women, at Dora Roberts Community Center. Healthy Woman is a program sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center to provide events, information and networking to area women to help in making informed decisions about their health.

Using research in gender science, Love gave an informative and humorous talk about how men and women react differently to similar situations.

"It's really looking at innate vulnerabilities," Love said. "About 15 years ago, a researcher by the name of Tayler at UCLA looked at all the developmental studies and realized that all the studies had been conducted on men as subjects. It was believed prior to about 20 years ago that women couldn't be used in research because their hormonal fluctuations would actually taint the study.

"She looked at development coping styles," Love said. "She found that women have a different coping style than men. Men use the traditional flight and fight ... etc., but women have a coping style

called tend and befriend. It's this tend and befriend that makes us feel safe, that makes us feel secure and while men certainly can use that, they don't tend to use it has often as women. Men misunderstand that. "This is about understand-

ing and honoring difference and embracing that because until we honor difference no one will ever be free." Love was available to

answer questions at a health fair held before the dinner. This is the second health fair held by Healthy Woman to promote women's health. "Women are different, and

we have to take care of ourselves," Love said. "Women make 80 percent of the medical decisions, but they make more decisions for their pets than they do for themselves so it's really a good reminder to take care of ourselves because we're the caretakers. And the reason why we are the caretakers is because we're the one who use collaboration and relationships as our primary coping skills."

Love is the author of several relationship books including "Hot Monogamy," "The Truth About Love" and "How to Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It." She has appeared several times on Oprah, CNN and the Today Show. Her advice has also been seen Cosmopolitan, Men's Health and Woman's World.

SMMC

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maybe not even from our program but someone sitting next to them at our program — that will help them with some struggle they are having with a health issue," Howell said. "One of our members at our Teal Toes event in September, which is our ovarian cancer awareness event, ... stood up at the end, and she said 'Ladies learn the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, and if you're

friend says I'm feeling this, this and this you tell her to get to the doctor. My good friend had been complaining of these symptoms for three years, and by the time she got diagnosed, it was inoperable and she is probably going to pass." "That was very meaningful to

me because it was something we all needed to hear," Howell said. "All of us in that room need to know the signs, so if someone we know came to us complaining about those symptoms we could say it's probably nothing but it sounds like signs of ovarian cancer, so go to your doctor and get that checked out. Don't let it go. That is very important because we don't. We're brave and go on, but we don't want to lose anyone else to things that are preventable, especially like ovarian cancer.'

Howell said 10 events are set this year for the program and encourages community support. Information can be found by going www.smmccares.com or by calling Howell at 268-4842.

"Our Web site is the place we send our members to register for each event so we know how many are planning to attend, and you can see the details of each event," she said. "We send two e-mails a month. One is a newsletter that gives timely information and health tips and Web sites to go visit for more information. It's just a front and back newsletter and is mailed it to folks who don't e-mail. We also send a reminder about that month's event with a link in it back to the Web site to register."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Jose Hernandez, 33, died Monday. Funeral Services were at 10:00 Friday Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity

Memorial Park. Jerod Boyd, 25, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers &

Smith Funeral Home. James Mathews, 78, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BSISD

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Brorman was not present at Thursday's meeting and could not be reached for comment.

All three of the singlemember district terms are for three years. PersonsseekingBSISD

school board posts must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, a resident of Texas for at least a year and have lived in the district they plan to represent for at least six months, BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said.

The filing period for

the election will run from Feb. 8 to March 8. Candidacy papers can be filed at the BSISD business office during normal operating hours, Green said.

Also during Thurs-

day's meeting, trustees learned that the district continues to gain students at a modest rate. Superintendent Ste-

ven Saldivar said 3,870 students were enrolled locally as of Jan. 8, an increase of 96 over the same time last year.

The majority of the increase is at the elementary level, which reported a jump of 94 students from 12 months ago, Saldivar said.

"We're not really sure as to the reason for the increase," he said. "There doesn't seem to be a clear pattern behind it. We're just get-

ting more kids in those

grades." Regardless of the reason, Saldivar hopes the enrollment jump is a trend that continues.

"When you jump by almost 100 students, you hope it's a trend and not just a one-time thing," he said. "Part of the reason may be the economy ... and we've gained some students who previously transferred out of the district and are now transferring back in."

business In other Thursday, trustees approved:

• The hiring of Jennifer Hawkes as a second grade teacher at Bauer Elementary.

