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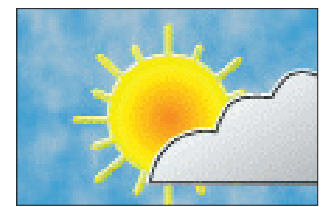


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Moss will be rebuilt

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Make that four new elementary schools in Big Spring Independent School District's future. BSISD trustees unanimously voted (with one abstention) during their Thursday night meeting to proceed with plans to replace Moss Elementary with a new campus. When voters approved

a \$60 million bond issue in May 2010, school officials originally intended to simply renovate Moss, the newest of the current BSISD elementary campuses (it was constructed in 1965) and build three new elementary campuses to replace existing structures at Washington, Goliad and Marcy. Subsequent estimates,

"As a taxpayer, I support that action ... (Moss) will be a 50-year-old building soon. I think you'll probably spend more money in the long run simply renovating and maintaining the old building."



—Terry Hansen

however, have put Moss renovation costs in excess of \$9 million and an architectural consultant

told trustees Thursday that to renovate Moss so that it offers a similar number of classrooms and special areas as the new campuses would drive renovation costs in excess of \$10 million, close to the cost of a new building.

Last November, BSISD officials began exploring ways to eliminate the financial gap be-

tween renovating Moss and replacing it with a new building. Part of the difference was made up with using school district personnel to do some of the work and other monies were freed up by shifting bond project priorities, Superintendent Steven Saldivar said.

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Youth fishing tourney Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

Gone fishin'. That's the sign several Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members will hang on their doors Saturday as the group hosts the third annual Kid's Fishing Tournament at Comanche Trail Lake. Registration begins at 12:15 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Signs will advise the young fishermen where to go once they arrive. The tournament is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is for boys and girls age 17 and under. Prior to the tournament's start, the youth will get a crash course in trout fishing, said Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, Greater Rotary member and event chairman, who began the tournament in 2009. The Rotary Club took it over in 2010.

No experience is necessary but the young fishermen will need to have their own equipment and bait.

"I've caught trout on corn, marshmallows, just about anything," said McIntosh. "Corn works real well."

There will be prizes for first fish caught and most fish caught. Drawings will be held to give away other goodies — a dozen or so in all.

There is no charge to enter the tournament and children 17 and younger are not required by the state to have a fishing license.

For more information about the fishing tournament, call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 432-263-8235.

Contact Bill McClellan at 432-263-7331 ext. 230 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspring-herald.com



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Walter Shipman, board president for Howard County Bible Club Inc., addresses Big Spring Independent School District trustees during their meeting Thursday night.

Reluctant OK given to revised Bible class

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Bibles will once again be welcomed at Big Spring High School.

A revamped Bible study class was approved by Big Spring Independent School District trustees during their monthly meeting Thursday night. District officials say the new course will be more in line with state education code requirements, but a critic said it will be a "watered down" version of the course that has been taught at the school for decades.

The new course will change the class' focus from a humanities/historical focus to that of a social studies curriculum.



Saldivar

"The curriculum is going to deal with the Bible's influence on American culture," Superintendent Steven Saldivar said.

The new course will be designed to teach students knowledge of Biblical content, characters, poetry and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, oratory and public policy, according to information released by the school district.

Saldivar said the new curriculum is similar to courses offered in about 100 Texas high schools.

"At no time did we want to do away with the Bible class," he said. "That was never our intention."

District officials decided to take a new tact with the Bible

OSHA investigating Abilene man's death

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) is investigating the death of an Abilene man killed in an oilfield accident in Glasscock County Monday.

Anthony Bryan Mora was pronounced dead by Glasscock County

Justice of the Peace Kay Donna Machicek. According to Elizabeth Todd, regional director for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Public Affairs, the death is being investigated by workplace safety regulators.

Mora was working for Canada-based

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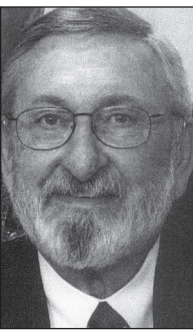
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Obituaries

Charles Melvin Condray



Charles Melvin Condray, affectionately known as "Concho Chuck," loving husband and father, died Jan. 31, 2011, at a local nursing home.

Concho Chuck was born Oct. 3, 1932, to Carl Hickson Condray and Minnie Lee Robinson Condray in Dallas.

Concho Chuck proudly served in Germany with the United States and was discharged as corporal in 1954. He was also a Dallas County Deputy Sheriff and Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper.

He married Betty Ann Moore on Jan. 21, 1955. Chuck and his "soul mate," Betty, were full-time RVers and made friends all over the country.

Concho Chuck attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and graduated in 1974 with a MS in psychology. He worked as a psychologist in Big Spring until he retired in 1994. While there, he served as a city councilman and president of the local Rotary Club. Chuck was also a Scottish Rite Mason for 56 years.

Concho Chuck was a member of St Paul's Presbyterian Church in San Angelo and enjoyed making custom birthday/get well cards, delighting his church members and many friends.

He is survived by his sister, Clara Galleshaw of Clarksville, Ga.; sons, Curtis Condray and wife Danita of Denton, Ken Condray of Lubbock and Carl Condray and wife Jan of Big Spring; grandsons, Wesley Condray of Canyon and Sterling Condray of Midland; granddaughters, Kay Sea Spiller of Provo, Utah, and Bobbi and husband Kevin Jones of Round Rock; and great-granddaughter, Avery Jones of Round Rock.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ann Condray, who died Oct. 3, 2009; father, Carl H. Condray; and mother, Minnie L. Condray.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Glenda Harbert officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign an online guest book at johnsons-funeral-home.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 199300, Dallas 75219-9842.

Paid obituary

Myrtis P. Sims

Myrtis P. Sims, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born July 30, 1918, in Bay Springs, Miss., to Ada and Rayburn Windham. She moved to Texas in 1951 and came to Big Spring in 1960. She was a member of the Church of God.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Sims of Big Spring; one daughter, Bobbie Kennedy and husband Rusty of Port Orchard, Wash.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob Henry Sims; and one son, Charles E. Sims.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Francesca Parras

Francesca Parras, 83, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Doris McMorries

Doris McMorries, 83, of Tarzan died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at her residence. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

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

- PHILLIP RENE ALCANTAR, 22, of 500 N. Runnels, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- RANDY RAMIRO RAMIREZ, 27, of 407 Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

- COREY DALE DANCER, 27, of 2605 Alamesa, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for assault by contact.

- KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS, 24, of 1609 Bluebird, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - no insurance.

- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 64, of 1512 Wood, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

- ANTOLINA REYES DEHOYOS, 19, of 710 Willia, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.

- PATRICK RIOS JR., 21, of 610 S. Goliad, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- CARLOS GUILLERMO DIAZ, 21, of 600 S. Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- CARLOS MATA JR., 49, of 1216 E. 16th St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MARY HELEN MATA, 46, of 1216 E. 16th St., was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2000 block of FM 700.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2000 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- COREY D. DANCER, 27, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of assault.

- NELDA CHANCY FULLER, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

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Howard Wayne Hornsby

Howard Wayne Hornsby, 52, of Big Spring passed away on February 1, 2011 at his mother's home in Bedford, Texas. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. The family requests in lieu of flowers please send donations in his honor to Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, PO Box 2997, Big Spring, Tx 79721 or Howard Hornsby Foundation, 901 Main St., Big Spring, Tx. 79720.

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MOSS

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Using district work crews will allow BSISD to shave \$650,000 off the cost of planned renovations at Kentwood Elementary, which will become a pre-kindergarten center once the new campuses are completed. Even more funds will be freed up by eliminating the installation of a fire-suppression sprinkler system at the high school and junior high.

"This isn't a code issue," said Hector DeSantiago, a consultant with the architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. "There are other ways of handling this, such as fire walls and other options."

