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I-20 to get speed boost

TxDOT approves 75 mph on major Texas highways

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

The distance between communities along Interstate 20 is about to get a little bit shorter — well, faster, anyway.

The Texas Transportation Commission on Thursday approved 75 mph designations for close to 1,500 miles of interstate, including I-20 through Howard County. In all, the changes impact 60 counties.

One important fact motorists need to know is the changes won't take place until the signs are posted.

"The speed limit will remain at the posted speed until new

signs are up, which should be in 60 to 90 days," said Darah Waldrip, TxDOT public information officer for the Abilene Regional District.

Portions of I-20 approved for 75 mph — virtually all of the interstate, actually — stretch 310 miles from Parker County (Weatherford) west to eastern Ward County (Monahans) and east 122 miles from Van Zandt County to the Louisiana state line.

Waldrip said the speed limit will not drop near cities such

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Improvements slated for Coahoma school district

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School District will soon be seeing some improvements.

During the Thursday evening school board meeting, bids were called for in regards to the replacement of the roofs on the administration building and the high school science room.

"Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the Feb. 16 regular meeting," Gary Harrell, Coahoma interim superintendent, said.

Armko Industries developed the bid specifications and will oversee the project, according to Harrell. Armko is a roof engineering firm from Lubbock.

The roofs aren't the only improvements to be made at CISD. Approval was given for Vibra-Whirl Sports Ltd. to resurface

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HEALTHY WOMAN



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Scenic Mountain Medical Center sponsored its "Three Thrilling Years" Healthy Woman celebration Thursday afternoon. The evening started off with a free health fair and women's expo. Women were able to sign up for giveaways, receive information on different services provided throughout the community and then enjoy a meal and a presentation by Lisa Smartt, author and comedian.

Healthy Woman celebrates third year of local program

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

"Smartt" advice and laughter filled the Dora Roberts Community Center ballroom Thursday evening as Lisa Smartt, author and comedian, delivered her words of wisdom during "Three Thrilling Years" of Healthy Woman. This was the second year she was featured as the guest speaker for the event.

"There was just something about Lisa that

made the decision to invite her back for a command performance an easy one. She is one of us," Scenic Mountain Medical Center Marketing Director Kim Howell said.

Smartt delivered several points to live by during her speech "I thought I was a 'people person' ... until I started working with people." Those points included learning how to avoid gossip, how to forgive even if you can't necessarily forget, and remembering you

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Children in Need chili cook-off set at Eagles Lodge

Herald Staff Report

The Fraternal Order of Eagles are cooking up something special for needy children and is inviting

Crossroads area residents to participate.

The event — set for Saturday — is the 10th annual chili cook-off to benefit the West Texas Centers Children In-

Need Fund.

Last year, the Eagles raised more than \$11,000 for the fund, which provided Christmas for 134 children, school supplies for 192 children and assisted with football, baseball and camp registrations, said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith.

"I don't know how we would do it without the Eagles," Smith said, adding, "We also helped with purchasing caps and gowns for graduation,

music lessons, theater camp, science fair entry, and swimming lessons. These are all tools that help our children boost their self-esteem."

The Children in Need Fund was established in 2001 to assist families and adolescents receiving mental health services with limited resources. The fund helps families with costs outside the ordinary day-to-day living expenses.

Cooking begins at 8 a.m. and judging at 11:30 a.m. Sat-

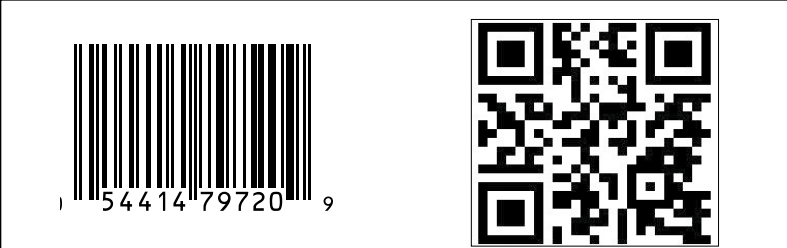
urday at the Eagles Aerie 3188 Lodge, 703 West Third St.

Heading up the event is Landon Sturdivant, West Texas Centers COO.

Teams are limited to two people and pay an entry fee of \$10 per team. Those wanting to eat pay \$5. First-time chili cooks are welcome, Sturdivant said.

"The Children in Need

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Cliff Howard



Cliff Howard, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born July 13, 1930, in Childress, Texas, to Beulah Mae and Milton Clifford Howard. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and was stationed in Korea. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 38 years.

He came to Big Spring in 1997 and married Lilia "Lily" Hinojos on Oct. 21, 1999, in Stanton, Texas, and she preceded him in death July 19, 2011. He was a member of the American Legion Post 345 and the Staked Plains Lodge 598, AF & AM. He was a volunteer for the Senior Citizens Center and was a Baptist.

He is survived by one daughter, Lisa Jenson and husband Robert of Friendswood; two grandchildren, Eric Jenson and Brad Jenson of Friendswood; five step-children, Lewis Hinojos and wife Lucinda of San Angelo, Rene Hinojos and wife Deborah of Big Spring, Lisa Carreher, Go-Go Hughes and Joanna Weaver, all of Austin; one sister, Fannie Thaten of Childress; two brothers, Milton Howard and Dan Howard and wife Dortha, all of Childress; several step-grand and step great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his twin sister, Mae Killgore, and sister, Nina Campbell; and three brothers, C.B. Howard, Wallace Howard and H.A. Howard.

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

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Kevin Brent Matteson



Kevin Brent Matteson, 51, of Sand Springs passed away Jan. 22, 2012, at his residence. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at 1006 N. Moss Lake Road. A Memorial Service will be held in Big Spring at Myers & Smith Chapel, located at 301 E. 24th St., at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. The memorial is open to the public and the family invites

all who knew Kevin and the Matteson family to attend.

Kevin was born Aug. 21, 1960, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Elaine and Ralph Matteson. He attended school in Big Spring and joined the U.S. Army in 1978, serving six years. Upon his release from the Army, he took on various jobs, including driving big rigs in the oil patch, which he really enjoyed.

He landed a position with Power Resources at the former Cosden Oil and Chemical Company, and it was this position he loved working in the most. Kevin also worked at the Big Spring State Hospital in the steam plant.

Kevin loved animals, especially adoring his little dog, Misty. She was his world.

Kevin is survived by his parents, Ralph R. Matteson and Elaine R. (Colton) Matteson of Coahoma; four brothers, Randy Matteson and sister-in-law Lucinda of Colorado Springs, Colo., Renald Matteson and sister-in-law Alisa of Sand Springs, Roger Matteson of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kent Matteson of Sand Springs; three sisters, Karen Matteson, Teresa Matteson and Tammy Adams, all of Big Spring; three nephews, Ian Matteson, Sean Matteson and Keith Smith; three nieces, Kendra Smith, Ashley Pate and Kiri Matteson; and two great-nephews and one great-niece, the children of Keith and Kendra Smith of Big Spring.

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Obituaries

Kenneth C. Davidson



Kenneth C. Davidson was born Jan. 5, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas. He passed away Jan. 24, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Ken lived most of his life in Howard County. During his service in the U.S. Navy, he completed basic training in San Diego before being stationed in Phoenix, Ariz. After spending a few years in oil-field supply work in Andrews and Denver City, Texas, as well as Eunice, N.M., Ken owned and operated a service station in Denver City.

He returned to Big Spring in 1963 and began a 32-year career with the city of Big Spring. His calling, however, was to the land and his own business manicuring landscapes all over town on foot or tractor was not enough. He cobbled together small pieces of land on his family's old Anderson homestead to create a small farm of his own, where he hosted many at his "Red Roof Inn" and by the fire-side.

He constantly raised animals — horses, pigs, chickens, goats and more — and gardens of which his family, friends and neighbors enjoyed the bounty.

His mother, Ruby Lee Reaves, preceded Ken in death. He is survived by Janelle Clark, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

His daughter, Julie, and her husband Paul live in Midland; son, Ricky and wife Rhonda reside in Round Rock; and son, Mike and wife Sonya remain in Big Spring. His grandchildren are Melody Wiseman Barnum, Jaala Besch, David Wiseman, Courtney Stokes, Covan Davidson and Caden Davidson.

