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2 file for seats on city council here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Two new candidates have tossed their hats into the ring in Big Spring for the municipal election set for May 12, as political hopefuls have filed to run in Districts 2 and 4.

In the race for the District 2 seat, local resident Carmen Moreno Harbour filed late Thursday afternoon to have her name placed on the ballot. The District 2 seat is currently held by incumbent Manuel Ramirez Jr., who has not yet filed to run for re-election.

The race for the District 4 seat on the council is beginning to heat up, as local resident Loretta Farquhar filed to have her name placed on the May ballot. The District 4 seat is currently held by longtime councilwoman and incumbent Gloria McDonald, who has not yet filed to run for re-election.

Marvin Boyd, owner of Boyd's Auto Glass, filed earlier this month to run for the District 6 seat on the council. The seat is currently held by first-term councilman Terry Hansen, who has not yet filed

to run for re-election.

According to city officials, the deadline to file to run for any of the three seats is 5 p.m. March 5. Political hopefuls have until that time to file their campaign treasurer designation form and application for placement on the May 12 ballot.

In the city of Stanton, municipal and election officials are gearing up for a busy election, as the city looks to fill several seats on its council.

The mayoral seat will be up

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring's Cerbi Ritchey attempts a shot during the Lady Steers' 34-33 Class 3A playoff victory against Burkburnett Tuesday in Anson. The Lady Steers face Decatur in the area round of the playoffs at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Clyde.

Children's activities planned in Big Spring this weekend

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Even though school may be out for the weekend, there are still a couple of educational activities set up for youth to attend, while having a bit of fun, of course.

Crossroads kids can learn about dental hygiene and get a local history lesson Saturday.

Starting at 10 a.m. the Hangar 25 Air Museum and Howard College Dental Hygiene Program will be hosting events aimed at the children in the community.

From 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., Hangar 25 Air Museum will be hosting Emblems of Webb — a patch workshop — for children age 4 and older. There is a \$4 registration fee per child, for those wanting to take part. Registration will be accepted until the beginning of the workshop.

"I wanted to do something to reach out to the kids in the community," Museum Ad-

ministrator Genevieve Stockburger said. "Getting the community involved is important to us at the Hangar."

The workshop will include a 15-minute segment on what patches were used for and give the kids an opportunity to take a look at the displays at the Hangar. Those in the class will also get to view the new exhibit, "Insignia of the Past."

"What went on at Webb is important to our community as part of its history and teaching it to our young

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President's Day prompts closings

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

In honor of President's Day, several entities around town will be taking a holiday.

County and city offices will be closed Monday, including the Howard County Library and the Senior Center. Business will resume as usual Tuesday morning.

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CISD trustees set up election, OK salary schedule, enrollment

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Election talk topped the agenda of the Coahoma ISD board of trustees meeting Thursday evening.

Action was taken to call the CISD board of trustee election for May 12. The three-year terms held by Brian Moore, Jody Reid and Alan Wright are set to expire this spring. The deadline to place a name on the ballot is March 5.

After calling the election, the board approved the teacher salary schedule for 2012-13. With the approval of the new salary schedule, teachers on step 0-20 will receive \$6,000 above the state base and teachers on steps 21-20 will receive an additional \$540 per step.

The board also awarded the bid for roof replacement on the administration building and the high school science room to CS Advantage of Waco. Armko



Harrell

Industries was responsible for developing the bid specifications and will be overseeing the project, according to CISD Interim Superintendent Gary Harrell.

After actions items had been taken care of, reports were delivered regarding enrollment numbers, early dismissals and new football and basketball districts.

School officials reported a slight change in enrollment numbers at two of the three campuses since the previous month. The end of January elementary enrollment was at 442 students, showing a loss of two students since December. The junior high also lost two students, putting enrollment at 136. The high school gained two students, bringing enrollment there to 217. The combined

enrollment for CISD was reported as 795, showing a loss of two students from December.

"The average daily attendance (ADA) through the first three weeks of the second semester was 761, compared to last year's final ADA of 734. The in-district transfer number stands at 158, up three students," Harrell said.

In order to comply with the University Interscholastic League rules, there will be an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 in order to allow junior high students to participate in the district track meet.

"This is necessary because the UIL rules stipulate junior high students cannot participate in an extracurricular event before the end of the instructional day," Harrell said.