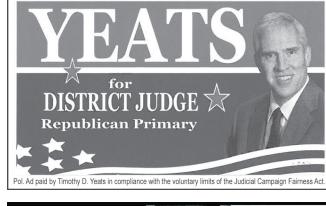
• The purchase of four new school buses for a total cost of \$352,000. The district's tax

- roll.
- · An interlocal agreement for the procurement of grant writer services. • The district's annual
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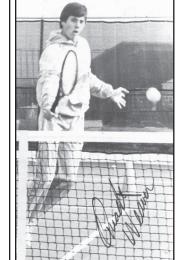
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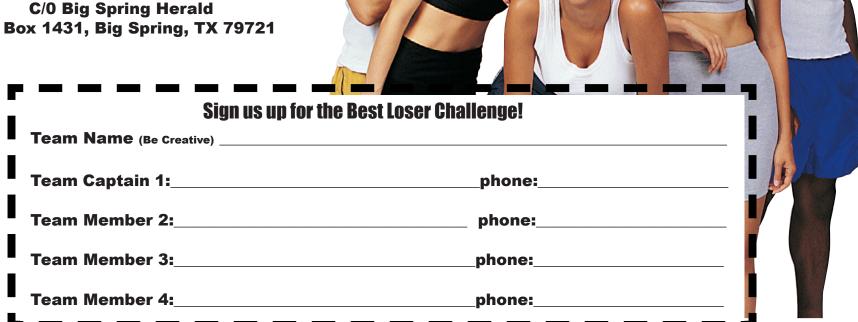
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Our View

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:

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188, which raised \$10,500 for West Texas Centers for MH-MR's Children in Need Fund during Saturday's Eighth Annual West Texas Chili Cook-off, as well as all those who took part in the event all the chili cooks and their team members, not to mention all those who took part by enjoying the chili meal.
- All those who took part in the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's youth fishing tournament at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which released some 1,500 rainbow trout into the lake a few days prior to the event.
- All those that took part in Monday's march to commemorate the life of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Youngsters in the Big Spring YMCA day care class, who burned off a little excess energy last Friday by participating in a "hop-a-thon" and raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy As-
- All those who took part in the Signal Mountain Quilting Guild Show held Saturday at the Heritage Museum.
- Dr. J. Gale Kilgore and the Veterans Families Fund, which recently presented a \$500 check to Airman 1st Class Robert Chavira, his wife Ashley and their daughter Brionna, as a "thank you" for service to our country.
- Spencer Wolfe of Big Spring, who was named cent holiday visit, as the Volunter of the Year for Texas Senate District 31 by the Republican Party of Texas during an awards ceremony held recently at the InterContinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin. The RPT honors one volunteer from each senatorial district and auxiliary organi-

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our tranquility be heavenly based, Lord.

Time for burning bridges

hen Sam Houston took 910 frontiersmen onto the San Jacinto battlefield, they faced a professional army and superior numbers that had recently pillaged and murdered anyone

who opposed them. While Houston's men were rugged outdoorsmen, they were no match for the educated generals and trained solders of the Mexican army. It was April 21, 1836, and for more than a month, Houston had been chased by this army of



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3,000 to 5,000 men across several hundred miles of unforgiving Texas badlands.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO

The army at their heels had a nasty reputation for proficient and ruthless killing. This was the very same army which had besieged the Alamo and killed the 180 defenders. They mutilated their bodies for sport and burned such great men as David Crocket and William Travis beyond recognition. Just over the rise from Hous-

ton's view and only about 1,000 vards away was the same terrible tyrant who had ordered the execution of all those men plus the men at Goliad.

REMEMBER GOLIAD

James Fannin and his men at Goliad were prisoners of war

and were helpless when Santa Anna ordered them to be massacred.

Fannin had personally petitioned Santa Anna that if he was to be executed that he would not be shot in the face, his personal items be sent to his children and that he should have a Christian

Santa Anna obliged Fannin by having the firing squad shoot him directly into the face, stealing his property and then had his body burned with the other 500 prisoners of war.

As Houston prepared to take his men into battle he knew all too well that this was the only army left to represent 40,000 people and the new government called Texas.

If this one battle was lost, so would the war be lost. He knew what would happen

to the families of all these men if they failed. He knew what would happen to any survivors of the battle if they lost. They could not So just before he pointed his

sword toward the enemy and rode his white horse into the fray, he took note of the place where this battle was about to be The San Jacinto and Buffa-

lo River surrounded the battleground and the only way off the island was by two small bridges behind them. Houston turned to a man hard of hearing named Deaf Smith and ordered, "Burn the bridges!" There was no going back and

there would be no more delay. It was going to happen today and

everyone had to be totally committed to victory.

FORGET THE PAST

That's where you and I stand today. It's a brand new year and a new season in your life. The Lord works a different and

exciting new purpose in every

new season of life and sometimes we have to ram our destiny down the devil's throat like Houston went after Santa Anna. Sometimes you have to burn

bridges and say there is no going backward, only forward.

We have to be totally committed to victory and put aside all delay.

With every new beginning comes a new goal and a new requirement for commitment to victory.

I want to encourage you to decide that there is no way you are going to be outclassed by your opposition this year. Burn bridges and decide you are the winner God has called you to be. The prevailing attitude of heaven is that your destiny is much greater than your history. So go for it, my friends!

"Do not remember the former things. Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?" — Isaiah

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Aunt Maude to the rescue

ve written often about my Uncle Mort, who has spent all 96 years of his life down in the thicket. Rarely have I mentioned his wife, Maude, who in her own way, is as strong as garlic, too.

During their re-Mort fell into midafternoon slumber, dozing off in front of a crackling fireplace.

We laughed, figuring that we'd have to wake him for dinner. Then we launched "chitchat" at a lower volume and half the speed Mort chooses.