Under the revamped plans, BSISD will be able to finance four new elementary schools and renovations at other campuses within the \$60 million limit authorized by voters, Saldivar said.

"The closer we looked at it, it became clearer that this is the route we needed to take," he said.

As part of Thursday's meeting, trustees held a public hearing to gather citizen input on the plan. Only one person, Howard College Vice President and Big Spring City Council Member Terry Hansen, spoke during the hearing.

"As the two numbers (renovation vs. replacement) approach each other, that builds a strong case for building a new school," Hansen said. "As a taxpayer, I support that action ... (Moss) will be a 50-year-old building soon. I think you'll probably spend more money in the long run simply renovating and maintaining the old building."

Trustee Phil Furqueron noted that renovation costs are likely to increase the further along work crews proceed.

"As far as Moss goes, there's a lot of conditions that haven't been taken into account," Furqueron said, citing brick

vener on the exterior of the building that will likely need to be replaced. "When you get toward the end of construction, those two numbers are likely to be even closer than they are now."

"I think trustees sitting here 15 years from now will be glad if we proceed with plans to build a new school ... and I think it would be incredibly short-sighted of us if we didn't take that course of action," he added.

Trustee Chad Wash also said replacement made better economic sense for the school district.

"I'd like to know if anyone has ever renovated their house and had it cost what they originally estimated," Wash said, "because I've never seen that happen."

When the vote was taken, Furqueron, an architect employed by PSC, abstained, but the rest of the board voted in favor of building a new school (Trustee Alan Partee did not

attend Thursday's meeting).

Construction of the new Moss campus is scheduled to begin this summer and is scheduled to be completed sometime during the 2012-2013 school year, Saldivar said.

Unlike work at the other three elementary campuses, Moss students will have to relocate while the new building is being erected. To that end, Saldivar said Moss students would be temporarily moved to the existing Goliad campus for the 2011-2012 school year and a portion of the following school year. Sixth graders at Goliad will move into new classrooms constructed at the junior high school. BSISD's fifth graders will remain at Goliad for the time being, but will attend classes in a separate wing from the Moss students.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Benefit bake sale set Saturday

A bake sale and breakfast burrito sale will be held beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday near the movie theater entrance at Big Spring Mall.

Proceeds will help defray medical costs for Alyassa Hodnette, who was injured in a traffic accident Feb. 1 and is in intensive care in an Odessa hospital.

Anyone who would like to donate baked goods or make a monetary contribution is encouraged to do so as well.

For more information, contact Kendel Light at 432-213-0026

CLASS

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course after they determined the course didn't meet guidelines set forth in the Texas Education Code and after receiving an Open Records Act request from the American Civil Liberties Union earlier this school year.

"We were asked to provide some data we were unable to provide," Saldivar said. "Because of that, we decided to make some changes and we visited with our attorney to make sure we were in compliance with the education code."

"We feel confident the new curriculum ... complies with the letter of the law," he added.

Because the new course complies with state codes, it will be financed through

the school district, instead of private donations as in the past. The class will be taught by high school social studies instructor Charlie Crisp.

Trustees reluctantly followed Saldivar's recommendation to adopt the new course.

"At this point, we have very few options on how we can proceed," said Jeff Brorman, board president.

Although trustees approved the course, they only authorized it for the remainder of this school year and vowed to revisit the issue this summer.

If trustees were unhappy, however, supporters of the previous Bible class were livid.

"(The new course) is a watered-down, sterilized version of the course that has been taught for many, many years at the high school," said Walter Shipman, president of the board of directors for Howard

County Bible Class Inc., which financed the previous Bible class. "There's some consolation in the fact they will revisit this, but I can't build much enthusiasm, because changes will be very hard to come by once you start down a certain path."

In other business, trustees approved:

- A formal order calling for a May trustee election.
- Donation of property adjacent to Washington Elementary.
- The district's textbook committee.
- A waiver for low-attendance days.
- Contracts for administrators, directors and coordinators within the district.
- An "early resignation notice incentive" for district employees.

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OSHA

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Trinidad Drilling, according to county officials. Machicek said she has ordered an autopsy be performed.

Calls to the drilling company were referred to Vice President of Human Resources and Safety Ed Oke. However, attempts to reach Oke were unsuccessful.

Glasscock County officials declined to comment on the nature of the incident that

claimed Mora's life. It's also unclear at this time if any other oilfield workers were injured in the incident.

According to previous interviews with Todd, the findings from the in-

vestigation into the accident may not be available for some time.

"All I can tell you at this time is the investigation is open and ongoing," Todd said. "It is OSHA's practice not

to make comments until the investigation is completed, and the investigators have up to six months to finish, so it could be quite some time before we release any findings."

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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:

Chris Ibanez, Erica Roach, Gage Warren and Kavin Humble, winners of the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District Soil and Water Poster Contest.

All of the area campus Spelling Bee winners. Good luck at the Regional Spelling Bee in Midland later this month.

Big Spring High School boy's basketball team on clinching a spot in the Class 3A state playoffs. Also congratulations go out to the boy's squads at Stanton, Garden City, Sands and Grady on making the playoffs.

All of those who made the trip to our state's Capitol for Howard County Day in Austin on Wednesday.

Big Spring VA Medical Center on the recent unveiling of its Veterans Healing Center, a 40-bed facility designed to treat veterans suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues.

Big Spring High School's Desiree Anderson, who signed a letter of intent to participate in track and field at Texas State University in San Marcos.

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.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we plan ahead first, Lord, by including You in all our plans. Amen

Romantic revolutions

In the first days of the demonstrations in Egypt, almost everyone I know was glued to their television. Many of them were caught up in what they saw as the romanticism of the moment: students young people the streets, to risk lives to up to a typical regime replace it a democracy. Irresistible. Television anchors on planes to report from the middle of the demonstrations. Commentators waxed eloquently about the power of new technology and social media to bring freedom and democracy to countries long under the thumb of tyrannical rulers. What could be more exciting or, for that matter, more American?



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As it turns out, a lot of things. The anchors who went back almost as fast — revolutions are dangerous. Anderson Cooper was not a hero among the masses. Maybe they didn't know who he was, although a guy surrounded by cameras and film equipment who appears on international television every day is not that hard to recognize. Maybe, more likely, they didn't care.

This is not the American Revolution broadcasting from Cairo.

It is true, of course, that Egypt is not a democracy. It is true that Hosni Mubarak has held power for three decades. It is certainly true that during that period many Egyptians have called — without success — for greater

freedom, free elections, free press and an open democracy. But most of those people are not on the streets.

"It's the economy, stupid," the smartest observers keep pointing out. People are on the streets in Cairo and not Beijing because, first and foremost, Egypt's economy has grown much slower than its population, while China's is the exact opposite. The streets in Cairo are not necessarily filled with well-educated ideologues but with frustrated job-seekers, young people who have found not opportunity but closed doors in their home country.

The rallying cry is "Replace Mubarak." But the motivation is as much economic as it is political.

And equally if not more troubling, to the extent that it is political, it is not about emulating the West, but rejecting it. The voices from the street are not just saying that Mubarak has been in power too long, or even that he has failed to pursue policies leading to greater economic growth.

They are saying he has been too supportive of the West, too close to the United States and, even more importantly, too close to, too supportive of and too engaged with Israel.

They are saying that one of the best and most courageous things Mubarak has done — despite some difficult periods, he maintained relations with Israel and recognized its existence — is reason enough for his downfall.

I have a hard time finding anything romantic about that.

Many young people today don't remember the days of "realpolitik" — the idea, popular during the Cold War, that America's for-

eign policy should be based on our national interest and not on ideology, meaning we supported dictators who liked us without regard to how they treated their people.

The downfall of the policy, depending on your politics, was either our victory in the Cold War (which might have proved that it worked) or the repeated downfall of the dictators we supported (which might have proved that it didn't). If you're giving a speech at a convention, it always sounds better to say that our foreign policy must be based on our values; that our goal should be to support freedom and democracy, even if that results in leaders we like less.

