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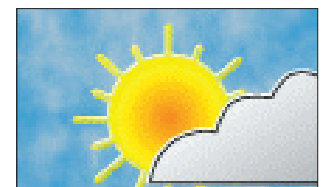
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# CoC honorees

*McEwen, Davis are Man and Woman of the Year*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Former Big Spring mayor Russ McEwen and longtime Big Spring Refinery administrator Verna Davis were named the 2010 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year Thursday night, as the organization celebrated another year of promoting Crossroads businesses.

Jeanie Knocke, the 2009 Chamber Woman of the Year, presented the award to Davis, lauding the Big Spring woman for her hard work and determination to make the Crossroads area a better place to live.

"In 2005, when our community came together to provide refuge for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, she (Davis) managed more than 220 volunteers who assisted the 100 evacuees," Knocke told the audience. "After that weekend she continued to work with those families to meet their everyday needs."

"This is a tremendous honor for me to be able to present this award because she is a very good friend of mine. A hard worker and a woman of character, tonight we put the



**Drew Mouton, back to camera, hugs Russ McEwen, 2010 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year during the Chamber's annual banquet. Verna Davis, right, received the 2010 Woman of the Year plaque from Jeanie Knocke. Mouton and Knocke were the Chamber's 2009 Man and Woman of the Year recipients.**

spotlight on Verna Davis, our 2010 Woman of the Year."

Davis — who has lived in Big Spring for more than 45 years — has volunteered countless hours with the local United Way, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Big Spring State Hospi-

tal, Salvation Army, Human Society of Howard County and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Knocke presented the award in the form of a plaque as Davis' family surrounded her, offering their congratulations.

Local attorney Drew Mouton — the 2009 Chamber Man of the Year — presented the award to McEwen, commending him for his fierce loyalty to the Big Spring community.

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# Coahoma woman sentenced

*Gets 57 months in federal prison*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Coahoma woman was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison Thursday on charges of conspiring to illegally distribute oxycodone.

Debra Ann Buchanan, 46, pleaded guilty to conspiring to illegally distribute the drug — an opiate (narcotic) painkiller — in October 2010 in federal court following an investigation by the Midland Police Department.

In her guilty plea, Buchanan admitted that beginning in September 2009 and continuing through August 2010, she was part of a ring of individuals who sold large quantities of oxycodone throughout the Permian Basin to persons who used the painkiller recreationally and outside the supervision of a doctor.

Because she had a prescription for oxycodone from a physician in San Angelo and was able to acquire the drug legally, Buchanan served as one of the sources of supply

See **SENTENCED**, Page 3A

# Saluting those who 'answered the call'

*VAMC hosts Four Chaplains Service*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Service and sacrifice were honored during the Four Chaplains Memorial Service Thursday at First Baptist Church.

The service, hosted by the VA Medical Center, honored all area veterans who had died in the preceding 12 months.

The Four Chaplains Memorial is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, which was carrying more than 900 U.S. troops, was attacked and sunk by a German U-boat

off the coast of Greenland in 1943.

The four chaplains — a Jewish rabbi, Catholic priest and two Protestant ministers — calmly passed out life jackets after the call to abandon ship. Then, once all the life jackets were gone, they gave theirs away to soldiers who didn't have any.

Survivors recall the four chaplains singing songs and ministering to soldiers as the Dorchester began to slip into the icy North Atlantic.

It is that spirit of service and sacrifice that prompted VA institutions across the country to honor recent-

See **CHAPLAINS**, Page 3A



**Clara Lewis plants miniature U.S. flags denoting area veterans who have died in the past 12 months during the VA Medical Center's Four Chaplains Observance Thursday at First Baptist Church.**

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

# Legislation filed to rename Big Spring VA

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, introduced legislation (S. 269) Thursday to rename the VA Medical Center at Big Spring

as the "George H. O'Brien Jr. Medical Center."

O'Brien was a U.S. Marine Corps officer who received the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in the country, for his actions in the

Korean War.

"For 60 years, veterans have been coming to Big Spring VA for their health care needs. Today (Thursday), I introduced legislation to honor another veteran who many of


them knew personally, and someone who all of them respected: George H. O'Brien, the only Medal of Honor recipient from Big Spring.

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# Obituaries

## Howard Wayne Hornsby



Howard Wayne Hornsby, 52, of Big Spring passed away Feb. 2, 2011, at his mothers home in Bedford. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. The family requests in leu of flowers please send donations in his honor to Signal Mountain Mas Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 2997, Big Spring 79721.

# Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will hold a Super Bowl Party on Sunday. There will be food, door prizes and give-aways. No cover charge. The lodge is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. For more information, call 263-2084.

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member or by contacting Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

Big Spring's own Charley Johnson will be inducted as a member of the 2010 Class into the Texas Sports Hall Of Fame on Feb. 7 in Waco. If you can't attend but would like to list your name in an official program ad that congratulates Charley for this momentous achievement, contact Ken Johnson at 940-325-4366 for details or e-mail at kenrocknj@suddenlink.net. If you want to attend the ceremonies, contact Ken about discount tickets.

An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

# Police blotter

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

- MEGAN KIYOKO KARWEDSKY, 19, of 3607 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.
- MONICA ROSE CERVANTES, 20, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for driving while license invalid, driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, failure to identify – giving false information, failure to appear, no driver's license – when unlicensed and two warrants from another agency.
- ESMERELDA CERVANTES VIERA, 43, of 4009 Piper Rd., was arrested Thursday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts).
- JOHN ROSS AGUILAR, 27, of Lubbock, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related.
- LISA MARIE BADER, 35, of 405 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).
- THEFT was reported in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of S. Owens.

# Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

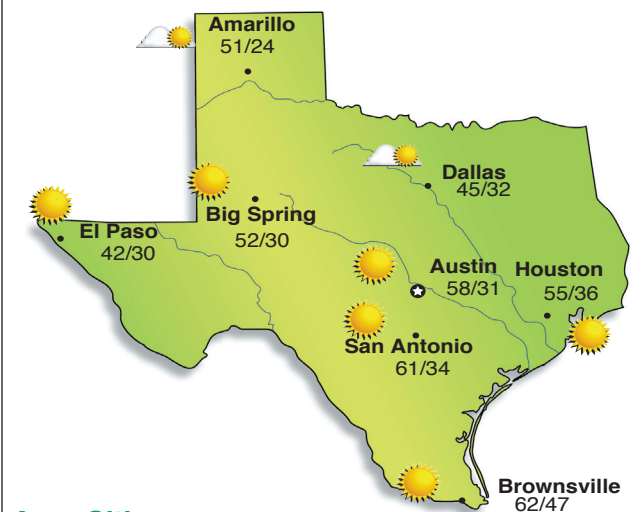
- MEGAN KIYOKO KARWEDSKY, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.
- MONICA CERVANTES, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, no driver's license (two counts), failure to appear, no safety belt on child, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ESMERELDA VIERA, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts).
- JOHN ROSS AGUILAR, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- EFRIN VITAL CHAVEZ, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of no safety belt, violation of a promise to appear, driving while intoxicated and driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.
- LISA BADER, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- RICHARD LEE MCEVERS, 43, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, possession of a dangerous drug, false drug test – falsification device, possession of a controlled substance (five counts), possession of drug paraphernalia and false drug test – manufacture/delivery of a substance/device.
- JULIE ANN MINCE, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for expired driver's license and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and forgery of a financial instrument.
- MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MANUEL DEJESUS LOPEZ-LUNA, 71, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 2/5	Sun 2/6	Mon 2/7	Tue 2/8	Wed 2/9
52/30 Sunny skies. High 52F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	57/27 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	50/18 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper teens.	48/28 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	52/24 Windy with times of sun and clouds.
Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 6:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM

# Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	49	31	sunny	Kingsville	63	37	sunny
Amarillo	51	24	pt sunny	Livingston	53	32	sunny
Austin	58	31	sunny	Longview	50	33	sunny
Beaumont	51	36	sunny	Lubbock	53	24	mst sunny
Brownsville	62	47	sunny	Lufkin	53	33	sunny
Brownwood	52	30	sunny	Midland	51	31	sunny
Corpus Christi	59	39	sunny	Raymondville	64	42	sunny
Corsicana	44	32	pt sunny	Rosenberg	56	35	sunny
Dallas	45	32	pt sunny	San Antonio	61	34	sunny
Del Rio	63	33	sunny	San Marcos	59	31	sunny
El Paso	42	30	sunny	Sulphur Springs	47	32	sunny
Fort Stockton	56	34	sunny	Weatherford	42	28	mst sunny
Gainesville	40	27	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	43	26	pt sunny
Greenville	42	29	mst sunny				
Houston	55	36	sunny				

on a charge of public intoxication.