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Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 6:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	43	rain
Amarillo	47	32	rain
Austin	56	49	rain
Beaumont	62	56	t-storm
Brownsville	77	62	t-storm
Brownwood	56	47	rain
Corpus Christi	66	59	t-storm
Corsicana	57	47	rain
Dallas	59	48	rain
Del Rio	61	50	t-storm
El Paso	55	36	rain
Fort Stockton	58	41	pt sunny
Gainesville	56	44	rain
Greenville	59	46	rain
Houston	60	58	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	46	pt sunny
Boston	50	31	rain
Chicago	48	32	pt sunny
Dallas	59	48	rain
Denver	41	19	mst sunny
Houston	60	58	t-storm
Los Angeles	71	48	mst sunny
Miami	82	66	mst sunny

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Obituaries

Marie Lopez

Marie Lopez, 65, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born May 15, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Felipe Lopez on Aug. 4, 1965, in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 1993.

Marie was a life-long resident of Big Spring and had worked in the family businesses at Spanish Inn, Alberto's and Papa Chon's. She had also worked for the Big Spring Independent School District in food service for 15 years.

Marie enjoyed dancing, Elvis Presley, good home cooking (she was well-known for her mashed potatoes) and spending time with her family and friends. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jose "Yo-Yo" Gonzales of Big Spring; one son, Eric Lopez and wife Stacey of Big Spring; one daughter, Alice Lopez of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Gabriella Marie Lopez, Phillip Bruce Lopez and Aracella Faith Lopez, all of Big Spring; three brothers, Jody Flores, Billy Pineda and Andrew Chavarria, all of Big Spring; and four sisters, Anna Gomez, Mona Talamantez and Annabel Huante, all of Big Spring and Henrietta Olga Salinas of Lamesa

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Concepcion "Chon" and Natividad Rodriguez; two daughters, Anna Marie Lopez and Guadalupe "Lupita" Lopez; a granddaughter, Isabella Lopez; two brothers, Robert Puente and Benny Rodriguez; and a sister, Dora Flores.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 10900-B Stonelake Blvd., Suite 320, Austin, Texas 78759, the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79424 or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, 2nd Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

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

Paid obituary

James L. (Jimmy) Welch

James L. (Jimmy) Welch, 66, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Calvin D. Hamilton

Calvin D. Hamilton, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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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:

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ADRIAN SANCHEZ VASQUEZ, 18, of Denver, Colo., was arrested Thursday on a charge of soliciting/peddling without a permit.
- ROY MARVIN COLLIER, 37, of 1307 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4000 block of Connally.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- ADRIAN VASQUEZ, 18, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of soliciting/peddling without a permit.
- ROY MARVIN COLLIER, 37, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- RUDY MONTEZ HILARIO, 33, of was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, evading arrest or detention and deadly conduct.
- MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR, 22, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

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► **Texas briefs**

Study: No link between fracking, contamination

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A University of Texas study says there's no direct link between groundwater contamination and a controversial process to extract oil and gas known as fracking.

UT's Energy Institute says contamination can occur due to spills above ground or mishandling of wastewater. But the institute argues that those problems are not caused directly by fracking.

Fracking involves pumping pressurized water, sand and chemicals underground to open fissures and improve the flow of oil and gas to the surface. The process is used to improve productivity in gas reserves over the U.S., including the Barnett Shale in North Texas.

An Energy Institute spokesman says no industry funds paid for the project. Fracking opponents say the study needs to be reviewed.

San Antonio man nabbed in robbery by dropped ID

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A suspected robber in San Antonio was nabbed when he dropped his ID at the store.

Television station KSAT reports 23-year-old Justin Davis was arrested Thursday in connection with a robbery of a local novelty store.

Police say the suspect robbed a Planet K store at gunpoint Sunday. The suspect dropped his ID as he was leaving. Police found it belonged to Davis.

Authorities say Davis is suspected in other robberies at local businesses.

He was being held Friday in Bexar County Jail.

West Texas-based Air Force radar blimp crashes

MARFA, Texas (AP) — Federal investigators are looking into why a giant radar blimp tethered high over the Texas-Mexico border in far West Texas crashed this week.

The Air Force-operated aerostat surveillance platform hit the ground Tuesday at its site near Valentine, west of Marfa,

after high winds aloft prompted crews to winch it down.

Virginia-based Air Combat Command spokesman Scott Knuteson said Thursday no one was hurt in what's being called a "class A mishap," meaning damage tops \$2 million.

The unmanned radar balloon is nearly 210 feet long, 70 feet in diameter and is connected to a cable that allows it to float about 12,000 feet above sea level. For more than 15 years, it's been monitoring low-flying aircraft to help intercept drug planes and help with border security.

Mother, 2 children dead in Waco mobile home fire

WACO, Texas (AP) — A mother and her two children have died after their mobile home in Waco caught on fire.

Firefighters who were called to the mobile home Thursday night found it ablaze with the woman and children trapped inside.

Neighbor Denise Miller tells the Waco Tribune-Herald (that she could hear the mother crying for help inside.