It sounds very good. But in a dangerous world, what sounds good is not always what will work well, what will protect our country and our allies and our children.

I am rooting for Egypt. I'm rooting for it to find a way out of these troubles, to restore the economic growth whose absence fuels such anger, to find a path to greater individual freedom and participatory democracy.

But I am also rooting for us, and for our friends in Israel, that Egypt's path will not bring greater instability and danger to our world. Revolution is not a romantic adventure. It's a rather terrifying thriller with no guarantee of a happy ending.

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Global Islamist revolt is here

In case you didn't notice, and few have, there is a global Islamist revolution under way. The world's press doesn't see it. The talking heads on cable TV don't see it. Washington doesn't see it. It's a case of not noticing the forest for the trees.

With revolts going on in Egypt, Tunisia, Pakistan, Yemen, Lebanon and Jordan, most of them clearly orchestrated from Iran, it's easy to believe these are unrelated, disconnected uprisings.

But if you have been observing the Muslim world like I have been for 35 years, what's happening right now is as big a development — maybe bigger — than what happened in 1979 when backers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, with a push from Jimmy Carter, overthrew Iran's Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in one of the most tragic and unfortunate international developments of the late 20th century. We, in the West, have been paying the price for it ever since.

This is the work of the Muslim Brotherhood, with the aid and encouragement of Tehran. And the ripple effect of what we're seeing is hard to overstate. As the leader of Jordan's powerful Muslim Brotherhood, Hammam Saeed, warned over the weekend that the unrest in Egypt will spread across the Middle East and Arabs will topple leaders allied with the United States.

I've done my part to alert the public to the insidious work of the Muslim Brotherhood, including right here in the United States. But again, most Americans don't get it. They've been hoodwinked by the media and government school system into believing there is no active conspiracy for a worldwide caliphate, and certainly no threat to the U.S. from what the brotherhood refers to as the Muslim Mafia.

An amazing book by the same name, "Muslim Mafia: Inside the Secret Underworld That's Conspiring to Islamize America," was published more than a year ago by WND Books with the intention of exposing the secret international cabal working on behalf of Saudi-style Shariah law right here in America.

Again, the book, a work of daring and courage and enterprise, got a collective yawn from the politically correct establishment news media.

Now, as Rev. Jeremiah Wright would say, the chickens are coming home to roost.

Imagine if Egypt falls. It's true that Hosni Mubarak is nothing but a dictator. But he is a dictator who is holding the line on Islamic radicalism. If his regime goes, it will be replaced by something similar to what we see in Iran today — a government run by zealous mullahs hell-bent on bringing about a worldwide Islamic revolution.

Egypt is the largest and arguably most important Arab country in the Middle East. For decades now, it has been at relative peace with its neighbor,

Israel. How long will that last if Mubarak is replaced with a Muslim Brotherhood leader? Keep in mind it was the Muslim Brotherhood that assassinated Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, for making peace with Israel.

Meanwhile, the U.S. is still in the midst of a quagmire in Afghanistan, while still engaged in Iraq.

It can ill afford an explosion of violence and revolution and instability through the Middle East and the Islamic world. But that appears to be just what is coming.

The U.S. is also mired in deep recession. Try to imagine how that economic dislocation will be exacerbated by a disruption of the flow of Middle East oil, as happened in the 1970s.

Remember, the U.S. and Israel are the primary targets. Europe has already capitulated to Islam. Israel and the U.S. stand virtually alone, and the U.S. is in denial of the threat.

What you see happening around the Islamic world today is big. It's dangerous. It's explosive.

If you think America, which has arrogantly and ignorantly refused to develop its own energy sources, is somehow immune, you are in for a rude awakening.

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► Church News

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Chancel Choir practiced at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, preceding the choir concert in the sanctuary. The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday.

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

Tuesday, the African Children's Choir presented a special concert in our sanctuary. 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.

Helen Glass will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist last Sunday was Mark Morgan. Communion servers were Joe and Patti Horton, Mike and Monika Robinson, and Don Boling.

The lectionary for the sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer "Sing Ye Joyfully" by Don Besig; during the offertory they will sing "Kumbayah" arranged by Paul Sjolund. 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 at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. There, you can find a link to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

First United Methodist Church

Saturday morning, Jackie Henry will lead a program to "Discover God's Call." The meeting will be held in the Open Door Class Room from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

Sunday morning, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be bringing the message in both services of worship, continuing her sermon series, "When Life Intersects Faith." Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.. Sunday School classes are held at 9:45. The 8:30 service is broadcast over KBYG on 1400 and the later service is broadcast on KBST-FM 97.5.

During the second service of worship, there will be a special recognition celebrating the 100 years of Boy Scout Troop 1, which was the first west of the Mississippi. This program is a very special, long-standing mission of First Methodist.

Sunday evening, instead of the regularly scheduled activities, there will be a Valentine's dinner at 5:30. Come enjoy a special evening with your loved ones that will include a catered meal and live entertainment. Tickets are \$7.50 each. Children are welcome; however, there will be childcare for those who prefer that option. Crispy's Cafe is catering the event, while our own Eddie Vandewalker and the chancel choir ensemble will be furnishing entertainment.

Prayers are requested as our Mission Team prepares to leave for Nicaragua on Feb. 19. Please check on the prayer board in the sanctuary foyer for a time you can designate to pray for the success of this spiritual, educational and medical mission, which is scheduled to return on Feb. 26.

Monday, Feb. 21, First Methodist will again be host to Life Line Screenings.

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 1-800-324-1851.

Sunday evening, Feb. 27, following the snack supper, there will be a very exciting event; a Father and Child Cake Decorating Contest. Be watching for more details and start sharpening dad's decorating skills.

All these activities, and many more, are part of the love and fellowship that we share in God's name at First Methodist; we want you to come visit us. We're at Fourth and Scurry, in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad, 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. on Sunday evenings, when we sing the old favorites and continue Bible

study of Genesis.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday. The title of his sermon, "Aleph," is based on Psalms 119:1-8.

Encouraging Words: "God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, and undying love." —Annie Johnson Flint

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.

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.. Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is in March. Please mark your calendar. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m., for a pot-luck fellowship.

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

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship services at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh, will deliver the message, "We Have a Choice," based on Job 23:1-10. We celebrate the Lord's Supper each week. Our communion table is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of denomination.

Weekly opportunities include TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meetings on Monday at 5:30 p.m., volunteering at the Isaiah 58 food pantry on Mondays and Tuesdays and choir practice at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Our youth group meets with youth from First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We believe the church is built by people worshipping together and we welcome you to visit at any time. For questions or further information, call the church office at (432) 517-4821 or view our website at fccbigspring.org

College Baptist

Pastor Ken McMeans started a new series of sermons this past Sunday called "Family Matters, Building Blocks for the Kingdom of God." The intro was A Theology of Family. We have our earthly families, but we also have our spiritual families. We have a close-knit family of believers at College Baptist, our Family of God.

College Baptist is having a work day Saturday. Come for breakfast at 8 a.m. and stay and help work!

The youth are having an enchilada lunch following the morning worship service Sunday. This is a fundraiser to help them raise money for the mission trip to Chama, N.M., during spring break. They didn't set a price for the meal; donations will be welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship. 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 sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

The Second Sunday Luncheon is this Sunday, so be sure to bring your favorite dish and join us in the parish hall after the service for a delicious meal.

Playing life's accidentals

According to my favorite lexicographer, an accidental is a chromatically altered note (as a sharp or flat) foreign to a key indicated by a signature. By my definition, however, an accidental is a stumbling block to any struggling musician and a challenge to the more experienced.

As a high-school band student, my daughter Brenda was a talented oboe player who never really understood why newspapers don't give a weekly band report along with the football scores. Nothing short of perfection could satisfy her musical ear, and perhaps she took her playing a bit too seriously. One of her musical friends knew exactly how to challenge Brenda's playing ability and her sense of humor. Just before a big concert, he penciled a few accidental notes on her music just to see how she would respond.