Maude asked if I'd heard of Groucho Marx's long-ago radio show, You Bet Your Life. Turns out that she and Mort were contestants more than 60 years ago. "I got to answer Groucho's question about what to mix with water to get soap suds," Maude beamed. "I told him 'lye'." Marx, the show's host and

DR.

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dean of radio wise-crackers, joked, "That's a lie, but we're going to give you the \$50 anyway.' 'Groucho probably never

heard of lye soap," Maude admitted. "I've used it to put out washings during all of my 'put-together'," contending that she could make this soap in her sleep. "Mort starts the wood fire and brings water to a good boil in the wash pot, then I take over," she explained. Maude was ready to launch

into washday details — jabbing the clothes with a broom handle, rinsing and hanging out to dry — unless it's "coming up a Amen cloud."

I thought about our acrossthe-street neighbor who, several months ago, was gleeful as her dozen-year-old washer and dryer were wheeled out, surrendering to a shiny, state-of-the-art pair. (She wondered if she might qualify for membership in the "everything green" bunch.)

It hasn't worked out that way. She should have been forewarned by Thomas Becon's line in 1553. The quote, even with its quaint spelling, holds true: "All is not golde that glistereth." (Becon may have stolen the quote from Alain de Lille, a French theologian in the 1100s who warned against holding "everything gold that shineth like gold." Authorities maintain that "fool's gold" is the only kind that actually shines, but that's a topic for another time.)

Let the nightmarish chapter begin. Soon, the washer vibrated excessively, once bouncing into the wall. It left a softball-sized hole and broke the soap dispenser in the process.

With a few months of warranty remaining, my neighbor was confident that repairs would be made with dispatch. Sure enough, the repairman replaced the dispenser without charge. Before leaving, though, he offered several suggestions, including the placement of socks and such in a mesh bag. Another rep on a subsequent visit recommended the placement of a rubber mat under the machine. He warned her to avoid washing heavier items such as bath mats and beach towels, and to try halfloads. Still a third "alleged fixer" offered mournful words: "You've

got one of the worst models

ever," and that she'd "be bet-

ter off with a set 10 years old,"

because they "made 'em better

in the old days."

Maude had heard enough. She walked briskly across the street, clearly on a mission. My neighbor needed encouragement; her warranty had expired and

"washer woes" were mounting. My aunt preached "simplify," offering to give her a wash pot

and the lye soap recipe. "You'll love the 'smell and feel" of line-dried clothes," Maude promised. "And remember, all lemons don't grow on trees. Sometimes faulty products rub right up against 5 o'clock Friday at the factory."

My neighbor tried to jot down Maude's suggestions. Some scribbles included: "No moving parts (unless broom handle and pliers used to repair clothes line are counted). No more waiting for service calls. No more 'on hold' sessions of nothingness after the recorded voice explains 'how important her call is.' No longer need to wedge ironing board between washer and wall to protect the latter."

Sadly, she wished for her old set back — the one that never once needed repairs. Oh that her faulty washer could be back on the showroom floor where it had been on display just 16 months earlier. (Later, she learned an additional pertinent fact: the retailer no longer carries this model.)

"It reminds me that the people in the loan department at the bank ain't the ones who write the advertising jingles," Maude analyzed.

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Consider this quote: "If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give." George MacDonald (1824-1905)

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed.

Remember, God loves each of us with a love so great He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

Baptist Temple

We will be restarting our Financial Peace University class with Dave Ramsey on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15. The cost is \$100, which includes course materials and shipping and handling cost of the materials. You can register by calling the church office or you can go online at daveramsey. com and enter your information.

Our weight-loss support-group SPEED (Shedding Pounds Eagerly Every Day) has resumed and is meeting Tuesdays at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Our 12-Step Recovery group, led by Dean Thomas, has also resumed and meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

On Feb. 7, we will have a Super Bowl Party in our fellowship hall starting at 5 p.m. At halftime we will watch a video of Chad Pennington (quarterback of the Miami Dolphins) and Carson Palmer (quarterback of the Cincinnati Bengals) tell about their faith. You are invited to attend.

February 14 will be our Everybody Birthday Party at 6 p.m. in our fellowship hall. We will celebrate everybody's birthday with one big party. Don and Judy Earley from Fort Worth will be our entertainment for the evening.

During January, our morning services will focus on giving God the first and the best of what we can give. This Sunday, we will focus on giving God the best of our behavior (1 Chronicles 28:5-9). We will not have evening service, but will have Connection Day instead starting at 6 p.m. Many of our people will be making contact with people in our community by writing notes, making phone calls, or personally going to visit.

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

First United Methodist

First Methodist's Sunday services of worship are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. This week's sermon, brought by our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, is entitled, "Jesus' Radical Hospitality" with themes of welcoming from Hebrews 13;2. Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:45 a.m. For complete information regarding classes check with the church office or go to our Web site at www.fumcbs.com.