Going-Home services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, located at 301 E. 24th St. in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Bro. Randy Cotton will officiate.

Steve Anderson, Gary Stallings, Jay Anderson, Craig Clark, Casey Clark and Bradley Barnum will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences and memories may also be left in the guestbook at www.myersandsmith.com

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Police blotter

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

- GUS EARL FADE, 37, of 1317 Mulberry, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- FELICIA CANALES, 22, of 616 State St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA, 21, of 2202 Alabama, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- PATRICIA SUE CLARK, 35, of Splendora, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.
- CRYSTAL GAYLE MITCHELL, 28, of 1803.5 S. Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired registration and failure to appear.
- SAMUEL BANKHEAD, 34, of Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SARAH ANNE WILSON, 31, of 2705 Clanton St., was arrested

Wilma Grice



Wilma Grice, 84, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, in a Greenville, Texas, nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 25, 1927, in Colorado City, Texas, and married L.D. Grice on July 28, 1945, in Big Spring, Texas. Wilma worked and retired from the I.U.O.E. Local 826 and served as a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, L.D. Grice of Big Spring; two sons, Greg Grice and wife Lucy of Montgomery, Ala., and Kit Grice and wife Anita of Pampa; one daughter, Kim Lockhart and husband Steven of Greenville; one sister, Glenora Wall of Big Spring; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lonnie Evans.

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

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 1/28	Sun 1/29	Mon 1/30
52/31	63/39	68/44
Mostly cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day. High 52F. Winds ENE at 10 to 20 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
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Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.

- FORGERY was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Broadway in Coahoma.
- THEFT was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of 13th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan.

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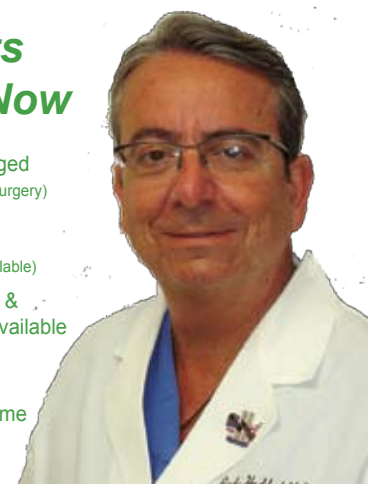
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as Big Spring, Colorado City, Stanton and others along the interstate, except for necessary areas.

"It will slow down around Dallas because of environmental regulations and things like that, but overall the speed limit will stay 75," she said.

The 82nd Legislature passed HB 1353, which gave TxDOT the authority to establish 75 mph

speed limits — providing speed studies show it could be done safely.

Since September, the agency has been reviewing 70 mph speed limits across the state to determine where a 75 mph limit can be posted. Four Central Texas highways were the first to see higher speeds after the new law took effect. Thursday's Commission action brings the number of miles now zoned at 75 mph as a result of HB 1353 to 1,618.

Prior to HB 1353, Texas had 1,445 miles

of 75 mph speed limits and 521 miles of 80 mph speed limits on certain highways. Those speed limits were restricted to rural counties and highways located mostly in West Texas. Texas now has almost 3,600 miles zoned at 75 mph or higher.

Carol Rawston, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director, called the changes "a major milestone."

"Texas' economic strength depends on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods," said Rawson.

"These new speed limits increase highway efficiency while maintaining the safety of the transportation system."

TxDOT officials said studies of speeds on U.S. highways, state highways, farm-to-market and ranch-to-market roads are still under way.

New 75 mph speed limits approved Thursday include:

I-10 — 289 miles across El Paso, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Bexar, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Gonzales, Fayette, Colorado, Austin, Jefferson and

Orange counties,

I-20 — 423 miles across Crane, Ector, Midland, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Palo Pinto, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg and Harrison counties,

I-27 — 109 miles across Lubbock, Hale, Swisher and Randall counties,

I-30 — 139 miles across Hunt, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris and Bowie counties,

I-35 — 106 miles across Webb, Medina, Atascosa, Bexar, Hill and Cooke counties,

I-37 — 130 miles across

Nueces, San Patricio, Live Oak, Atascosa and Bexar counties,

I-40 — 166 miles across Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Donley and Wheeler counties,

I-44 — 11 miles across Wichita County,

I-45 — 143 miles across Walker, Madison, Leon, Freestone and Navarro counties.

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HEALTHY

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are not the center of the universe.

"A lot of people say forgive and forget, but that's not necessarily true or easy. There are a lot of things that I know I can't forget. One of my momma's favorite sayings was, 'We can choose to forgive every time we remember,'" Smartt told the audience. "We may not be able to forget about something, but we do have the power to forgive every time we remember it."

In addition to Smartt's words of inspiration, the 200 attendees were able to enjoy a three-course meal prepared by Moss Creek Ranch Chef Michael Stromberg. Beforehand, there was a health fair and expo which offered women information on ways to pamper themselves and improve and maintain their health.

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Lisa Smartt, author and comedian, returned for a second year as the featured speaker for the Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman anniversary celebration. She delivered her speech, "I thought I was a people person ... until I started working with people," offering a few life lessons through personal experiences.

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

CISD

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the track. Vibra-Whirl is a Texas Buyboard vendor, which allows the school district to receive special pricing in order to help with the resurfacing. According to Harrell, the district is looking at \$58,530 for resurfacing through the local government purchasing cooperative.

"School officials hope to have the resurfacing completed by track season, weather permitting," Harrell said. "If not, the project will be done after track season."

The board also approved an update to the reduction in force policies. Approval was given to TASB Local Policy Update 92, which included several provisions to the RIFF policies. This past summer, employee's

salaries were frozen throughout CISD. The freeze came as a result of the significant loss in state revenue for this fiscal year, according to Harrell. Another reduction is expected for the upcoming school year, for all schools in the district.

"This is the first time the legislature has given approval for Texas public schools to use furloughs as a cost reduction option," Harrell said. "School districts are now allowed to reduce the number of days of service required by up to six days if the Commissioner of Education certifies the district will receive less state funding this year than provided to the district in the previous year."

He continued, "It is unclear at this time if the school districts in the state will have to resort to furloughs as a means of reducing budgets."

Other action taken related to

legislative sessions included the decision to terminate an agreement between CISD and JR3 Education Associates. The change will take effect at the end of the current school year.

"Senate Bill 1669 from the 82nd legislative session, gave more flexibility for retired teachers to return to employment in public schools without the need for a third-party employer such as JR3," Harrell said.

CISD students could also be looking at a few less days for next school year. The board gave its approval for an application to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver of up to five additional days of staff development in lieu of up to five student instructional days.

"If this is approved by the state, students would attend classes for 175 days instead of the 180 required days," Harrell

said.

School districts are not allowed to start the school year before the fourth Monday in August. Because of this regulation, the upcoming school year will begin a week later than this year, Monday, Aug. 27, 2012.

"Because the district will have five fewer days to work with between Aug. 27 and May 31, school officials are considered eliminating the 10 flex days and using the five staff development waiver days in order to complete the school year by Friday, May 31," Harrell said.

The next school board meeting will take place Feb. 16.

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CHILI

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fund has come to depend on the Fraternal Eagles Chili Cook-off," Smith said. "We can do so many things for our kids because of their willingness to put in the long hours planning and carrying out the chili cook-off. It doesn't hurt that it's so much fun. Everyone enjoys themselves so much."

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This week we salute:

- The Telchik family for answering a call to assist in a clean up effort.

- Those who helped support the United Way this past year for the 2012 campaign.

- Outgoing and incoming board members and officers of United Way, especially Eve Nieto for her six years of service to United Way.

- Jerry Duenes, Manny Negron, Barbara Kirk-Norris and Tessa Reid for volunteering to serve on the chamber board of directors.

- Terri Johansen for serving as Chamber president and working to promote Big Spring and its businesses.

- The 23 teachers who took part in the Leadership Academy this past year at Big Spring Independent School District in order to help themselves grow in the classroom in order to provide a better learning environment for their students.

- Andrea Cervantez and M'Kalee Morgan for being named to the Texas All-State Choir.