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of McEwen. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 9900 block of Centerpoint Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of Knowles. One person was transported to SMMC.

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**Ken McIntosh** at **817-521-4060**

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# News briefs

## Marauding gangs of Mubarak supporters attack foreigners in ugly turn of Egypt's chaos

CAIRO (AP) — Menacing gangs backing President Hosni Mubarak attacked journalists and human rights activists Thursday in an ugly turn in Egypt's crisis as government opponents pushed supporters out of Cairo's main square in second day of battles. Organizers called for protesters trying to topple the regime to fill every square in the huge capital on Friday.

The new vice president, widely considered the first successor Mubarak has ever designated, fueled anti-foreign sentiment by going on state television and blaming outsiders for fomenting unrest. The government has accused media outlets of being sympathetic to protesters who want the president to quit now rather than serve out his term, as he has vowed to do.

Mubarak, 82, told ABC television in an interview that he was fed up and wants to resign. But he said he can't for fear the country would sink into chaos. He said he was very unhappy about the two days of clashes in central Tahrir square.

"I do not want to see Egyptians fighting each other," he said.

The uncontrolled violence that had been concentrated in Tahrir spread around the city of 18 million, with a new wave of arson and looting.

## Republicans, GOP potential presidential candidates divided over Obama's response to Egypt

WASHINGTON (AP) — As chaos roils Egypt, Republican lawmakers and the GOP's potential presidential candidates are divided over President Barack Obama's response though united in concern that an Islamic regime could rise to power in a na-

tion that is an important U.S. ally in the precarious Middle East.

Compared with recent verbal sparring on domestic issues, the debate between Democrats and Republicans on Egypt is somewhat muted. That's perhaps because the two parties differ little over U.S. policy toward Egypt. Both view the country as a linchpin to a peaceful Middle East. And while supportive of democracy there, both also express concern about the influence of extremists in a post-Mubarak government, a particular worry of Israel.

Trying to set the tone for their party, House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, the country's two top elected Republicans, have deferred to the Democratic president. They are signaling an unwillingness among the GOP leadership in Congress to pick a fight, in line, at least on this issue, with the tradition that politics stops at the waters' edge in the midst of foreign crises.

"America ought to speak with one voice," said McConnell.

Even so, the party's potential presidential hopefuls have taken a range of different tacks — some more confrontational — on a crisis that could dramatically alter U.S. foreign policy beyond Obama's administration.

## House Republicans move to slash domestic spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans now controlling the House promised Thursday to slash domestic agencies' budgets by almost 20 percent for the coming year, beginning their drive to cut spending to the level it was before President Barack Obama took office.

"Washington's spending spree is over," declared Paul Ryan, the House Budget Committee chairman

who announced the plan. "The spending limits will restore sanity to a broken budget process," he said, returning "to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels."

Republicans won't get everything they want. Democrats are in charge of the White House and the Senate, and even House Republicans may have second thoughts when the magnitude of the cuts sinks in.

The White House says the GOP effort could cause widespread furloughs of federal employees, force vulnerable people off subsidized housing, reduce services in national parks and mean less aid to schools and police and fire departments.

House Republicans are seeking to keep their campaign promise to cut \$100 billion from domestic programs.

## Storm wreaks havoc, leaving dangerous roads, crushing snow-laden buildings in its wake

CHICAGO (AP) — A mammoth winter storm left dangerously slick roads and frigid Midwestern temperatures in its frozen footprint Thursday, a day after crushing snow-laden buildings in the Northeast.

Three people were killed when the pickup truck they were in drove off a snow-covered Oklahoma interstate and plunged 80 feet into an icy river. Wind chills dipped to nearly 30 below in parts of the nation's midsection as the region began dealing with the storm's aftermath.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley spoke publicly for the first time to defend his city's handling of the storm, which stranded hundreds of motorists in whiteout conditions on the famous Lake Shore Drive. In a city known for punishing politicians for winter weakness, the retiring Daley said when pressed that he wouldn't have handled anything differently and that workers responded well.

# SENTENCED

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for the pills that the group sold, according to information released by officials with the U.S.

Department of Justice.

Buchanan has been in federal custody since Jan. 5, when she was arrested for violating the conditions of her bond.

The Coahoma woman will have to serve three years on probation upon completing her prison

term, according to Assistant United States Attorney Austin Berry, who prosecuted the case.

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# O'BRIEN

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"During the Korean War's Battle of the Hook, in October 1952, 2nd Lieutenant O'Brien was a rifle platoon commander. His platoon was given the mission to regain an important hill position on the main

line of resistance, and so he led his fellow Marines into deadly fire and against a numerically superior force. Although he was wounded several times, he repeatedly engaged the enemy at close range, and secured the position on that hill until they were relieved.

"That's how George O'Brien earned his Medal of Honor

— and along the way he also earned two Purple Heart Medals, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and several other military honors. After his service to our country, George returned to Big Spring, where he raised his family and worked as a petroleum geologist. He was also

a proud supporter of the Big Spring VA.

"While his statue already stands on the grounds of the VA facility, this legislation will make it official. Once passed by Congress and signed by the President, this hospital will officially be known as the 'George H. O'Brien Jr. Medical Center.'"

# BANQUET

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"He has spent his adult life in service to young people and the community as a whole," Mouton said. "He wanted to make Big Spring stand out as a city that would attract new residents and new businesses, and he has done this in countless ways."

Mouton went on to describe a few of the contributions McEwen has made to the city, including coaching the YMCA Sidewinders Gymnastics Team for two decades.

McEwen recounted a pre-Olympic gymnastics meet that took place the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum while he coached the Sidewinders, becoming more emotional with

each passing moment. "I remember the look on people's faces when they walked in here," McEwen said. "They were shocked. It was one of the greatest meets I've ever attended, and it was one of our proudest moments."

In accepting the award for 2010 Man of the Year, McEwen asked those attending the banquet — along with everyone in

the community — to do one small favor for him.

"I'd ask that you all pray for our community," a very emotional McEwen requested. "Each day, please pray for our community."

After addressing the audience, McEwen was joined by his wife, Laura, and other family members.

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# CHAPLAINS

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ly-departed veterans during the annual memorial services.

"We honor the people who answered the call to serve their country," said Dean Thomas, a chaplain at the local VAMC. "They didn't all serve during wartime ... It doesn't matter when they served, just that they served."

The names of more than 500 veterans in the VAMC's service area who died in the past year were read, and miniature U.S. flags were placed on a display near the conclusion of the ceremony.

"We're honoring those people who 'have finished their race,' in the words of St. Paul," Thomas said. "We enjoy the freedoms we do because these people were willing to serve. For us, the last bit of respect we can show these veterans is to read their names and remember their service."

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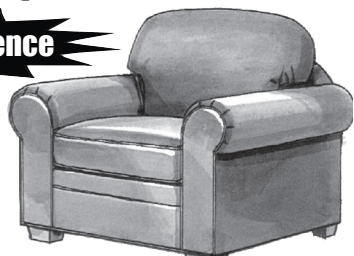
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Question: Do patients admitted to hospice ever improve?  
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# We salute:

*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:*

- Russ McEwen and Verna Davis, who were named Man and Woman of the Year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet Thursday evening.

- Howard College Choir members Kevin Porras, Brantley Cahoon, Damian Perez, Nadia Garcia and Amber Bernal, who were named to the all-state community college choir. They will perform at the Texas Music Educators State Convention later this month in San Antonio.

- Everyone who participated or contributed to the Eagles Lodge chili cook-off benefitting West Texas Centers' Children In Need Fund. The cook-off raised more than \$10,000 for this worthy cause.

- Big Spring High School's Tanner Henry, who signed a letter of intent to play football at Cisco Junior College.

- The many law enforcement and emergency medical service personnel who did yeoman's work after the recent winter storm made area roads so treacherous. These dedicated men and women deserve our thanks every day of the year.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

# Why history matters

For years, conservatives have rightly decried the distortion, misrepresentation and downright ignorance of American history that has sometimes infected left-wing rhetoric. We've complained that public schools do a poor job of teaching our history and an even worse job of transmitting American values. History matters; as the philosopher George Santayana famously said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

But what happens when a conservative gets it wrong? Last week, Rep. Michele Bachmann gave a speech to Iowans for Tax Relief in which she said that the Founders "worked tirelessly until slavery was no more in the United States." MSNBC host Chris Matthews called Bachmann a "balloon head" for her remarks, and others in the media and on the left were no less scathing. But some conservatives defended Bachmann's remarks — even though she mangled her history.

There is no question that a double standard exists — the media is much quicker to draw attention to conservatives' faux pas than to liberals'. There's not a great deal we can do about that, so conservatives have to be especially careful when we speak — especially on race. What's more, because conservatives care so much about history and tradition, we must be sure

we have the facts right, and Bachman didn't. And it wasn't just her specific reference to the Founders' efforts to end slavery but her understanding of the struggle for equal rights that went awry.