Fortunately, Brenda's young eyes were able to distinguish printer's ink from pencil lead. She was saved from the embarrassment of accidentally playing a bunch of intentionally misplaced accidentals, and eventually her damaged sense of humor returned also. She was able to laugh about the incident, and no one got hurt.



BONNIE WHEAT

Sometimes it seems that all of us have someone writing accidentals on our score sheet. Those unexpected little distractions in life just show up when we least expect them. Cars break down, appliances wear out, family members get sick, relationships become stressed, and dozens of unexpected things happen.

Strangely enough, it is only when we recognize the accidentals in our script and play them as written that life stays in tune.

The music stops when we spend too much time trying to erase the accidentals. Just as the accidentals in music enhance the sound of the song, the accidentals in living often make life richer.

The Bible tells about a talented musician whose life was tormented with accidentals. Challenged by guilt from his own sin, assault from his enemies, and rebellion within his family, King David's life was a series of unexpected mishaps, yet the music from his harp was sweet enough to dispel an evil spirit (Samuel 16:23).

In spite of all his difficulties, King David wrote, "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Thy statutes" (Psalm 119: 71 NASB).

When we play the chromatically altered notes that pop up unexpectedly, we learn to hear the music above the distractions of life.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

The Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. in the library.

The Daily Grind with God - Coffee Hour meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m., in the parish hall.

Also, on Wednesdays, a special exercise class called SignChiDo is being offered at 5:30 p.m., in the parish hall. All youth from sixth to 12th grade are

encouraged to join us for our youth group at St. Mary's, Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m..

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

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News in brief

Egypt: military throws its weight behind Mubarak, endorses plan for peaceful transfer of power

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military threw its weight Friday behind President Hosni Mubarak's plan to stay in office through September elections while protesters fanned out to the presidential palace in Cairo and other key symbols of the authoritarian regime in a new push to force the leader to step down immediately.

The statement came several hours after Mubarak refused to step down or leave Egypt and instead handed most of his powers to his vice president Omar Suleiman, enraging protesters who pleaded for the military to take action to push him out.

Anti-government protesters, who met no resistance from soldiers guarding the buildings, said they were more determined than ever as the uprising entered its 18th day.

"We expected the army's decision, we always knew that it was behind Mubarak. But we know it's not going to harm us," Safi Massoud said as she joined thousands of people packed into Cairo's central Tahrir Square. "We won't leave until we choose a transition president. We don't want Mubarak, we don't want Suleiman."

The statement by the military — the second in as many days — followed a meeting earlier Friday of the Armed Forces Supreme Council, led by the defense minister, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

Obama questions credibility of Egypt's power transition, calls for explanation to the people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Showing deepening dismay, President Barack Obama is questioning whether Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's promised transfer of power has any credibility or meaning. As a defiant Mubarak stayed in office, Obama challenged the autocratic Egyptian government to explain its path toward democracy to its people and the world.

Without naming Mubarak directly, Obama issued a written statement on Thursday night in which he criticized the leader for a lack of clarity

and direction. That assessment came after Mubarak surprised those protesting in Egypt's streets by saying, in a broadly watched speech, that he would shift powers to his vice president but remain in charge of the country.

He had been widely expected to step down on Thursday, as even the CIA chief had suggested was in the offing.

"Too many Egyptians remain unconvinced that the government is serious about a genuine transition to democracy, and it is the responsibility of the government to speak clearly to the Egyptian people and the world," Obama said. "The Egyptian government must put forward a credible, concrete and unequivocal path toward genuine democracy."

Just as Mubarak seemed on the brink of leaving, with internal pressure mounting and labor strikes spreading, he spoke instead of ceding power to his vice president, Omar Suleiman, and making other interim concessions. Obama responded that it was not clear whether that move was an "immediate, meaningful or sufficient" sign of reform for a country in upheaval.

Air traffic control error numbers double; FAA administrator attributes new reporting program

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a time of unparalleled aviation safety in the United States, reports of mistakes by air traffic controllers have nearly doubled — a seeming contradiction that has safety experts puzzled.

The latest incident — the near midair collision of an American Airlines jet with 259 people aboard and two Air Force transport planes southeast of New York City, has raised eyebrows in Congress and led to questions about a nonpunitive culture of error reporting in air-traffic control facilities.

A US Airways plane carrying 95 people crossed paths with a small cargo plane in September, coming within 50 to 100 feet of each other while taking off from Minneapolis. A few months earlier a US Airways Airbus 319 intersected the path of another cargo plane during an aborted landing in Anchorage, Alaska.

In fact, an air traffic controller at the Ronkonko-

ma, N.Y., radar facility that handled the American plane says he complained about a lax atmosphere at the facility — the second busiest of its kind in the nation.

Controller Evan Seeley, 26, said he ran afoul of the local union when he tried to prevent sick leave and scheduling abuses aimed at increasing overtime pay. Even more disturbing were Seeley's charges that controllers sometimes watch movies and play with electronic devices during nighttime shifts when traffic is slower. He said he has sent his complaints to the Transportation Department's inspector general and to the Office of Special Counsel, which investigates whistleblower charges. He claims his recent demotion from his position as a frontline manager was related to the complaints.

Pakistan judge extends detention of U.S. shooter, while police allege he committed murder

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani police alleged Friday that an American held in a pair of shootings committed "cold-blooded murder," while a judge ordered the man's detention extended for 14 days in a local jail and told the Pakistani government to clarify if he has diplomatic immunity.

The police claims and extended detention are likely to further inflame tensions over the case between the U.S. and Pakistan, whose always-uneasy partnership is considered key to ending the war in Afghanistan.

The U.S. says the American, 36-year-old Raymond Allen Davis, shot two Pakistanis on Jan. 27 because they were trying to rob him in the eastern city of Lahore.

Washington insists his detention is illegal under international agreements covering diplomats because he was a U.S. Embassy staffer, and American officials have begun curbing diplomatic contacts and threatening to cut off billions in aid to Pakistan if he is not freed.

Pakistani leaders — loathe to incur a backlash in a public already rife with anti-U.S. sentiment — have for days avoided making definitive statements on Davis' legal status, instead saying the issue is up to the courts.

CHURCH NEWS

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North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets for worship each Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday School for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion will be "This is my Beloved," taken from Mark 9:2-13. The purpose of the lesson is "to identify barriers to listening to Jesus." The discussion will be led by Madeline Boadle.

The Wednesday night Bible Study and the United Methodist Women will not be meeting until the spring.

Once again, we would like to thank all of the volunteers who were so faithful, when we were the host site for Angel Food. Remember, you can now get your information and order forms from the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

We will continue to have our food pantry.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes all who wish to study, worship and work for the Lord.

For more information, call 267-2203 or 263-2536, if no answer leave a message.

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood Subdivision. Our phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School following around 10:15.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. His sermon will be titled "Relationships - The Christian View," including some Valentine's Day advice from today's lessons.

Angela Newton is our organist. The acolyte will be MaKayla Overton and our elders are Darren Byrd and Bobby Roever. The liturgy will be read by Jill Alsobrooks. The readings are Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and Matthew 5:21-37.

If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

The adults are still studying the meanings behind the various symbols of our church. This study has explained the colors of the church year, as well as why. The Sunday School lesson is about the evangelists, apostles and their symbols within the church.

The youth lessons are still Bible-based material and are beginning with Genesis. We have studied the creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abram, Lot and Abraham and Isaac. The youth will study more about Jacob. Last Sunday's lesson was about Dorcas and her Christian giving of clothing to others. It also included how Peter prayed over her after her death and how God brought her back to life.

During mid-week school in February the youth will continue their focus on Daniel. After finishing the lessons on Daniel, the youth will begin a new series.