- Anthony Sarmiento for placing first in the Moss Elementary spelling bee; Ashley Crisp for placing second and Mayliah Blanco, Cory Cotton and Tristan Wright for tying for third place.

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

When we walk with You, Lord, we don't have to settle for just getting by.

Amen

Zero on the home front's richter

Among the strange things that happened last year — and there were many — perhaps the strangest was the end of the Iraq War.

Did you notice it? I wouldn't blame you if you didn't. It hardly even registered on the home front's Richter scale.

We didn't leave in triumph (that was World War II). We didn't leave in confused embarrassment (that was Vietnam). We just left. We practically tiptoed away, hoping nobody would notice. And nobody did, hardly.

I remember the end of World War II. I was a 10-year-old in Detroit. My parents took me downtown to experience the celebration, for which I am forever grateful.

V-J Day in Times Square (Library of Congress)

It was an extraordinary moment — an explosion of joy and relief and sense of victory, unlike any I had seen before or since. They didn't call it "V-J Day" for nothing. It stood for Victory over Japan, and the entire nation gloried in that triumph.

That's why hundreds of thousands of Detroiters, along with millions elsewhere, spilled out of our homes to share our feeling of exultation with the people who had shared the pain of that

war.

That was the key, I think: World War II was a shared experience. People hung one-star flags in their windows to indicate the military service of a family member — a sad gold star to indicate a death. Butter and meat were rationed, as was gasoline. Middle-aged neighbors volunteered as "air raid wardens" to patrol the streets in their white helmets during practice drills.

Even I, a kid, pulled my red wagon around the neighborhood collecting newspapers for the "paper drives," all in the name of the war effort.

The war, for us, only lasted four years. But it had seemed an eternity, and the nation reacted to its abrupt end like an inflated balloon suddenly unsealed.

That was Detroit that night, and New York and Chicago and San Francisco and every other city of size in the country.

Compare the conduct of that war to the Iraq conflict. Was anything asked of the American people in the Iraq War? Anything at all?

Certainly not taxes. They were cut so that "job creators" could create jobs, which they did — mainly in China.

Nor participation. We've got an all-volunteer armed force coupled with a large number of contracted mercenaries. You didn't join up unless you wanted to (or couldn't get a better job).

I remember President George W. Bush being asked at the beginning of the conflict what the American people could do

to contribute to the war effort. "Go shopping," he said. That was the great sacrifice we were asked to make.

The young men and women we sent to fight that eight-year war bore virtually the entire burden of it — nearly 4,500 U.S. military deaths, along with about 1,500 military contractors, and God knows how many thousands of Iraqis, both friend and foe. Thousands more Americans were maimed or psychologically damaged, their futures truncated. (The unemployment rate for returning veterans 20-24 years old is 30 percent.)

The war cost well over \$800 billion and counting, mocking Bush adviser Paul Wolfowitz's prediction that it would pay for itself.

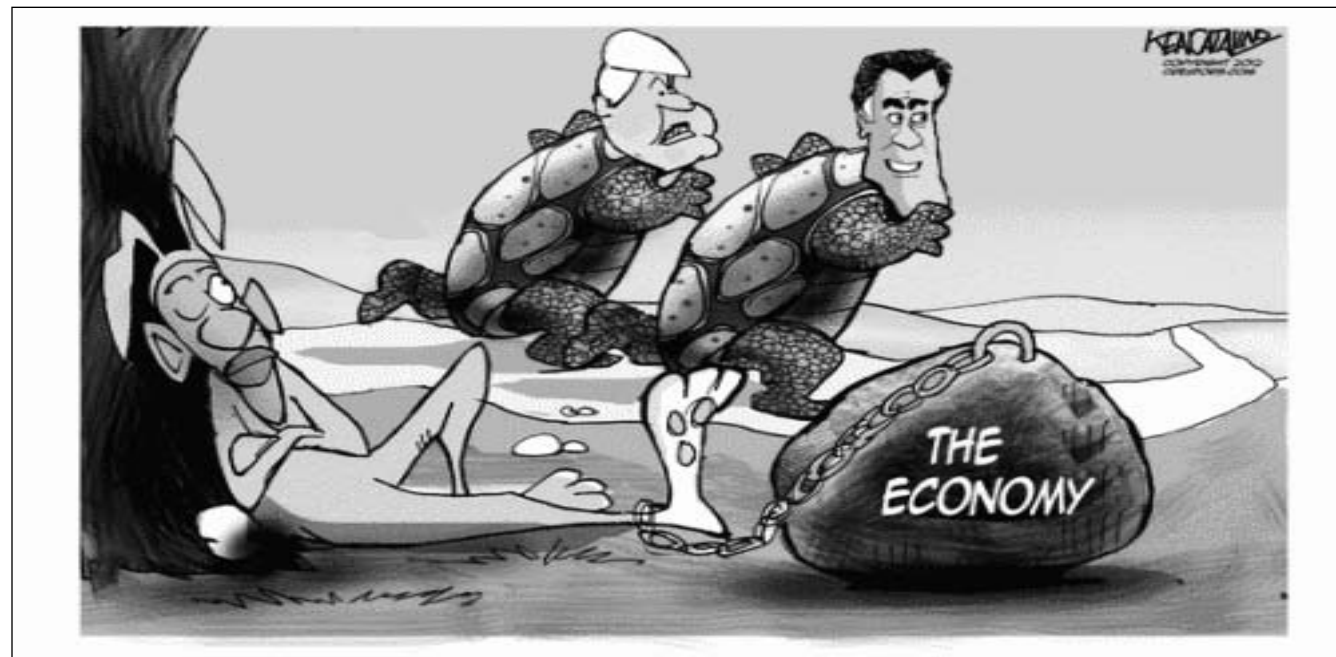
It was a lousy war from the beginning, sold to the American people on false pretenses, and it has done us precious little good. We were hardly out of the door when the sectarian rivalries that existed before we got there began to shred the country again.

So much for creating a model democracy, which was one of the stated goals of the invasion.

The chief result of the war was the strengthened position of Iran, our sworn enemy in the region.

Some wars end with a bang, others with a whimper. The end of the Iraq War was accompanied by the sound of one hand clapping.

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Rooting for Newt Gingrich

Ask any honest Democrat, and they'll tell you what I'm about to tell you: We're rooting for Newt.

The death penalty for marijuana?

Replacing janitors with school kids?

Mining the moon for minerals?

Go, Newt.

It's not that the former Speaker doesn't have the smarts. Quite the contrary. He may be too smart for his own good — at least his own good in politics. His mind races with ideas. His mouth moves even faster.

I've done television with Newt and speeches with Newt, and it's a blast. He's funny and gracious. He's always interesting. He knows facts that would make Sarah Palin's head swim. He understands history. He's pointed and provocative.

It's just that a substantial number of his ideas are, well, different. Nutty. Like the minerals on the moon.

That is fine if you're a professor or a professional speaker. Not fine if you are a politician.

The great columnist Walter Shapiro said in a recent interview that every time he goes to hear Newt speak, he comes away with 15 ideas for a column; whereas, every time he hears Mitt Romney, he forgets the 15 ideas he had coming in. Newt makes great copy.

If I were a Republican activist — sick and tired of the smooth and calculating moderate turned conservative-turned moderate about to be turning conservative again Romney — I'd be walking the precincts for Newt. And I'd be having almost as good a time as I did back in 1980, when I ran phone banks for Ted Kennedy in our fight against Jimmy Carter. I'm not sure who the Republicans were rooting for back then, but I know this: They were hoping the fight would never end, and in many respects, it didn't.

And that is exactly what we Democrats are rooting for with Newt.

Do I really think the Republicans are going to nominate Newt for president? Nah.

Too good to be true. Even now, the spotlight is beginning to shine pretty harshly. Eventually, the grownups in the establishment who think nominating Newt is a gift to the Democrats will probably get the upper hand — but hopefully later rather than sooner.

This has all the makings of a nice bitter fight. Newt is not about to go gently into the night. No Rick Perry he. Newt lives on debates, regardless of his own war chest. He has friends with super-PACs carrying his water. His supporters, many of them, are true believers.

The fight between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama went the distance. Even if they are, today, loyal partners, I have no doubt there was no love lost when it ended.

