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## City officials under scrutiny

*Ethics Commission investigating two BS council members, mayor*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Texas Ethics Commission has begun an investigation into a complaint by a local resident that a trio of Big Spring City Council members accepted illegal campaign donations while running for municipal office.



Duncan Fernandez Carrigan

According to reports filed with TEC, complaints have been filed against Mayor Tommy Duncan, District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernan-

dez and District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan by local resident Joyce Crooker.

"The complaint meets the technical form requirements for the complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission and the executive director (David A. Reisman) has determined the Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over the matter alleged in the sworn complaint," reads the letter sent to Crooker and all three council members. "The complaint alleges that you knowingly accepted political contributions from a corpo-

**"Our politicians — local, state and beyond — must be held accountable for their actions. When they sign a document saying they understand the law, then turn around and break that very law, they need to be held responsible."**



Crooker

ration or labor organization, which is prohibited by Sections 253.003 and 253.094 of the Election Code.

"The sworn complaint allegations will be processed as Category 2 violations. Under the law, you are required

to respond to the allegations no later than 25 business days from the date that you receive this notice. Failure to respond will constitute a separate violation for which

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## Sheriff's office seizes horses after complaint

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office euthanized one horse and seized nearly a dozen others from a home in the 100 block of Carey this week after they acted on a citizen complaint the animals weren't being properly cared for.

Sheriff Stan Parker said deputies responded to a complaint Wednesday at a home located just past the city limits.

"The property is located in the county, just outside the city limits on Carey Street," Parker said. "When deputies

arrived on the scene they discovered 12 horses in all. One of the horses, unfortunately, was already on the ground and in really bad shape. A veterinarian was called to the scene and it appeared the animal was suffering from the advanced stages of malnutrition. It's not something you ever want to have to do, but the animal had to be euthanized."

Parker said the other horses, however, were in better shape and were immediately confiscated.

"The 11 remaining horses were seized from the prop-

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**These horses, seized from a home in the 100 block of Carey earlier this week, enjoy a mid-morning meal this morning as local law enforcement officials attempt to nurse them back to health from apparent malnutrition.**

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Motorists on Gregg Street were greeted this week by this for sale sign in front of Herman's Restaurant, one of the Crossroad's area's oldest eateries which owner Homer Wilkerson recently announced he was closing so he could retire, according to family members. Herman's Restaurant has been a part of Big Spring for more than 50 years.

## Early College program close to culmination

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

All the planning for Big Spring High School's Early College High School designation is getting to the point of culmination.

Superintendent Steven

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## Obituaries

## Toni Barron Choate



Toni Barron Choate of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, March 3, 2012, at the age of 73. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring before moving to Midland in 2005. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring. The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris of St. Mary's, Fr. Tom Finne of Christ Church of Midland

and the Rev. Katie Churchwell of Washington, D.C., will officiate. A reception will immediately follow the service in the Parish Hall until 4 p.m.

Toni was born to Tony and Billie Barron on Nov. 27, 1938, in Lamesa, Texas. She married Wade Choate on Jan. 17, 1959, in Big Spring and they had been married 53 years.

A graduate of Big Spring High School in 1957, she was a player on the State Champion Big Spring High School 1955-1956 Volleyball team. Toni and her classmates reunited and reminisced annually across the United States. In addition to owning and operating The Accent Shoppe, Toni served as the First Lady of Big Spring from 1972-1980 and was selected "Coming Home Queen" at BSHS in 1987.

She was active with many boards and charities, including the Heritage Museum, Malone Hogan Hospital Volunteer "Pink Ladies," Garden Club, Hyperion and the founding board of Canterbury Retirement Home.

Toni devoted her time to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Toni and her husband, Wade, owned and operated Choate Company Inc., a petroleum land service company, for 30 years in Big Spring and Midland. They were members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church before moving to Midland, where they are members of Christ Church of Midland.

Toni is survived by her husband, Wade Choate, former Mayor of Big Spring; son, Kyle Choate of Midland; son-in-law, Kyle Cook of Stanton; four grandchildren, Ragan and husband Justin Outlaw of Midland, Justin and Casie Darden of Big Spring, Kevin Cook and Cayla Cook, both of Stanton; five great-grandchildren, Brannon Dae Darden and Bryleigh Darden of Big Spring, Hunter Wade Outlaw and Kade Westly Outlaw of Midland and Wheeler Cook of Stanton; and one brother, Jerry Barron and wife Carlene of Seabrook, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Melody Ann Cook; and granddaughter-in-law, Erin Cook.

Pallbearers are Todd Gibson, Taylor Sell and Chris Ragan of Midland; Gary Griffin of Odessa; Tommy Churchwell, Robert H. Moore III and Henry de la Rosa of Big Spring; and Adrian de la Rosa and Henry de la Rosa Jr. of Austin. Honorary pallbearers are the BSHS class of '57.

The family suggests memorials to The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry St., Big Spring, TX 79720; Midland Hospice, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702; the American Cancer Society; or your favorite charity.

Visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring on Friday, March 9, 2012, from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Arrangements are 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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## Bruce Thomas



Bruce Thomas, 63, of Big Spring died Monday, March 5, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. A celebration of Bruce's life will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Marvin Boyles Auto Service, 102 Young, next to Southwest Tool. Friends are asked to bring one food item.

Bruce was born Dec. 15, 1948, in Big Spring to Reba Beatrice and Edward J. Thomas. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Bruce

married Jenny Marie Murley, Dec. 31, 1976, in Big Spring. He was an A.S.E. certified mechanic, specializing in transmissions and Dodge products. Bruce began his automotive career at age 13 at Farris Pontiac. He later worked for Dewey Ray, O.I.L., Shroyer Motor Company, Highland Pontiac and Fiesta Dodge.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Jenny Thomas of Big Spring; two sons, Dan Thomas and wife Melissa of Big Spring and Mike Thomas and wife Stacy of San Angelo; his mother, Bea Mansfield of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Zachary Daniel, Mallory Savannah, Faith, Josh, Lexie, Braden and Christopher; sister-in-law, Nancy Rychlyck of Midland; two nieces, Lisa Gayle and Lisa; four nephews, Justin, Richard, Ricky and Eddie; four honorary sons, Jaime, David, Jeffrey (Bubba) and James; and several close friends, like brothers, Marvin Boyles, Bob Daily and Mel Almazon.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, E.J. Thomas; two brothers, Eddie and Mike; and one sister, Reba White.

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

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## Billy Charles Davis



Billy Charles Davis, 75, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Oak Crest Funeral Home with the Rev. Curtis Holland officiating. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Cemetery. Visitation with Mr. Davis' family will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 9, at OakCrest Funeral Home, 4520 Bosque Blvd.

Billy was born May 26, 1936, in Bruceville to Nelson E. Davis and Francile Mayfield Davis. He attended Bruceville schools. He was a graduate of Baylor University. Upon graduation, he went to work for Waco Ready Mix Concrete where he worked as the office manager until his retirement in 1986. He was a member of Bruceville Baptist Church.

He was a devoted fan of Baylor athletics, especially Baylor Bear football, basketball, track and Lady Bear basketball. He regularly attended home games and was known to travel to many out of town games.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved nephew, Danny Leon Leuschner.

Billy is survived by his sister, Joyce Davis and husband Tom of Big Spring; his nephew, Michael Leuschner and wife Niki of Big Spring; nephews and nieces, Blake Brorman, Brett Brorman, Alex Leuschner and Bradie Leuschner, all of Big Spring; his aunt, Alleen Peacock of Florence; cousin, Kenneth Sandel and wife Lillie of Robinson; and many other cousins.

The guest book is available at www.oakcrestwaco.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:

- ANDREW JOHN ROSENBERG, 40, of 303 E. Eighth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN ANTONIO SALAZAR, 18, of 1604 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, was arrested Thursday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- SERGIO DAVID ALVAREZ, 23, of 606 Steakley, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of controlled substance between one and four grams and possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces in a drug free zone.
- PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 24, of 1600 S. Nolan St., was arrested Thursday on a warrant for possession of a dangerous drug.
- ASSAULT was reported:  
In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.  
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.

- BEVERLY RYNEL ARMSTRONG, 50, was arrested Friday by HCSO on a municipal warrant for displaying fictitious license.
- STEVE ALAN HANNABASS, 54, was arrested Friday by HCSO on a charge of theft of property less than \$1,500/two or more previous conviction any theft, theft of property less than \$1,500 two or more previous conviction.
- FIDENCIO RODRIQUEZ, 66, was arrested Thursday by HCSO on judgement/sentence driving while intoxicated.
- PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 24, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of dangerous drug.
- SERGIO DAVID ALVAREZ, 23, was transferred

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**ETHICS**

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a separate civil penalty may be assessed.”

Under the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code, candidates seeking to hold office are not allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporations.

According to the campaign report submitted by Duncan, he accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc. during his bid for mayor in 2010.

Similar campaign finance reports filed with the city's secretary during the 2011 municipal elections show Fernandez accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and a \$200 donation from Hydro Dynamics, while Carrigan reported receiving \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and \$400 from Hydro Dynamics.

Duncan confirmed he had received the notification from TEC a complaint had been filed against him.

“I have sent in my response to TEC and now I'm just waiting for them to get back to me,” Duncan said.

Duncan refused to provide the *Herald* with a copy of his response letter and could not remember the date — or estimate the date — he submitted it to TEC. He also refused to comment on whether or not his response denied or confirmed the allegations against him.

Criminal charges for the same allegations — reported to the Texas Rangers by officials with the Big Spring *Herald* in 2011 after investigative reports by the newspaper uncovered that all three had accepted campaign contributions — were no-billed by a Howard County grand jury in October.

All three politicians main-

tained they were not aware it was illegal to take the campaign contributions at the times they accepted them, a point District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said was key in the criminal investigation.

“The grand jury agreed that all three men were unaware,” Wilkerson said following the grand jury's decision.

According to Crooker, she filed the complaint with TEC because she feels public servants should be held to a high standard when it comes to following the letter of the law.

“My husband (former Howard County commissioner Bill Crooker) was a politician for 40 years, and during that time he abided by the rules and regulations set by the state,” Crooker said. “When the grand jury failed to hold these three men accountable for their actions, I felt like someone needed to. That's why I filed the complaint with TEC.

“Our politicians — local, state and beyond — must be held accountable for their actions. When they sign a document saying they understand the law, then turn around and break that very law they need to be held responsible. If they are going to serve as elected officials and expect the community to trust in them, how can they turn around and plead ignorant to the very law they pledged their name they understood and would follow?”

Repeated attempts to reach both Carrigan and Fernandez were unsuccessful and voice messages were not returned before this report went to press.

According to Tim Sorrells, deputy general counsel for TEC, all three men could face a fine ranging from zero to \$5,000 to three times the amount in question if found liable by the state commission.

When filing for an elected position, candidates for Big Spring City Council, including the office of mayor, are required to fill out and sign various forms, one of which details appointment of a campaign treasurer.