Calling all laity with a heart for our youth. The following event is designed for you, as well as pastors to support you. The event is "Christ on Campus." This is a campus ministry, West Texas style.

Circuit 4 Convocation will be Saturday, March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church. Call (432) 697-3221 for a reservation. The cost including lunch and childcare is free.

The mission of Higher Things Inc. is to assist parents, congregations and pastors with cultivating and promoting a Lutheran identity among youth through conferences, retreats, publications and the Internet. For more information, see <http://higherthings.org>.

The Board of Assimilation will have a short meeting after church Sunday to determine when to meet each month. Check your calendars and see which evenings are free.

Monday, the LWML will serve coffee, juice and refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education is scheduled to meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church. The elders meet Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The LYF is selling notepads, calendars and all occasion greeting cards. These can be found in the hallway. Look them over and help the youth with this activity.

If you are interested in donating your Thrivent Choice Dollars, visit Thrivent.com/choicedollars to begin or call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, state "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for consider-

ing our church as well as the nationwide Lutheran organizations.

Anyone interested in recycling their old, used mobile phones, donate them to Angela Newton. This E-cycle phone recycling and buyback program is a safe and environmentally friendly way to dispose of your old cell phones. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We missed a couple of evening services last week due to the weather, but things are back on schedule. Sunday mornings, starting at 9:45 a.m. we have Sunday School for all ages, morning worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., there is adult prayer service and Bible study, youth Bible study and Children's Backdoor Bible Class. Saturdays at 7 a.m. is time for men's Bible study.

Ladies prayer teams are meeting Mondays at 7 a.m., Tuesdays at 4 p.m., and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Men's prayer team meets Thursdays at 7 p.m.

We are so pleased to have Lon Sitton as our music minister. He shared with the choir Sunday evening our Easter musical. We are having practices at 4:45 p.m. each Sunday.

There will be a Valentine Banquet lunch hosted by the Whosoever Will class Sunday following the morning service in honor of those who are 60 years and older. Please make plans to attend.

We welcome you to come visit us at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, located at 401 E. Fourth St.

For more information call the church office at 432-267-2291.

First Church of the Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene is now a host site for Angel Food Ministries. Through Angel Food Ministries you can purchase a box of food (including meat) for your entire household without paying retail markup. Come by the church fellowship hall Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to order in person (Lonestar cards will be accepted).

Food will be ready for pick up Feb. 26. Orders can also be placed online with a credit card by visiting <http://www.angelfoodministries.com/>. Volunteers are also being needed to help with this ministry; if you are interested, contact Scott Jimenez.

We welcome you to come love God, love others and love our community. Our Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening classes are at 6:30. We are located at 1400 Lancaster and we hope you will join us.

For more information, contact the church office at (432) 267-7015. You can also visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org and view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

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Two-Year College All-State Honor Choir singers from Howard College are, from left, Kevin Porras, Brantley Cahoon, Damian Perez, Amber Bernal and Nadia Garcia. They are rehearsing and performing with this honor choir at the TMEA convention which began Wednesday and continues through Saturday in San Antonio.

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- KIMBERLY RIOS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ, 64, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on an Austin parole violation.
- ANTOLINA REYES DEHOYOS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JOEL MORALES JR., 46, was arrested Thursday on municipal warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.
- CARLOS GUILLERMO DIAZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PATRICK RIOS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
- BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CARLOS MATA, 49, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
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Hawks get best of NMMI, 64-48

Showdown at Midland College on tap for Monday

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor
Everything about the Howard College-New Mexico Military Institute game Thursday pointed toward an emphatic win for the Hawks.

Howard was on a four-game win streak, NMMI is at the bottom of the Region-5 West standings and this was the team the Hawks beat in Roswell, N.M., with four players in the final minutes of the game, due to suspensions and foul trouble.

While the Hawks triumphed for a 64-48 win Thursday, the Broncos gave Howard some trouble early on, enough for head coach Mark Adams to take notice.

"I was very worried about this game," he said. "We just kind of

pull them out. We don't ever really beat anybody. We just kind of find a way to win. We hadn't beat anybody at home for 40 minutes this year and that's disappointing. But I certainly don't want to take the win away from the guys. You have to give them credit."

NMMI was up 17-11 in the early goings, while the Hawks had to battle back for the lead heading into halftime.

Carlos Emory started a small run with a 3-pointer and a dunk to put Howard down 17-16. A Tramel White 3-point play later gave Howard a 19-18 lead.

Howard hung on for a 26-22 lead at halftime, but NMMI quickly tied it back up to open the

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Tramel White powers past New Mexico Military Institute defenders for a layup in the Howard College Hawks' 64-48 win over the Broncos Thursday night.

HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman



Devante Lloyd throws down a dunk in the Big Spring Steers' game at Snyder Tuesday. The Steers face Abilene Wylie at 7:30 p.m. today in Abilene for a chance to win District 5-3A.

HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Steers try to stay in hunt for district crown

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers have been openly talking about a District 5-3A crown since day one.

Tonight is their chance to make sure they get a shot at it.

The Steers face Abilene Wylie in the second matchup of the season at 7:30 p.m. in Abilene with a chance to be district champions on the line.

"I've mentioned it several times to them," BSHS head coach Cliff Thompson said. "They understand. I told them in the locker room after that first game our goal is to win the district championship. I just try to make sure they understand that we can't play uptight."

That's what Thompson believes hindered the Steers in the first game against Wylie on Jan. 28, which was a thriller. Considering it was one of the bigger home games of the season, Thompson thought his players were a little wound up. A late 3-pointer sent the Bulldogs past the Steers for the 50-46 win.

The Steers haven't faltered since that loss and a win tonight could either win the District 5-3A title or force a third game against Wylie.

The key, besides winning this game, for the Steers is what happens when Wylie takes on Brownwood Tuesday. If the Steers win and Brownwood beats Wylie, Big Spring will finish first in the district. If the Steers win and Wylie beats Brownwood, then another game between the Steers and Bulldogs will be needed to determine the champion. That third game would be at a neutral site.

"I told them in the locker room after that first game our goal is to win the district championship. I just try to make sure they understand that we can't play uptight."

Cliff Thompson,
BSHS head coach

However, Wylie can wrap this district up with a win tonight and the Steers would finish second.

Thompson repeatedly talked about playing loose and with confidence today and it will still be difficult beating a team that doesn't make many mistakes.

Thompson said he hopes to put a little more pressure on the Bulldogs defensively, although they handle full-court presses well.

Wylie is disciplined on defense, too, so the Steers will have to get past a lot of the same hurdles from the Jan. 28 game.

"They're aggressive with their hands," Thompson said. "They're always in good position defensively. They just don't reach. A lot of teams, especially in high school, they just want to stay flat-footed and reach."

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NFL, players' union cancel 2nd day of talks in DC

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Negotiations to prevent an NFL lockout took a grim turn Thursday with the cancellation of the second day of a planned two-day bargaining session.

"We were negotiating today," NFL Players Association spokesman George Atallah said. "That's all I can say."

There are just three weeks to go before the collec-

tive bargaining agreement expires on March 3.

The NFL confirmed that Commissioner Roger Goodell has canceled an owners' meeting scheduled for next Tuesday in Philadelphia, where labor was expected to be a topic.

"Despite the inaccurate characterizations of (Wednesday's) meeting, out of respect for the collective bargaining process and our negotiating partner, we are going to continue to conduct negotiations with the union in private," league spokesman

Greg Aiello told The Associated Press via e-mail, "and not engage in a point-counterpoint on the specifics of either side's proposals or the meeting process. Instead, we will work as hard as possible to reach a fair agreement by March 4. We are fully focused on that goal."

The collapse of the talks came as a surprise. The two sides got together Wednesday for the second

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Afflalo's shot at buzzer sinks Mavericks 121-120

The Associated Press

DENVER — Arron Afflalo went from understudy to star in an instant.