But it was never blood war on the ground. The people on both

sides were old friends who went back to being friends when it was over. It was liberals against liberals. Indeed, among Democrats, you can't help but notice that the big whiners about Obama aren't the Hillary supporters who joined up at the end, but the early Obama-ites who had expectations no one could achieve.

Newt-Romney, however, is already nastier than Hillary-Obama ever was (with all of one bad ad, the red phone). Fine by me. The nastier the better. What Hillary-Obama proves is that it's not the length of the fight but the bitterness and animosity on the ground that hurts. Like in 1980. Go, Newt.

There were, and probably still are, two schools of thought about 1980. The Kennedy side believed the only hope of defeating Reagan was to defeat Carter first. The Carter side felt that Reagan won because Carter was so defeated by the process. My guess is there is a similar debate on the Republican side right now.

But the bottom line is that Reagan did win, which is why all of us who are rooting for Obama are rooting for Newt to go the distance in his attacks on Romney. If he does, win or lose, we win.

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Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church in Bedford, Texas, will be here for our deacon/leadership training starting this evening. Marty will wrap up our New Year's Revolutions sermon series with Revolutionary church Sunday.

We will have a youth fundraiser brisket lunch Sunday after worship.

We will be hosting a "Souper Bowl Party" on Sunday, Feb. 5. The game will be shown on the large screens in our worship area.

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We meet Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m. Bible study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. Praise team practices at 7 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast and fellowship is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the dining room at the church.

"Between the Lines" women's ministry will meet

Friday, Feb. 17.

"Manna House" food pantry is low on supplies. Contact Casie Fillingim and Jennifer Boyd for more information. "Free Indeed," a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, is in need of donations of new underwear, socks, coats, etc. for the cold months ahead. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

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Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane. Contact us at 432-714-4584. Visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Church of the Nazarene

Sunday at 10 a.m. join us for a new series of sermons on "Not a Fan," becoming a true follower of Christ. The series will be accompanied by several new life groups meeting different times and locations throughout the week.

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We now have a ladies workout group meeting in the church gym everyday at 10 a.m. doing the "insanity" workout.

There is also church prayer time Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and our adult/children/youth groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Sunday children's classes begin at 9 a.m. with children's church following. Adults are welcome for fellowship with coffee and snacks prior to 10 a.m. service. Kaylha Martin also keeps the youth energized with IMPACT on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our church phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is http://www.m2ctexas.org/chweb/aliveinchrist/. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Church service is Sunday at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following at 10:15 a.m.

Jill Alsobrooks will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 and Mark 1:21-28. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

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Sunday there will be a pot luck at noon and immediately following will be a voter's meeting. The call committee will be providing information they gathered on the names we received from the district office in Austin. Our Circuit Counselor, Pastor Pace, will be present as well.

Wednesday Mid Week School is for all ages. Join us at 6 p.m. for the meal and at 6:30 p.m. for Bible studies.

Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. LWML will meet at Jeanie Knocke's home.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings for February at the church include: Feb. 13 the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet Feb. 14. The elders meet Feb. 16. The Board of Assimilation will meet Feb. 28.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church has worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. with Pastor Billy Bates leading both services.

Bible study follows the 5 p.m. service. We will begin the study of First Corinthians. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with Nancy Wagner and Lucy Williams leading the elementary and youth groups.

Adult class discussion will be led by Guy Teague on "Out of Egypt" taken from Exodus 15:1-3, 19, 22-26. Following the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday will be our fifth Sunday fellowship luncheon. Administrative council will meet after.

Glenn and Laura Phillippe and Madeline Boadle continue their work in re-stocking the food pantry. For more information in regard to this project, call 267-2203.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the church library. Children's choir meets at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. Chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

Dereck and Amber Wilson presented their daughter, Kendyl Nicole, for baptism during the worship service Sunday, Jan. 15. They were attended by grandparents David and Susan Wilson. Apologies for misspelling her name.

We will have the annual congregational meeting after worship Sunday, Feb. 12, followed by a covered dish meal.

Helen Glass is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Ushers for the month are Gordon and Susan McDaniel and Paula Farquhar.

The lectionary is Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28. The chancel choir will offer the anthem "Sing to the Lord with Joy" by John Carter and sing "I Will Sing Glad Songs" by Gordon Young for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected to serve in feeding the hungry in our community and in the world.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. 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.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

The Daily Grind with God — Coffee Hour is Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, at 5:17 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Big Spring, meets Wednesdays.

Marilyn Read and Elmer Lindsey were installed as elders for the Class of 2014 during worship Sunday, Jan. 22.

Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the home of Nolan and Charmian Beall (1731 Yale) there will be a going-away party for Helen Shive who is moving to San Antonio.

The lectionary is Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

First Baptist Church

Lottie Moon offering remains open throughout January to spread the gospel around the world.

The food pantry continues to serve families in need and supplies are needed. To operate our vans, drivers and riders will make this provision possible.

Ladies Bible study in the book of James by Beth Moore began last Monday in the conference room.

Men are finding their recipes for the Chili Cook-Off on Sunday judging to begin at 5 p.m. and supper at 6 p.m.

The youth are preparing for DNOW and drivers are needed to transport students.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, a meal is served beginning at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center, children's choirs at 5:30 p.m., Bible study for adult and youth at 6 p.m., mission time for children at 6:15 p.m. and adult choir rehearsal at 7 p.m.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad.

Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church services start at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday the Rev. Ken McIntosh will bring the message from 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 "Becoming a Member of PETHA."

Elders will be John Scott and Frank Sickles. Deacons will be Anna Scott, Cynthia Scott, Laura Sickles and Wanda Brock. Worship leader will be Joe McCright and communion prep will be Laura Sickles.

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Making progress

"Behold the turtle," says James Bryant Conant, former President of Harvard University. "He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."

While I don't know much about turtles, I have to agree any kind of progress begins with neck-out effort. It is difficult to have vision for accomplishing a task with our heads drawn into our shells, and making progress is even more difficult when we can't see which way we are headed.

From another point of view, American inventor Thomas A. Edison whose greatest invention enlightened all of us once said, "Discontent is the first necessity of progress."

Following the turtle analogy, perhaps it takes a certain amount of discontentment to cause any of us to poke our necks out into the unknown. Discontentment with our circumstances often forces us to make dreaded changes. It is the leverage that motivates us to move ever so slowly out of our comfortable shells into unlimited opportunity.

Yet another opinion about what hinders progress comes from American writer, artist, and philosopher Elbert Hubbard.

He wrote, "The reason men oppose progress is not that they hate progress, but they love inertia."

I suppose there is a bit of truth in Hubbard's theory. Whether we admit it or not, most of us are fond of inertia because it requires nothing of us. Inertia allows us to rest in its soothing grip. It encourages us to be content, remain static and stop dreaming. Inertia fosters paralysis while well-planned activity generates progress.

One of the best known stories about progress in the Bible is the account of Nehemiah's rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem following its destruction in 587 B.C. Prompted by God and motivated by compassion for his people, the prophet Nehemiah undertook the daunting task of repairing the wall that had been destroyed by the Babylonians.

Facing opposition from many forces, Nehemiah stuck his neck out to complete the rebuilding of the wall around his beloved city. Minimizing his own efforts while trusting God's divine intervention, the prophet wrote, "So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work" (Nehemiah 4:6 NASB).

Perhaps making progress does require sticking out our necks. Most likely it is generated by discontent and hindered by inertia. But making progress always requires a mind to work.

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

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Please join us on Sunday, Jan. 29th at 6:00 P.M.
For more information you may call **Pastor John McCullough at 935-9171**

Obituaries

Dorothy M. Kilgore



Dorothy M. Kilgore, 83, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday at Center for Compassionate Care in El Paso. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Jan. 16, 1929, in Anderson, Ind., to Mildred and Ezra Garwood. She worked as an LVN at Webb Air Force Base Hospital for 18 years. She also worked at Malone & Hogan and Cowper Hospital. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church. She moved to El Paso several years ago.

She is survived by one son, Oran Kilgore of El Paso; and her sister, Mearle Morales of El Paso.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Kilgore on Oct. 30, 1994; and one daughter, Eunice D. Kilgore in December 2009.