As every schoolchild should know, slavery was not abolished until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution in 1865. President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, issued in the third year of the Civil War, freed only those slaves living in states that had seceded from the Union. And, of course, some of our Founders — most notably George Washington and Thomas Jefferson — not only did not "work tirelessly until slavery was no more" but owned slaves.

Washington's attitude toward slavery evolved during his lifetime and he asked in his will that the slaves he owned be emancipated after the death of his wife, Martha. Jefferson wrote eloquently about the abomination of slavery but freed only seven of the hundreds of slaves he owned, only two during his lifetime and five upon his death.

But even the abolition of slavery did not usher in an era of colorblind equal rights like that invoked by Bachmann in her Iowa speech. In speaking about the nation's founding principle of e pluribus unum — out of many, one — Bachmann said that "our ancestors when they arrived on these shores ... it didn't matter the color of their skin, it didn't matter their language ... it made no difference once you got here, we were all the same." But that was not the case through much

of our history well into the latter half of the 20th Century.

The realization of colorblind equal opportunity came about through decades of struggle. It took not only a Civil War, the bloodiest in our nation's history, costing more than 600,000 lives, but a hundred-year campaign for civil rights that culminated in the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act. Along the way, we often stumbled. Congress passed laws restricting immigration to the United States based on race and national origin. States denied basic rights to blacks and others by law, setting up state-required segregation, which the Supreme Court approved until its landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954.

Michele Bachmann should know this history; she aspires to be a conservative leader — perhaps even a presidential candidate — after all.

Conservatives should not sugarcoat our history any more than liberals sometimes denigrate it. The most remarkable fact of our history is not that we have fallen short of our ideal that all men are created equal but that we have made progress toward realizing that goal in our ongoing endeavor to secure equal rights.

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# Healthcare yes, politicians no

While I'm not a fan of President Barack Obama, I salute him for actually doing something about health care. It seems absurd that Republicans would attempt to repeal those efforts before we actually see whether they work.

I could understand if the Republicans in Congress had their own health care plan to offer. Instead, they seem more than willing to return the nation to the previous failed system that benefits nobody except the health insurance companies.

My health insurance has a \$1,500 overall deductible and a \$45 co-pay anytime I need to go to a doctor for anything other than a routine physical. Theoretically I have prescription drug coverage, but I have yet to receive a prescription that the plan actually "fully" (minus my co-pay) covers. Instead, it's more like I get a discount on prescription drugs — a discount which changes randomly and has no particular logic.

For the privilege of having this crummy coverage, I pay just under \$250 a month. That number would be reasonable if my health

insurance actually, you know, insured my health, but I'm most certainly not getting what I'm paying for. Under the current system, health insurance companies dictate pretty much everything and there seems to be no rules governing what they must cover and what they can exclude.

I don't get to take the stomach medicine that actually sort of works for my stomach ailments. Instead, I get to take the really popular one with the big marketing budget that has a deal with my health insurance company. I also can't go to any sort of alternative medicine practitioner even though a naturopathic doctor correctly diagnosed my wheat allergy which my traditional doctors had overlooked for years.

That picture get slightly better when the healthcare coverage from my new job kicks in, but while the deductible will go away, the the co-pays will remain high and the exclusions remain random. Clearly, this system does not work and as a nation we need something better.

Unfortunately, improving healthcare has become a political minefield. Republicans can't support Obama's plan, not necessarily because it's wrong, but because the president is a Democrat. I'm not sure anyone

on either the right or the left actually knows what the president's healthcare plan actually entails.

Instead, Republicans are only interested in branding it as "Obamacare" and painting dire pictures of big brother deciding to pull the plug because you have the flu. Democrats are no better as they seem mostly interested in the idea that everyone should have healthcare not the actuality of paying for it.

Clearly our healthcare system needs a major overhaul. Obama's plan may not solve all the ills, but it seems absurd to condemn it before any of it has actually taken effect.

A responsible Congress would work with the president to make sure we have the best possible system where more people are covered and those of us with coverage, actually get what we pay for. Healthcare is not the place for politics. Frankly, I don't care which party gets to claim victory. I just want to go to the doctor without it costing me \$45 on top of what I'm already paying.

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# An ounce of prevention

We have all been told that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Last week, I saw a sign that brought Ben Franklin's adage to mind. Just outside the door of an orthopedic clinic, I read a provocative sign that said, "No skateboards, rollerblades, or roller skates on the sidewalk."



BONNIE WHEAT

Although I'm sure the sign was meant to prevent collisions between patients coming out of the building on crutches and youth on wheels commandeering the sidewalk, I found a touch of humor in the strategically placed sign.

At some point in our lives, most of us realize that avoiding skateboards, rollerblades and roller skates is a health-smart decision.

I couldn't help wondering how many of the injuries being treated inside the clinic were the result of someone waiting too late to decide that avoiding wheels was a

wise choice.

When it comes to prevention, Franklin was right. An ounce of prevention here and there saves a lot of trouble. Just think of all the pounds that were never gained because someone didn't open a box of cookies.

How many water pipes were never frozen because someone took the time to cover the outside facets, and how many homeowners never fell off the roof because someone hid the ladder?

How many motorists never got stranded because someone remembered to put gas in the car before the trip?

How many pennies have been saved because someone checked the thermostat or turned off the light? An ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure.

The Bible also has something to say about prevention.

The psalmist says, "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,

Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers" (Psalm 1:1-3 NASB).

If we are to prosper in any area of life, we must choose our counselors carefully. Perhaps there is more than an ounce of prevention in seeking Godly advice. Delighting in the law of the Lord may be worth more than a pound of cure.

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## Church News

### Beit Midrash Torah

Dr. Karen D. Taylor, apostle/psalmist of life, will be at Beit Midrash Torah, 1905 Scurry St., at 7 p.m. Friday, at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday (Shabbat) and at 6 p.m. Sunday (Midrash night).

Also, at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 6, Dr. Taylor will speak at New Life COGIC, 204 NW 10th St.

She will also be special guest on God's Learning Channel at 10 a.m. Feb. 7. You can tune in at [www.glc.us.com](http://www.glc.us.com)

Pastors of Beit Midrash Torah are Jose and Marcie Hernandez. Pastor of New Life COGIC is Jerome McNalley.

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

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

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, met at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday.

The lectionary for the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; I Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship Sunday. Following the service everyone is invited to share in the regular First Sunday covered dish lunch in the church social hall.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met at 5:17 p.m. in the church library Wednesday. The chancel choir practice was at 6 p.m.

The combined youth group with our youth and those from St. Mary's Episcopal and First Christian met Wednesday.

The Working Women's Bible Study met Thursday at 6 p.m. in the church parlor, a change in the regular meet-

ing time because of the choir program next Tuesday.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, the African Children's Choir will present a special concert in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. This choir, composed of 22 children from 7 to 11 years old from Kenya, has been bringing its music to America since 1984 and has appeared in many venues including the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. We are hosting the group from Sunday afternoon through their departure Wednesday morning. The entire community of Howard County is invited to enjoy this unique musical experience. Anne Sinclair is in charge of host arrangements for the choir (263-4433).

Nancy Little will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgists for last Sunday were Charlie Bolling, Donavan Salinas, and Shawn Walker from the youth group.

The lectionary for the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; I Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16); Matthew 5:13-20. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer "If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallis; during the offertory they will sing "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" by Mark Bender. We will celebrate communion during the worship service.

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 by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org).

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

Greetings from the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church. We invite you to worship with us on this Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry, with Pastor Don Rosentreter. Sunday School with lively discussion follows in the parish hall.

Ladies, our Wednesday noon luncheon study is studying the 23rd Psalm. Lunch is served, followed by discussion.

Wednesday nights are movie nights at St. Paul. We have begun a movie ministry using popular movies demonstrating Christian values. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for popcorn, fellowship and discussion. The movie begins promptly at 6 p.m., following with a brief discussion of the designated topic. Wednesday, Feb. 9, the topic will be "salt and light." Please join us.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for safety for our servicemen, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment, seasonable rain and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

### Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and 5 p.m. Sunday evenings, when we sing the old favorites and continue a Bible study of Genesis.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. The title of his sermon, "Where Are Your Seeds?," is based on Matthew 13:1-23.