That document includes the statement “I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.” All three men signed the affidavits saying they understood the state law governing campaign contributions.

All three local politicians could face stiff fines from TEC if the allegations are confirmed, however, they aren't likely to find themselves out of the civil arena there, as former longtime District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and former District 3 Councilwoman Joann Staulcup have filed a lawsuit against Fernandez and Carrigan.

According to Sec. 253.131 of the Election Code, candidates challenged during the election by a person who accepts an illegal campaign contribution could be awarded civil damages to the tune of “twice the value of the unlawful contribution,” as well as “reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit.”

The civil suit could cost Fernandez \$2,400 — payable to Horton, who was unseated in the election — and a total of \$2,800 from Carrigan, who would have to pay the amount to Staulcup and challengers Shannon Thomason and Oscar Velasco, for a total of \$8,400.

Midland attorney C.H. “Hal” Brockett is representing Staulcup and Horton in the legal action.

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**HORSES**

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erty and are making a really nice recovery,” Parker said. “We have them on a good diet and they are being cared for by a veterinarian who feels confident they will be able to make a full recovery. It's going to take some time, but it's something we're going to work on.”

Parker said the conditions at the property where the horses were confiscated from were far from ideal.

“There wasn't any feed or water for the animals and it was pretty obvious they hadn't been cared for in quite some time,” Parker said.

Parker confirmed the owner or owners of the horses have been identified and located, however, no arrests have been made.

“The case is still under investigation,” he said. “It will take a little while for us to complete the investigation and turn it over to the prosecutor, who will decide how he wants to proceed with it. We have been able to establish the ownership of the horses and we have spoken with the owner, however, I can't go into any details about what has been said at this point because it is still an open investigation.”

Parker declined to provide the identity of the animals' owner or owners, again citing the open investigation.

“We expect to wrap up the investigation some time next week or shortly after that,” he said. “Until then, I can't comment on those details.”

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**Texas briefs**

**Apple to add 3,600 jobs in Texas with state help**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Apple Inc. will build a new facility in Austin that is expected to create more than 3,600 jobs.

Gov. Rick Perry announced the facility Friday. He says Apple's new campus will more than double the number of workers Apple has in Texas during the next decade.

Apple will get \$21 million through the Texas Enterprise Fund, created by the Legislature in 2003 to lure businesses and job growth. Perry says a local incentive agreement with Austin and Travis County is still pending.

The new campus will provide customer support, sales and accounting functions for Apple.

**Man arrested after alcohol found in baby**

WACO, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas man is in custody after an infant in his care was found to have swallowed a severe amount of alcohol.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports (http://bit.ly/x1uJOn) that the mother of the infant returned from work to find her child not responding normally. William Webb told the mother the baby was just tired.

At the hospital, the baby was found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.291 percent — nearly four times the legal limit for drivers 21 and over.

A bottle of vodka was found on a coffee table at the home where Webb was watching the baby. It's unclear how the baby may have ingested the alcohol. The baby was placed in intensive care.

**BSISD**

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Saldivar announced during Thursday night's school board meeting the application to apply for the designation has been released. The applications have to be turned in by April 10 and the results will be announced by the end of May.

“We will have to hold a special meeting before April 10 in order to approve the mission statement,” Saldivar said. “That mission statement has already been drawn up but has to be voted on and approved before the application due date.”

Even though the application submission time is upon them, planning and research for the designation isn't going to stop. Saldivar said committees will continue to look at the staffing situation and the sustain-

ability.

“A concern for us and for Howard College will be the sustainability, as we continue to look at that,” Saldivar said. “We will be looking at and making sure the funding will be there.”

Saldivar also informed the board of ongoing county wide meetings, which include area superintendents, Big Spring Economic Development, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and county and city officials. The most recent meeting was held Tuesday.

“I just want to keep you informed on those meetings and any time any education items come up I will come back and inform you of those as well,” Saldivar told the board.

Nominations for the Texas Association School Board media honor roll were also discussed during the Thursday night meet-

ing. Four nominations, one from CBS7, one from KBYG and two from the *Big Spring Herald*, were submitted to the board for approval and each of them were accepted to be submitted. Winners will be announced in June or July when the name is published on the TASB website.

“They always do a good, fair job of reporting and representing us,” Saldivar said.

Saldivar concluded the meeting reporting on enrollment, which is at 3,885 students. The current number shows an

increase of 59 students from the same time last year.

Resignations and retirements were also discussed during the superintendent's report. Five resignations have been submitted and ac-

cepted by the board. One contract was voted on and approved for a math instructor at the high school.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:*

- All those who took part in the 43rd annual Gem and Mineral Show this past weekend.

- YMCA and Dathan Jones for bringing awareness to the community on the need to exercise and providing a free event — Walk through 2012 — which encourages the community to get active and allows for some quality family time.

- Rotary Club of Big Spring for sponsoring the Kid's Fishing Tournament this past Saturday. The event allowed children in the community to fish for free and allowed for some family time as well.

- G.C. Broughton Foundation for showing support of the Howard College agriculture program and providing funding to continue development of the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex.

- McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark for the receipt of a Texas Transportation Division grant in the amount of \$500,000 which will allow the airpark to construct a fuel farm.

- All candidates who will be on the ballot for the upcoming city, county and school board elections.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

**With You, Lord, our long terms goals will be successful.**

**Amen**

# In memoriam: Andrew Breitbart

In the wake of conservative activist, author and publisher Andrew Breitbart's death, the news media reported on the sharp division of "opinion" reflected on Twitter and other social media outlets.

Half and half. Half what you might expect when someone dies at 43 leaving a wife and four children under 13. The other half as nasty as Breitbart himself was when Ted Kennedy passed away.

What has become of us?

Breitbart was always pleasant to me. I would ask after his children, and he after mine. We agreed on nothing, but I didn't view him as my enemy, just as another American with whom I disagreed. That's democracy.

And yes, as someone who worked for Ted Kennedy and greatly respected his ability to move beyond his flaws and failings, beyond tragedy and disappointment, and keep fighting for what he believed in, I was thoroughly horrified and angry when Breitbart stooped to the gutter to denounce a man who had just left a grieving family.

So sure, having trashed Kennedy, liberals had every excuse in the book to trash Breitbart — if two wrongs make a right.

In my book, they don't.

When someone dies, you're no longer hurting that person. You're hurting those they left

behind, those who will hold on to their memory, those who will cringe or cry, now or in the future, at the cruelty heaped on top of loss.

As I write this, it is 35 years to the day since my father died, 12 years to the day since my best friend Judy died. This is a very difficult day for me. But in my drawer, I still have a yellowed clipping from the Lynn (Mass.) Item about my father's death: "A Good Man Died This Week."

I got a note the other day from Cathy Seipp's daughter, Maia. Cathy was a conservative blogger here in Los Angeles, who also died in March, in 2007, at the age of 49.

Like my friend Judy, Cathy was a nonsmoker who died of lung cancer. I knew her from her blog. We used to correspond; we disagreed and debated. Civilly. When she died, I mourned her loss publicly. That's why Maia wrote to me. In the wake of Breitbart's death, remembering that there were hateful people five years ago, as well (and with absolutely no Ted Kennedy-like excuse), she dug out my column, as I sometimes do the one about my dad.

At the time I wrote it, and now, I didn't think I was doing anything particularly noble. I believed what I wrote. And, truth be told, I wrote it for Maia.

When I grew up, politically speaking, we went out for drinks with our opponents after a day of political warfare. We were on opposite sides, but we weren't enemies. Winners got the trophy; losers sucked it up.

Some of what I saw was wrong and unfair and below the belt. I hated it. There were days when I hated politics. But I fought against hating the people on the other side, because we were all in the same business — the business of building our country's future.

I always tell my students: I don't care which side you're on. I respect you too much to try to persuade you in 120 minutes a week, much less lure you into pretending that you agree with me. All I want is for you to own this democracy, to see yours, to have a stake in it.

So this is for Andrew's kids. Your father had his flaws. In my mind, he made some rather big boners: his comments about Ted Kennedy, first and foremost. But he also was a man of courage and conviction, who was willing (and sometimes eager) to give voice to ideas he passionately believed in, however wrong his critics thought he was. He believed in vigorous debate, in First Amendment freedoms, in taking on Goliath. He loved his family and his country. May he rest in peace.

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## Trouble with today's politicians

Oh, these are such strange, strange times we are living in.

Watching the race for the Republican presidential nomination unfold — with our all-American boys, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum, Ron Paul and the rest of that crazy bunch in the mix — I can't help but feel like this election is moving further into science fiction than history.

Not that the problem with politics and the presidential race is strictly a Republican problem, mind you. No, I'm afraid the Democrats are just as problematic in the big-picture scope of things, although they are being much, much quieter about it right now since their single rallying point is an incumbent president most Americans agree hasn't accomplished much, aside from catching — and killing, depending on who you ask — Osama Bin Laden.

And, just for the record, before you Dems out there throw up the Holy war banner and mission accomplished sign on Osama, let's bear in mind it was the U.S. Armed Forces who caught Bin Laden, not the presidential administration, although I wouldn't mind seeing Obama in full Navy Seal gear, night vision goggles and an MP5, sneaking through a Pakistan compound.

The thought makes me giggle, sure, but I'm pretty sure that's part of one of Dick Cheney's re-occurring nightmares.

OK, now that I've basically managed to alienate everyone, both Republicans and Democrats — because we all know everyone in the world is one or the other, right?

If you can admit it, the idea of Obama in anything other than a \$2,000 suit makes you laugh, or at least smile. Why? Because he's the president of the United States and we're not accustomed to seeing him dressed in anything but nice clothing, right?

Right.

The same goes for Romney,

Paul, Gingrich and the rest of the bunch. For the most part, they all dress nicely, or at least what they want their future constituents to consider plausible. It's not exactly the bling, but it will do.

In the end, it's all about image. Romney wants to project the image of a strong, wise business man. Gingrich wants to project the image of a public servant with years of experience in legislation. Obama wants desperately to project a Hawaiian with street cred and a health plan that won't bankrupt the country.

Unfortunately, what each of these politicians doesn't want you, the American voters to see, and will do anything to keep your sweet little eyes closed to is this: no matter what clothes they wear, accent they sport or birth certificate they produce, they are all completely and utterly disconnected from the people they want to represent.

I'll say it one more time for the cheap seats.

None of the candidates vying for a shot at the presidency has any clue what it's like for everyday Americans, and, because of that, in this columnist's opinion, none of them are qualified to represent us.

First of all, let's go ahead and just cut to the quick. You should not be allowed to lead something if you know nothing about it. I say that as a veteran and for my fellow veterans.

If you've never served in the military, I don't believe you should be qualified to serve as president. A much as I disagreed with George W. Bush and his politics — and mind you, he wasn't what I'd consider a real, wartime veteran, but neither am I, so I'll just keep my mouth shut on that one — at least when he sent out troops overseas, he had a clue who he was sending and what he was sending them to do.