Eddie Vandewalker will be leading Chancel Choir rehearsal from 3 to 4 Sunday afteroon follwed at 4:30 by the Praise Team rehearsal. At 5;30 there will be a snack supper served in Garrett Hall and at 6 there will be special activities for adults, youth This new year would be a great time to begin at-

tending our mid-week service of worship in Garrett Hall Wednesdays at noon. This informal time of study and fellowship also includes a great home cooked meal prepared and served by a committee of dedicated church cooks. If you only have an hour for lunch you still have time to participate. Come join us and add it to your weekly schedule.

Have you noticed our new sign on Gregg Street? Well, it's actually our old sign completely redone following an unfortunate automobile accident. The art work will be finished soon and there is a possibility of electronic capabilites in the near future.

Our Senior Adult Ministry, SAM, says, "It's never too late for a New Year's Brunch!" So, on Saturday morning, Jan. 30 that famous breakfast buffet will be served at 9 a.m. In addition, there will be lots of fun, fellowship and door prizes. And for those who aren't sure about their age eligiblity, we say "If you are old enough for AARP you're old enough for SAM".

Remember to bring your favorite recipes to the church office for the Pathmaker's new recipe book. This is another of their fund-raising efforts for our church Relay For Life teams.

There is something for everybody at First Methodist and you have an open invitation to join us down at Fourth and Scurry, 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. Tom, along with Big Spring pastor Craig Holst-

edt, continues to have a Bible study on the week's lectionary in the library of First Presbyterian, Big Spring, Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. The Frolic on Saturday evening, Jan. 16, was en-

joyed by 27 folks from our church and the commu-During the worship service Jan. 17, Bob Hicks

and Helen Shive were installed as Elders for the

The lectionary for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is Nehemiah 8:1-6; Psalm 19; I Corinthi-

ans12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21.

If silence is golden, why do we prefer noise? well-known adage of unties for conversation. We crave knob ourselves. When God certain origin wants us verbal interaction with other to think that silence is people, and quite often the need

golden. However, most of us try to avoid silence.

We go to sleep at night listening to music. We wake up in the morning to the sound of an obnoxious alarm or a cacophony of noise from a radio. We stumble out of bed and fumble around in the dark until we find



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the remotes for our TVs. We depend on noise for stimulation until we have had our first caffeine intake for the day.

Rather than drive in silence, we get into our cars and turn up the radio or slap a CD into the media slot. We grab our cell phones with a sense of urgency so we can talk about mundane matters. At work or in the grocery store, we seek opportunito talk outweighs the desire to listen. We get uncomfortable when there is a lull in the conversation, and we try to fill in the gaps with anything but silence.

Although silence may be golden, we don't seem to appreciate those nuggets of quietness. We find them awkward, or we equate them with boredom. We need the distraction of noise because without it, we might be forced to think about unpleasant things. Silence is an intruder who invades our minds and slows our activity. It instigates reflection, meditation. and contemplation. It promotes listening to things that aren't normally heard such as our own hearts or the advice of a wise friend. If left to its own devices, silence even enables us to hear the voice of God.

While silence can be golden, we prefer to control the volume speaks to us, we like having the option of listening or tuning him out completely. However, we get upset when God is silent. Throughout the psalms, King David and others begged God not to be silent when they were in great need. A psalmist named Asaph pleaded, "O God, do not remain quiet; Do not be silent and, O God, do not be still" (Psalm 83:1 NASB).

Although we don't like having to wait for God to speak, God's silence is pure gold. It is even more valuable than our own silence. It requires us to be quieter, listen more carefully, and be more receptive to His voice than to our own. If we listen. God's silence speaks louder than all our noise. Maybe that is why we often prefer noise; it doesn't say anything.

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St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheral invites you to join us every Sunday morning at 9 for worship, led by Pastor Wayne K. Frost. Sunday school for all ages follows at 10:15. We are located at 810 Scurry and our office hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thurs-

Now is the time to get involved in Bible study. Three classes are available and you do not need to be a member of St. Paul to join. Wednesday at noon in the parish hall, "Seeking the Face of God;" Friday at 6 a.m., "Seduction of Extremes" at Greg's Grill in the mall; and on Sunday at 6 p.m., "Experiencing God." is held at 2712 Ann. Pastor Frost is beginning a new study on Wednes-

days based on the Gary Thomas book, "Seeking the Face of God." The first class will begin at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 in the parish hall. For more information concerning these classes, call the church office at Following Sunday school Jan. 31, a congregation-

al pot luck dinner will be served. Bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship and food. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

will be attending a Secret Prayer Pal Valentine's dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Casa Blanca restaurant. Everyone will have their secret pal revealed and find out exactly who that special person has been for a year. Any prayer requests or concerns may be e-mailed

to stpaullc@sbcglobal.net or by calling the church We remember to include in our daily prayers our

military, especially those in combat situations.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring The Lectionary Bible Study met Wednesday at

5:17 p.m. Choir practice was at 6 p.m. The Session met Tuesday 19 in the church li-

The children's Sunday school unit, which began Jan. 10, is "Jesus' Baptism," based on Mark 1. Junior high students continue their life application lessons with Don and Christine Boling in the youth room. The Covenant Class, led by Max Green and John Ferguson, is studying "The Evidence of Jesus as Messiah," taken from the book of Matthew. The Adult Video Class has begun a series of five lessons called "Fire on the Mountain," exploring the Exodus and the Ten Commandmants.