A neighbor was able to pull one child out of a window. That child remains hospitalized in Dallas. Three firefighters also suffered second-degree burns.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear. The victims' names were not released.

San Antonio doctors start cancer research project

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Almost 100 doctors in San Antonio are joining a research project to study the differences between cancerous cells and healthy ones.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the doctors want to collect samples of at least 1,000 common tumors. They will also take samples of healthy cells from the same patients and then map the entire genetic codes of both.

The doctors hope to find dozens of differences between healthy and cancerous cells — information that could guide the treatment of those patients.

Organizers of the San Antonio 1000 Cancer Genome Project say they eventu-

ally need \$3 million in fundraising. So far, they've raised about \$200,000.

Flood watch in effect for Houston, southeast Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Much of southeast Texas is under a flood watch as thunderstorms move into the area Friday.

The National Weather Service has placed Houston, Austin and San Antonio under a flood watch. It forecasts possible flooding in more than 20 counties.

Rain is expected throughout the day, which the weather service says will saturate the ground and increase the risk of flooding Friday night and Saturday morning.

Most of the region is expected to get about 1 inch of rain, though some parts could get 2 to 4 inches.

Judge clears exoneree attorney over legal fees

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A West Texas attorney who helped wrongly convicted former inmates get state compensation should not be disciplined over claims of excessive fees, a judge ruled Thursday.

State District Judge Robin Darr said that the State Bar of Texas failed to prove that Kevin Glasheen's fees were illegal and unconscionable in representing two exonerees cleared in 2008.

The Lubbock attorney faced punishments ranging from a public reprimand to disbarment in a four-day disciplinary hearing.

"I'm real pleased with the court's ruling," Glasheen said moments after the decision.

In an email, Linda Acevedo, the state bar's chief disciplinary counsel, said an appeal will be considered.

Glasheen received millions of dollars in compensation from 12 men cleared after DNA evidence showed they were innocent of charges that kept some in prison for more than two decades. He also is credited with getting lawmakers to raise compensation for the wrongly convicted from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for every year of confinement and provided an annuity for lifetime income.

CLOSED

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The city landfill and compost facility will be closed and no sanitation pickups will be conducted Monday. However, emergency services, including police, fire and EMS, along with utility disruption response, will have normal operating hours.

Howard College, Forsan and Coahoma Independent School Districts will have classes as usual. Big Spring ISD students will take Monday off.

Postal services will also observe the federal holiday and no mail will be delivered.

CISD

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The board also received the new football district schedule for 3-2A for the next two years. The district will be comprised of Alpine, Big Lake Reagan County, Coahoma, Crane, Sonora and Stanton. Coahoma's non-district schedule includes Forsan, Denver City, Coleman, Colorado City and Ballinger.

The new 4-2A basketball district will include Colorado City, Denver City, Stanton — which are familiar to the ISD district — and Brownfield and Lamesa.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 22.

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CITY

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for grabs in May, as incumbent Justin Burch looks to win his first full term in the office. Burch has served approximately a year as mayor, stepping in for former mayor Tommy Haislip, who vacated the office to move to Houston in 2011.

At this time, Burch is the only candidate running for the seat.

The at-large seat on the council — vacated by Burch when he became mayor — is also up for election. The lone candidate currently running for that seat is incumbent Danny Fryar, who has served in the capacity since assuming duties in 2011.

The District 1 seat on

the council, currently held by Ronnie Christian, has yet to draw a candidate — including Christian.

The District 2 seat, currently held by incumbent Michelle Kidd, has also failed to draw a candidate at this time.

Finally, the District 3 seat on the council, currently held by James Jenkins, has also failed to draw a candidate.

The city of Coahoma has three seats up for grabs this May; however, information regarding candidate filings was not available this morning.

The seats up for election in the Coahoma races include those currently held by Linda Luce, Paulette Lindsey and Zach Johnson.

Political hopefuls in Coahoma also have un-

til 5 p.m. March 5 to file their candidacy for the May 12 election.

Early voting in this year's municipal elections is slated to begin April 30 and end May 8, according to local election officials.

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KIDS

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people is important," Stockburger said. "The workshop is giving them the opportunity to not only learn a little history, but giving them the opportunity to make something that's meaningful to them."

In addition to the history lesson, youth are encouraged to stop by the Dental Hygiene Department in the Horace Garrett Building on the Howard College campus between 10 a.m. and noon Saturday. Students in the dental hygiene program at Howard College will be presenting an Angry Birds themed dental health fair, free of charge.

"We are trying to raise awareness," Program

Director Jeri Farmer said. "The main focus is to try and instill nutritional values and to show them how to take care of their mouth," Farmer said.

For more information about the patch workshop, call 264-1999. For those wanting to find

out more about the dental health fair, call Marcia Newton at 264-5065.