You wouldn't go out and take, let's say, the managing editor of our newspaper — sorry, Bill, but you're going to have to serve as my example here — and put him in charge of fueling rescue helicopters tomorrow, would you? You wouldn't take the guy in charge of fueling the helicopters and force him to work at a

newspaper at the drop of a hat, either.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what happens with the presidency. A man who knows nothing about the armed forces, nothing about the brotherhood and sisterhood shared by the men and women of the military making decisions that have profound and often deadly impacts on those lives. It's a travesty and it needs to stop.

If someone asked Mitt Romney how much it cost to fuel up his Escalade, I bet you he'd stare back with blank, doe eyes. However, bear in mind this guy's a sharp businessman, so if that same person asked him how much it cost to fuel up his private jet, I bet he could tell them down to a cent and then go on and on about how jet fuel prices have skyrocketed.

Why, just last week he had to scrounge through the cup holder in his private jet named "Cathy" to top off on the way back from that ski trip in Colorado. OK, so I made that one up, but you get the point.

None of them can relate to us, the everyday people — well, I officially sound like an old, obscure hippie song now — who are toiling away in anonymity, just trying to make ends meet. Our generation is slipping away into the degradation that has become reality television, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and truck stop burritos we secretly hope will kill us before we make the drive home.

Who is the face of our generation? Who can lead us into the next great era of learning and exploration? I can safely say it's none of the candidates out there now. George Carlin is dead, so there's no hope on that front.

Maybe Kevin Smith will decide to get into politics ... you know, the actor and screenwriter responsible for Jay and Silent Bob. Geez, now I'm just grasping at straws, and so are you, America. Straws and politicians. If we're all lucky, though, all we'll get is straws.

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# Church News

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

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

Our evening lent service continues Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. in the church. Evening prayer will be offered followed by the Stations of the Cross. Wednesday, the service will be Rite I and Traditional Stations.

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

## East Side Baptist Church

Thursday the Darts will be in concert at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and a nursery will be provided for four-year-olds and younger.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. and the afternoon service is at 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. Kids club is at 7 p.m. as well as Wednesday. Nursery is provided for each service.

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Street. Sunday fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. Remember to set clocks ahead one hour Saturday night as Daylight Savings Time begins March 11.

The Rev. Kenneth McIntosh will deliver the message.

The public is invited to attend a series of Lenten luncheons hosted by several city churches Wednesday during Lent. A meal is served at noon followed by short devotion. No charge and the church can be contacted for weekly locations.

Fellowship committee will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Choir practice and youth group are at 6 p.m. The Samaritan Counseling Center is available Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for anyone needing help.

Isaiah 58 is in need of volunteers to inspect, clean and stack food received from Wal-Mart. FCC is holding an empty egg carton drive for the eggs donated by Wal-Mart. Volunteers are also needed to unload the truck Monday morning and assist clients. Client hours are Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Isaiah 58 is located at 107 Runnels. Call 268-9530 or the church office to volunteer.

For questions or further information, call the church at 432-517-4821 or visit the website at [www.fcbsbigspring.org](http://www.fcbsbigspring.org) or send email to [fcbs125@yahoo.com](mailto:fcbs125@yahoo.com).

## Gateway Baptist Church

Gateway Baptist Church is located at 3202 Gatesville Road. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jim Mills leading the service.

Sunday night service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday night service is at 6 p.m. Both evening services are followed by a fellowship meal. This is the last week of study on the Book of Revelations.

Gateway has a clothing ministry and food pantry for individuals who need assistance with these items. They are open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene has partnered with Mid America Foods to provide low-cost, quality food to our community. You may order one of three ways:

- 1) Go to the Mid America Foods website: [www.midamericafoods.com](http://www.midamericafoods.com)
- 2) Call 855-832-7238 to order by Visa or MasterCard.
- 3) Visit us at 1400 S. Lancaster on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. until noon, to place an order by cash or check (made to Mid America Foods).

We 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 Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and our adult/children/youth groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Sunday morning youth and 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 with Sunday evening activities 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.

Visit us on the web at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org) where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

The sermon series starting March 11 will be "CSI:Jerusalem."

Join us in welcoming our new associate pastor Lloyd Wells, his lovely wife, Chelsea and their beautiful family Sunday. A reception for the Wells family will be held in conjunction with our youth luncheon Sunday, March 11 immediately following worship. Donations from these meals go toward youth activities, camp and other youth events. Youth meets Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students.

Our next family movie will be "Facing the Giants" on March 17. Free tickets are available at Johanson's Nursery, Sportz & Trinketz, KBYG, Slaton Insurance Agency, the Firehouse Grill and the church office.

Spring Creek University classes have started. "The School of the Spirit" and "Financial Peace University" are meeting weekly. "Weird:Because Normal Isn't Working" and "The Secret to the Marriage You Want" begin March 18. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship has formed a 'Relay For Life' team called "The Cure Connection." We will be helping sponsor the second annual Relay For Life "Bowl-A-Thon" at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama. Bowl for three hours (including shoes) for a donation of any size.

Sunday school classes/connection groups meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. "Holy Grounds Café" is open from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with snacks and fellowship. Worship is from 10:45 a.m. until noon.

Join us Wednesdays for a meal at 5:30 p.m., Bible study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. and praise team practice at 7:15 p.m.

Our weekly 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. To help our "Manna House" food pantry, contact Casie Fillingim and Jennifer Boyd for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at [www.springcreekfellowship.org](http://www.springcreekfellowship.org)

## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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

Sunday service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. The sermon title is "Light in the Dark Ages" based on Judges 2:6-23, 21:25. George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and John 2:13-22 (23-25).

The flowers on the altar are given by Shyrlee and Phillip Reid. If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart.

The theme for our Lenten services will be "God's Gift of forgiveness" and based on "Penitential"

Psalms.

The remainder of Lenten services will be held Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for Lenten services held Sunday, March 18 and March 25.

The remaining sermon titles for Lenten services are Lent 3: "Against you and for me" from Psalm 51; Lent 4: "But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever" from Psalm 102; Lent 5: "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God" from Psalm 143; Maundy Thursday: "Delivered" from Psalm 116; Good Friday: "Divine Forgetfulness" from Psalm 130; Easter Vigil: "Destroying the enemy" from Psalm 118 and Exodus 14; and Easter Sunday: "The path of life" from Psalm 16 and Mark 16:1-8.

Monday, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The board of education will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the church. There will be no mid-week school or Wednesday night supper.

The elders meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the church. March 26, there will be a pot luck hosted by the board of assimilation followed by our quarterly voters' meeting. March 31, there will be a prayer vigil between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. This will be hosted by the board of elders and the board of assimilation. There is a sign up sheet on the door leading into the kitchen and special prayer requests need to be turned into the church office.

Saturday, April 7 between 10:30 a.m. and noon, the board of education will have their Easter egg-extravaganza. More details to follow.

A women's conference has been scheduled for Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. This conference, "Be still and know I am God", is a free event for women of all faiths. A meal will be available for purchase for \$8 through Howard College. RSVP for the meal by calling Bean's World Café at 432 263-1133 by noon May 11.

Scheduled meetings for March include: The board of assimilation will meet March 27, at 7 p.m. at the church.

## First Baptist Church

Upward Basketball ended with an awards ceremony and participants receiving medals and a basketball. Thank you parents, coaches, referees and all volunteers for a successful ministry.

Mothers Day Out is concluding their fundraiser in selling of butter braids to benefit the children's program.

The new church organ has been installed, played by organist, Beth Spence.

During spring break at least 15 college students from Baptist University of the Americas will be assisting Brother Pedro Tobias and other Hispanic pastors in an evangelistic effort to reach the Hispanic population here in Big Spring supported by our church and the Crossroads Association.

Volunteers are needed to clean the Hospitality House during the month of March for six groups. Find your place of service where many hands make a light load.

Join us in our Acts 1:8 opportunities and for wor-

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# Looking for potential, everywhere

We usually look for potential in the most obvious places.

College recruiters scout out high-school athletes, musicians and scholars for the talents they have displayed in the past. Employers seek well trained employees who have already been equipped to do a job. Even shoppers know which stores have the best potential for bargains.

In the realm of reality TV, cameras follow the most gutsy truck drivers across frozen lakes and around hair-raising, blood-chilling mountain curves. They zoom in on swamp people who know where to find the meanest alligators and the deadliest snakes in the world's murkiest water. From tree falling to gold mining, the cameras are rolling on folks seeking one kind of potential or another.

In a culture that once valued used cars instead of pre-owned vehicles, junk has become "junque" and worn-out now means vintage. It is all about potential. To an antique "picker" or a pawn-shop dealer, potential is measured in dollars signs. To a collector, potential may be meted in sentimental value or emotional connection. Potential, like beauty, is in the eye of

the beholder.

To a painter, potential may be a blank canvas and an array of colors and brushes. To a music teacher, potential may mean a student with the ability to create music instead of playing notes. To a sculptor, potential may mean seeing a face in a block of stone, and to a woodcarver it may be seeing character in a stick of wood.

In the Bible, God sent a prophet of Israel named Jeremiah to visit a potter in order to learn something about how God views potential. When Jeremiah got to his destination, the potter was making a jar or a pot on his wheel. As Jeremiah watched, the pot was spoiled by the hand of the potter, and for Jeremiah's benefit, the potter remade the lump of clay into a different vessel.

Then the Lord spoke to Jeremiah, "O Israel, can't I do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand" (Jeremiah 18:8 TLB).

When God looks for potential, He doesn't look in the usual places. He isn't concerned about our worthiness to be chosen; He relies on His ability to take a worthless lump of clay and mold it into a useful vessel.

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## Reflections

## The difference of 'risk' and 'risk tolerance'

Investors talk about "risk" and "risk tolerance." Not long ago, even the most conservative of investors could expect to receive a return of 5 percent, or more, by simply placing their money in CDs or savings accounts. But times have changed. Those kinds of risk free investments are almost nonexistent. The best CDs now yield somewhere between 2 percent and 3 percent. Savings accounts yield less than 1 percent.

Those who want to invest for the future, including retirement funds, are left with higher risk options. But, for many of us, risk leaves our stomachs queasy. Those who ran from risk and pulled all their money out of the stock market in 2008 are still ringing their hands over their loss. Last week the stock market topped 13000 for the first time since 2008. Those who were able to stomach the risk have seen an increase of approximately 100 percent since the Market bottomed at 6547 on March 9, 2008.

Stocks, investments and economics have always



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confused me. I have never been quite able to figure it out. I guess that is why I find Jesus' story in Luke 19 confusing. He told of a wealthy owner who left his servants in charge of his money while he was gone. To each he gave the same amount. Let's say he gave each \$1,000. When he returned one servant had invested and multiplied the \$1,000 into \$10,000. Another had invested and multiplied it into \$5,000. But the third was afraid of losing the \$1,000 so he wrapped it in some newspaper and hid it under his mattress. The wealthy owner commended the first two, but he was furious with the third. "You should have at least put it in the bank so it could earn interest," he said. He then took the \$1,000 from the last one and gave it to the one who had \$10,000. He said, "I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away." (Luke 19:11-27).