Encouraging Words: "The greatest thing a man can do for his

Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children." Henry Drummond

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 so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

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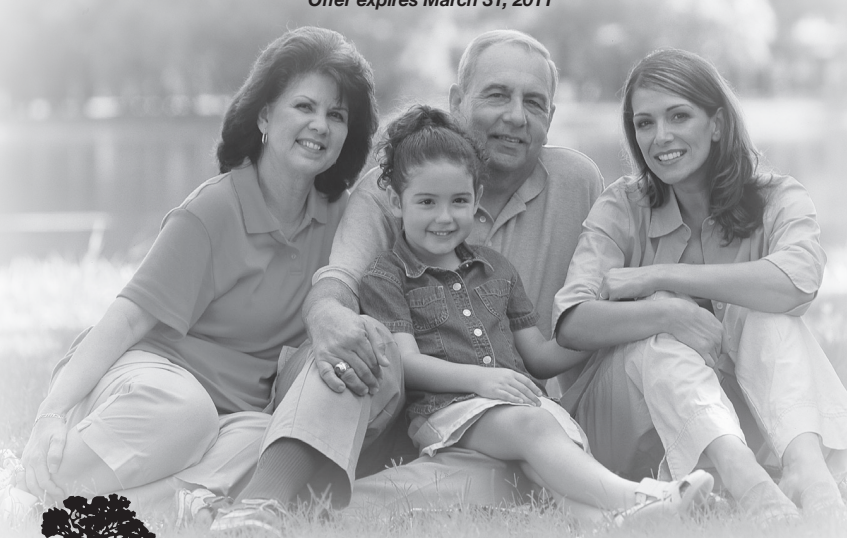
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**CHURCH NEWS**

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**First Church of the Nazarene.**

We welcome you to come on a journey with us to find revival, not just for ourselves, but for the community and the world and how we can make that happen. During the next couple of weeks we will be seeking how to find revival which will conclude with guest speaker John Hicks joining us for revival services. We hope you will join us.

FCN has lots of classes to check out. On Sunday evenings, The Truth Project (a leadership class developing teens and adults to strengthen, present and defend their faith) meets at 5:30. Prime Timers meets at 6 the first Sunday of every month. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 every Wednesday evening prior to groups meeting for discussions at 6:30, focusing on everything from prayer, to finding purpose everyday. Children and youth classes are also offered for all ages. Children sixth grade to nursery all meet in the sanctuary for opening with 10 minutes of praise and worship prior to going to classrooms.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Adventure Bay sets sail in the fellowship hall for grades 2 through 6 and Critter Land lifts off for those in the second grade to 4 years old with class in the Kindergarten room. The Critter Land Nursery for ages 3 and under is from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org) and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

**Signal Mountain Emmaus Community**

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

Our next meeting is Feb. 10. Bring a dish and join us at 6 for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our website [www.signal-emmaus.org](http://www.signal-emmaus.org)

**College Baptist Church**

Sunday, Jan. 30 was a great day in the Lord at College Baptist. Pastor Ken McMeans preached the last sermon in the "Great Grace Race" series. It was "The Final Lap, Victory is in Sight!" If we knew we didn't have much time left on this earth what would we do? In Brother Ken's sermon, he suggests that until we draw that last breath, we should be at our Father's work. Hopefully, we can say, "I have kept the faith," then there is victory at the end. We will receive our inheritance: treasures in Heaven, a crown of righteousness, eternal life with our Lord and Savior and a reunion with our loved ones that have gone before. Death is not the end but the beginning of eternal life!

We have not had a youth minister at College Baptist since our beloved Bobby Floyd was called to another church and another ministry back in November. He left quite a legacy, though, as our youth group has not slowed down. It is growing! Last Sunday, the youth had invited many friends and during the "invitation" time, we saw the young people begin to bring their friends to the front of the church, kneel at the altar, and pray together. It was awesome. By the end of the service there were those, both in the youth and others, who had come to accept Jesus as their Savior and dedicated their lives to Him and others that came to join this work at College Baptist. Praise God!

Tonight, the Crossroads Baptist Association invites senior citizens to First Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. for a 'pot-luck' meal for Valentines. Entertainment will be provided by Brother Joe Whitten. So, bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert and join in this time of fellowship.

There will be a men's breakfast in the fellowship hall at College Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8 a.m.

This Sunday evening after the evening worship service, we will have Family Night at the bowling alley. Join us for this evening of family fun.

**First Baptist Church**

Tonight's Crossroads Baptist Associational Senior Adult Valentine Banquet at First Baptist Church has been canceled due to inclement weather.

Wow! We had a great weekend last week with 151 young people attending Disciple Now, Friday through Sunday. Our youth minister, Jonathan Raffini, said he'd never dealt with a more behaved, attentive and all-around great group of kids. Thanks to all the people who helped.

First Baptist would like to welcome Raffini, and his wife Rebekah and their daughter Elizabeth, to our church and to our community. He has already been a blessing to our church and youth. Welcome to our church and community, Raffinis.

There are two studies beginning this week. Monday mornings at 9:30, the women meet to study "One in a Million" by Priscilla Shirer. On Tuesdays at 6 a.m. and again at 6 p.m., our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, is leading the study, "Experiencing God." The community is invited to share in either — or both — of these studies. Call the church office at 267-8223 for information.

AWANA continues to grow, and we are thankful to Rhonda Hoffman and all her assistants who help with this weekly event. AWANA is a self-motivated program where each child can progress at their own rate. It's fun, it's entertaining, and it encourages the child to memorize the Word of God. Any child is welcome to join. AWANA meets on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.



**The African Children's Choir, a group of orphans and disadvantaged children from Uganda and Kenya, will perform a concert of singing, dancing, and storytelling at First Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. There is no admission fee; however, donations are welcomed.**

On Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m., the Moody Bible Institute Men's Chorus will be at First Baptist Church in concert. Come and hear this talented group of young men.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30 a.m. in the church. Sunday School for all ages will begin at our new time, 9:30 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God Coffee Hour meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Also on Wednesday's a special exercise class called SignChiDo is being offered at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

All youth from sixth to 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at St. Mary's, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

**First United Methodist Church**

It's February already and we have already stepped up the pace down at Fourth and Scurry. Tomorrow afternoon, the Rev. Sharon Wiese and her husband Bill invite the congregation to an open house at the churchparsonage located at 715 Edwards. It's a come and go affair beginning at 5:30 and will be a wonderful opportunity for fun fellowship and a table loaded with Valentine goodies.

This weekend is also the long-anticipated date for a women's retreat at Camp Butman. Sweet Life Cafe is the theme for this wonderful time of spiri-

tual fellowship for busy wives and mothers.

Sunday morning there will be a come and go event in Garrett Hall honoring our two new church babies, Jake Roberts McKenzie and Maggie Lynn Woodall. Drop by on your way to or from your Sunday School class to welcome these new additions to our church family.

The Rev. Wiese will continue her sermon series on "When Life Intersects Faith" at both services of worship, 8:30 and 10:50. Evening activities begin at 5:30 with a snack supper in Garrett Hall followed by Bible studies and youth.

Our congregation has donated and packaged school kits for more than 150 children in the San Jaun village in Nicaragua where our mission team will be traveling later this month. There is a board in the foyer of the sanctuary available for those who will join the prayer vigil for this group as they travel far away to carry God's word and offer educational as well as medical assistance.

It is time now to register for the couples retreat to be held at the Relationship Center at First Methodist Church, Midland. Led by well known author and speaker, Dr. Gary Chapman, this is a time of fun and discovery that can help you build the love relationship of your dreams. Sign up now for The Marriage You Have Always Wanted by going to [www.relationshipcentermidland.com](http://www.relationshipcentermidland.com) or contact Becky Woodall.

And mark your calendar for Sunday, Feb. 13; we will celebrate Boy Scout Troop No. 1 100th anniversary in the 10:50 service. And on Sunday evening we are having a catered, church-wide Valentine dinner. Watch for more details. It's all available in the heart of down town Big Spring at First Methodist Church.

**► Religious briefs**

**Religious amendments scrutinized**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia House Republicans advanced two proposed state constitutional amendments Tuesday that aim to support religious expression and observance, though critics claim the measures breach the wall between church and state.

On a 61-33 vote, a bill from Del. Bill Carrico passed that would grant protections to prayers made in public forums such as classrooms and school athletic events.

Carrico, R-Grayson, said the measure affirms the principle that voluntary prayer, even in public forums, is constitutionally protected.

The measure was prompted by a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union to school officials in Gate City objecting to a Christian prayer before a September football game, Carrico said.

A separate bill that would allow the state to help pay for private religious or theological education for National Guard chaplains passed on a 62-32 vote.

The bill's sponsor, Thomas Greason, R-Loudoun, said he offered the measure after learning that the National Guard was running short of chaplains. He said it makes no sense that the state pays for the services of military chaplains, yet won't provide financial aid at private colleges that offer divinity

degrees or other training in different faiths.

Two Jewish delegates, Adam Ebbin and David Englin, both D-Alexandria, said Carrico's bill would impose Christianity on minority faiths.