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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:

- Shermila Kher for being named National Merit Scholar finalist and Lacy McMurtrey for being recognized as a National Merit Scholar finalist commended performer.

- Mrs. Laura Murphree for her donation of the two beautiful bouquets of red roses in celebration and recognition of our National Merit Honor Scholars Shermila Kher, finalist and, Lacy McMurtrey, commended at Big Spring High School.

- All participants of the Run 2 Love 2 Run, which took place at the Big Spring State Park this past Saturday.

- School board trustees and school officials for listening to the students and parents and deciding to place the standardized dress code on the backburner for the time being.

- BSEDC board members and city officials for working together to come to an agreement on the 4B project in order for it to be brought to the people in the upcoming election.

- Kathleen Rigdon Highley for her book signing marking the release of her third book, 'Coming Home', published which was held this past Saturday.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

**We can handle everything on our list,
Lord, when we handle everything with
Your love.**

Amen

Diehard Latino Republicans

Just when we think there is nothing more Republicans can do to alienate themselves from Latino voters, when they have made it clear to most Latinos that they don't want us in their "big tent," out they come with more evidence to convince even the diehard Latino Republicans that they are unwelcomed in their own party.

For Latino Republicans who had refused to see the hidden agenda behind the movement to make English the official language of government, last week's Conservative Political Action Conference served a huge dose of reality. For those who were naive enough to believe the "official English" measure supported by GOP presidential candidates was only a symbolic gesture to recognize English as our national language, CPAC should have been an eye-opener.

"In law, we must declare English to be the official language of the United States of America," said Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, "And the reason for that is that, if you don't, they will make all kinds of excuses, and declare, 'well, the national language,' you know. It's got to be the official language so that the official functions of government are in English."

Mind you, he was not just talking about language, but about the official "functions" of government. This is what some naive Latino Republicans refuse to see. When they hear Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul blabbering about making English official, they refuse to see this is a campaign against their own community.

Of course, there are GOP Latino spinners still trying to sweep their party's English-only agenda under the rug. After all, we are supposed to believe that Republicans "love" legal immigrants and only have a problem with illegal immigration.

Nevertheless, the anti-Latino agenda behind the official English movement was clearly spelled out at the CPAC conference. It's about eliminating all government documents and services in Spanish. It's about disempowering the largely Democrat Hispanic community by eliminating bilingual ballots!



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The presidential candidates don't come out and say it that way because they figure they still can get a few naive Latinos to vote for them. But King was talking to right-wing extremists, and he wanted to be clear about his intentions when he introduced the H.R.997, the English Language Unity Act of 2011.

He said the bill would serve as an amendment to the Voting Rights Act because, he said, "it imposes multiple language use when it comes to voting," and he wants that requirement stricken from current law.

For a party that claims to be the ultimate defender of freedom, you would think Republicans would be fighting to give us the freedom to vote — in any language. But since most Latinos historically vote for Democrats, Republicans are looking for ways to make immigrant voting more difficult. Apparently, they believe in freedom, but only for those who would vote for Republicans.

Amazingly, King's diatribe was delivered at a panel discussion that was tailor-made for white supremacists.

The name says it all: "The Failure of Multiculturalism: How the Pursuit of Diversity is Weakening the American Identity."

No, you don't have to pinch yourself. You are awake and living in the 21st century — a time when, incredibly, white supremacists still can conduct a workshop in a conference attended by presidential candidates, without causing widespread indignation! After all, this is the conference where Republicans traditionally try to out right wing each other, the gathering where Romney, last week, tried to convince the audience that he had been an "extremely conservative" governor of Massachusetts. This was the place to feed red meat to those who are nourished by racism and xenophobia.

Hosted by ProEnglish, a hate-mongering organization devoted to censoring foreign languages, the panel featured Peter Brimelow, the anti-immigrant author of "Alien Nation" and founder of VDARE, a white nationalist website that promotes racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia. VDARE was named after Virginia Dare, the first child born to English settlers in America.

Aha! Draw your own conclusions.

Brimelow, himself an immigrant from Britain, argues

that immigration and race are winning issues for Republicans, but he says they need to "mobilize the white base — get them to turn out."

In his CPAC speech, Brimelow defined multiculturalism as "the determination of the elites not to press immigrants to assimilate." He argued that bilingualism actually hurts working Americans because he gets "email all the time from people at eastern Washington state and places like this, who say that kids can't get jobs at McDonald's and places like that because they don't speak Spanish." He said this is "a ferocious attack on the living standards of the American working class."

In other words, if we were all monolingual, McDonald's would have no need to hire Spanish speakers, and we could all live happily ever after. We would be promoting ignorance and isolating ourselves from the rest of the world, but that's OK with Brimelow.