As with all of Jesus' stories, there are many applications to be made and much to learn. Of course, I don't think Jesus was all that concerned about money. After all, when he died all he had were the clothes on his back. But he clearly understood how the world works. And he clearly under-

stood how life works.

So, what was his point? It seems to me that Jesus wants his followers to learn to take risk for the Kingdom sake. Whenever we grow fearful and withdraw into ourselves, we shrivel up. What little we have is taken away from us. I have watched people do this. I have even seen churches do this, pinching pennies and worried that they will lose what little they have. But when we lay it all on the line, when we give our lives away for others, we experience pleasure and joy unspeakable. This is why he said, "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, shaken together and running over." And, again, "He that will save his life shall lose it, but he who will lose his life for my sake and the gospel shall find it."

Jesus' early followers clearly understood this. There is no evidence that any of them became wealthy. But there is abundant evidence that they were willing to risk everything to serve God and help others.

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ship Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. as Mark Lindsey continues to focus on the "Last Words" as we approach Resurrection Sunday.

## First United Methodist

Just as our construction and education team members are scheduled to arrive back home from Nicaragua we prepare for a send off of our third and final group. This team, headed by our own Pastor Bill Ivins will include our youth minister Beau Niewoehner, Shanna Rufe and youth from our church including Jennie Steel, Kelia Smoot and Patrick Ruiz. They will join with youth and adults from Western Hills United Methodist Church in El Paso; continuing with construction and educational mission in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. Pray for a successful mission as well as safe passage there and back home for this group of young people spending their Spring Break in a far away place in Christ's service.

Sunday the Rev. Namiqa Shipman will be bringing the message at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. Her sermon title is "What's love got to do with it" and is taken from Genesis 1:26-27 and Luke 10:25-28.

Many regularly scheduled activities and committee meetings have been cancelled for this coming week due to spring break. There will be no Children's Day Out this week or Real Life Wednesday.

This coming week's Lenten luncheon will be at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ken McIntosh bringing the message. March 21 the luncheon will be at First United Methodist's Garrett Hall with Msr. Bernard Gulley as speaker. The final joint luncheon of this Lenten period will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on March 28 with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris as speaker.

Sunday, March 25 there will be a church wide covered dish luncheon honoring visiting missionaries following the 10:50 a.m. service of worship.

## 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.

The children's choir meets at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. The chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

The working women's Bible study will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the church parlor for a study, led by Helen Glass of Lesson 6: Greatly honored are the pure in heart. The offering will go to Tres Rios Presbytery PW.

Our congregation will participate in a series of ecumenical Lenten lunch meetings which began Feb. 29. The schedule for the following Wednesday meetings is, March 14 at Immaculate Heart Church with Tom Koger, First Presbyterian Coahoma, speaker; March 21 at First United Methodist Church with Father Bernard Gulley, Holy Trinity, speaker; March 28 at First Presbyterian Big Spring with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, speaker.

The children have begun a special study for Lent called The Garden of Gethsemane. The science workshop, taught by Janie Conley; cooking by Jamie Walker; art by Kay Kennemur/Sarah Burch; music by Donna Amonett; storytelling by Paula Farquhar; and games by Jenn Patterson will help the students use all of their senses in studying the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. All Sunday school classes are invited to join together in the theater room Easter Sunday to view the DVD "The Story behind the Cross."

Lucy Odom is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist for March is Danny Kennemur. Ushers for this week are Susan Holstedt, Paula Farquhar, Nancy Hale and Sarah Burch.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday. Move your clock forward an hour before retiring Saturday night to be on time for Sunday services.

The lectionary is Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22. The chancel choir will offer the anthem "Creat in Me a Clean Heart, O God" by Carl Mueller and sing "Out of the Depths" by Paul Manz for the offertory. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon.

Listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. To have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. See what's happening at the church by visiting our website at [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org).

## 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.

The March 7 Lenten lunch was at First Christian Church, with Bill Ivins, First United Methodist speaker. March 14 will be at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Tom Koger, First Presbyterian Coahoma, speaker; March 21 at First United Methodist Church, Bernard Gulley, speaker; March 28 at First Presbyterian Big Spring, Barbara Kirk-Norris, speaker.

Remember time changes to Daylight Saving Time this Saturday night.

Set your clock forward an hour before you go to bed and "spring forward."

The lectionary is Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.

## Lift up the holy hands to God

1 Samuel 3, And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

The NKJ version says there was no widespread revelation. 1 Samuel 2:17 says therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord. They had little regard for the altar, and the priest. You see in the 1 Samuel 2:16, Eli's sons thought that whatever they wanted that was not given to them they could just take by force.

Hebrews 10:10-11, By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God. In Hebrews 10: 14, for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

1 Samuel 3:11-12, The Lord spoke to the child Samuel, "Behold I will do a new thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house, when I begin, I will also make an end."

The Lord was angry at the prophet Eli because he did not restrain his sons.

God said the house of Eli shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever, 1 Samuel 3:14

1 Samuel 2:33, And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. If you have read the book of Samuel it goes on the say both Eli's sons died.

1 Samuel 4:18, Whenever Eli mentioned the ark of God, he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate and his neck brake and he died. It amazes me they thought they could continue in sin and get away with it. All they had to do was sacrifice an animal and their sin would be washed away. I believe before sin can be forgiven you need to acknowledge it and

repent.

1 Samuel 2:29, Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation and honourest theyselves fat with the chiefest of all the offering of Israel my people? What was God saying, he was saying you kick aside what I command a certain way of doing things, without regarding me, my people. How is it today that we see preachers getting fat off the offering and sacrifice. And are not even living holy lives how do you explain that?

Make money off the sacrifice.

So today we assemble ourselves together, gather at the altar and as the music plays and people begin to worship, lift up holy hands. I think of the Lord as he deals with me on how holy are my hands that I lift up.

Have they shed innocent blood? Have they pointed the finger? Have they touched the unclean thing?

1 Timothy 2:8, I don't want to be cut off at the altar of God. We take it for granted the presence of the Lord. It is written that no one comes up to the father least the spirit draws him. Let him draw you, don't think because you're in the house of God that you can not be cut off at the altar.

Cleanse your hands all you sinners. In new testament it was customary to stand for prayer with arms raised and palms turned up.

How could one lift to God hands that had been involved in sin? In a symbolic way Paul emphasizes that effective praying is conditioned on holy living.

This is why it is so important to pray before church, repent and lift up holy hands to God. Become as a child. Be like Samuel when the Lord calls. Say here I am Lord speak and thy servant hears.

Eli put his son's above God. God has already raised up a faithful priest who will do according to what is in God's heart and in God's mind. God said I will build him a sure house. 1 Samuel 2:35-36, people will desire a priestly position that they may eat a piece of bread.

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## Support Groups

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org)

**SATURDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-partic-

ipating parnts, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

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

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or [midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com](mailto:midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com) or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

## Take Note

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now

serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 41000 block of Hwy 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of W. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.

## SHERIFF

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to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance between one and four grams and possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces in a drug free zone.

• JUAN SALAZAR, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

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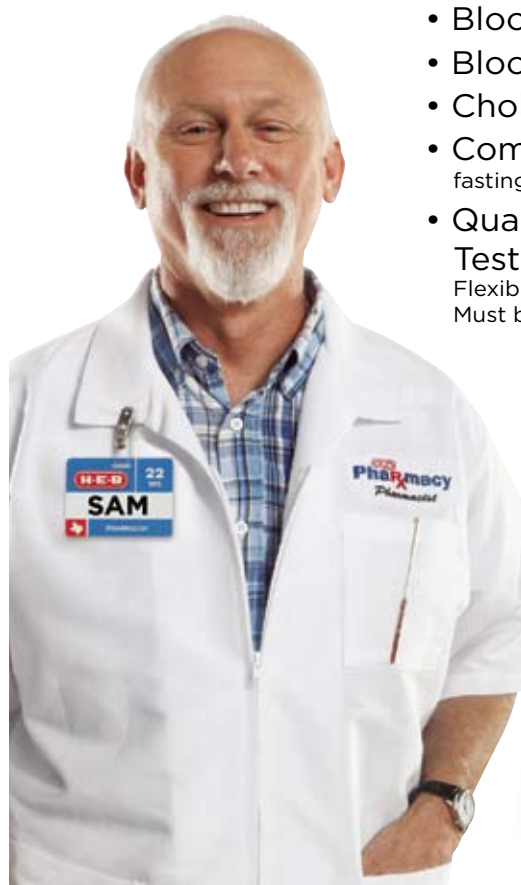


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## ► News briefs

### Greece secures high participation in critical bond swap, staves off imminent bankruptcy

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece took a critical step toward staving off an imminent bankruptcy after securing the support of the vast majority of its bondholders to accept steep losses on their holdings of Greek debt, a move that should pave the way for the country's second massive international bailout.

Following weeks of intense discussions, Greece's Finance Ministry said Friday that 85.8 percent of private investors holding its Greek-law bonds had signed up to the deal, and that it aimed to use legislation forcing the holdouts to participate. It extended the deadline for holders of bonds that are governed by foreign laws, of whom 69 percent have so far signed up, until March 23.

The deal aimed to slash the country's national debt by €107 billion (\$140 billion), with private bond holders accepting a face-value loss of 53.5 percent in exchange for new bonds with more favorable repayment terms. A total of €106 billion (\$273 billion) out of Greece's €368 billion (\$487 billion) national debt is in private hands.

If the swap had failed, Greece would have faced defaulting on its debts in two weeks, when it faced a large bond redemption. Getting the bond swap through is a key condition for Greece to get its hands on a €30 billion (\$172 billion) package of rescue loans from other eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund.

"We have achieved an exceptional success ... and I believe everyone will soon realize that this is the only way to keep the country on its feet and give it a second historic chance that it needs," finance minister Evangelos Venizelos said in Parliament Friday.

### AP Interview: Syrian opposition leader rejects UN envoy's call for dialogue with Assad regime

BEIRUT (AP) — The leader of Syria's main opposition group rejected Friday by U.N. envoy Kofi Annan for dialogue with President Bashar Assad's government, saying they were pointless and unrealistic as the regime massacres its own people.

As the prospects for diplomacy faltered, Turkey's state-run television TRT said two Syrian generals and a colonel defected to Turkey on Thursday.

If confirmed, the military defections would be significant as most army defectors so far have been

low-level conscripts. On Thursday, Syria's deputy oil minister announced his defection, making him the highest-ranking civilian official to join the opposition.

In a telephone interview from Paris, Burhan Ghalioun, who heads the opposition Syrian National Council, told The Associated Press that Annan already has disappointed the Syrian people.