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

Ray Mendoza Sr.



Ray Mendoza Sr., 54, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Paul B. Herr officiating.

He was born Aug. 6, 1957, in Bee County, Texas, to Marcella and Tranquilino Mendoza. He was a cook at Denny's and also did landscape. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and was a Christian.

He is survived by one son, Ray Mendoza Jr. and wife Ester of Midland; two grandchildren; nine brothers and sisters, Nestora Mendoza Tanguma of San Antonio, Romona Anderverde of Corpus Christi, Tranquilino Mendoza Jr. of Venus, Marcela Thompson of Oxnard, Calif., Maria Anita Kerr of Carrollton, Johnny Mendoza and Hector Mendoza, both of Dallas, Sylvia Gamble of Big Spring, and Rosamarie Paredes of Odessa.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Gregoria Vergara.

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

Milton 'Rip' Lewis



Milton "Rip" Lewis, 86, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Charlie Edmonds officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at the funeral home.

Rip was born Dec. 17, 1925, in Dawson County, Texas, to John and Lois (Ward) Lewis. He married Juanita Wright on Feb. 7, 1948, in Big Spring.

Rip grew up in Stanton and served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. He retired from Cosden Oil Refinery in 1981.

He was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Lewis of Big Spring; two daughters, Lea Oma Lewis Gray and husband Pat of Midland and Cheryl Rau and husband Lee of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Janell Williams; one grandson; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Claudia Massingill and Lena Mae Lewis.

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

Donald G. McCommons



Donald G. McCommons, 72, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 30, 1939. He had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 30 years. He was a long distance truck driver, later working in automotive body repair, painting and auto glass. He also owned Pioneer Auto Sales Company. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Donald has no immediate survivors.

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

Mary Joyce 'Nana' Wilkerson

Mary Joyce "Nana" Wilkerson, 95, of Stanton, Ky., formerly of Garden City, Texas, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, at her home. She was born Nov. 14, 1916, in Sterling City, Texas, to Clarence Marvin and Bessie Lee Cook Sparkman. She married Joy Edward Wilkerson on Nov. 23, 1935, in Sterling City, Texas.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra "Sandy" Berryman of Stanton; an adopted daughter, Juda McKinney of Lubbock; a sister, Peggy Monroe of Kerrville; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Clarence Sparkman Jr.; and sister, Frank Beth Powell.

Visitation will be held at Garden City Methodist Church from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, with burial following in Garden City Cemetery.

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

POLICE

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.

• CONSUELO ALVARADO, 54, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check — more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts).

• FELICIA CANALES, 22, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a judgment/sentence for delivery of a controlled substance.

• JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA, 21, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated — second offense.

• RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping — failure to appear.

• CRYSTAL GAYLE MITCHELL, 28, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration and failure to appear.

• PATRICIA SUE CLARK, 35, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a capias warrant for motion for enforcement — criminal non-support.

• SAMUEL JAMES BANKHEAD, 34, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• SARAH ANNE WILSON, 31, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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les and Wanda Brock Lee. Greeter will be Frank Sickles and homebound communion will be John Scott.

This coming week Isaiah 58 will be open at 4:30 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. there will be choir practice in the choir room. The youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for their weekly meeting.

Thursday at 9 a.m. until noon in the library Samaritan Counseling takes place in our church.

For questions or further information, call the church office at 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcbs125@yahoo.com or email to fcbs125@yahoo.com.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will continue to preach from the Old Testament with a series entitled, "Creating A New Community." His text is Genesis 24-50 with the sermon, "God Is With Us."

Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m. Chil-

dren are reminded to bring their items from home for the Sermon in a Sack during the children's sermon. Last Sunday Kaleigh's ugly doll was drawn and was the basis for an object lesson which caught the children's imagination and brought them closer to an understanding of God's word.

Pastor Bill is making plans for this year's confirmation class for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. If your child has not been confirmed, contact the pastor by phone, email or text. Be sure to include your name with an email or text. When he has a complete list of kids he will schedule a parents meeting.

First Methodist will play host to the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's February presentation of "Piano Celebration" on Feb. 4, featuring Gold Medalist Winner in the 2009 Van Cliburn Competition, Haochen Zhang.

The event will be held in Garrett Hall due to renovations currently being done at the City Auditorium.

Remember noon Bible study and luncheon Wednesday. Pastor Bill is teaching "Down the Roman Road" based on letters from Paul. Next Wednesday's meal will be catered by Just Peachy; serving begins at 11:50 a.m. Real

Life Wednesday is at 5:30 p.m. with a meal followed by Bible study for adults, EPIC youth and children's music. Make reservations for the meal.

Sign up for the prayer time schedule for the mission trip to Nicaragua which will be Feb. 25 through March 17. The schedule is located in the sanctuary.

There will be a men's breakfast Tuesday, Feb. 7 in the youth hall. Breakfast will begin at 6:15 a.m. and be over by 7:30 a.m. It is open to all men and the emphasis will be "unity in purpose and vision." If you are planning to be a part of this we ask you contact the church office so they will have a somewhat accurate count and it will also be an opportunity to let them know if you have any special dietary needs as they will be providing a big breakfast.

Its time to start thinking Relay For Life. Sign ups for the church team is underway and we want to be sure we make a good showing at this very important event to fight cancer. Sunday school classes will be making preparation for fund raisers in the weeks to come. This year's Relay For Life will be held once again at Blankenship Field, but is scheduled for the weekend of April 21 and 22, earlier than usual.

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Howard College's Jerry Dixon (10) attempts a shot during the first half of the Hawks game against Odessa College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night.

Last-minute magic

Hawks rally from double-digit deficit to defeat Odessa in overtime thriller

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Coaches and players like to talk about intensity as if it's something that can be bottled and stored away for use at appropriate times, but in truth it's an intangible thing you either have or you don't.

Thursday night against Odessa College, the Howard College Hawks lacked intensity in the first half. The second half, however, was a far different story.

The Hawks rebounded from a double-digit deficit in the first half to earn a 91-88 overtime win over OC in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference thriller at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night. The victory improved Howard's record to 14-4 overall and allowed them to stay in second place in the WJCAC with a 2-1 league mark. Odessa fell to 17-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

The game was a study in marked contrasts. The first half belonged firmly

to Odessa, which made four of its first five shots en route to claiming a 30-16 lead with less than seven minutes left until halftime.

Howard's Calvin Godrey, who led the Hawks with 22 points, said the team wasn't prepared for the OC offensive attack it saw Thursday, noting the Wranglers' inside play (the Wranglers scored the majority of their first half points from inside 15 feet) came as a sort of rude surprise.

For Howard Coach Mark Adams, however, matters came down to that intensity thing.

"(Odessa) was just so tenacious on the boards (in the first half)," Adams said. "They were getting a lot of second-opportunity baskets. Then again, I think Odessa is the best rebounding team in the nation. It's a tradition they have."

Shortly before half-

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Women's contest postponed

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A glitch in referee assignments resulted in the postponement of Thursday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball game between Howard College and Odessa College.

The game is now set for a 6 p.m. tip-off tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HC officials said that the WJCAC official responsible for assigning officials to particular games failed to have referees available for Thursday's game in Big Spring. After failing to find alternate referees, officials from both schools decided upon

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girls' basketball

Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 6 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Post, 6:30 p.m.

Women's basketball

Odessa College at Howard College, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Post, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Softball

Cisco Jr. College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

No. 1 Baylor swamps OU

JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Brittney Griner's defensive presence allowed top-ranked Baylor to run away with a 20th straight victory.

As a reward, coach Kim Mulkey gave her the chance to show off a rarely used part of her offensive game.

Griner had 18 points, seven blocks and hit her first 3-pointer of the season as the Bears pulled away in the second half and beat Oklahoma 89-58 on Thursday night.

The Bears (20-0, 7-0 Big 12) barely escaped with a one-point win in Norman last season on their way to the regular-season conference title but this time left nothing in question.

Mulkey called timeout with 3:14 remaining after a 12-0 run pushed the lead to 32, then sent her front-liners back onto the court with something special planned. Griner connected on her first 3 on Baylor's next possession, and that got the reserves off

the Bears' bench.