"People like to say, 'well, it's a great thing for people to speak more than one language,'" Brimelow told the CPAC participants Thursday. "I think it's hogwash, myself. I've never felt the absence of more than one language."

What can you say when you hear an alleged intellectual promoting ignorance and rejecting diversity — and reality?

You would have to find a lost colony in the Amazon to perhaps see a place on this planet where there is no diversity or multiculturalism. But that's the America envisioned by extremists such as Brimelow — a white country of European heritage and as isolationist as an Amazon colony.

What can you say about the conference that allowed the participation of such a character and about the presidential candidates who also pandered there?

Were the candidates thinking about the Latino vote when they spoke at CPAC? With this new eye-opener, will Latino Republicans finally see the light?

When Latino GOP spinners tell us that Gingrich, Romney, Santorum and Paul are our "amigos," we should remind them that — if they work for the government — their candidates would forbid their use of Spanish.

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That's what friends are for

Here we go again: a tragedy in the music world, a tragedy waiting to happen that did. Disturbing headlines before and after leave us scratching our heads and asking why. On the days before her death, Whitney Houston was disheveled, dressed in clothes that didn't match, hair dripping with water or sweat, doing handstands by the pool, waving her arms erratically at a rehearsal, visiting doctors in Beverly Hills and even filling prescriptions at the Michael Jackson-made-famous Mickey Fine Pharmacy. And yes, she checked in to the hotel with a large retinue.

Did they try to stop her? Or did they fill the prescriptions and stock the bar for her? Did they see her behaving erratically? Did they tell the doctors she was out of control? Did it occur to anyone that she belonged at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and not at a rehearsal?

Jackson's case was, perversely, easy because there was a doctor right there, a doctor whose job it was to keep him alive and who instead, according to the jury's verdict, killed him. But Dr. Conrad Murray, guilty as charged, was surely not the only one responsible for that tragedy waiting to happen, even if he was the only one to meet the law's definition.

You never know. Anyone who has faced a friend or relative on

a path of self-destruction knows how difficult it is to stop them — impossible, most often — and how easy it is to be a well-meaning but destructive enabler. You can't just "tell" someone to stop, and you can't make them. You can know that someone is a heart attack waiting to happen, you can beg them or threaten them, but you can't make them put away the cigarettes or alcohol or drugs that prove you right. I used to plead with my father not to smoke, fearing he would die young, which he did — but not for lack of love.

Celebrities are even tougher, and their deaths can be tougher to swallow. They are surrounded 24/7.

And many of those who surround them survive on their fame. The celebrity, however troubled, is still their ticket to the party, their paycheck, their identity.

Where is the retinue when you need it? Are they blinded by their own desire to be close, by their fear that standing up or walking away will leave them out in the cold? With all due respect to those who were there, who are no doubt suffering mightily (but not as mightily as the daughter who lost her mother and the mother who lost her daughter), it is hard not to wonder whether they might have done more, or less; whether this was a tragedy that could have been interrupted. In other businesses, we would call it a conflict of interest. In the entertainment business, it's just a day of the week.

Somebody will make a lot of money from Houston's tragic

death. Actually, somebodies. The Grammys had a record audience, the magazines with her on the cover will sell out, the record companies and all the managers and agents and others who get a share of the proceeds of her sales will get a bigger share from record sales. Houston will be back in the Top 10. Her music sounds better than ever. Her memory will live on. But she won't.

The news is full of reports about her daughter being inconsolable, and understandably so: an 18-year-old only child losing the only mother she will ever have. Perhaps those who couldn't — or didn't — take care of her mother will take care of her daughter. According to the news reports, she already has been to Cedars twice. If only her mother had.

Celebrity or not, there is a lesson here, a lesson for those who think, as Houston must have, they can cheat death, and for those who watch from the next room. A friend may not be able to stop a friend from self-destructing, but you certainly can try. And more than anything, you can refuse to stand by.

No one — not even a woman with a golden voice — is immune from the ravages of a soul in pain and the poisonous mix of drugs and alcohol. May Whitney Houston rest in peace, and may God bring comfort to those who mourn.

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Church News

First Baptist Church

Sunday school classes are at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday morning, Bro. Dennis Etheridge will be preaching while our pastor, the Rev. Mark Lindsey, is away for a few days. Sunday night is MDO Night. The service begins at 6 p.m.. MDO children and workers will have the program. Come and see what these 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds are learning through the Mothers Day Out program. Also, back by popular demand, MDO will begin selling the "Butter Braid Loaves" for their fund raiser. These will be available through April 1.

Pastor Mark has begun preaching sermons during the morning worship on the "Seven Sayings from the Cross." These will lead to the celebration of Easter.