Annan, who has been appointed joint U.N.-Arab League envoy to Syria, has said his mission was to start a "political process" to resolve the conflict in the country. He is due this weekend in Syria where he will meet with Assad.

### Officials say Afghanistan, U.S. reach agreement on handover of prisons, key to long-term pact

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A last-minute agreement has been reached on how to handle the transfer of U.S. detention facilities in Afghanistan to the Kabul government, Afghan and Western officials said Friday.

The issue — along with night raids by international forces in Afghan villages — has threatened to derail a long-term partnership between the two countries. They are in negotiations to formalize a role for U.S. forces after NATO's scheduled transfer of security responsibility to the Afghan government by the end of 2014.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai set Friday as the deadline for handover of control of the Parwan detention facility, a U.S.-run prison that holds about 3,000 detainees, most of them Afghan citizens.

The deal comes as relations between the U.S. and Afghanistan have become more tense in recent weeks following the burning of Qurans and other religious materials at Bagram military base near the capital Kabul, sparking riots and attacks that killed some 30 people.

### Though NYPD says it doesn't consider religion, documents describe 'focus' on Muslims

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Police Department kept secret files on businesses owned by second- and third-generation Americans specifically because they were Muslims, according to newly obtained documents that spell out in the clearest terms yet that police were monitoring people based on religion.

The NYPD has faced intense criticism from Muslims, lawmakers and even the FBI for widespread

spying operations that put entire neighborhoods under surveillance. Police put the names of innocent people in secret files and monitored the mosques, student groups and businesses that make up the Muslim landscape of the northeastern U.S.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has defended his department's efforts, saying they have kept the city safe, were completely legal and were not based on religion.

"We don't stop to think about the religion," Bloomberg said at a news conference in August after The Associated Press began revealing the spying. "We stop to think about the threats and focus our efforts there."

In late 2007, however, plainclothes officers in the department's secretive Demographics Unit were assigned to investigate the region's Syrian population. Police photographed businesses and eavesdropped at lunch counters and inside grocery stores and pastry shops. The resulting document listed no threat. And though most people of Syrian heritage living in the area were Jewish, Jews were excluded from the monitoring.

### Path ahead for Romney runs South, through heavily evangelical, conservative states

Mitt Romney's struggle with white evangelical voters doesn't bode well for him as he moves through the GOP presidential primary, with Mississippi and Alabama just ahead.

In the five states so far where born-again Christians were a majority of GOP primary voters, Romney has trailed either Rick Santorum or Newt Gingrich among evangelicals by an average of 20 points, according to exit polls. About 4 in 10 born-again voters who were asked said it was deeply important that a candidate share their religious beliefs.

Still, exit polls also show an opening for Romney to draw a bit more of the evangelical vote. In Ohio and Tennessee, evangelicals who said shared religious beliefs are less important when choosing a candidate were significantly less likely than other evangelicals to see Romney as too moderate.

The key question for Romney is whether enough of these evangelicals are present in the contests ahead to make any difference for his candidacy.

In the 2008 Republican presidential primary, about three-quarters of Republicans in Mississippi and two-thirds in Alabama identified themselves as white evangelicals. Primaries in Mississippi and Alabama are set for Tuesday, with Louisiana to follow on March 24.

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### Sports Calendar

#### TODAY

##### Baseball

Big Spring High School Varsity Tournament (Steers vs. Brownfield, 2 p.m.; vs. Levelland, 7 p.m.), Steer Park. Coahoma at Denver City, TBA.

##### Softball

Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. (CANCELLED) Big Spring at Snyder tournament, times TBA. Coahoma at Crane, 6:30 p.m. Forsan at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m. (CANCELLED)

##### Tennis

Forsan at Class 2A state team tournament, 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Round Rock.

##### Golf

Big Spring boys at San Angelo tournament. Big Spring girls at Andrews tournament.

##### Track and field

Big Spring Invitational, 1 p.m., Blankenship Field. Forsan at Stanton meet.

#### SATURDAY

##### Men's basketball

Howard College vs. Odessa College, Region V tournament, noon, Lubbock Christian University.

##### Baseball

Big Spring High School Varsity Tournament, Steer Park. Lubbock Roosevelt at Forsan, noon.

##### Softball

Big Spring at Snyder tournament, times TBA. Clarendon College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. (CANCELLED)

##### Tennis

Forsan at Class 2A state team tournament, Round Rock.

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

# HC's defense difference in Region V tourney win

## Hawks smother Weatherford; to face OC Saturday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

LUBBOCK — Hard work apparently pays off.

The Howard College Hawks spent much of the week leading up to the Region V junior college basketball tournament fine-tuning their defense and the results of all that preparation were on display Thursday at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

The Hawks delivered a stunning defensive performance in the first half of their tournament opener and that was more than enough to secure them an 85-57 victory over Weatherford College.

With the win, Howard advances to the semifinal round of the tournament, where it will face Odessa College at noon Saturday.

So dominant was Howard in the opening minutes of Thursday's game that it took more than three minutes for a Weatherford shot to draw iron, much less find the netting. By the time Weatherford's Kervens Calixte sank a jumper, with 16:46 left in the first half, the Hawks had already jumped out to a 9-0 lead, and things only got worse for the Coyotes from there.

By the end of the first half, Howard had a more-than-comfortable 47-20 lead and had limited Weatherford to a paltry 30 percent (9 of 30) from the field.

"We worked on our defensive game all week in practice," said sophomore wing man Shavon Coleman, who was one of five Hawks who scored in double figures during the game. "It all paid off today."

Damion McGee, Jacob Thomas and Calvin Godfrey led the Hawks (23-7) with 13 points apiece, while Coleman scored 12 points and Leon Cooper added 11. Weatherford, which finished its season with a 14-14 record, was led by Elliot Dean, who scored 17 points, and Chris Whitehead, who added 11.

There were some dark clouds surrounding all the sunshine for Howard, however — the Hawks' roster, already thinned by the disciplinary suspension of guard Jerry Dixon, may have suffered another key loss when Thomas went down clutching his right foot in the second half.

Preliminary indications were that



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College post player Chad Posthumus attempts a shot during the Hawks' 85-47 win over Weatherford College at the Region V basketball tournament in Lubbock Thursday.

Thomas suffered a sprained ankle, but team officials were cautious in their assessment, especially given the sophomore guard's injury history.

"It was the same foot he broke last year," HC Coach Mark Adams said. "We'll probably get it X-rayed ... but we really don't know right now."

With reserve post player Zec Smith shaking off a bout of bronchitis, health has become a major issue for the Hawks,

Adams said.

"Our biggest concern is that the players aren't really healthy right now," he said.

Even if Thomas is unavailable Saturday, however, Coleman sounded confident that the Hawks would be able to overcome his absence.

"This is a very strong team," he said. "Every time somebody's gone down this season,

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Jarred Doportto slams a hit during the Steers' 15-5 win over Monahans at Steer Park Thursday.

## Steers slam Monahans, 15-5

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The weather was cold, but the Big Spring Steers' bats were hot.

The Steers proved to be ungracious hosts Thursday night, downing Monahans, 15-5, to cap first day play at the Big Spring Varsity Baseball Tournament.

The Steers spotted Monahans a 2-0 lead after the top of the second, but stormed back with seven runs in their half of

the inning and never looked back from there.

BSHS Head Coach Burt Otto said his team did a good job shaking off temperatures that hovered around freezing Thursday night.

"We started off slow — their pitcher was doing a good job early, and with it being as cold as it was, I figured it would

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## Reported: Auburn player implicated in FBI probe

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Federal authorities are investigating suspended Auburn point guard Varez Ward for alleged point shaving involving in at least two games this season, Yahoo Sports reported Thursday.

The report cited anonymous sources and said the FBI began an investigation in late February centering on losses to Alabama on Feb. 7 and Arkansas on Jan. 25.

NCAA officials say they are "very concerned" by the allegations and have been in contact with the school and federal investigators since the issue arose last month.

"The NCAA takes any allegation of point shaving very seriously because sports wagering threatens two of our core principles — the well-being of student-athletes and the very integrity of intercollegiate sport," the NCAA said in a written statement Thursday. "As allegations of point shaving, if proven, are also potential federal crimes, the NCAA will defer action until any process with the FBI has concluded."

Ward and guard Chris Denson were both suspended before a Feb. 25 game against Arkansas, but Denson returned for the next game. Denson was questioned

and cleared, the report said.

"Auburn officials were made aware of a rumor regarding an allegation two weeks ago and immediately reported it to the FBI, the NCAA and the SEC," Auburn said in a statement Thursday. "Because of the nature of the allegation, Auburn is not in a position to make any further comment on the situation."

The report said a player reported concerns to an assistant coach in late February.

Auburn coach Tony Barbee has said only that Ward and Denson violated team rules, and he declined to address any allegations specifically after Thursday night's loss to Mississippi in the opening round of the SEC tournament.

"Obviously our university released a statement which I totally support and stand behind, and obviously because of the nature of the allegations and the story, and because of the statement, I won't be able to elaborate or answer any questions or make any further comment," Barbee said.

Ward didn't play in the final three games of the regular season or travel with the team to New Orleans for the Southeastern Conference tournament.



# Scott takes slow approach to lead

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer  
DORAL, Fla. — Adam Scott atop the leaderboard at Doral was somewhat surprising, although it has nothing to do with his game.

It just seems as though no one has seen him anywhere this year.

The 31-year-old Australian is trying to cut back on the traveling, and putting more emphasis on valuable time practicing. That explains why Thursday in the Cadillac Championship was only his sixth round of the year.

And the Masters is only a month away.

Faced with demanding conditions — which at the Blue Monster means big wind — Scott did a superb job of keeping his tee shots in the fairway to set up birdies. Then, it was a matter of hanging on for a 6-under 66 to share the lead with Jason Dufner.

“When you’re in the fairway on a day like today, you get a chance to hit it somewhere near the hole, give yourself an opportunity,” Scott said. “If you’re in the rough, it’s very hard to even just hit the green, let alone give yourself a chance. I took advantage of the good shots early on, and then battled my way in from

there.”  
It was an admirable effort for anyone, let alone a guy in only his third tournament.

The wind was fierce and relentless and capable of ruining any round at any moment. Steve Stricker was tied for the lead until making three bogeys over his last six holes. It was even worse for Sergio Garcia, who was one shot out of the lead when he walked off the 12th green and signed for a 75 — five bogeys, and then two balls in the water on the 18th for a triple bogey.

It was a battle all day for Rory McIlroy in his first event as No. 1 in the world. He twice flirted with the water, had a three-putt bogey and wound up with a 73.

Tiger Woods wasn’t much better. He began his round with a tap-in eagle on the par-5 first hole, but narrowly missed the fairways and had a tough time figuring out the wind and whether the ball would jump out of the rough. Woods badly misjudged the line of his chip on the 18th hole and closed with a bogey for a 72.

Scott attributes his play to being fresh, as well as hungry to compete.