"It gives the religious majority the opportunity to promote its own sectarian beliefs," said Ebbin.

Both bills face a more critical reception in the Senate, where similar measures routinely die.

**Kentucky Baptists note job cuts**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's largest religious body, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is cutting five full-time and 19 part-time positions as it shifts funding away from statewide ministries to the work of the national Southern Baptist Convention.

The Kentucky Baptist group also announced Monday that it was freezing salaries for those staying on the job. The cuts will take effect in September.

The state convention is an association of about 2,400 autonomous Baptist churches in the state that work with national Southern Baptists.

The Kentucky convention voted in November to increase its giving to the agencies of the national denomination, which is struggling to turn around declining rates of baptism and counter a long-developing shift in missions donations to the outreach work of local churches.

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### BSHS swim team in Andrews for regionals

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School swim team looks to take the next step after a successful showing at the District 4-4A meet Jan. 21 and 22.

The regional meet begins today and ends Saturday at the Andrews High School Natatorium in Andrews and the young Steers are well-represented.

Caleb McMahon, Andrew Johnson, Eli Castillo and Seth Pearson represent the boys today in individual events. Megan Larson will be the lone girl representing Big Spring.

In addition to this, though, all Big Spring's relay teams are at regionals, too. At the district meet, there were five relay teams available to compete in each event, and with the top six qualifying for regionals, every school's relay teams got a ticket

despite their finishes.

At the district meet, the Big Spring boys finished third and the girls fourth and first-year coach Mackenzie Miles is hoping to build off that success.

"This will leave another opportunity to drop time, and an experience for the kids to see their great potential as high school swimmers," she said. "I think that they are really pumped up and excited to see what else they can do after this district meet. I also think it gives them a more positive, motivated outlook for next year."

Miles pointed out the boys 200 yard freestyle relay team of McMahon, Castillo, Ricky Garza and Pearson, which came in third at district. The girls 400 yard freestyle relay team of Meagan Grisham, Bian-



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is the Big Spring High School swim team with first-year head coach Mackenzie Miles. They'll be busy this weekend with the regional meet in Andrews.

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HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Big Spring's Tanner Henry signs on to play football with Cisco College Friday morning at the Athletic Training Center. Henry was accompanied by friends, coaches, teammates and family members. Before he signed, head coach Phillip Ritchey gave a speech. Also known as a force on defense with the Steers, Henry signed on to play offensive tackle for the Wranglers.

### Pettitte calls it a career

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte is going ahead with his decision to retire, leaving the New York Yankees with two huge holes in what appears to be a rather wobbly starting rotation.

The team scheduled a Friday morning news conference at Yankee Stadium for Pettitte to announce the choice he had been leaning toward making since the end of last season.

"I don't think enough people know that he's still the leader of this pitching staff until today," former Yankees right fielder Paul O'Neill said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

A five-time World Series champion, Pettitte became the third-winningest pitcher in team history.

"Andy was probably the consum-

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### Weather putting dent in BSHS basketball season

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

Both the Big Spring boys and girls' basketball teams have spent a lot of time battling the same opponent this week: the weather.

The snow and frigid temperatures already postponed Tuesday's game at Sweetwater for both teams, leaving a whole week to prepare for Brownwood at home Friday.

But that was changed late Thursday after Brownwood coaches let Big Spring know they were not permitted to make the trip because of the harsh weather.

Now both Big Spring teams are looking at three consecutive games. The girls and boys are already scheduled to play at Sweetwater

Saturday. The plan is to reschedule the Brownwood game for Monday, but as of Friday morning, nothing is official. If the Brownwood-Big Spring games took place Monday, then a trip to Snyder is immediately waiting Tuesday.

Add in a trip to Abilene Wylie on Feb. 11 for the boys, too.

"I knew this weather was coming, but I never thought that it would last until today," BSHS boys' basketball head coach Cliff Thompson said. "I think we're at an advantage because I know Abilene Wylie has not practiced this week. Us and Snyder are the only schools that have gotten to practice on a regular schedule. If anybody has an advantage, it might just be because of the

practice schedule."

Thompson said having the schedule change like this could impact the game and affect his players, but the practice schedule hasn't changed, so they haven't lost too much rhythm.

To have something like this at a vital time in the season is new to Thompson, too. The Steers are in the middle of the District 5-3A race, coming off a loss to Abilene Wylie.

"I much rather have this during December, during tournament time, than right now, during district play when we're having to basically win the rest of our games to win the district championship,"

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Devante Lloyd fights over the ball with an Abilene Wylie player in the Big Spring Steers' game last week. The harsh weather has disrupted the basketball schedule this week.

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## Hawks men get win at South Plains, women fall

Howard College split games Thursday night in Levelland against South Plains.

The women weren't able to build off a 65-49 win at Frank Phillips Tuesday, falling to the Lady Texans 58-54. The Howard men, however, beat the Texans 58-50.

The women fall to 18-6, 4-3 in conference play and the men sit second with a 16-6 mark, 6-2 in conference play.

The season is dwindling down for both teams as the fight for postseason spots continues. There are just six games left before the Region V Tournament.

The trek continues with New Mexico Junior College coming

to town Monday. The women play at 5:45 p.m., the men at 7:45 p.m.

## Other Howard College sports:

The weather has disrupted the Hawks' softball and baseball seasons early, too.

The softball team was supposed to play Cisco College in Cisco Wednesday, but that was canceled. Now, Cisco College and Howard will play at 1 p.m. Sunday in Big Spring.

For the baseball team, doubleheaders against Northeast Texas Community College scheduled for Saturday and Sunday were canceled. Not the Hawks won't play until Feb. 11 in Mt. Pleasant against Seminole State College. They have two games scheduled that day, one at 2 p.m. and another at 5 p.m.

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ca Griego, Sydney Hernandez and Mari Castillo also brought home a bronze medal.

The Steers will be up against 16 teams with hopes of earning a spot at state. Preliminaries today begin at 2:10 p.m. and finals begin at 11:10 a.m. Saturday.

### Results from District 4-4A meet

Women's 200 yards medley relay  
Amanda Grisham, Adriannah Lujan, Juanita Martinez, Natasha Ortiz – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:25.91

Men's 200-yard Medley Relay  
Caleb McMahan, Ricky Garza, Andrew Johnson, Seth Pearson – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:04.03

Men's 50 yard Freestyle  
Caleb McMahan – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24.73

Men's 100 yard Freestyle  
Caleb McMahan – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 55.40  
Eli Castillo – 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:03.36

Women's 200 yard Freestyle  
Megan Larson, Meagan Grisham, Amanda Grisham, Rebecca Loya – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:07.75

Men's 200 yard freestyle relay  
Caleb McMahan, Eli Castillo, Ricky Garza, Seth Pearson – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:44.31

Women's 400 yard Freestyle Relay  
Meagan Grisham, Bianca Griego, Sydney Hernandez, Mari Castillo – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:04.36

Men's 400 yard Freestyle Relay  
Craig Butts, Auden Minjarez, Ben Agüero, Eli Castillo – 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:36.67

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Thompson said. While the weather hasn't disrupted the Lady Steers' practice schedule, head coach Mike Warren said it does disrupt how practice is run.

"The day before the game you don't want to run too much," he said. "You want to get the girls' legs under them. That's kind of what we've been doing for the last few days, not being sure how much conditioning to do or how hard to make the practice."

Despite the delays, Warren said his players are anxious for a game.

The Sweetwater games are schedule for 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The girls' game is first.

# Super Bowl-winning trio gets back to Pittsburgh

## The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Larry Foote left Pittsburgh to play for his hometown team after winning his second Super Bowl with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It didn't take long before the Detroit-born linebacker was feeling homesick — for the Steel City and winning games.

"I was calling all during training camp, talking to the guys, asking what are you doing, what happened, tell me some of the stories," Foote said Thursday, describing his lone season with the Lions. "I was already missing those guys. ... I found out I'm a Steeler, and I bleed black and gold. Even though Detroit is my hometown, I'm a Steeler all the way."

Like Foote, cornerback Bryant McFadden left in free agency after that Steelers championship two years ago. He too got back to Pittsburgh as quickly as he could.

Antwaan Randle El was gone four seasons after getting a lucrative free-agent deal from Washington, but the receiver rejoined the Steelers this season.

The trio of postseason starters is back together and back in the Super Bowl, against the Green

Bay Packers on Sunday at Cowboys Stadium.

"I love those guys. One of the things we wanted to do this past offseason was reacquire some guys who we knew about," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "There is so much involved in the game of football that you can't measure. The men we reacquired who were former Steelers, who were able to come back to us, bring some of that to the table."