"She can shoot the 3. The unfortunate thing is she's playing for a coach that won't let her shoot it much. But Brittney is an outstanding 3-point shooter," Mulkey said.

"I guess she got tired of being banged in there and asked me could she shoot a 3, and I said, 'Come off the stagger and go shoot it.'"

Odyssey Sims and Terran Condrety scored 14 points apiece, Destiny Williams added 13 points and Kimetria Hayden and Brooklyn Pope each had 10 as Baylor put six players in double figures.

The Sooners (12-6, 4-3) frequently had a post player behind Griner and Aaryn Ellenberg sagging in front of her on the offensive end to keep her from getting the ball.

"They, I guess, challenged us to have to have that kind of scoring. I thought that they left players open because they were so concerned on defending Griner," Mulkey said. "That's what Division I basketball players do."

Whitney Hand led Oklahoma with 19 points and seven rebounds. Ellenberg scored 11 points on 5-for-17 shooting and Morgan Hook had a season-high five steals for Oklahoma, which fell to 0-13 all-time against Baylor. No. 1. The Sooners had won two straight games against ranked opponents this season.

After seemingly avoiding the nation's top shot blocker at all costs in the first half, the Sooners aggressively attacked Griner coming out of the tunnel to temporarily cut into the lead.

Nicole Griffin went after Griner inside and converted a three-point play, and Hook's steal at the end of a 10-0 run led to a fast-break layup that brought Oklahoma back within 46-40 with 17:17 to play. The Sooners weren't within striking distance for long, though.

Condrety silenced the crowd with a 3-pointer from the left wing, sending the Bears on a 19-3 surge that

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Bucs hire Schiano as new coach

By **FRED GOODALL**

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Buccaneers are counting on Greg Schiano to lead them back to respectability and transform Tampa Bay into consistent winners — much in the same way he made Rutgers matter again.

The 45-year-old former Scarlet Knights coach was hired Thursday, more than three weeks after the Bucs fired Raheem Morris following a 4-12 finish.

The team scheduled a press conference for Friday to introduce Schiano, who inherits a team that allowed the most points in the NFL this season.

"Coach Schiano is a bright, meticulous teacher who knows how to get the most out of his players," general manager Mark Dominik said. "He built and ran a pro-style program at

Rutgers, and he's a defensive-minded coach whose teams have always been characterized by toughness and a physical style of play."

Schiano was at Rutgers for 11 seasons, taking them from college football laughingstocks to a program that has had winning records in six of the last seven years. He was an assistant coach in the NFL with Chicago from 1996-98.

The Scarlet Knights appointed offensive line coach Kyle Flood as interim head coach while the school searches for Schiano's replacement.

The Bucs fired Morris on Jan. 2 after Tampa Bay lost 10 straight to end the season, most of them by double-digit margins. The collapse following a promising 4-2 start came only a year after the NFL's youngest team went 10-6

and narrowly missed the playoffs.

The Glazer family that owns the team interviewed at least 10 candidates for the opening, including Oregon's Chip Kelly.

The Bucs also talked to former NFL head coaches Mike Sherman, Brad Childress and Marty Schottenheimer; Carolina Panthers offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski; Tennessee Titans defensive coordinator Jerry Gray; Cincinnati Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer; Green Bay quarterbacks coach Tom Clements and former Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin, who accepted Miami's head coaching job.

An 11th known candidate, ex-Dallas Cowboys coach and current Houston defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, canceled a scheduled interview with the Bucs that would have

taken place while the Texans were in the playoffs.

Bucs co-chairman Joel Glazer said the club was thrilled to entrust the team's rebuilding project to Schiano.

"During our thorough search, we met with numerous impressive candidates, but coach Schiano surely distinguished himself," Glazer said. "From his leadership skills to his considerable track record, he is, simply put, the right man for the job."

It's not the first exhaustive search the Glazers have conducted.

The Bucs pursued Steve Spurrier before hiring Tony Dungy in 1996, then tried to lure Bill Parcells and Steve Mariucci to Tampa Bay before trading two first-round draft picks, as well as a pair of second-rounders to the Oakland Raiders in exchange for Jon Gruden.

In brief

Little League baseball signups

Big Spring Little League will have signups from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following Saturdays — Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 11 and 18 — and on Feb. 13-17 at the Big Spring Mall.

Little League baseball is open to youths ages 4 through 15. Registration fee is \$80 and a birth certificate is required.

The league will furnish jerseys, pants, belts and socks.

For more information, call Paige Jackson at 213-2066.

Hawks' softball opener postponed

Because of extensive rain in the area, Howard College's softball opener scheduled for today at Ranger Junior College in Ranger has been canceled.

The planned doubleheader has been rescheduled for Tuesday.

The Hawks will now open their season at home Saturday with a doubleheader against Cisco Junior College. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Foundation Field.

UT gives Brown four-year contract extension

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas regents agreed Thursday to extend football coach Mack Brown's contract by four years to 2020, a move school officials hope will assure long-term stability for a program eager to get back in the chase for national championships.

Brown, who is paid \$5.2 million a year, won't get any

more money out of the new deal, but he will continue getting annual raises of \$100,000 per his current contract. The deal includes a \$3.5 million buyout.

The regents, who met via telephone conference, deliberated in private for about 40 minutes before unanimously approving the changes.

After the regents voted,

Texas President Williams Powers Jr. and athletic director DeLoss Dodds said school officials want Brown to coach the Longhorns for as long as he wants to. High school recruits can sign scholarship letters-of-intent on Feb. 1.

Rumors had cropped up after last season that Brown might retire or be forced out. Powers on Thursday dis-

missed such speculation as completely unfounded.

"He represents the university in exactly the way that we want it to be represented. For 14 years, he's had tremendous success on the field and equally important, more important, he's represented the university with class, with integrity," Powers said.

In a statement later Thurs-

day, Brown said: "I'm so fortunate to have great bosses like DeLoss Dodds and Bill Powers and a Board of Regents who all have been so supportive of Sally and me for 14 years. We're grateful for their continued support of our football program and are looking forward to many more wonderful years at Texas."

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put them firmly in control again.

"When (Condrey) hit that 3, it definitely gave us a boost. That was the spark that we needed to get us going," Griner said. "After that, I just feel like everybody was ready to move the ball

around and we got the looks that we needed to get to get that lead."

Griner followed Condrey's 3 by swatting away Hand's jumper from the right wing, eliciting a smile from Hand, who must have seen it coming. Griner blocked two more shots under the basket by Hook during the big run, and it hardly mattered that she picked up

her third foul of the half in the same span.

She had six blocks in the second half and is now two shy of tying Michigan State's Alyssa DeHaan for second all-time in NCAA women's basketball.

"She's 6-8, she can alter shots," Mulkey said. "When you think you've got a good look at the basket, she can fly out of there from the help side and block it into the stands."

"I've said this numerous times. Brittney makes all of us change the game. She makes me coach differently, she

makes the officials officiate differently and she makes opposing teams change their game plan.

Sims connected on 3-pointer from the left wing to give the Bears a 65-43 advantage with 10:18 remaining, and the game was out of reach. The last run pushed the lead to 83-51 after Pope's layup with 3:15 remaining and helped make the margin of victory the largest for Baylor in the 38-game series.

"I just felt like we got fatigued and quit moving and then kind of let one play lead into another, lead into another

and suddenly there's a snowball that you can't stop," Sooners coach Sherri Coale said.

After falling behind by six right off the bat, Oklahoma rallied back to take a brief lead at 16-15 when Ellenberg's jumper along the right baseline finished the Sooners' own run of six points in a row.

Hayden responded with a three-point play, and Pope followed with one of her own on the next possession to start a 10-2 run that put Baylor ahead to stay. Sims' runner gave the Bears their first double-digit

lead at 30-20 with 6:51 to go before halftime.

Griner added to the lead by dodging three defenders for a basket inside that led to a three-point play, and Sims followed with a jumper for a 17-point lead. Hand's two free throws to close the first half brought the Sooners within 43-28.

"We can't get punched and then just back away. We've got to just keep fighting until the end," Hook said. "Today, we got punched and we started coming back and then we got punched again and we just kind of stayed down."