Ladies Bible study continues at 9:30 Monday mornings in the conference room.

Upward Basketball is still in full swing Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have a child playing, remember to bring them an hour early Saturday for pictures. Awana meets Sunday at 5:30 p.m. This week will be listening time only so workers and children can attend "MDO Night."

Alive in Christ

Lutheran Church LCMS

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

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

Pastor Carroll Kohl will conduct the worship service Sunday. His sermon title is "Going Back Down From the Mountain" based on today's scripture readings.

Shyrlee Reid will be reading the liturgy. The readings are 2 Kings 2:1-12 (or Exodus 34:29-35), Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6, and Mark 9:2-9. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bob and Jaunell Roever in celebration of their 55th anniversary Feb. 16.

After mid-week classes Wednesday, Pastor Carroll Kohl will conduct Ash Wednesday services at 7 p.m. The theme for our Lenten services will be "God's Gift of forgiveness" and will be based on what are known as "Penitential" Psalms.

The lessons for Ash Wednesday are Joel 2:12-19, Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19), 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. The sermon title for Ash Wednesday is "Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love" from Psalm 6.

The remainder of Lenten services will be held Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Lenten services will be held Feb. 26, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25.

The sermon titles for Lenten services are Lent 1: "Hiding From God or Hiding In God?" from Psalm 32; Lent 2: "Make Haste to Help Me" from Psalm 38; 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.

The Board of Assimilation will meet Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Scheduled 7 p.m. meetings at the church for March include: The LWML will meet March 8; March 12,

the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet March 13. The elders meet March 15. The Board of Assimilation will meet March 27.

First Church of the Nazarene

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

Don't forget to place your order Saturday. The First Church of the Nazarene has partnered with Mid America Foods to provide low-cost, quality food to our community. We will begin distributing boxes Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. until noon. You may order one of three ways:

1) Go to the Mid America Foods website: www.midamericafoods.com

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3) Visit us at 1400 S. Lancaster on Saturday to place an order by cash or check (made to Mid America Foods).

Church prayer time Tuesdays 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 keeps the youth energized with IMPACT in 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 where you can view a live service. We are on Facebook and Twitter.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, the message is "Why God What You" II Kings 2, 1-12.

Elders will be Frank Sickles and John Scott; Deacons will be Laura Sickles, Dan Miracle, Joyce Davis, and Anna Scott; Worship leader will be Cynthia Scott, Communion prep; will be Laura Sickles and Joyce Davis; Greeter will be John Scott; Homebound communion will be Frank Sickles.

Saturday we will have men's breakfast at Crispy's Café at 8 a.m.

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

Wednesday at 6 p.m. there will be choir practice in the choir room. Youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 9 at 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the library, samaritan counseling takes place in our church.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

Free movie for the whole family. No tickets required. "Flywheel" is the next movie in our lineup. Join us Saturday at 6 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Donations will be accepted as a youth fundraiser.

"Repo Men" is the sermon series for February. The message this week is "Repossessing the Church."

Youth will be serving lunch the second Sunday of each month follow-

Confessions from the White House

As President's Day approaches, teachers are pulling lesson plans about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln out of their files hoping to excite students about history. Retail stores are marking items down for the big sales day, and public employees are making plans for a day off from work.

If the walls of the White House could talk, however, Washington and Lincoln would have to share their glory with the other residents of the nation's home. Who knows what secrets might have been whispered in the night or what sentiments might have been expressed openly.

President Woodrow Wilson, who seems to have been a bit ambivalent about the office he had acquired, wrote, "There are blessed intervals when I forget by one means or another that I am President of the United States."

Another great president, Harry S. Truman, was known to have said, "The White House is the finest prison in the world."

Truman's disenchantment with the nation's capitol was further expressed by the following comment: "You want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

In reflecting on his time in the White House, President Herbert Hoover recalled, "The things I enjoyed most were visits from children. They did not want public office."

In recent decades, there were a couple of American presidents who even admitted misusing the power of the office.

Former President George H.W. Bush adamantly stated, "I do not like broccoli. And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm President of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli."

In a similar vein, former President Ronald Reagan confessed, "But there are advantages to being elected President.

The day after I was elected, I had my high school grades classified Top Secret."

Perhaps President Martin Van Buren's words express the sentiment shared by many Presidents. He said, "As to the presidency, the two happiest days of my life were those of my entrance upon the office and my surrender of it."

When we think of honoring presidents, we must remember that the Scripture says, "... render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21 NASB).

This President's Day, perhaps we should honor all the men who have served our county as Presidents of the United States, but let us not forget to give tribute to God for all He has done for us.

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BONNIE WHEAT

ing worship. Our next lunch is scheduled for March 11. Donations from these meals go toward youth activities, camp and other youth events.