Randle El threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Hines Ward on a gadget play against Seattle in the 2006 Super Bowl. Only weeks later, he signed a seven-year deal worth up to \$31 million, and the \$11.5 million in guaranteed money was too much for him to turn down.

When the Redskins released him after the 2009 season, despite being their second-leading receiver with 50 catches, Randle El signed a three-year deal to return to Pittsburgh, the team that drafted him in the second round in 2002.

"Certainly, I've got a good history here, and didn't burn any bridges when I was gone," he El said. "It's worked out great for me."

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mate team player," former Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's been a huge favorite of mine because he's such a standup guy, and he hasn't changed from day one. He's a great teammate, and I think that's why he won so many games. The guys that play behind him understand how intense he is, and it becomes contagious."

Pettitte won't disappear from public view entirely. He is expected to be a witness this summer at the trial of former teammate Roger Clemens, indicted on charges he lied to a congressional committee when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

Pettitte admitted using human growth hormone and said Clemens told him he had used HGH. Clemens testified Pettitte didn't remember the conversation correctly.

Clemens said Thursday he hasn't been able to speak with Pettitte lately because of the ongoing case. But he

insisted he held no hard feelings toward Pettitte and congratulated him on his career.

"If I know the age of his oldest one, I think he's a freshman or sophomore in high school, so it's a crucial time to be around. I'm sure that weighed on him for a number of years," said Clemens, speaking to reporters before a baseball banquet in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Pettitte's retirement creates a great uncertainty for the Yankees. New York has no proven starters behind CC Sabathia, Phil Hughes and A.J. Burnett, who struggled during the second half of last season.

Having failed to sign free agent Cliff Lee, New York has agreed to minor league contracts with Bartolo Colon and Freddy Garcia in recent weeks, trying to find more options for a fourth and fifth starter in addition to youngster Ivan Nova and Sergio Mitre. Kevin Millwood also interest the Yankees.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

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2♥	Pass	?	

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- ♠AQ83 ♥K75 ♦1062 ♣QJ3
- ♠J9652 ♥84 ♦Q73 ♣K94
- ♠K9843 ♥10 ♦QJ85 ♣A106
- ♠AJ964 ♥KQ72 ♦9 ♣A32

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- Three notrump.** Partner obviously has a good hand, since he bid his suits in reverse order and was willing to risk a preference to three diamonds if you had a poor hand containing more diamonds than hearts as well as at least 17 points. However, though the possibility of a slam exists, you really can't do more than jump to three notrump to show your extra values. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, since you could do that with a much weaker hand.
- Three diamonds.** With barely enough values for an initial response, you must try to slow partner down by bidding three diamonds. It is tempting to bid two notrump because of your club stopper, but partner is likely to take such a bid more seriously than if you simply return to his first suit. If partner passes three diamonds, it is probably the best contract.
- Four diamonds.** This hand is far better than the previous one, and you show the additional values by a jump-raise to four diamonds. It is true that in so doing you are bypassing three notrump, but there is no assurance that that contract would prove safer than five diamonds, while there is a strong possibility that partner might want to investigate a slam once he hears your encouraging response. He might have the A-K of diamonds and two side aces, as well as other values sufficient to justify a reverse, in which case a slam is very likely to be made. This possibility should not be ignored.
- Three clubs.** A small slam in hearts is already certain; the only remaining question is whether there might be a grand slam. Three clubs is a waiting bid as well as a cuebid, its chief purpose being to force partner to reveal more about his hand. If the auction develops favorably, you might wind up bidding a grand slam in hearts; if not, you won't settle for less than six.

Tomorrow: Be thankful for small favors.  
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# Injury fill-ins keep Super Bowl teams patched up

**The Associated Press**

DALLAS — Coming out of college two years ago, Ramon Foster wasn't good enough to be drafted by an NFL team.

Around the middle of this season, Erik Walden wasn't good enough to be on the roster of an NFL team.

On Sunday, both will be starters in the Super Bowl.

Injuries gave each a chance to show what they could do this season, and both have helped keep their teams humming along. They're hardly alone.

Walden is among six starters on the Green Bay Packers who got their job as in-season injury replacements. Foster is among three such guys on the Pittsburgh Steelers, although it

will probably be four since Doug Legursky likely will replace Maurkice Pouncey at center.

All told, nearly one-fourth of all Super Bowl starters will be fill-ins, which proves something else about these teams. They weren't just the best in their conferences, they also were the best at the game within the game of pro football — weathering the injuries that are inevitable in such a violent sport.

"The NFL is the NFL. It's not supposed to be easy, and it hasn't been easy," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said.

Here's how difficult it was: Placed on injured reserve were starters at running back, tight end, right tackle, a safety and a pair of linebackers. A

total of 16 players were on injured reserve. What had been a promising season turned shaky. Green Bay made the playoffs as a sixth seed, but now they are the oddsmakers' pick to win the Super Bowl.

"I think a lot of credit goes to guys like Ted Thompson for picking the right dudes," right guard Daryn Colledge said. "When teams get in an injury situation, a lot of them go hunting, they try to find guys on the market who are available. Our team doesn't have to do that much. We have a lot of guys in-house who can get it done."

Thompson deflected any credit. "It says something of the character of the leaders on our team," Thompson said. "They took these guys in.

They knew they needed help. They put their arms around them and said, 'OK, let's go. Help us out.' The resolve of this team has been very special."

Told that the players credited the front office, Thompson smiled and said, "Maybe that's the teamwork we're looking for."

Thompson wouldn't say which fill-in most exceeded his expectations because he didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings.

"It's like my dad says, 'Some of those guys don't know they're not supposed to be good,'" Thompson said. "They don't. They're just playing. They're doing the best they can and our coaches are doing a good job of putting them

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# LeBron James scores 51 as Miami Heat slip by Magic

**The Associated Press**

ORLANDO, Fla. — In the days leading up to Miami's third match-up of the season with Southeast Division-rival Orlando, LeBron James stressed that even at barely the midpoint of the season there was high importance for Thursday night's game.

And James played like it, pouring in 51 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists — including a 23-point first quarter —

to lead Miami to a 104-100 victory.

It was a season high for James, whose scoring effort tied for the fifth most points of his career. Dwyane Wade added 15 points and Chris Bosh 13. The victory was the Heat's fourth straight. The Magic lost for the fourth time in their last six and fell behind 2-1 in the season series with Miami.

"Just playing this team got me going," said James, who hit his first

11 shots of the night. "We understand that it wasn't just any regular-season game. There were a lot of things said about us in the offseason that came from this organization. So we just wanted to come in here and play to our abilities and make a statement."

Jameer Nelson led Orlando with 22 points. Dwight Howard had 17 points and 16 rebounds, but only one point after halftime and was just 3 for 13 at the free throw

line. Jason Richardson chipped in 16.

The Heat were expected to exploit a thin Magic front line that was missing injured starting forward Brandon Bass. Instead, led by James, the Heat did their damage from the outside. They led by as many as 23 points before a frantic rally by the Magic in the final six minutes almost washed it away.

Miami took a 16-point advantage into the final period and led 90-69 be-

fore the Magic went on a 19-4 run, capped by Gilbert Arenas' 3-pointer to cut the lead to 94-88 with 1:51 remaining in the game.

But James responded with his own trey with the shot clock winding down to give Miami a 97-88 cushion.

A missed 3-pointer by Richardson on the other end was rebounded by James, who was fouled and hit 1 of 2 free throws. Another 3 by Richard-

son cut the lead to 98-91 with 51.1 seconds left.

Nelson hit a layup to trim it to 98-93 and then 99-95 with a pair of free throws with 22.5 to play.

Following a pair of free throws by James to make it 103-97, Nelson hit a 3-pointer with 9.4 seconds left. The Heat lost the ball on the ensuing inbounds play, but the Magic were unable

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Yet, Foote still decided to leave as a two-time Super Bowl champion. He thought he could have a bigger role somewhere else since he was sharing time even while starting for the Steelers.

"I paid the price for that," said Foote, who now characterizes his move as "just selfish."

Foote went to his

hometown Lions, who were coming off an 0-16 season.

They won only two games the season he was there.

After those preseason calls to his old teammates in Pittsburgh, the reality of his decision to leave really hit him in Week 5 of that season — when the Steelers won in Detroit.

"I see all those yellow towels," he said. "I was driving home, and didn't see nothing but yellow

towels in the cars. You see Pittsburgh, the Steelers Nation, represented. And I missed the guys.

"The experience and the winning, and the electricity that Pittsburgh delivers, you can't pay for it. Money can't pay for that," Foote said. "Just being in Detroit and losing, stadium half full, that's not football.

"... You know the phrase, everybody thinks the grass is greener. I found out it

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in a spot to be successful.”