With Carmelo Anthony fouled out, Afflalo took over the All-Star's role and came through.

His 19-footer at the buzzer capped a furious rally and the Denver Nuggets beat the Dallas Mavericks 121-120 on Thursday, ending the Mavericks' 10-game win streak.

"I've hit some big shots before, but never have I made the game-winner at the buzzer," said Afflalo, who scored 19 of his 24 points in the

fourth.

"I'm really, really happy for him," Chauncey Billups said. "When I see the way he works on his game, day in and day out, and finally reap some of the benefits of that, it makes you proud."

Afflalo became the star when Anthony fouled out with 19.6 seconds left and the score tied at 119. Dirk Nowitzki hit one free throw and the Nuggets went down for the final shot with Afflalo playing Anthony's role.

"If Melo was in the game we were going to stick him in the corner and see if we could get

the pick and roll with Chauncey and Nene," Nuggets coach George Karl said, "but we had to change positions and put Arron down there."

Billups was double-teamed on the play and kicked it out to Afflalo, who took one dribble to shake Shawn Marion and get open.

"Chauncey did a great job of being patient. When he figured he wasn't going to get enough space to get a clean shot off I was just ready," Afflalo said. "That was all I had in my mind, get a clean look."

He did and put a stop to the

streaking Mavericks.

"It was a tough finish," Nowitzki said. "Afflalo was basically a non-factor for three quarters and all of a sudden he throws everything in that he got."

Anthony scored 42 points and Billups had 30 for Denver, which overcame a nine-point deficit in the last 2:51 to win.

Jason Terry scored 25 points, Tyson Chandler had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Nowitzki finished with 16 for the Mavericks.

"This is the NBA," Dallas guard Jason Kidd said. "You

win games sometimes when you're not supposed to and you lose games when you're not supposed to."

The win stopped Denver's recent slide and came a day after Anthony gave Nuggets fans a ray of hope he would stay with the franchise.

Anthony told the Denver Post on Wednesday before Denver's game against Golden State that he would "take a real hard look" at signing the three-year, \$65 million extension the Nuggets offered last summer if he is not dealt before the Feb. 24 trade deadline.

Jerry Sloan steps down as Jazz head coach after 23 years

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Like the impressive mountains that dominate Salt Lake City's skyline, Jerry Sloan was a fixture in the Utah landscape.

Now, for the first time since 1988 — three years before Michael Jordan won the first of his six NBA titles — the Jazz will have a new head coach on their bench.

"He's been there like this rock and all of a sudden the rock is gone," Boston coach Doc Rivers said of the 68-year-old Sloan. "It's like your franchise moved or something. I don't know. It's just strange."

While Sloan expected to wake up refreshed knowing he was done game-planning and tussling with fiery superstars such as Deron

Williams, the rest of the basketball world was awakening to a new era.

"Man it's gonna be crazy and weird seeing anyone besides Jerry Sloan walking the sidelines for the Utah Jazz!" Miami Heat star LeBron James tweeted. "Jerry Sloan is the Utah Jazz. Wow."

James wasn't exaggerating.

Since Sloan took over in Utah for Frank Layden, there have been 245 coaching changes leaguewide — 13 alone by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Five current NBA teams (Charlotte, Memphis, Toronto, Orlando and Minnesota) did not even exist when Sloan was hired by the Jazz.

"As a colleague, we'll miss him," said Lakers

coach Phil Jackson, who along with Sloan and Pat Riley were the only coaches in NBA history to have 15-plus consecutive seasons with a winning record.

Sloan stepped down Thursday with 1,127 wins as Jazz coach and 1,221 overall (including his short stint in Chicago). The career total is the third-most in NBA history.

His decision came after an emotional loss to the Bulls on Wednesday night, a night that saw his former team and former players help hand the Jazz a 91-86 loss. It was their 10th loss in the last 14 games and third straight at home following a 15-5 start.

At halftime, Sloan and Williams clashed, reportedly over how a play was run.

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time in five days, the previous negotiations taking place in Dallas on Saturday before the Super Bowl. Neither Atallah nor NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith would comment on why Thursday's session was called off.

The union sent a memo Thursday to player agents updating the status of discussions on a rookie wage scale. A union proposal to decrease the maximum length of rookie contracts to four years for players selected in the first three rounds, and three years for players chosen after that, also included a limit on financial incentives

and salary escalators that could be included in rookie deals.

Those limits would, the NFLPA claims, provide the cost certainty the league is seeking for its rookie salary pool.

According to the memo seen by The Associated Press, the NFL's response was a five-year wage scale with base salary escalators. That would virtually eliminate individual negotiation of rookie contracts.

Owners opted out of the current CBA in 2008 and are seeking a bigger cut of the league's revenues, which are roughly \$9 billion, as well as the rookie wage scale. They also want to increase the regular season by two games to 18, while dropping two pre-season games.

The players are happy with the status quo.

The NFL has had labor peace since a 1987 players' strike that led to three games with replacement players, but some sort of labor stoppage appears a genuine possibility this year because of the slow pace of negotiations. The talks at the Super Bowl were the first formal discussions since November.

Meanwhile, the NFLPA continued to present its side of the argument to the public. The union was a guest of American Rights at Work, which brought in a beer vendor from Ford Field in Detroit as part of a news conference in the nation's capital aimed at demonstrating the effects a lockout would have on the economy.

"Football and other major sporting

events are some of the only things that bring people to downtown Detroit after 5 p.m.," said John Marler, who has worked at the stadium since 2007.

Kimberly Freeman Brown, executive director of American Rights at Work, said the NFL and union are fussing over many of the same issues faced by many workers: pay cuts, longer working hours, workplace safety and health care. She said a lockout would have an impact on 150,000 jobs and cause more than \$160 million in lost revenue in every city with an NFL team. She called a potential work stoppage "something that could potentially have devastating consequences on our quality of life and our mental health."

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second half.

The Hawks pulled away when Shavon Coleman scored two consecutive buckets to make it 37-28, leading to a NMMI timeout.

Two free throws from Emory and a Joe Bright score made it 43-31 with 12:12 left. Later, a Jerry Dixon 3-pointer and another from Emory made it 52-35 with 6:55 left.

In the end, the Broncos just couldn't keep up, but Adams wasn't too thrilled about the Hawks' performance.

Although glad his team won, Adams said he thought his players were looking past NMMI a little bit, considering the mammoth matchup with Midland College on Monday.

Immediately after Thursday's game, the Hawks hit the practice floor for a workout.

Adams said the key at this point in the season is getting the Hawks to play at a high level on a consistent ba-

sis. That needs to happen for a deep run in the postseason.

"They kind of want it to be easy sometimes," Adams said. "That's kind of the trend of these players these days that we coach. It's just been challenging for this coaching staff to get this team ready every game."

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Howard — Jerry Dixon 9, Tramel White 13, Shavon Coleman, Jermaine Winfield 9, Carlos Emory 17, Joe Bright 7

NMMI — John Marsh 19, Mike Buffalo 7, Stephen McCray 5, Pat Moore 2, Ryan Smith 9, Josh Gener 6

3-point field goals — Howard 3 (Coleman 1, Emory 2), NMMI 6 (Marsh 3, Buffalo 2, McCray 1)

Free throws — Howard 23-28, NMMI 16-20

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Mubarek steps down in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's Hosni Mubarak resigned as president and handed control to the military on Friday, bowing down after a historic 18-day wave of pro-democracy demonstrations by hundreds of thousands. "The people ousted the president," chanted a crowd of tens of thousands outside his presidential palace in Cairo.

Several hundred thousand protesters massed in Cairo's central Tahrir Square exploded into joy, waving Egyptian flags, and car horns and celebratory shots in the air were heard around the city of 18 million in joy after Vice President Omar Suleiman made the announcement on national TV just after nightfall.