Presbyterian Women will meet at 2 p.m. in the library Tuesday, Jan. 26 for Bible study. Jamie Walker will provide refreshments for

"Take Ten" Sunday morning. Helen Glass is litur-The lectionary for the third Sunday in Ordinary

Time is Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21. The chancel choir will present "Like As a Father," arranged by Austin Lovelace. "A Jubilant Song" is the offertory anthem. If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST

1490 AM., at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our Web site: www.fpcbs.

East Fourth Street Baptist

The youth wish to thank everyone who bought burritos from them Saturday. They appreciate you helping them with funds toward summer camp.

If you have not attended the Wednesday night Adult Bible Study, you are missing a blessing. Bro. Keith Weaver is teaching a Study on Parables of

the Kingdom in Matthew. Opportunities to hear the Word of God at East Fourth begins with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship

at 6. Wednesdays, the adult prayer meeting and

Bible study, youth and children's Bible study begin at 7 p.m. A Bible study for men who are early risers is set for 7 a.m. Saturday.

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Pastor Don Rosentreter will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon will be based on Luke 4:16-30: "God's Plan and Purpose."

Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Elders for the week are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd. The liturgy will be read by Phillip Reid. The readings are Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19: (1-6) 7-14, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, and Luke 4:16-30.

Mid Week School is being held Wednesday evenings with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. with both Mid Week School classes and confirmation classes at 6.

A Bible study at church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays is well attended and enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be Jan. 28. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible

The Executive Board will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday. In preparation for this meeting, several of the boards met Thursday. The Board of Elders, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Education all met at church to discuss upcoming events for the 2010 calendar.

The LWML will serve refreshments at the VA on Feb. 8. The LWML will also meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at Kathy Laning's home. The Board of Education will meet at the church at 7 p.m. Feb. 9. The Elders will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

Ladies, mark your calendars for the LWML prayer pal/salad supper on the 11th of February at Kathy Laning's home. Prayer Pals for 2009-2010 will be identified and new Prayer Pals for 2010-2011 will be drawn. Bring your favorite salad.

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at 5 with Pastor Billy Bates leading each service.

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Optimists are dynamic people who set events in motion, working for the betterment of all. They know that there are two sides to every problem, yet they realize that the negative side must give way to the positive, and they work tirelessly to that Sir Edward Appleton,

the Scottish physicist, made worldwide broadcasting possible and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. When asked the secret to his amazing achievement, he shouted, "Enthusiasm!" He went on to say that he rated enthusiasm even above professional skill, "... for without enthusiasm no one would be willing to endure the self-discipline and endless work so necessary in developing professional skill." He later added, "Enthusiasm is the dynamic motivator that keeps one persistently working toward his goal." When we kick up our

lives from "simmer" to "boiling", we discover talents and powers we never dreamed were there. We learn that we can succeed at anything if we have unlimited enthusiasm.

About three years ago, I watched an episode on television about a 64-year old lady whose house had been demolished by a tornado. Due to limited funds, she was unable to hire a carpenter to rebuild it for her. Even though only the foundation remained, this did not dampen her spirit of determination.

Mabel had never married, so doing

everything herself was no problem. She bought and studied how-to books on erecting the walls, fitting the plumbing, running the electrical wiring, and on every other phase of the rebuilding process. She talked to carpenters and roofers and asked other experts for pointers on installing the kitchen and bathroom sinks. Only the air conditioning and heating were installed by professionals.

After schooling herself for four long months by diligently reading and studying the carpentry books, and making notes and drawings, she felt she was finally ready to erect the studs and walls, which she did. Mabel worked from

early dawn until late in the evening, seven days a week. Despite not being a sophisticated, well-educated woman, and regardless of having a small income and a lack of grammatical skills, her passion, determination, and strong will kept her moving forward. Neighbors occasion-

ally offered their assistance, but she always politely refused their help. "I'll do it myself, you'll see. Just give me time," she would answer, and 14 months later, Mabel moved into her 980-squarefoot house. Though it was not yet completely finished she said, "At least it is a roof over my head and it is paid for." When asked how long before the work would

be finished, she responded, "I don't know, but it will be finished." Television crews fol-

lowed the story, showing Mabel on the roof nailing shingles, and driving her old pickup truck to the dump yard looking for pieces of discarded furniture and anything else she could use. A reporter asked how she stayed so optimistic. "Oh," she replied, "I didn't know there was any other way to live."

Mabel's enthusiasm bred faith, and faith stimulated action. Her can-do spirit and joy for life were like a controlled fire that had been harnessed to produce power. And with this kind of power, the world belongs to the enthusiast.

If you want a new life for 2010 with enough enthusiasm to share with others, you can develop it. Believe me, I did exactly that back in 1976. I decided I wanted a change in my personality. I was tired of the shy, timid person I was so I asked God for His help and He answered my prayer. Today, my enthusiasm is the spice for my life, and I would never want to go backward to who I was more than 33 years ago.