Look at the linebacker vacancies. Nick Barnett started in the middle and Brad Jones was the outside guy opposite Clay Matthews. Then Barnett and Jones went down.

Desmond Bishop replaced Barnett and Jones' spot went to Frank Zombo, an undrafted rookie from Central Michigan. In need of more depth, the Packers called Walden, a 25-year-old journeyman.

A sixth-round pick by Dallas in 2008, the Cowboys cut him before the season. He played a little for Kansas City, was cut again and wound up in

Miami. He played 11 games for the Dolphins last season and two this season. They got rid of him and he was out of work for about a month before signing with Green Bay on Oct. 27.

“I knew I'd get a call sooner or later from some team,” Walden said. “I was getting a lot of workouts. In due time, I figured I would land somewhere.”

In December, Zombo went down. Walden got the first two starts of his career, followed by three more in the playoffs. However, he sprained an ankle in the NFC championship game. He practiced Wednesday but was held out Thursday because of lingering soreness. Zombo took his place on the first team, and is healthy enough to play Sunday if needed.

Maybe it's only fitting that an injury fill-in would be hurt, making a starter

again out of another injury fill-in — a guy who went to training camp just hoping to make the practice squad and wound up a starter a few weeks into the season.

“It's pressure, excitement, all of those,” Zombo said. “It doesn't just take guys who are genetic animals — that are huge and run fast. It takes heart to play this game. I think that's what we've got. We love to play for each other.”

Pittsburgh was patching holes in its lineup from the start.

With quarterback Ben Roethlisberger suspended from the first four games, Dennis Dixon filled in. Then he got hurt and Charlie Batch took over. The Steelers were 3-1 when Roethlisberger returned.

Since then, the offensive line has

been the revolving door. Left tackle Max Starks was replaced by Jonathan Scott and right guard Trai Essex by Foster, a former standout at Tennessee who made the Steelers in 2009 as an undrafted free agent.

Legursky started four games for Essex before Foster took over. Legursky has never started an NFL game at center, but in the AFC championship he showed he could handle the job.

“They're survivors,” Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said, referring to his offensive line. “They embrace our motto that ‘The standard is the standard.’ Guys have stepped up and proved they are capable of being reasons why we win. It's a good group. It's a close-knit group, but more importantly than anything else, they subscribe to that standard.”

**HEAT**

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to tie it on their next possession. Wade hit a free throw to provide the final margin.

“We just let our guard down,” James said. “We can't do that as a veteran ball club. You can say that about a young team. We came in (the locker room) and you could tell by the look on the guys' faces that we weren't satisfied with the way we finished the game out. That's always

a good sign. It's wasn't just ‘Let's celebrate.’”

Aside from the late flurry by Orlando, there was another scary moment for the Heat in the third quarter.

Wade was driving to the basket with 9:43 left in the period when he went up for a dunk and was fouled hard by Howard, who was attempting to block. Wade slammed to the floor and remained down for about a minute.

After a time-out, the Heat players — even those who were on the bench — went out to check on Wade, who was face-down on the court.

He eventually walked gingerly to the bench and remained in the game to shoot two free throws. He went to the locker room and returned with a heat pack on his back. He returned to start the fourth quarter.

He had ice on his back afterward, but said he will travel with the team to Charlotte and plans to play Friday. He said he didn't think the play by Howard was dirty.

Nelson said he was pleased with his team's comeback effort, but not with another slow start by the Magic, who he said succeeded for the most

part Thursday in forcing the Heat to shoot jumpers.

“We need to do the things we need to do to get ourselves ready, individually and collectively,” he said. “We shouldn't have to come out and talk about energy or intensity every night. That should be a given of something that should be there every night.”

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said their early offensive woes were too much to overcome. For the night, Orlando shot just 42 percent.

“Everybody struggled on the offensive floor,” Van Gun-

dy said. “I was quote honestly pretty happy with the shots that we got. Some nights I'm not, but I thought we got good shots. I thought we had trouble putting the ball in the basket.”

Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said that though he was pleased with the win, the final six minutes is what he will be watching for their final meeting on March 3.

“They've very competitive. You've got to be on top of you game and for 42 minutes we played as well and as efficient as we can on both ends of the court,” he said.



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There are many aspects to our personal environments. We each create our own bubble of a world through the mood we choose, the energy we radiate and the way we dress and



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arrange our things around ourselves. The sun and Mars form a conjunction to help us in our effort to transform our environment into a more ideal picture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The wise Greek dramatist Aeschylus noted that in war, truth is the first casualty. Today, you won't exactly be doing battle, but you will have an opponent, and you should listen carefully to decipher truth from fiction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will enjoy working with others and will seek activities that put you in public favor. It's not because you need to be liked, but because you already are

liked and desire to build on that foundation now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Small questions lead to deep answers. And yet, if you ask a question that seems impossibly deep and complicated in nature, you will likely get a very simple, practical reply.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why does the one who is in charge seem to be very discom-bobulated? Perhaps it's an act, or maybe this person really needs someone as organized as you to step up and be his or her right hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is someone who makes a lot of noise in your life. It's as though you're on a long road trip with this person and he or she is the only one who has access to the radio dial. This will change soon, though.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You now have an incentive to finish your work quickly. You want to get it done so you can move on to a new area of interest. This fresh new energy in your life is certainly making you

more productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You would love to frolic with the free spirits in your midst, but you're far too practical to leave your grounded place in reality today. You're the stable influence that allows the others to go off on their flights of fancy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not that others don't appreciate you — they do. They just don't know how to show you. You have to make the effort to appreciate yourself, and that will teach them what to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a stronger idea about how a relationship should go, and it will take the other person a while to catch on. And though your idea is brilliant, don't push it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are things that are more important to you than your leisure time, though you're not concerned with them now. You'll enjoy yourself on your own terms and protect your free time

from all possible intruders.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have mixed feelings about a business venture. If you don't make a decision before the week is over, you will still be fine. But next week will ask you to choose sides.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In order to hold on to your identity and lead life the way you want to, you will have to say no to someone. The first time is always the hardest, and you are made stronger by the effort.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (Feb. 4). You accept big changes as a challenge and will be graceful in your handling of them. You take initiative in a relationship this month to great effect. You'll be inspired by a new goal in March. In May, you'll go against a trend and make money. July sees you expanding your personal property. Pisces and Sagittarius people think you're amazing. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 24, 38 and 27.

WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: ARIES: You're attractive because you have a magical energy about you that transcends the physical realm. TAURUS: You will give your loved one plenty of space, and yet this person sticks close by your side. GEMINI: It's nice to be needed, but not desperately needed. CANCER: You'll love the way a special someone will persuade you toward his or her wishes. LEO: A relationship is strong because you take the time to make it so. VIRGO: You are lovely inside and out, though it sometimes takes a pep talk in the mirror to remind yourself of this fact. LIBRA: When disagreeing with a loved one doesn't work, try agreeing instead. SCORPIO: The key to dating success is the same as any other success key: Make a plan and implement it. SAGITTARIUS: Self-love means staying on your own side and standing up for yourself! CAPRICORN: You will polish your attitude and shine as only you can. AQUARIUS: You make your loved ones laugh, and they will remember

this glorious levity for years to come. PISCES: You will say the wise words that a loved one so needs to hear.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the moon in Pisces and the sun in Aquarius, these two latter signs of the zodiac bask in a glow of mutual interest. Pisces is fascinated by the Aquarian social ease, as well as the generosity of spirit radiating from this charming sign. Aquarius can be kooky, too, and Pisces loves the reminders not to be so serious about life. Pisces provides Aquarius with astute wisdom and insight.

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# Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

## A Surefire Way To Make a Child Afraid of Dogs

Dear Margo: My f-i-l is in poor health, and a couple of years ago, he got a large dog for company. We met the dog for the first time two years ago, and it behaved skittishly and aggressively toward my then-infant daughter. I told my f-i-l that in order for us to feel comfortable, he needed to keep the dog somewhere else when we visited. He was offended and said we were being unreasonable. My husband dislikes



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conflict and clams up, so I cannot rely on him to say anything.

Fast-forward to the present. I still have this argument every time we visit.

I remain concerned because the dog continues his aggressive behavior.

We visit less often because of this. I love him and want my daughter to spend time with him while he's still around, but it's awful every time.

I explain over and over that I cannot allow his dog around my daughter because he will not restrain him, no matter how much he barks or growls.

I simply cannot hold a 2-year-old in my arms for hours at a time so his dog can roam free.

It's clear he is offend-

ed that I don't treat his

dog like a member of the family. Is there a kinder way to express what I need? — *Keep 'em Leashed*

Dear Keep: I cannot think of a kind way to tell an elderly man that this aggressive, potentially dangerous member of the family scares the living daylights out of you and your child, and if some arrangement cannot be made, the visits, sadly, will have to end.