“Look, there’s no secret,” Scott said. “I played a lot of

tournaments all around the world for like 10 years. That takes it tolls. So I just do what feels best for me. I’m out here with the goal to be the best player I can be and get the most out of my game.

“This balance between and practice and being able to come out ... if you starve a guy of playing a little bit, he’ll be desperate to compete. He’ll find a way to get in the mix, you know what I mean? Just starve me a little bit and I’ll find my way into contention.”

Dufner made bogey on the 18th, but that was the middle of his round. He took advantage of the downwind holes on the front side with birdies, then holed a birdie putt from just inside 30 feet on the fourth. He closed out his round with a 7-iron to about a foot.

“A lot easier to finish on nine than 18,” Dufner said.

Scott also finished on the par-3 ninth hole. He was hitting the ball so well in the early part of his round that when someone asked him how caddie Steve Williams helped him, Scott smiled and said, “He just got out of my way today. I didn’t ask too much of Steve out there today. I just aimed down the middle and

hit it there.”

Scott also had a short eagle putt on No. 1, and twice made solid par saves. His lone bogey came from a bunker on the sixth hole, where he missed a 4-foot par putt.

Only a dozen players managed to break 70, and a dozen more broke par. The average score was 72.7, and no hole was more terrifying than the par-4 18th, which was 471 yards dead into the wind, water hugging the entire left side of the hole and front of the green.

The average score was 4.74, which was more than three of the par 5s.

“I hit 3-wood into 18, par 4, and 7-iron into the first, which is a par 5,” Luke Donald said after a 70. “Just a beast of a hole today.”

Masters champion Charl Schwartzel made a par, and his reaction spoke volumes.

“Felt like an eagle,” he said. “It’s one of those where you just really have to take it on. There’s nowhere out. I probably hit my best tee shot of the day down there, a beautiful 5-iron and ran off there with a 4. I’m very happy.”

Schwartzel and Thomas Bjorn were at 68, while the group at 69 included Stricker and PGA champion Keegan

Bradley.

“The course is playable. You can see it in the scores,” Stricker said. “It’s still playable, whether we have this kind of wind or not. So it’s manageable out there, and you just have to play hard and play well.”

Lee Westwood, playing alongside McIlroy and Donald in the traditional 1-2-3 group from the top of the world ranking, had a 76.

McIlroy was coming off a couple of big weeks — reaching the Match Play Championship final with a chance to go to No. 1, then winning the Honda Classic to get to the top of the ranking, all while Woods fired a 62 at him in the final round.

McIlroy said he was mentally flat.

“It’s tough,” he said. “When you’re working, you’ve got Arizona and you’ve got a chance to go to world No. 1, and then Honda, you’ve got a chance ... then all of a sudden you’re there, and you’re like, ‘What do you do?’ I just need to go out and set myself a target tomorrow and try and post a number.”

Woods made consecutive eagles, though they were four days apart on different courses.

## Kansas, Mizzou advance in tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas coach Bill Self would love nothing more than to reprise two epic regular-season games against bitter rival Missouri this weekend. The reason is quite simple.

“That means we win

tomorrow,” he said. “We got our hands full big-time tomorrow.”

No kidding.

The third-ranked Jayhawks cruised into the semifinals of the Big 12 tournament with an 83-66 victory over Texas A&M on Thursday, while the fifth-ranked Tigers coasted into the semifinals in their half of the bracket with an equally easy 88-70 win over Oklahoma State.

But before Kansas can focus on another matchup with Missouri, Thomas Robinson and Co. have to deal with No. 12 Baylor, which got a career-best 31 points from Perry Jones III in an 82-74 win over Kansas State that was never

really as close as the final score indicated.

“They’re so talented, it’s a joke,” Self said with a grimace.

Missouri will have to find a way past Texas, which needed a 22-4 run in the second half to dispatch No. 25 Iowa State 71-65 in Thursday’s nightcap. J’Covan Brown finished with 23 points for the Longhorns, converting the go-ahead three-point play.

Provided both teams win, though, Missouri and Kansas would make for a tantalizing finale.

The Jayhawks squandered a big lead in the closing minutes when the teams met in Columbia.

## STEERS

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be a low scoring game,” Otto said. “But the guys came back strong in the second inning.

Among the Steers who had good offensive nights were Max Pappajohn, who was 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles, Joseph Morelion, who collected three hits and Karsten Knudson, who

was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles.

Pitcher Gunnar Kennedy earned the win for Big Spring.

In other first-round games Thursday, Jim Ned defeated Brownfield, 12-2; San Angelo Lake View bested Lamesa, 8-6; Levelland blasted Fort Stockton, 15-1; Brownfield edged Lake View, 6-5; and Levelland defeated Jim Ned, 10-3.

Today’s games include

Jim Ned vs. Lamesa at 9 a.m.; Fort Stockton vs. Lamesa at 11:30 a.m.; Big Spring vs. Brownfield at 2 p.m.; Lake View vs. Monahans at 4:30 p.m.; and Big Spring vs. Levelland at 7 p.m.

All games are at Steer Park.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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

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somebody else has come along to help pick up the slack ... We’ve just got to keep battling.”

In other Region V action Thursday, Odessa defeated Ranger, 84-61, New Mexico Junior College edged out McLennan Community College, 70-62, and South

Plains College — the nation’s top-ranked junior college team — blasted Temple, 115-75.

Following the Hawks’ game with Odessa Saturday, South Plains will meet NMJC at 2 p.m.

WEATHERFORD (57) — Kervens Calixte 4 0-0 8; Chris Whitehead 4 3-4 11; Mladen Loncarevic 2 1-2 6; Matt Qualls 1 4-7 6; Marcus Willis 0 0-1 0; Ognjen Zoric 2 0-0 5; Eric Stubbs 2 0-0 4; Elliot Dean 6 1-2 17; totals 21 10-17 57.

HOWARD (85) — Leon Cooper 2 6-6 11; Rico Richardson 4 0-0 8; Jacob Thomas 5 1-1 13; Calvin Godfrey 5 3-4 13; Shavon Coleman 4 2-3 12; Phillip Miller 3 0-0 8; Damian McGee 6 1-1 13; Marsalis Stewart 2 0-0 4; Chad Posthumus 1 1-2 3; totals 32 12-15 85.

Halftime — Howard 47, Weatherford 20; Three-point goals — Weatherford 5 (Zoric, Dean 4), Howard 6 (Cooper, Thomas 2, Coleman, Miller 2); Total fouls — Weatherford 17, Howard 22; Fouled out — Weatherford (Anderson), Howard none; Technicals — none.

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# Marino: Manning fits with anybody in NFL

AVENTURA, Fla. (AP) — If Peyton Manning wants to talk about playing quarterback for the Miami Dolphins, Dan Marino would be thrilled to take his call.

And just in case, Marino has his sales pitch ready.

"There's great tradition there. We've had a couple off years but believe me, they'll be back," said Marino, the Hall of Famer who threw for 420 touchdowns and more than 61,000 yards in his Dolphins career. "It's a great franchise and they'll get it turned around."

Manning would almost certainly help in that quest, which largely started when Marino retired more than a decade ago.

From the moment the four-time MVP parted with the Indianapolis Colts on Wednesday, buzz about Manning has been growing in Miami — much of it fueled by the quarterback's arrival in South Florida shortly after becoming an NFL free agent for the first time. Manning insists he doesn't know what his next

move will be, and Marino believes him.

"I think he fits with anybody," Marino said Thursday at a charity golf tournament. "He's one of the best to ever play the game at that position. So wherever he ends up playing, if he's healthy, which is going to be important to Peyton, I'm sure he wants to go out there and play at a high level. Wherever he plays, he'll be a huge impact for that team."

The Dolphins are believed to be one of the teams interested in adding Manning; Miami plays a game at Indianapolis next season. Washington, Arizona, Seattle, Denver and Kansas City also are likely to talk to him, along with the Jets — the team that shares a stadium with the Giants and Manning's two-time, Super Bowl-winning brother Eli. ESPN reported Thursday that Manning will make a decision within the next week and wants to stay in the AFC.

"I know he likes the weather here in Miami, but I have no idea where he's going to

go," said wide receiver Pierre Garcon, who caught 10 touchdown passes from Manning in 2009 and 2010. "I could not tell you anything."

Added Reggie Wayne, who has been working out with Manning: "I don't know. Ask Peyton."

Manning's arrival in Miami doesn't necessarily mean the Dolphins are front-runners to get him. He owns a condo in Miami Beach, where television crews were staked out Thursday.

"He does like his privacy — and he's not going to have much of it until everyone finds out where he's going to go," Garcon said.

Why keep playing? "He's a competitor. He loves the game. He loves winning," Garcon said. "You can never have enough Super Bowl rings. He wants to win and he wants to keep playing. ... When you walk in a stadium with Peyton, you have at least a fighting chance to win a game."

After the Colts decided not to pick up Manning's \$28

million bonus, team owner Jim Irsay ended months of speculation by releasing the 14-year veteran and longtime face of the franchise. Indianapolis likely will find Manning's replacement in April's draft, presumably Stanford's Andrew Luck. The Colts have the first overall pick.

Manning missed the entire 2011 season because of a damaged nerve that caused weakness in his right arm. He had the most recent of his multiple neck surgeries on Sept. 8.

Once the fusion has healed, the bone is as strong as any other in his neck, if not stronger, several doctors said.

"Did it heal? Is the rest of his neck in pretty good shape? If those two answers are yes, then it gets down to 'OK, get out on the field and show me you can perform,' because it will only get better from here with time," said Dr. Robert S. Bray Jr., a spine specialist who has treated NHL star Sidney Crosby and Olympic hurdler Lolo Jones.

For the time being, the Manning watch is consuming Mi-

ami. Dwyane Wade reached out to Manning on Twitter, and LeBron James took time in a postgame television interview after the Heat beat Atlanta on Wednesday night to briefly sell Manning on the merits of South Florida.

Will Marino call him? "I probably wouldn't do that unless he asks for some advice," Marino said. "And he has plenty of people that he's working with to help him make the right decisions."

Dolphins kicker Dan Carpenter said if Manning says he's healthy enough to play, then that's good enough for him.

"He's a great football player," Carpenter said. "I definitely think having Peyton Manning won't hurt your chances. ... Obviously, I don't know how hard we're pursuing him. It's hard to say what Peyton Manning's thinking. I'm sure he's going to talk to his family, think about himself and think about where he wants to be and make that decision."

# Suns get best of Mavericks

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns finally got the best of the Dallas Mavericks. Barely.

Jared Dudley scored 12 of his 18 points in a third-quarter comeback and Phoenix held on to beat Dallas 96-94 on Thursday night, the Suns' first victory over the Mavericks in nine tries, four this season.

"This is definitely big for us," Dudley said. "We've struggled against this more than any other team, especially at home."

Dallas blew out the Suns in Phoenix 122-99 on Jan. 30.