Mubarak had sought to

cling to power, handing some of his authorities to Suleiman while keeping his title. But an explosion of protests Friday rejecting the move appeared to have pushed the military into forcing him out completely. Hundreds of thousands marched throughout the day in cities across the country as soliders stood by, besieging his palace in

Cairo and Alexandria and the state TV building.

"In these grave circumstances that the country is passing through, President Hosni Mubarak has decided to leave his position as president of the republic," a grim-looking Suleiman said. "He has mandated the Armed Forces Supreme Council to run the state. God is our pro-

jector and succor."

Nobel Peace laureate Mohammed ElBaradei, whose young supporters were among the organizers of the protest movement, told The Associated Press,

"The country has been liberated after decades of repression," he said adding that he expects a "beautiful" transition of power.

News in brief

Obama to propose options for a more privatized mortgage finance system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is poised to release long-awaited proposals for reducing government support of the mortgage market, but Congress will choose the path for reforming financially teetering housing finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The Treasury Department is scheduled to release a report Friday that lays out three choices for winding down Fannie and Freddie and moving to a more privatized mortgage market, according to a number of people familiar with the administration's approach.

The 20- to 25-page report will not endorse any of the options — a decision by the administration designed to provoke a discussion about the role of government in housing finance without roiling the housing market or locking President Barack Obama to a particular solution.

Presenting the choices in Goldilocks fashion, the report's scenarios are:

—No government role, except for existing agencies like the Federal Housing Administration.

Shirtless congressman latest in string of lurid N.Y. political scandals

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Rep. Eric Massa and his tickle fights are so 2010. Eliot Spitzer? He's two governors ago. With the shirtless photo sent to a woman he was trying to woo online, Rep. Chris Lee is the latest in a string of New York politicians whose misdeeds have riveted national attention.

Lee, a 46-year old Republican and married father, resigned his Buffalo-area seat Thursday after the gossip website Gawker published e-mails he sent to a woman he met on Craigslist, including a photo where he is shirtless and flexing a bicep. Lee released a statement apologizing to his family and constituents.

Lee is hardly the first politician to engage in bad behavior. But many lately have come from the Empire State — from the densely packed, hyper-caffinated New York City metropolitan area to the rural communities and industrial cities upstate.

"I don't think it's anything in the water, but

we do seem to have a disproportionately large amount of scandal," state Democratic Party Chairman Jay Jacobs said. "Maybe it's because we're a high-profile state, we have a dynamic population, and we run at a faster pace than many places."

A year ago, it was Massa's turn in the spotlight.

Hidden hostage helps police in NC standoff that ended with suspect being fatally shot

CARY, N.C. (AP) — A hostage hiding in a North Carolina bank secretly helped police during a standoff with a teenager who was shot dead after slowly emerging from the building holding a gun to the head of one of his captives, authorities said.

The gruesome final scene after three tense hours in the quiet suburban town played out live on television Thursday during the dinner hour. None of the hostages nor any of the officers

involved were injured, authorities said.

"This is absolutely not how we wanted this to end," Cary Police Chief Pat Bazemore said. "It is a very sad situation that we did end up shooting the suspect."

The standoff began around 3 p.m. when the man attempted to rob a Wachovia bank on the western edge of Cary, a booming suburb west of Raleigh that prides itself on having little crime. Police arrived within two minutes and found the man had taken hostages.

Authorities said 19-year-old Devon Mitchell of Cary held as many as seven people in the bank and officers were able to negotiate the release of four of them. Two women were released shortly after police arrived.

Phife Dawg honors hip-hop at Grammy celebration

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before he launched into "Check the Rhime," lyrical hip-hop master Phife Dawg paused on

stage for a kiss. It wasn't from his wife or even an adoring A Tribe Called Quest fan in the audience. No, the Five Foot Assassin leaned over to smooch a three-foot-tall Grammy statue before launching into his "funky introduction of how nice I am."

Phife was among the performers Thursday at "Word Revolution: A Celebration of the Evolution of Hip-Hop," part of the Grammy Foundation's 13th annual music preservation project. Along with lauding the power of rap, this year's event at the historic Wilshire Ebell Theatre also paid tribute to the

hip-hop's history with clips from the foundation's archives.

"History is not dead," Neil Portnow, president and CEO of the Recording Academy, told the diverse crowd of Grammy winners, nominees and music lovers. "It lives. It breathes. It sings. It's a living thing that must be preserved. It tells us how we got from there to here."

Slampoets from HBO's "Brave New Voices" kicked off the celebration, emerging from the crowd while spitting rhymes before Kid Capri and DJ Skee sprang into an East Coast-meets-West Coast set on their

turntables. However, it wasn't until Naughty by Nature's Vin Rock and Treach took the stage with "O.P.P." until the entire audience was standing on their feet.

Treach pulled off his shirt for "Hip Hop Hooray," sporting a few more tattoos since the group won the first-ever best rap album Grammy in 1996 for "Poverty's Paradise." Other past Grammy winners who performed included Arrested Development, Everlast, DJ Jazzy Jeff and Christette Michele, who crooned "Unforgettable" as a tribute to jazz's influence on hip-hop.

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The day has two distinct tones, as the moon switches signs. First, she'll drift through Taurus, stimulating our appetites and bringing greater awareness to our sensual natures. Then the moon enters Gemini in the afternoon, and a more intellectual mood takes hold. It will be nearly as satisfying to talk about what we want as it will be to have it.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You succeed by doing what feels right, good and natural to you. You differentiate clearly between what feels good and what doesn't when you check in with your internal guidance system.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your thoughts buoy you. Because you are so optimistic about what will happen next, you can raise your energy level without caffeine or any other outside influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many are happy with what you do, but they don't tell you as often as they should. Days like today make it all worthwhile, as your work will garner the appropriate praise right in front of your face.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If something happens that is not to your liking, it's how you internalize the experience in your psyche that ultimately makes an imprint on your life. You'll think the best, and the best will come of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your loved ones shower you with love when you are emanating the same kind of love for them. Your attitude is the single factor that plays the biggest role in your success today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have good ideas. They do tend to be on the grand scale and, therefore, are more time-consuming to execute than run-of-the-mill type good ideas. You'll attract helpers today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You experience a delightful interplay with someone who is as quick and lighthearted as you. It seems that every time you get together, you hit it off! Consider planning to see this person more often.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your interest in the strange and the supernatural will be piqued. You'll have fun following up on unusual information and researching further. A friend helps in this regard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When salespeople or customer service representatives are too nice, it makes you wonder if you've paid too much for what you're buying. Shop around and find out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be emotion and human interest in all of your dealings, especially in the sort of interactions where you wouldn't expect to be confronting personal feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make notes and take pictures of your normal daily life. Your story behind the scenes is even more compelling than what's happening on

the world stage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not that you don't appreciate the social effort that others make. It's just that you may need some alone time to lie low, get caught up with yourself and/or process your feelings.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). You have amazing courage this year. Success in the next six weeks happens because you think through the obstacles instead of avoiding them. You'll embrace new family in April. There's a positive shift in your work environment in June. You will mainly feel self-sufficient, but you still enjoy the love of a partner. Pisces and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 32, 5 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** You will not be able to improve anyone except yourself. Focus there, and you'll succeed. **TAURUS:** You'll follow another person's lead, and the guidance will be spot-on. **GEMINI:** You love it when someone tries to get to know you, but you hate it when someone pries into private matters. There's a fine line! **CANCER:** You are someone's best friend,

and this person relies on you to listen and be supportive. **LEO:** You trust your loved ones, and you're happy that they have a life outside your relationship. **VIRGO:** Fresh faces will come into your life. You figure out quickly how to cast yourself in the best light, what to talk about and what not to talk about. **LIBRA:** You'll find more and more reasons to smile as the weekend progresses. **SCORPIO:** You will find the perfect words to express your feelings to a loved one. **SAGITTARIUS:** What you've learned about business will help you in love. **CAPRICORN:** Even though you revel in solo efforts and love to have time to yourself, you still appreciate knowing that you are not alone. **AQUARIUS:** It's dangerous to let finances play too big a part in love relationships. **PISCES:** To a certain person, you are a complete fantasy.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius

and Gemini make a dream match. Both signs are gifted with a quick wit, and the sparkling conversation they facilitate is a real treat for all involved. They must remember to treat each other as romantic partners, not as a sibling or friend. And though they make the ideal couple to double date with, you wouldn't want to come up against a team like this in a game of Trivial Pursuit!