I have no way of knowing whether the old gent is playing with a full deck, but you cannot gamble that the dog will not attack you or your 2-year-old.

Tell him that if there is to be a next visit, he will have to kennel what's-his-name. Nothing is worth having to spend time in fear

of a snarling, growling dog, not even an f-i-l and grandpa. — *Margo, necessarily*

## When Rude Kids are a Pain

Dear Margo: I would like some insight on how to deal with my 11-year-old granddaughter, who is entering that preteen phase where she seems to have no use for adults.

She will barely say hello or goodbye when I come to visit (weekly) and won't answer any questions I ask her.

These days, it seems no one should correct a child except the parents, and it's kind of tricky to tell parents how to raise their kids.

I am not going to just sit there and take it. I would not feel

I was being fair to

myself, and I don't think I am doing the child any favors, either, by tolerating rudeness.

But what can I do and stay within the bounds of polite behavior? — *Civilized Granny*

Dear Civ: I hear a lot about this. Happily, I don't remember it. The key word here, of course, is "phase."

This is the prepubescent version of "the terrible twos." It is one thing if these kids wish to be sulky, but someone — preferably a parent — needs to step in and say there is a minimum threshold of civility that must be maintained.

Without telling your child how to raise their own progeny, it is perfectly acceptable to suggest to the adult that the preteen be required to say "hello" and "good-

bye" and to offer a brief response to questions.

If the kid's parents are too petrified of the child to speak up, I think it's perfectly acceptable for the grandmother (you) to point out that rude behavior is bad public policy.

After that, I would ignore the kid if the behavior doesn't improve. — *Margo, courteously*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to [dearmargo@creators.com](mailto:dearmargo@creators.com). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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7:PM	Supernanny	Eva Luna (SS)	Kitchen Nightmares	The Defend-ers	Aurora (SS)	Who Do You	Fam. Guy	Upd	Wash.	Smallville	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Edward Furlong	Ways Die	Bones	Game	Good	2011 All-Star Football Challenge	NBA Basket-ball: Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics.
8:PM	Primetime: What	Triunfo del Amor	Fringe	Super Bowl's	Herederos-Monte	Dateline NBC	Movie: The House Bunny	Light of the Southwest	Need to Know	Supernatural	Flying Wild Alaska	Movie: Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Edward Furlong	Ways Die	Movie: Speed 2: Cruise Con-trol, Willem Dafoe	Game	Phineas	Boxing: Friday Night Fights.	NBA Basket-ball: Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets.
9:PM	Matter of Life	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons	CSI: NY	Alguien te Mira (SS)				Masterpiece Classic	Married King	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Edward Furlong	Ways Die	Entourage	Wizards	SportsCenter		
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticiero	News	(:10) Movie: The House Bunny	Church	Charlie Rose	King	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Ways Die	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift	Wizards			
11:PM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	La Verdad Oculta	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night		Charles	T. Smiley (Off Air)	South Pk	Flying Wild Alaska	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Movie: Bulletproof Monk, Jaime King	Wendy Williams	Fish	MMA Live		
12:AM	Extra	Tontas Cielo	Paid	Insider	Pagado	News	(12:10) Movie: Spanglish, Paz Vega	McCree		South Pk	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Movie: D.O.A.: Dead or Alive	Phineas	Good	SportsCenter		
1:AM	Paid	Mujer... Cero	King-Hill	Jewelry	Pagado	Poker After Dark		Best of Light of the South-west		Cops	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: The Terminator, Michael Biehn	Movie: D.O.A.: Dead or Alive	Phineas	Good	SportsCenter		

DENNIS THE MENACE



"COULD YOU DRIVE FAST TODAY? I WANNA GET TO SCHOOL BEFORE ALL OF MY SNOWBALLS MELT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Could you please just listen and stop saying 'you don't say?'"

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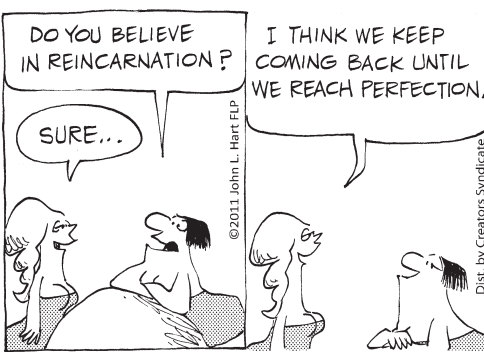
WELCOME TO THE "DEAD SKUNK CAFE"...

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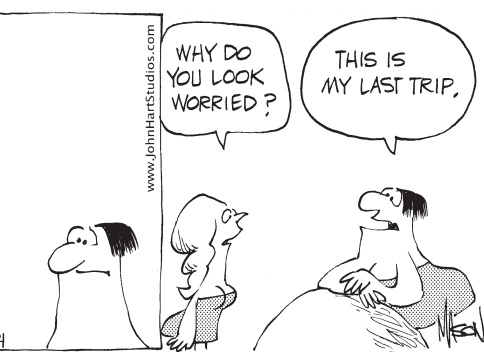
FIRST—HOW ABOUT OPENING A WINDOW?

BC



DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION?

WIZARD OF ID



OH, YEAH, ABOUT THAT STICKY THROTTLE

AGNES



MORE PEOPLE SHOULD LOVE ME.

HI AND LOIS



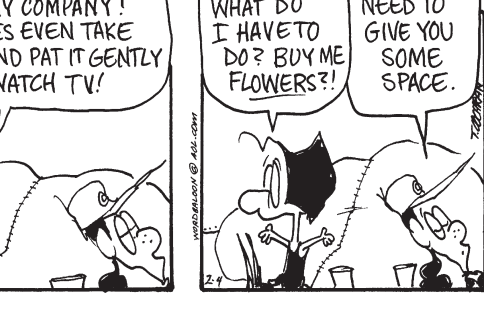
IF A GUY CALLS AND ASKS IF I STILL WANT THE YACHT, TELL HIM HE'S GOT THE WRONG NUMBER.

THE OTHER COAST



I HAD TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE WILD BIRDS FROM MY CAT, MISTER BOOTSIE.

SNUFFY SMITH



MIGRAINES, EH? NOTICE ENNY-THIN' IN PARTICULAR THAT BRINGS 'EM ON?

BEEBLE BAILEY



I SEE SARGE HAS INVITED YOU TO HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

WHAT, NO CARROTS? by Merle Baker  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Via \_\_ (Roman road)
  - 6 "¿Qué \_\_?"
  - 10 Salt-N-\_\_ (hip-hop group)
  - 14 Word-processor command
  - 15 Toll rick
  - 16 Fuddy-duddy
  - 17 Words before a meal
  - 19 Postlarval stage
  - 20 Johnny Carson predecessor
  - 21 Nanki-\_\_ (Mikado character)
  - 23 Second afterthought: Abbr.
  - 24 Narrows gradually
  - 27 How detectives may get info
  - 29 Get \_\_ on the back
  - 30 Fur trader
  - 34 Salesperson
  - 35 Jeweler's magnifier
  - 36 Perturbed
  - 40 Friend of Charlie Brown
  - 43 Watch furtively
  - 44 Sheets of stamps
  - 45 Literary monogram
  - 46 Carrot kin
  - 48 Toon Le Pew
  - 49 Local place to relax
  - 52 Ran off for romance
  - 54 AP competitor
  - 55 Napoleon, for one.: Abbr.
  - 57 Orange covering
- DOWN**
- 1 PD alert
  - 2 In favor of
  - 3 ATM access
  - 4 Sulking
  - 5 How some bonds are bought
  - 6 It means "wing"
  - 7 Fitting
  - 8 Pass over
  - 9 Bent over
  - 10 Very softly, on a score
  - 11 Burst forth
  - 12 Swedish girl of kiddie lit
  - 13 Visibly shocked
  - 18 Congregation leader
  - 22 Gets the better of
  - 24 Infield covers
  - 25 Without \_\_ (silently)
  - 26 Li'l Abner's dad
  - 28 Instrument of an angelo
  - 31 Beef cuts
  - 32 Of bees
  - 33 Former Finnish coin
  - 35 Delaware Indian
  - 37 Expensive
  - 38 Troop's encampment
  - 39 Keyed in
  - 41 Small explosions
  - 42 Conical quarters
  - 47 Like expressways
  - 48 '70s Cambodian leader
  - 49 Next at bat
  - 50 PDA entries
  - 51 "Holy cow!"
  - 53 Jumps over
  - 56 Whom the Swiss Guards guard
  - 57 Chest muscles
  - 59 Harbor city: Abbr.
  - 61 Back talk
  - 62 Simpsons shopkeeper
  - 63 Tach letters
  - 64 Light touch