"Financial Peace University," the first class of Spring Creek University will begin soon. Contact the church office for more information.

Spring Creek Fellowship has formed

a Relay For Life team called "The Cure Connection." Our first event is scheduled for Sunday, March 25 from 2-5 p.m. We will be hosting the Second Annual Relay For Life "Bowl-A-Thon" at Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama. Bowl for 3 hours (including shoes) for

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Reflections

Addictions

As I follow the news reports of Whitney Houston's death I feel a sense of sadness and grief. Although the toxicologist reports will not be available for weeks, recent interviews with Houston and descriptions from those closest to her leave little doubt that her untimely death came as a result of drugs and addictions that were beyond her control.



BILL TINSLEY

Addictions are the demons of our day. Over the last three years we have watched Josh Hamilton battle his own addiction to drugs and alcohol. His most recent relapse reminds us how powerful and ever

present these demons can be. In spite of the encouragement and help from his Ranger teammates who shunned alcohol in their victory celebrations out of deference to him, and in spite of Ian Kinsler's efforts to get him home sober and safe, he still succumbed to the temptations that never leave him alone.

The sex addictions that took Tiger Woods down from the pinnacle of the sports world and destroyed his marriage have left him a shadow of his former self. He hasn't won on the PGA in over two years. His meltdown on the final round of the Pebble Beach Pro-Am on Sunday illustrated the long and difficult battle he is still fighting to return to his former form.

Mexico illustrates the widespread problem of drug abuse and addiction. The Wall Street Journal recently re-

ported the drug war in Mexico has claimed more than 47,000 lives since 2006. Last weekend mourners gathered in Lewisville, Texas to grieve the deaths of a missionary couple killed in their home, victims of the rising crime in that country.

The answers to addiction are not easy. In every case the personalities and issues creating and supporting the addictions are complex. But, perhaps the starting place for help is confession of our own human weakness and our need for deliverance. The Apostle Paul did this when he examined himself and cried out, "Who will deliver me from this body of death?" Peter did the same when he fell in the bottom of his fishing boat and declared, "Depart from me O Lord, for I am a sinful man."

One of the most dramatic stories in the Bible deals with a man addicted to destructive impulses. He was so mentally, psychologically and spiritually ill he refused to wear clothes and lived among the tombs, attacking those

who came near and inflicting himself with wounds. When Jesus encountered him He ordered the destructive legion of demons to depart from the man. They did so, entering a herd of swine that immediately rushed over a cliff and drowned themselves in the sea. When nearby residents arrived, they found the man sitting at Jesus' feet, sober, clothed and in his right mind. (Mark 5:1-20).

I have always found this a mysterious and puzzling story. I don't know how to explain demons and spiritual forces that defy scientific examination. But, like everyone else, I have observed the demonic forces that destroy individuals, families and nations. I am also convinced of the difference Jesus Christ has made in my own life and I have seen Him change the lives of others.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

CHURCH

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tion of any size. Help us "knock down" cancer once and for all.

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

Wednesdays meal is at 5:30 p.m., Bible study, youth and children's activities at 6 p.m. and praise team practice at 7 p.m. Youth meets Wednesday evenings for junior and senior high students.

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 tonight.

"Manna House" food pantry is low on supplies. Contact Casie Fillingim and Jennifer Boyd for more information.

"Free Indeed," a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship, is in need of donations of new underwear, socks, coats, etc. for the cold months ahead. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins will deliver the sermon at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship. His sermon is titled "Lessons From the Wilderness" with scripture texts from Exodus and Numbers.

Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:45 a.m.

Children are reminded to bring an item with them for Sermon in a Sack with Pastor Bill and Youth Minister Beau prior to going to Little Church, which is held in the youth hall.

Wednesday noon Bible study and lunch is held in Garrett Hall. Pastor Bill will be continuing his study of Paul's letters in "Down the Roman Road." Wednesday the meal is being catered by Just Peachy with serving at 11:50 a.m.

Real Life Wednesday will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. in Garrett Hall. This week, all ages will meet in the sanctuary following the meal for Ash Wednesday services which will begin at 6:15 p.m. If you plan to attend both the Ash Wednesday service and the meal be sure to make reservations by calling the church office.

There will be a "Kids Night Out" on Friday. Contact Becky Woodall to make reservations for your children.

Wednesday, Feb. 29, Pam Steel will be leading a new Beth Moore Bible Study for ladies titled "Breaking Free; Making Liberty in Christ a Reality In Life." This is an 11-week course that leads you through a study of scriptures to discover the trans-

forming power of Christian Freedom. Contact Pam at 935-0713 or psteel87@gmail.com for more information and/or to register.