Proverbs 15:13 says, "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."

God bless.

Send your comments to jjstocks1@suddenlink.

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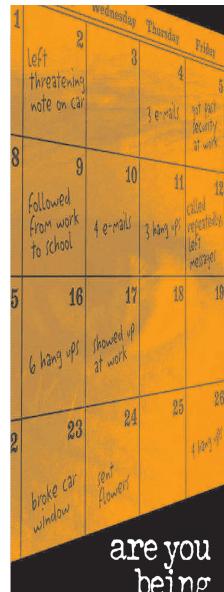
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a stalker's behavior.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another. vet you can take steps to increase your safety.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Trust your instincts. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.

Take **threats** seriously. Danger generally is higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victim tries to leave or end the relationship

Contact a crisis hotline, victim services agency, or a domestic

violence or rape crisis program. They can help you devise a safety plan, give you information about local laws, refer you to other services, and weigh options such as seeking a protection order.

Develop a safety plan, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you. Also, decide in advance what to do if the stalker shows up at your home, work, school, or somewhere else. Tell people how they can help you.

Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you.

STALKED?

Keep evidence of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph anything of yours the stalker damages and any injuries the stalker causes Ask witnesses to write down what they saw.

3.4 million people are stalked each year in the United States.

> Contact the **police**. Every state has stalking laws. The stalker may also have broken other laws by doir things like assaulting you or stealing or destroying

Consider getting a **court order** that tells the stalker to stay away from you.

Tell family, friends, roommates, and co-workers about the stalking and seek their support. Tell security staff at your job or school. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

Women are three times more likely to be stalked than men.

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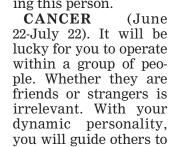
Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Aries moon goes void of course, putting an interesting haziness into the atmosphere.

Your every move will determine the form this connection will take.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is someone who really wants to work with you, but who is not yet at the ability level that he or she needs to be in order to have an equal partnership. Consider mentoring this person.



irrelevant. With your dynamic personality, you will guide others to a consensus.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Go cautiously into partnerships of any kind

nerships of any kind. You are likely to get swept into the moment and promise things that seem very reasonable now, but that will later prove challenging to deliver upon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are sensitive and impressionable. It will take some effort to change your emotional state. Therefore, be careful what you expose yourself to. A sad movie or a bit of bad news could stick with you

longer than will be useful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll work quickly and efficiently. You'll set the pace and tone for the rest. Then, when it's time to stop and have some fun, you'll lead the festivities, too. It's fun for you to take the lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Once you get down to business, life becomes a series of simple decisions. Make a choice, move on, repeat. Your success will depend on your ability to be consistent and congruent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone stands to earn a great deal of money from your efforts. Consider the pros and cons of going into business for yourself. This will help you appreciate your current position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Go the extra mile to make a strong first impression. Lively encounters are fun to create. Years from now, someone will be telling the story about how you first met.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What seems natural to you may have

very little to do with nature. You take so readily to new technology, city locales and the kind of socializing that could only happen in the present age.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be extremely helpful to someone, and this will bring you happiness. Though, you should be careful to balance your contributions to others with attention to your own needs.

T O D A Y 'S BIRTHDAY (JAN. 22). Your mind fills with creative notions about how to improve your life and the lives of those close to you. Your ideas will be well received in the next 10 weeks. In March, a close relationship changes to fit the way your life has evolved. There will be a new source of income in April. Moves are featured in July. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 14, 33, 19 and

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You feel good about yourself around a certain person and that's where you'll gravitate. TAURUS: To give your unconditional love takes work — you're willing to do that kind of work. GEMINI: You show your love for someone by respecting his or her family. CANCER: A selfish person will appeal to you, perhaps because you could benefit from paying more attention to your own pleasure and happiness. LEO: You like how someone looks and you'll like even better how this person responds to you. VIRGO: You will satisfy your hunting instincts by going after someone who is not so easy to catch. LIBRA: You can do the thing you think you can't do. Practice being strong and you become strong. SCORPIO: Notice whom you are attracted to and think about the qualities this person has that you want to possess. SAGITTARIUS: You'll take a romantic risk and it will work out for you. If this doesn't happen the first time, try again. CAPRICORN: You'll find that you're better

point to feel worthy and loved right now. Don't wait for someone else to make you feel that way. PISCES: You like who you are, and that is very attractive.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Aries are fresh, energetic and lively signs who keep up well with each other. This shared sense of pacing makes them ideal partners. As for the love game, these two play it best when they are out world. seeing the Neither one is naturally adept at settling down, so doing so will require some work.

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Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

The annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful installation of officers and awards banquet was held Jan. 11 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Member Ellen Austin catered the affair and outgoing president Walter Ward presided. The Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, offered the invocation.

Waltered reviewed the group's activities for the year (the Trash Off, Love Our Lake cleanup, Ewaste collection, East 15th street project, courthouse beautification, FM 700 monthly cleanup and the Comanche Trail Park Improvement Project as well as help on the Festival of Lights). Foremost was recognition as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, representing months of preparation and training.