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HAWKS

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time, however, the Hawks served notice that the game wouldn't be OC cakewalk it had been in the first 17 minutes of play. Fueled by a pair of Rico Richardson three-pointers, Howard closed the half with a 12-5 run that cut the Wranglers' lead to 43-36 at intermission.

That hot streak continued in the opening minutes of the second half. Jacob Thomas started things off with a three-pointer from the

left wing and the Hawks took less than seven minutes to knot the contest at 54-all.

"In the second half, we realized we all had to come together," Godfrey said. "When we can do that, we feel we can't be stopped ... In the second half, everybody contributed."

To Adams, however, it was a matter of the Hawks cranking up their — you guessed it — intensity.

"Our guys could have quit, but they got themselves back into the game," he said. "They were able to maintain a high level of intensity during the second half and overtime."

Each one of those contributions Gofrey talked about became vital in the final 13 minutes of regulation and into overtime, a stretch that featured 14 ties or lead changes.

Neither team was able to build a lead of more than four points during this period, but the Hawks appeared to finally gain control when Leon Cooper sank a free throw with 18 seconds left in regulation to give Howard a 77-74 lead.

However, Odessa quickly worked the ball downcourt and found

Jaamon Echols alone behind the three-point line. His long-range jumper with 10 seconds remaining tied the score and sent matters into overtime.

The Hawks built their biggest lead of the game in the extra period when a Jerry Dixon jumper gave them an 85-79 advantage with 2:19 remaining.

But OC closed the gap again and a Derrick Barden free throw with 55 second left cut the Hawks' lead to 87-86.

With the game in the balance, Godfrey came up with the signature play of the night. As the shot clock was winding down, Shavon Coleman attempted an off-balance jumper that barely hit the backboard, but Godfrey swooped in from the right wing to collect the rebound and deliver a thunderous dunk that ignited the sparse coliseum crowd.

"I saw Shavon get trapped, so I called for the ball, but he wasn't able to get it to me," Godfrey said. "So, I just went with my second instinct, which was get to the board ... Thankfully, it ended pretty."

Coleman added a pair of free throws with four seconds left to finally ice

the game.

"There was a sense of urgency tonight, coming out of the loss at Midland (Monday)," Adams said. "I'd like to see that kind of intensity be there at the start of the game, but we found it, and hopefully, it's something we can carry over to the next game."

ODESSA (88) — Jaamon Echols 3-8 0-1 9; Derrick Barden 5-13 4-4 15; Jalondre McClanahan 2-4 1-2 5; Deonnte Breedlove 2-4 0-0 5; Kewyn Blain 3-3 2-2 8; Brandon Williams 2-3 1-2 5; Damal Donaldson 2-6 4-4 8; Javontay Baynes 0-1 1-1 1; Matthew Hunter 13-24 0-1 30; Daniel Hield 0-0 0-0 0; totals 32-66 13-17 88.

HOWARD (91) — Jerry Dixon 2-11 3-4 7; Leon Cooper 2-4 5-6 10; Rico Richardson 4-7 2-2 12; Jacob Thomas 5-12 1-2 14; Calvin Godfrey 8-13 6-8 22; Phillip Miller 2-3 2-2 7; Shavon Coleman 7-14 4-5 19; Daniel McGee 0-2 0-0 0; Marsilles Stewart 0-1 0-0 0; totals 30-67 23-29 91.

Halftime — Odessa 43, Howard 36; Regulation — Howard 77, Odessa 77; Three-point goals — Odessa (Echols 3, Barden, Breedlove, Hunter 4), Howard (Cooper, Richardson 2, Thomas 3, Miller, Coleman); Rebounds — Odessa 44 (Hunter 11); Howard 36 (Godfrey 7); Assists — Odessa 7 (Echols 3); Howard 11 (Dixon 5); Turnovers — Odessa 12, Howard 7; Total fouls — Odessa 21, Howard 14; Fouled out — Hunter, Richardson; Technicals — none; Delay of game — Godfrey.

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WOMEN

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the postponement.

"It's disappointing, of course," Howard Coach Earl Diddle said. "I thought we were really

ready to play. We had a good three days preparation for this game and, certainly during warm-ups, the team looked ready to go.

"It's just one of those things," he added. "We just have to deal with

this little bit of adversity and get ready for (Friday's) game."

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Mercury is up to mischief again. The plucky messenger forms a disrespectful angle to Saturn and then jolts off to Aquarius like nothing happened. It's the cosmic equivalent of a ring and run. When Saturn is roused to answer the door and no one is there, he'll gripe about the injustice and immaturity he has to deal with, and so will we.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your communication skills will be highlighted. You'll make your story interesting — so interesting that others may ask for follow-up guidance as to how they might have a similar experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't live to serve, but you may have to serve to live. Making others happy is just part of your deal now. The better you do this the more personal satisfaction you'll derive from your interactions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Recreation is not just for fun now. Your competitive instincts will kick in. You'll be sure to address the issue of rank. Everyone will know the score.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may resist change even though you know it's inevitable and



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possibly even beneficial. You don't want to let go. That is only natural and a way of honoring this special time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will ask for assistance, but you won't depend on it. Anything you get will be a bonus. Your reliance on yourself is unshakable. The more you can do on your own the more confident you'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your focus on joint finances, children and friends will yield an interesting and unexpected outcome. You'll realize how well you know your people and how much there still is to learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How would you like to be honored in this lifetime? You'll soon get a taste of it. Start now by focusing your energy and aiming it on what you would like to accomplish in the long term.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be locked in on your target like an animal on the hunt. There's something you

need to understand, and you'll learn it from your experiences chasing this goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have not yet reached the limit of your capacity for joy. You won't willfully be able to go there, but you can quietly suggest this to yourself and give yourself permission to investigate the boundaries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may visit the land of dissatisfaction with your life — but you'll stay only for a short time. Move immediately to the feeling that will help you be positive and craft a stellar plan of improvement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll embark on an adventure. It starts off in familiar waters, and quickly you're out to the unknown and unpredictable sea. You'll navigate both with equal skill.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Lately there have been a few mismatches in your world. You would love to know about the

people who would love to know you. Your social luck is about to turn around.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 27). Your feelings of safety, security and certainty won't come from the outside world. Your experiences help you continue to grow a powerful core inside of you. The goals you set next month will bring you into new circles. You'll give a presentation in March that attracts investors. Love drives the action in April. Pisces and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 10, 43, 24 and 19.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Aquarius sun and the Pisces moon could bond these zodiac neighbors now. Aquarius will be feeling confident and social, while Pisces is in a fearless mood that is just right for opening up emotionally. The best activities will have an intellectual element to them, as both signs will be stimulated by ideas, art and science and will love to talk for hours

about all they've experienced in these realms.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the king of clubs. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ A 9 2
♥ A K Q 10 9 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ K 8 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ A J 7 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of hearts. Played correctly, you can make the contract regardless of how the North-South cards are divided. How would you proceed?

WEST
♠ Q J 2
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 4
♣ A K 10 9 8 6

EAST
♠ A 10 3
♥ A K 3
♦ A 10 8 7 2
♣ Q 3

3. Ten tricks are easy if the missing trumps are divided 3-2 or either opponent has the singleton jack. The only real threat to the contract is that one of the opponents was dealt the J-x-x-x of trumps, so you should take steps to deal with that possibility.

Accordingly, you win the club lead with the ace and ruff the club of clubs at trick two. You then cash the A-K of trumps to find out where you stand in the trump suit. If everyone follows twice, you're home free, so let's suppose North was dealt this

hand:
♠ 76 ♥ J862 ♦ J5 ♣ KQ1052

In that case, he'll wind up taking second money — despite his sure trump trick — because of your fore-sight in trumping a club at trick two. After next cashing the queen of hearts and A-K of spades, you ruff another club, then play a diamond to the ace followed by a third club ruff. That brings you to 10 tricks, which was your goal from the start. Note that the same line of play also yields 10 tricks if South rather than North started with four trumps.

2. **Win the opening heart lead** with the king, play a low club from dummy and finesse the ten! If North wins the trick with the jack, which is certainly possible, you have nine sure tricks consisting of five clubs, a spade, two hearts and a diamond.