Grant Hill scored 10 of his 15 points in the second half for Phoenix, but missed two free throws with 15.4 seconds left. Dallas had two chances after that, but Rodrigue Beaubois missed a driving layup, then couldn't hit an open 18-foot jumper at the buzzer.

"You are not always going to get your star players the shot at the end because they attract so much attention," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said, explaining the last play. "That is one of the reasons Rodrigue got so wide open."

One player who wondered why he wasn't in the game at the end was sharpshooter Jason Terry.

"I can't check myself in and out of the game," he said. "You got to ask the person who didn't have me in the game. Ask him his thoughts on why I wasn't in the game. What I think doesn't matter."

Asked why Terry wasn't in the game Carlisle simply said "coach's decision."

Marcin Gortat added 16 points and 12 rebounds as the Suns won their fourth straight home game, their longest streak in nearly two years. Steve Nash had 11 points

and 11 assists.

Vince Carter and Dirk Nowitzki had 18 points apiece for Dallas in the Mavericks' fifth road loss in a row.

Phoenix, coming off a loss at Oklahoma City the previous night, outscored the Mavericks 31-8 over a stretch late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, erasing a 12-point deficit to go up by 11.

"We got the pace of the game up where we wanted it," Suns coach Alvin Gentry said. "Once again we came up with stops, which is really important to run off misses as opposed to taking the ball and running off makes. We had the game at the tempo where we wanted it and we were able to score."

Nash said the game was crucial as the Suns try to climb into contention for a playoff berth.

"We couldn't lose both of these (Oklahoma City and Dallas) and stay in the playoff picture," he said. "It's an early crunch time for us. We've got to keep crawling back to that eight-nine-ten spots and try to give ourselves a chance to sneak in there."

The Suns had an 18-4 outburst over the final 4½ minutes of the third quarter to take a 78-76 lead entering the fourth. Phoenix added to the onslaught with a 13-4 run to start the final quarter. Sebastian Telfair made a 3-pointer, then Shannon Brown's thunderous dunk on a rebound put the Suns up 90-80. Hakim Warrick capped the outburst by making one of two free throws.

But the Suns failed to score in the final 2:46 after Warrick made one of two free throws to put Phoenix ahead 96-87.

Jason Kidd sank his third 3-pointer and Nowitzki's 14-footer cut the lead to 96-92 with 1:01 to play. Gortat scored on a layup but was called for an offensive foul. That led to Nowitzki's inside basket that cut the lead to 96-94 with 25 seconds left. Hill was fouled, but missed both free throws and Dallas called a timeout with 14.3 seconds to go.

Beaubois drove the lane but his shot in traffic was off the mark. The ball was knocked out of bounds, and after referees reviewed the replay, the ball was awarded to Dallas with 2.5 seconds left. Beaubois then misfired from 18 feet and Phoenix escaped with its sixth win in eight games.

"This was just a mental breakdown by our team," Carter said.

Dallas led 72-60 after Lamar Odom's 3-pointer with 4:43 left in the third quarter and was up 74-63 on his dunk with 3:59 to go. The Suns scored the next 11 to tie it 74-74 on Dudley's 20-footer with 1:34 left. Nowitzki's two free throws put Dallas back on top 76-74, but Nash made a 16-footer, then Dudley scored inside with 29.8 seconds left to give Phoenix the lead.

Carter scored 11 in a 4 1-2 minute span late in the second quarter as the Mavericks took a 53-44 lead at the break. But he had only five points in the second half.

Notes: Phoenix wore its "Los Suns" jerseys for its annual tribute to the city's Latin heritage. ... The Suns last beat Dallas on Jan. 28, 2010, in Phoenix. ... The Mavericks were called for defensive 3 seconds violations four times. ... The Mavericks' last road win was on Feb. 17 at Philadelphia.

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

WEST EAST  
 ♠ A K ♠ 3  
 ♥ 7 ♥ A K 6 4 3  
 ♦ A K Q J 10 9 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ 7 5 4 3 ♣ A 10 9 8 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, North having bid one spade over your opening one-heart bid. North leads the jack of clubs, on which South plays the nine. How would you play the hand?

WEST EAST  
 ♠ K 2 ♠ 10 3  
 ♥ K J 9 7 3 ♥ A Q 10 5 4  
 ♦ 5 4 ♦ A J 8  
 ♣ A K 7 3 ♣ 5 4 2

1. To draw trumps and rely entirely on a 2-2 club break — a 40 percent probability — would be pushing your luck too far. You can improve your chances greatly by playing for a 4-3 division in hearts, a 62 percent probability.

Accordingly, you win the opening spade lead with the ace, cash the ace of trumps and, assuming everyone follows suit, next cash the A-K of

hearts and ruff a heart. If the opponents follow to all three rounds of hearts, ruff the king of spades in dummy, ruff another heart, draw trumps and claim six, scoring your 12th trick with dummy's six of hearts.

If the hearts do not divide 4-3, you can still make the contract if the clubs are 2-2 and the trumps break normally. Testing the hearts before touching the club suit gives you two chances to make the slam instead of just one.

2. Your best chance is to duck the club lead, hoping the opposing clubs are divided 3-3. In that event, after drawing trumps and cashing the A-K of clubs, you will be able to discard a spade from dummy on your fourth club and thereby limit yourself to one spade loser.

What you are hoping is that North, for his overcall, has a hand something like:

♠ AQJ74 ♥ 62 ♦ K92 ♣ J106  
 If he does and you make the mistake of winning the opening club lead, there will be no way to stop South from later gaining the lead with a club or a diamond for the killing spade return.

Tomorrow: Silence is golden.

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What? You didn't know you were on a mission? Tally-ho! **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your personal development will be enhanced by a fixed routine. Consider making a weekly appointment with someone. The once-a-week structure could make big things happen quickly.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Unfortunately, you're not going to magically end up with your big reward in hand. So you'll have to make specific

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

plans regarding how you will achieve your aim. Fortunately, you'll enjoy this process.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Go back to a project you abandoned. You now have a terrific sense of perspective. You'll find that you enjoy shaping and honing what's already there much more than coming up with something new.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Maybe it's something you consume, a show you watch or a person you rely on, but there's some "favorite" of yours that you might be using a little too often. You'll have the willpower to tone it down.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Bad memories will have a way of lingering today. Past slights will seem fresh. You may be on the defensive, and it will be far too easy to lash out for reasons that have nothing to do with the current circumstance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though it may be tedious for you, there's a

certain pleasure in getting things right. So you'll go over your work again and again until you're absolutely sure that there are no mistakes in it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be realistic about your feelings. Think of what — or who — really interests you. You're not going to have the stamina to go forward with an endeavor about which you feel merely lukewarm.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Part of you will be feeling stubborn; the other part will be feeling responsible. So the responsible you will have to coax the stubborn you along the path you know to be right.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Losing your enthusiasm is worse than losing your way. If either gets lost in the confusion of this day, don't hesitate to gather a search-and-rescue effort together and go find them.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Persistence pays off. You might astound yourself now, doing something you never thought you would do. Know that you're capable of this and much more.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Beware of people who talk like they know everything. If you were to check all the facts, things wouldn't quite add up. On the other hand, there's a modest, under-confident someone who could really help you now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your subconscious efforts are even more effective than your conscious efforts. So it's important that you know what they are. Whatever is happening now in your life, it's a reflection of what's going on inside you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 9). You'll forge new connections and enjoy the lightness, bonding and potential these relationships bring. But the most important tie you will make is the one with your higher self, ever present and growing stronger. In June, destiny meets you at every corner. July is fantastic for finances. Family makes you proud in August. Gemini and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 2, 14, 49 and 19.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** Wild ideas lead to brilliant plans. A lot goes from brain to mouth this weekend; discount nothing. **TAURUS:** The stars favor you, so don't let it go to your head. Be kind. **GEMINI:** The plot wouldn't go the same way without you. You're more important than you think, so speak up. **CANCER:** The one you love might be aloof, but know that you are on this person's mind nonetheless. **LEO:** Atmosphere is everything this weekend. If you want someone to love you, make sure you're standing in a pretty light, figuratively speaking, of course. **VIRGO:** The one who purports to know everything actually knows very little. Don't be suckered. **LIBRA:** You're lovely and favored. Use your powers wisely. **SCORPIO:** What you want to be accepted is so foreign to your love. Take time in explaining yourself. **SAGITTARIUS:** The gods of love favor you now. Your passion makes you a charismatic force. **CAPRICORN:** Claim your space, and let no one infringe on what's yours. **AQUARIUS:** Friendship might be better than romantic love. **PISCES:** You're all smiles until the check comes. Look at it twice. Don't pay for what you didn't order.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Libra and Pisces are very much in tune with each other, experiencing a good deal of harmony, peace and understanding. It all sounds rather groovy, and indeed it is. These two drift through adversity this weekend with fingers intertwined, gripping passionately but never so tightly that the other one couldn't get away if he or she really wanted to.

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**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 9, 2012  
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PO Box 714, Forsan, TX 79733  
(432) 457-2355  
This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 28, 2012 the City of Forsan will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of the Title I Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as water facility improvements, for the purpose of replacing deteriorated and undersized water lines and create a loop in the water distribution system and ensuring adequate water volume and pressure. Contractor shall install approximately four thousand six hundred linear feet (4,600 l.f.) of six-inch (6") PVC water line, four (4) fire hydrants, pavement replacement and all associated appurtenances. Construction to take place at: Alley between 2nd and 3rd St. from Ave G to Ave H; Ave H from 2nd St to the Alley between 1st and 2nd St; Alley between 1st and 2nd St from Ave H to Alley West of Rex Ave; Alley between Rex Ave and Ave F from 1st St to 2nd St; 1st St from Rex Ave to Alley between Ave F and Rex