We were honored at Big Spring City Council meeting when we were certified by State Officer Anne Cunic.

The outstanding volunteer service award went to Janice Bishop of Cornell Inc.

The business support award recognized Wal-Mart and was accepted by manager Tim Walsh. Statewide awards included the

GCAA cdertification of merit, accepted by Kimberly Walsh, who prepared our state entry; Gold Star Affiliate, accepted for the city by Debbie Wegman, Convention and Tourism director; KAB certification was given to City Council Member Gloria McDonald. The statewide third place award was claimed by Tim Walsh for Wal-Mart.

The media third place statewide went to he Big Spring Herald, accepted by Publisher Ron Midkiff. And the youth leadership statewide third place award was accepted by Tag McIntosh, Garrett Wheeler and Mariah McDitosh. Their sponsor, Ken McIntosh, thanked area Christian yourh for their help in winning this award.

Capping off the evening, Walter installed a new slate of officers: JoAnn Stalcup, president; Janice Bishop, vice president; Nancy Crenshaw, secretary; and Jan Foresyth, treasurer.

We meet the first Monday of February at the Howard College Cactus room at noon.

Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association met in Howard College's Cactus Room, Jan. 18, with President Bettie Cox presiding. Thirty-eight members and one guest were present. The invocation was given by Don Green.

Dr. Scott Van Pelt, District USDA agricultural researcher, presented interesting facts and historical information concerning dry-land agriculture. Since our average rainfall is only 18.4 inches per year, this is the primary focus of their research.

Following the program, the Dec. 14, 2009, minutes were read and approved. A balance of \$5,201 in the general fund was reported by Co-treasurer Roe Fulgham.

Bonnie Wheat, membership chairman, reported the addition of four new members.

Bonnie Wheat, Bettie Cox and Jean Wynn will attend the TRTA State Convention as delegates.

Loyce Phillips, Legislative Committee chairman, gave a report on the State TRTA Legislative Committee meeting held in Austin on Jan. 13.

District 18 TRTA will provide a free Retirement Education Seminar for all area public school employees Feb. 6, at Abell Junior High School in Midland.

For more information, please call Ola Pride at (432) 332-9558.

CHURCH NEWS

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The teens are meeting Saturday from 3-6 p.m. for visitation, a movie and banana splits.

The Senior Saints will have their potluck fellowship and game night Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. They meet the last Tuesday of each month for a great time of fellowship.

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

Signal Mountain **Emmaus Community**

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Babe Chick meeting at 6:30.

The next meeting will be Feb. 11. Mark your cal-

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2000 Walks; Women's Walk 18 LD Sheree Moates, Men's Walk 19 LD Jim Campbell, Women's Walk 20 LD Lynda Walker, Women's Walk 21 LD Marilyn Clark, and Men's Walk 22 LD Steve Herren. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 for a potluck fellowship.

For more information see our website www.signal-emmaus.org

Church of the Nazarene

Join us for Sunday morning fellowship at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts, followed by worship service at 10. Children's church services, for ages 4-11, are in the fellowship hall Sundays, also at 10 a.m.

On Wednesdays, our Naz Family classes begin at 6:30 p.m. for all ages. There are classes that not only feed you spiritually but also allow you to kick back and relax. NazKidz (ages four years through third grade) meets in the classrooms at the north end of the fellowship hall for Bible class. The fourth through sixth grade pre-teens have their own gender-focused classes. The boys will learn how to grow into Godly men as they meet under the "Salt Shaker" in the gym. The girls will meet in the east Shafer said Baker was classroom under the "Salt Shaker" and learn how dangerous because he to grow into Christian ladies. We are very excited to offer these new classes for our pre-teens. Youth Explosion with Pastor Cal, for seventh through 12th graders, is also held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Adults can choose one of the following options: The Coffee Class is studying Joy Comes in the Morning from Max Lucado's book, "He Still Moves Stones." Another is the study of the Nazarene Holiness movement and how it relates to our lives today. Or, you may be a part of a study of "Life in the Spirit: a study of the book of Galatians." Can't come on Wednesday nights? Our solution is Life Groups. Thursdays at 7 the College and Young Adults Life Group meets with Pastor Cal. Sunday evenings at 6:30 is the Harvest Life Group and Financial Peace

University is at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions about the Church of the Nazarene, call at 267-7015 or e-mail us at church@ nazfamily.org. Also look us up on our Facebook and Twitter under Big Spring First Church of the Naza-

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek Fellowship is so blessed to be launching a new ministry for our community. It is "Encounter." This community has needed a venue to reach the youth who are out there and need to en-

counter our great and wonderful God and Savior. Encounter is an event, once a month, where students can come together and simply encounter God through worship. Whether you go to church or not, we want you to be a part of this special event. We are not concerned about any differences we have. We want to experience the power of God, and there is power when we all come together and get close

to God. God has put this event into motion for one purpose — to meet with you. If you've been feeling empty or broken hearted, have tried every option and haven't found the answer, God has the answer.