If the ten of clubs wins the trick, whether North follows suit or not, you are equally certain of the contract. You next lead a low club to the dummy's queen and continue with the ace and another spade, establishing an entry to your hand to cash at least two more club tricks.

This method of play guarantees at least four club tricks, two spades, two hearts and a diamond. The unusual club finesse at trick two guards against any possible club division, whether the suit is divided 3-2, 4-1 or 5-0.

Tomorrow: The magic of good card play.
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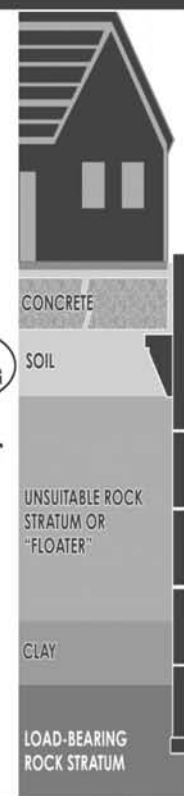
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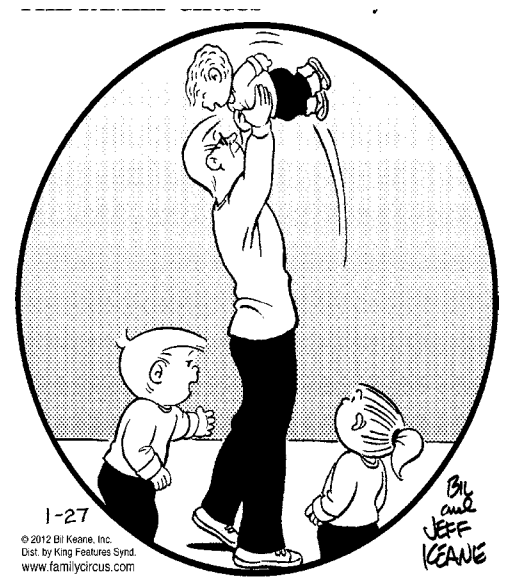
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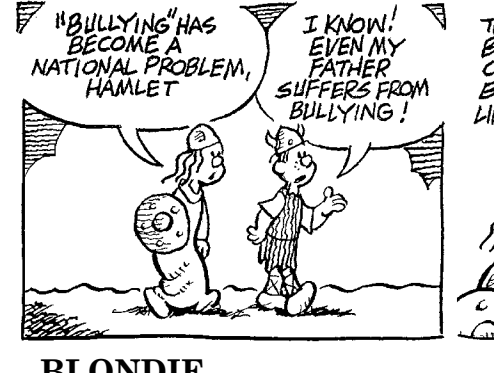
"If you're the sitter, does that make me the SITTEE?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

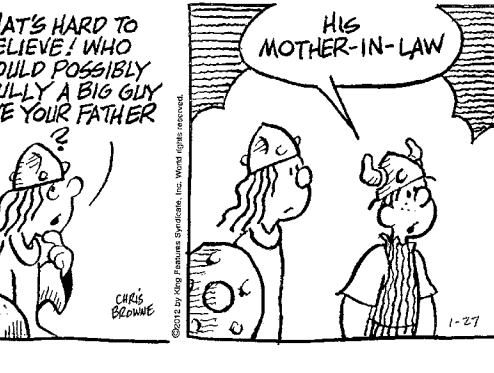


"I'm not sure whether Daddy does that 'cause he likes us or is just tryin' to build his muscles."

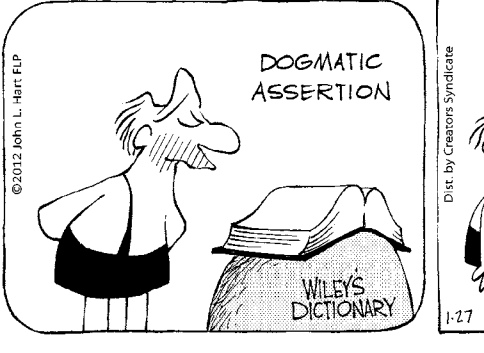
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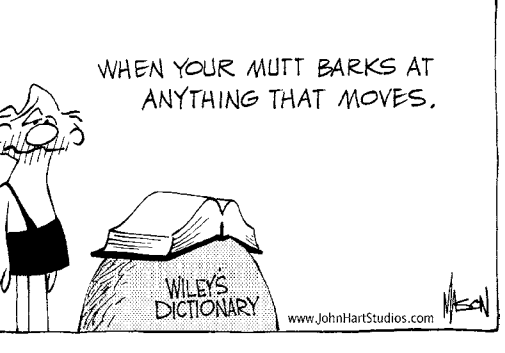
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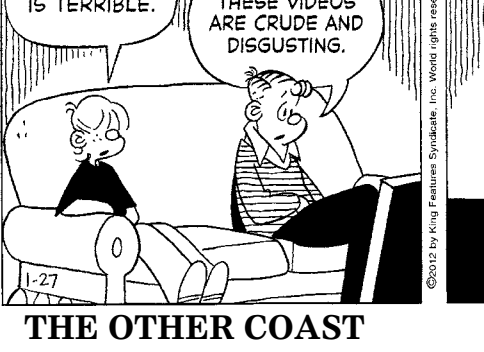
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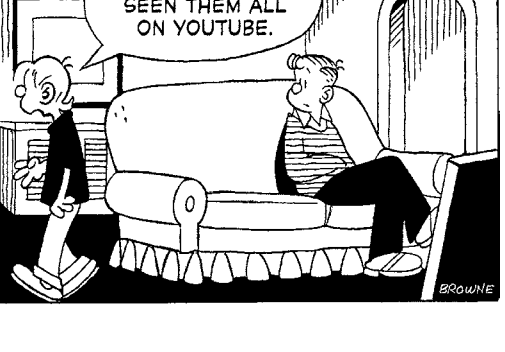
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2012. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany during World War II.

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1972, "Queen of Gospel" Mahalia Jackson, 60, died in Evergreen Park, Ill.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Bobby "Blue" Bland is 82. Actor James Cromwell is 72. Actor John Witherspoon is 70. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 66. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 64. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 57. Country singer Cheryl White is 57. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 57. Actress Mimi Rogers is 56.

Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 55. Commentator Keith Olbermann is 53. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 51. Actress Bridget Fonda is 48. Actor Alan Cumming is 47. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 44. Rock singer Mike Patton is 44. Rapper Tricky is 44. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 43. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 43. Actor Josh Randall is 40. Country singer Kevin Denney is 36. Tennis player Marat Safin is 32.

Thought for Today: "The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself." — Wallace Stevens, American poet and author (1879-1955).

Answer to previous puzzle

AAAS	PAID	KARAT
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ACROSS

- Part of UAE
- Central part
- Italian volcano
- Oscar role in *Ed Wood*
- Parting word
- PlayStation competitor
- Juice, for short
- One getting up
- Freedom from care
- Completely
- Take a dip
- Fit, with "out"
- Fireplace receptacle
- For no good reason
- Insurance filing
- Long ago
- Community gathering
- Coming down hard
- Contractor's initial no.
- Penne ___ vodka
- First Red Army leader
- Mock serenade to newlyweds
- Connected with
- Be wrong
- Stay fresh
- Government security's backing
- Grand-scale reading
- Bar-mitzvah
- Daniel Webster's cousin
- Secure a ship
- Sushi-bar mushroom

DOWN

- Explorer
- Tasman
- Pull up stakes, informally
- Novelist Waugh
- Golf-shot effect
- Landau who portrayed
- Across
- Language lesson
- Puck shape
- Look for
- Aircraft engine
- Puts forth
- Type of uphill transport
- Barely beat, with "out"
- Skating leap
- Hindu teacher
- Simpsons* shopkeeper
- Lots of land
- Reduce severely
- Audubon's birthplace, today
- Henry, to Dorothy
- Spr. tournament sponsor
- Government security
- Genuine
- Not allowing for "maybe"
- Make eyes at
- Emulates Ishmael
- Not as forthright
- Got more complicated
- Snaps alternative
- Boxer's comment
- Computer expert
- Uniform color
- Homeland Security org.
- Conversant with
- Zodiac beast
- Scottish island
- Quick pace
- Airhead
- "Green-eyed monster" speaker
- The bad guys

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