Ave; Rex Ave from 1st St to 4th St; 2nd St. from Rex Ave to Ave B; 6th St from Ave B to Ave D, and Ave G from the Alley between 2nd St. and 3rd St. to 3rd St.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Forsan has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall, 409 Avenue D, Forsan, TX 79733 and may be examined or copied weekdays during regular business hours.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Forsan, 409 Avenue D, Forsan, TX. All comments received by March 26, 2012 will be considered by the City of Forsan prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Forsan certifies to TDA that Roger Hudgins in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities

have been satisfied. TDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Forsan to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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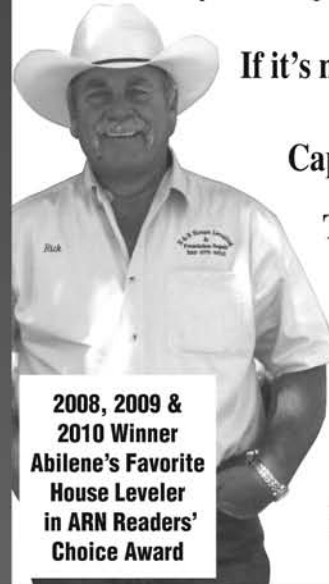
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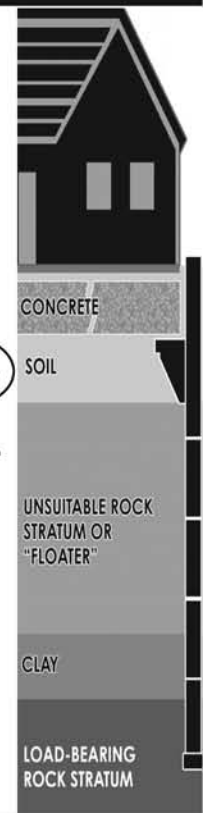
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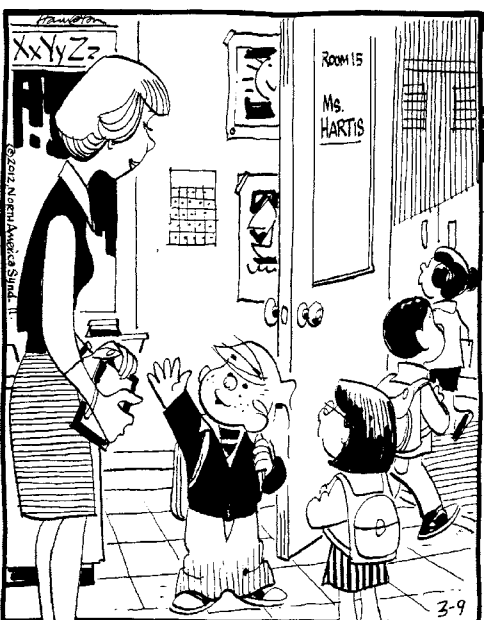
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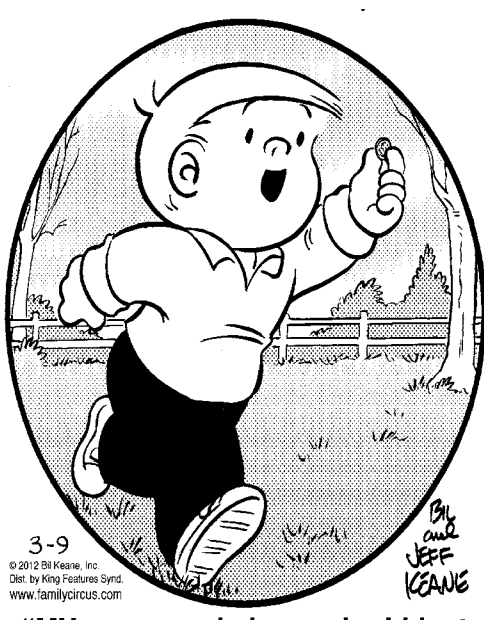
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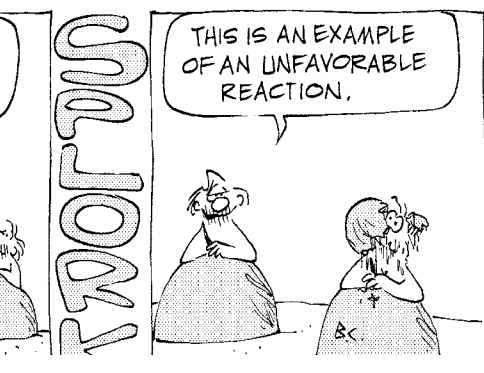
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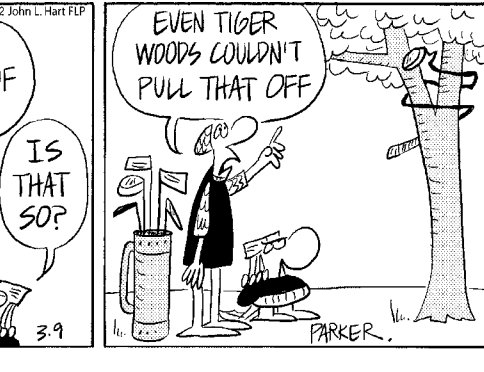
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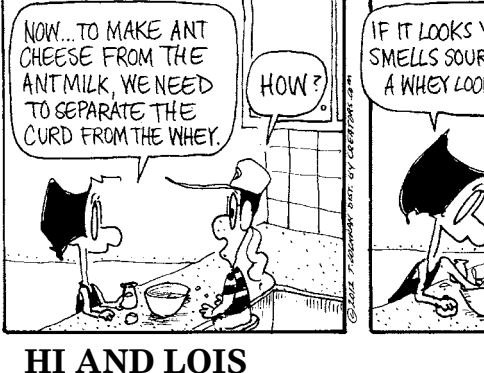
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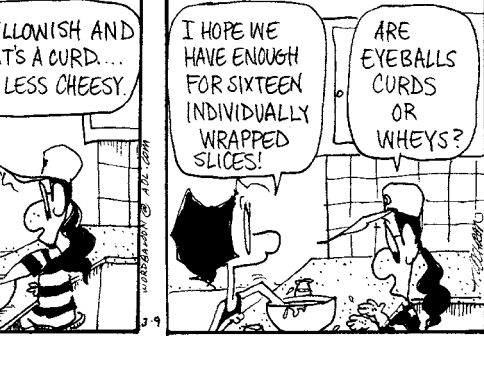
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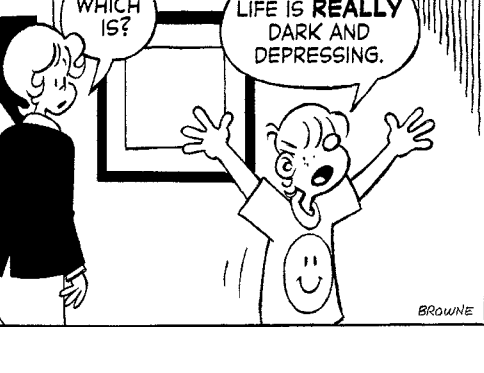
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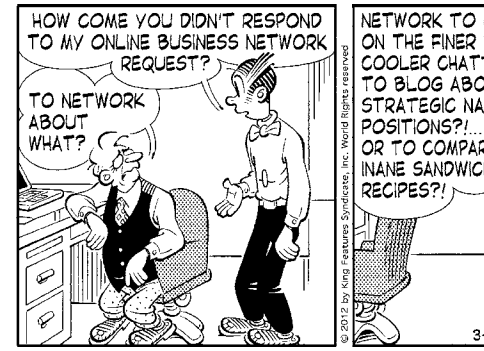
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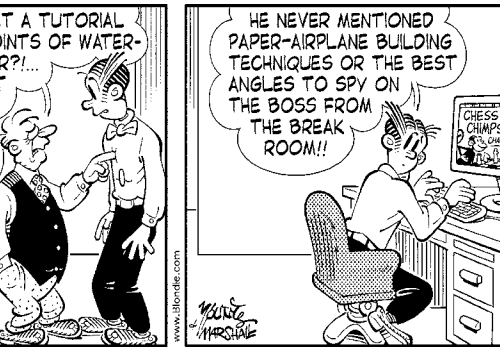
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 9, the 69th day of 2012. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (boh-ahr-NAY'). (The couple later divorced.)

In 1861, the Confederate Congress, meeting in Montgomery, Ala., authorized the issuing of paper currency, in the form of interest-bearing notes.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked

Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1962, the science fantasy novel "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle was first published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1987, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

In 1992, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (meh-ah'-kehrn BAY'-gihn) died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

In 1997, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real

name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. James L. Buckley, Conservative-N.Y., is 89. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 80. Singer Lloyd Price is 79. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 78. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 76. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 76. Actress Trish Van Devere is 71. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 70. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 69. Rock musician Robin Trower is 67. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 64. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 64.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Gave birth to McDonald's founder
  - 8 Drives home, in baseball
  - 14 Unspecified person
  - 15 "You're a riot!"
  - 16 High-tech introduction of '07
  - 17 Jazz style
  - 18 Weaponry
  - 19 It may be gained or broken
  - 20 Van Morrison tune
  - 23 Smooth sailing
  - 24 Exemplar of elusiveness
  - 25 Justice Dept. agency
  - 28 Rough drawing
  - 31 Guffaw syllable
  - 32 Any thing
  - 33 Countrified
  - 35 Paperless reading
  - 36 Sugarloaf top-10 tune of '70
  - 40 Pumpkin or cucumber
  - 41 Yankee star Jeter
  - 42 Scintilla
  - 43 Just fine
  - 44 Dumbfound
  - 49 Cruise ship facility
  - 50 Eagle org.
  - 51 Tract
  - 52 Fergie's group
  - 58 Lionize
  - 60 Bring together
  - 61 Crumb carrier
  - 62 Get back
  - 63 Nursery cry

- 11 Collard greens, chitlins, etc.
- 12 Wayside stop
- 13 Homer Simpson neighbor
- 21 Just painted
- 22 Retail distributor
- 26 Nurture
- 27 Calligraphy supply
- 29 Good reputation, informally
- 30 Barbarian
- 31 Kitty Softpaws' voice in Puss in Boots
- 32 Hoop group
- 34 State tree of New Jersey
- 35 Nevada city
- 36 Gunk
- 37 Type of turnip
- 38 Significant span
- 39 Ball girl
- 40 Martial-arts uniforms
- 43 Gain altitude
- 45 Discontinuity
- 46 Facilitate, so to speak
- 47 Score in horseshoes
- 48 Egg-roll time
- 50 Kennedy Center bandleader
- 53 Polygraph challenger
- 54 #3 baby girl's name in 2010
- 55 Encouraging word
- 56 Dagwood's pesky little pal
- 57 Time of decision
- 58 Telephonic trio
- 59 Camcorder button



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OF CHRIST  
Green & Anderson 263-2075  
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OF CHRIST  
11th Place 267-2132  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
14th & Main 263-1303  
COAHOMA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
311 N. 2nd  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CEDAR RIDGE  
2110 Birdwell Lane 263-7200  
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OF CHRIST  
Nine Miles East of B.S. on  
Thomas Rd.  
WEST HIGHWAY 80  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
3900 W. Hwy. 80 267-6483  
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPECY  
15th & Dixie  
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD  
2009 Main 267-6607

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301 E. 2nd 264-7959  
HOLY MISSION  
302 E. 11th Place 432-270-1566  
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OF GOD IN CHRIST  
1000 N.W. 3rd 267-6605  
NEW LIFE  
204 NW 10th 264-0771  
POWERHOUSE OF GOD IN CHRIST  
1311 Goliad

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1803 Wason 263-4411

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ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL  
1001 Goliad 267-8201

**GOSPEL**

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**JEHOVAH WITNESS**

KINGDOM HALL JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES  
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1905 Scurry 915-239-0800 432-935-0341

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UNITED METHODIST  
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CENTER  
604 E. 13th St. 264-0043  
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102 E. 10th 263-7714  
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CENTER, INT.  
810 E. 11th Pl. 267-6001  
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Anderson y Green St.  
432-553-5559  
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