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ANSWERS

2	8	3	1	5	7	4	6	9
4	1	7	2	6	9	8	3	5
6	9	5	8	4	3	7	1	2
1	3	6	7	9	5	2	4	8
9	4	2	6	1	8	3	5	7
7	5	8	4	3	2	1	9	6
3	2	1	5	8	6	9	7	4
8	6	9	3	7	4	5	2	1
5	7	4	9	2	1	6	8	3

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

2		3				4		
	1	7		6	9	8		
	9		8		3		1	
1	3		7					4
			6	1	8			
	5				2		9	6
	2		5		6		7	
		9	3	7		5	2	
		4				6		3

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South in each of the following four hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠AKJ8 ♥K107 ♦AKJ4 ♣96

South	North
1♦	1♥
2♠	3♣
4♥	4♠
?	

2. ♠AK1092 ♥KQ83 ♦Q9 ♣A2

South	North
1♦	2♦
2♥	4♥
?	

3. ♠Q7 ♥K8652 ♦9863 ♣A10

South	North
Pass	1♠
1NT	3♥
?	

4. ♠9542 ♥AQ1072 ♦A8 ♣93

South	North
Pass	1♦
1♥	4♥
?	

1. Pass. Without a doubt, you have a very good hand, but partner already knows approximately what you hold from the combination of your opening diamond bid, your jump-shift in spades (indicating at least 19 points) and your delayed heart raise. If he was interested in slam, he would have bid more strongly. Since you have no values beyond those

already expressed, it's best to pass. Partner may have something like ♠Q952 ♥A983 ♦852 ♣J4, in which case even four spades is in some jeopardy.

2. Four notrump. Partner's raise to four hearts indicates that he wants to be in game even if you have a minimum opening bid. Since you are well beyond a minimum, however, an attempt to get to slam is fully justified. If partner shows only one ace in answer to your Blackwood inquiry, you should still bid six hearts. The ace you're missing will most likely be your only loser.

3. Four clubs. This is a slam try showing the club ace and implying an excellent heart fit. Partner may have something like ♠AKJ82 ♥AQJ4 ♣A4 ♠76, and you'd certainly want to be in six hearts in that case.

4. Five diamonds. This hand is also on the verge of a slam, since partner must have at least 20 points and has no idea you have nearly an opening bid. It would be dangerous to go directly to six hearts, since you could have two immediate losers in one of the black suits.

Five diamonds shows the ace of diamonds and interest in slam. You hope this will enable partner to bid six (or seven) with the necessary controls in clubs and spades.

Tomorrow: Elementary arithmetic.

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5:PM	News ABC	Alma Notic.	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	Faye H. Holmes	World Business	Lyrics!	Cash Cab	Movie: Rocky IV, Burt Young	CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake It	NASCAR	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Llena de Amor (SS)	Two Men	News	Caso Cerrado	News	King	Door-Wisdom	PBS News-Hour	70s	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: Rocky V, Burt Young	Ways Die	Bones	Shake It	NFL Live		
7:PM	Be My Valentine	Eva Luna (SS)	Kitchen Nightmares	The Defenders	Aurora (SS)	Who Do You	Movie: Bed-time Stories, Guy Pearce	Wash.	Need to Know	Smallville	Gold Rush: Alaska	Movie: Rocky V, Burt Young	Ways Die	Movie: Shooter, Danny Glover	Game	High School Basketball	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Knicks	
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THEY CAUGHT THAT GUY BUTTING IN AT THE BUFFET LINE

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This Date In History

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Today's Highlights in History:

On Feb. 11, 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln bade farewell to his adopted hometown of Springfield, Ill., as he headed to Washington for his inauguration. The same day, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution guaranteeing non-interference with slavery in any state.

On this date:

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a re-districting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous (soo-bee-roo'), reported the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary.)

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty

was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a six-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

In 1960, "Tonight Show" host Jack Paar stunned his audience by walking off the program in a censorship dispute with NBC. (Despite his very public resignation, Paar returned to the Tonight Show less than a month later.)

In 1971, the Seabed Arms Control Treaty, which banned placement of weapons of mass destruction on the ocean floor beyond a 12-mile limit, was signed in Washington, London and Moscow.

In 1975, Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY-nee) seized power in Iran.

In 1990, South African black

activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Conrad Janis is 83. Actress Tina Louise is 75. Songwriter Gerry Goffin is 72. Actor Sonny Landham is 70. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Otis Clay is 69. Actor Philip Anglim is 59. Actress Catherine Hickland is 55. Rock musician David Uosikkinen (aw-SIK'-ken-ihn) (The Hooters) is 55. Actress Carey Lowell is 50. Singer Sheryl Crow is 49. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is 47. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 42. Actor Damian Lewis is 40. Actress Marisa Petroro is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

CRYSTAL UNCLEAR by Bruce Venzke
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Rub the wrong way
 - 6 Dugout, for one
 - 10 WWII general Bradley
 - 14 Biblical prophet
 - 15 French bread
 - 16 Title fish of an '03 Disney film
 - 17 College credits
 - 18 Caesarean accusation
 - 19 Happy Days mom, for short
 - 20 Start of a convention-hall lobby sign
 - 23 Poetic preposition
 - 24 Ginnie
 - 25 Japanese martial art
 - 28 Part 2 of sign
 - 31 What some pointers use
 - 34 Photo (publicity events)
 - 35 Drop it
 - 36 Streamlined
 - 37 Part 3 of sign
 - 38 Fake jewelry
 - 40 Just like
 - 41 Short rest
 - 42 Less loose
 - 43 Part 4 of sign
 - 47 Valuable violins
 - 48 Propose as a price
 - 49 A miss
 - 52 Last part of sign
 - 56 Giant Peach creator

- DOWN**
- 1 Water slide
 - 2 Reverse
 - 3 Out of the way
 - 4 Greek omelet ingredient
 - 5 Swindler's quest
 - 6 Cell-phone ancestor
 - 7 On the (bickering)
 - 8 Culturally showy
 - 9 They have big food bills
 - 10 Having amplification
 - 11 More than mean
 - 12 Early times, for short
 - 13 Arabian Nights flier
 - 21 Je ne quoi
 - 22 Here: Lat.
 - 26 Linguine al
 - 27 Curiouser
 - 28 Price of admission
 - 29 Type of
 - 37 Down
 - 30 Big goon
 - 31 Exams for future JDs
 - 32 Appropriate
 - 33 Sand-dollar relative
 - 37 Patriotic org.
 - 38 Nursery game
 - 39 Today anchor Curry
 - 41 0-0
 - 42 Assessment
 - 44 Did perfectly
 - 45 Early UN supporter
 - 46 Gets lippy with
 - 49 Meager
 - 50 From now
 - 51 German city
 - 53 ROTC locale
 - 54 One who's tough to budge
 - 55 Nine, in Nantes
 - 56 Phone trio
 - 57 Live and breathe

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SNUFFY SMITH

I WISH I HAD YORE FASHUN SENSE, AUNT ELVINEY !!

DON'T BE SILLY, ISABELLY--I BEEN WEARIN' TH' SAME OL' THING FEREVER !!

'ZACTLY !! YOU HAVE A SIGNATURE STYLE !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

BEEBLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WAY UP HERE?

DO YOU MIND?

I'D LIKE A LITTLE VACAY