One encounter with God will change your life forever. This is not a churchy, religious event. We just want to encounter love, life and all of this through

Cody Carnes is coming back home to lead in this time of worship. Cody is an up and coming Christian music artist who writes and performs inspiring music that will lead us into the very presence of God Almighty.

Come for a great time of fun, fellowship and worship at 7 this Sunday at Spring Creek Fellowship in the College Park Shopping Center at Birdwell Lane and Fourth Street.

Sunday services at SCF begin at 9 a.m. with coffee and fellowship and Sunday school connection time beginning at 9:30. Worship begins at 10:45. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, will continue a sermon series about "Don't Just Stand There, Do Something." This sermon will be based on Judges 3:31 — "Shamgar Swung."

We are waiting to welcome you with open arms. Come just as you are and feel the love of Christ.

Ex pastor who murdered wife sentenced ments, prosecutor Susan

still could fool people into believing he was a good person. She said the "best of Matt" was his two daughters, who were asleep in the house when he killed his wife. "He thought no more

of them than to murder their mother and then erase her legacy with them by convincing them that she didn't love them enough to stay and raise them, that she committed suicide," Shafer told jurors. Gray had told jurors

that Baker was on trial only because he lied rene. about having an affair. The state's key wit-

ness was his ex-mistress Vanessa Bulls, who told jurors that Baker slipped his wife the prescription sleep aid Ambien, handcuffed her to the bed under the guise of spicing up their marriage, and smothered her with a pillow.

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WACO (AP) — Jurors Kari's mother Linda Dulin told Baker that the family had decided

on Thursday sentenced a former Texas minister to 65 years in prison for murdering his wife and trying to cover it up as a suicide. Jurors deliberated

for about two hours before agreeing on the sentence for 38-yearold Matt Baker. He had faced from probation to life in prison for slipping his wife sleeping pills and suffocating her in 2006.

Baker showed no reaction when the sentence was announced. When the judge asked if there was anv legal reason why Baker should not be formally sentenced, he said: "I truly believe in my innocence. I believe the jury made a mistake

Later, as deputies led him from the courtroom, Baker turned to his mother.

"Love you Mom," he said. "Take care of Kensi and Grace."

to forgive him for the sake of the two daugh-

"You took her from us, Matt; you discarded her like she was yesterday's trash ... and you left so many other victims," Dulin said in her victim impact statement at sentencing.

"What vou did was horrific ... and I believe you are capable of much more evil."

Jurors declined to comment after the trial, which almost never happened.

Kari Baker's death was deemed a suicide after a note and sleeping pills were found by the bed, and Baker said she was depressed over their 16-month-old daughter's cancer death in 1999. But authorities reopened the case several months later after her parents shared evidence obtained for their

wrongful death lawsuit against Baker. He can appeal but will

have to find other attorneys. His defense team, Guy James Gray and Harold Danford, were removed as his attorneys after the sentence as they had requested. They had represented him for free after Baker was declared indigent.

Gray said after the trial that he felt "like an idiot" for initially believing Baker's denial of his affair, which he later admitted. Gray said that he did not allow Baker to testify because he "could not vouch for his credibility." Gray said Baker remained in denial about murdering

not disappointed.

Kari, and he represented his client as best he Prosecutor Crawford Long had urged jurors to impose the maximum sentence, but he said afterward that he was

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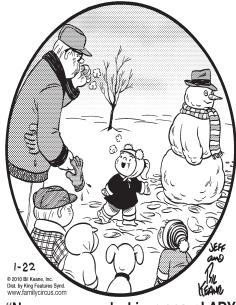
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2010. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Jan. 22, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

On this date:

In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, explorer Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

In 1561, English philosopher and statesman Francis Bacon was born in London.

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81.

In 1905 (New Style calendar), thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became

known as "Bloody Sunday. In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy. In 1959, 12 workers were

killed in the Knox Mine Disaster in Pennsylvania when the mine became flooded with water from the Susquehanna River. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme

Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach. Former President Lyndon B. Johnson died at age 64. In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald

Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104. In 2008, actor Heath Ledger

was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in New York City; he was 28.

One year ago: President Barack Obama ordered the Guantanamo Bay prison camp closed within a year and banned harsh interrogation of terror suspects. The Senate Finance Committee cleared the nomination of Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary, 18-5, despite unhappiness over his mistakes in paying his taxes. A Chinese court sentenced two men to

death and a dairy boss to life in prison for their roles in producing and selling infant formula tainted with melamine.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) is 82. Actress Piper Laurie is 78. Actor Seymour Cassel is 75. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 73. Actor John Hurt is 70. Singer Steve Perry is 61. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 58. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 57. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is 53. Actress Linda Blair is 51. Actress Diane Lane is 45. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 45. Country singer Regina Nicks (Regina Regina) is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gay (Shai) is 41.

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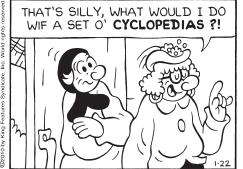
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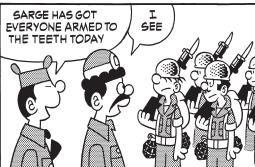


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