Be sure to sign up on the prayer board in support of our Mission Teams who will be leaving for Nicaragua very soon. Those from Big Spring who are going on the first week include Murray and Diane Murphy, Bonnie Miller, Dr. John Myers, Dr. John and Cynthia Marshall, Larry and Susan McLellan, Rosa Mancha, Kathy Clayton and Muffet and Rodney Bomar. The will be joined by a group from El Paso.

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 will practice at 6p.m.

The Working Women's Bible study met Tuesday at 6 p.m. to study Lesson 5 on the Beatitudes: Greatly honored are those who show mercy.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study will meet Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. in the church library for a study, led by Helen Glass, of Lesson 6: Greatly honored are the pure in heart.

The session held its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 in the church library.

The youth group is watching the video "The Way I'm Wired" by Katie Brazelton in Sunday school.

The Discovery Class begins a study by Timothy Keller, senior pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, entitled The Prodigal God. Keller says of this familiar parable, "One son kept the rules religiously. One son broke them all. One father loved them both beyond anything they could ever imagine."

A combined Ash Wednesday service between our congregation and First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma will be at First Presbyterian Coahoma at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Susan Wilson is in charge of "Take Ten" refreshments this week. Liturgist for February is Marj Carpenter. Ushers for the month are Rip and Claudie Patterson, Ellen Austin and James F. Little.

The lectionary is II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9. The chancel choir will offer the anthem "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" by Robert Powell and sing "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" by Mark Hayes 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. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpchs.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 combined Ash Wednesday service for our congregation and First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The lectionary is II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

Sunday will be our Mardi-gras potluck luncheon after the morning service.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m. Call Steve Campbell to see where the meeting is being held.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper will be Tuesday, at 5 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's will have an Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 22 beginning at 6 p.m. in the church.

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

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Annie's Mailbox [®]

Dear Annie: I have two daughters, ages 5 and 2. My in-laws favor the older girl. They buy her more presents, give her more money and pay way more attention to her than to her sister. They almost seem obsessed with her. As soon as she walks in the door, they grab her and make her sit next to them on the sofa for the entire visit.

If they give my children gifts when we are at someone else's house, they become annoyed if I make the girls say hello to our hosts before they are permitted to play with their new toys. I feel it is only polite.

We recently visited with them three times over a six-week period. We drove three hours to see them twice, and the third time, they came to us. My mother-in-law then became angry because I refused to visit again two weeks later. Both of my daughters get carsick, and they have to take medication in order not to throw up.

My husband does not like to make waves, so he is of little help with this. I am not sure how much to say without ruining our relationship. -- Annoyed in Atlanta

Dear Atlanta: This is an issue of boundaries. Unless you are firm about them, your in-laws will keep pushing. The trick is to remain polite and sweet while you are saying no. ("We'd love to visit again, but the girls get so sick when they travel that we don't want them to associate nausea with Grandma and Grandpa. Maybe we can try again next month.") Meanwhile, the Internet and the current crop of smartphones will allow the in-laws to see and speak to the girls often. You might even set



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

up a time for a daily cyber visit.

But please bring the blatant favoritism to their attention before your younger child is old enough to notice. Tell them it is damaging the relationship they have with both girls (as well as their parents).

Dear Annie: My wife and I are nearly 80 years old, and we are ill prepared for our future.

We have no children, own no home or car, have no savings account or life insurance, and struggle from month to month just to survive.

What can we do to make minimal preparations for our inevitable demise? It would be nice to have a memorial service, but that costs money. Even cremation costs more than what we have. I believe Social Security provides \$250, which might get the match lit, but that's about all.

As a Navy vet, I can be buried at a national cemetery, but there is no provision for my wife. Can you suggest any alternatives? -- Hanging Loose in California.

Dear California: First check with your local churches, funeral homes and the coroner's office.

There are often discounts available if you ask. But also research donating your body to a medical school. Some places will transport the body at no cost to you. As for a memorial service, there is no reason to use a funeral home. You or your friends can arrange something at someone's home, church or nearby park.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Confused in Connecticut." I, too, was an overweight child. I was bullied, ridiculed and laughed at.

When I reached high school, the kids finally left me alone, but no boy would consider dating me. Then I graduated and realized that the grownup world is different. There are still some people who like to be cruel, but it gets a lot better. I found good friends and men who love some chunkiness on a woman.

I am now very happily married with two wonderful children, and I look back on my high school days and laugh. Gaze in the mirror every morning and find that beauty in you, and don't let anyone take it away. -- Lucky in Lubbock

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Kitchen takes spotlight at Mount Vernon

MOUNT VERNON, Va. (AP) — A heart-shaped waffle iron? It sounds like the kind of last-minute gift a husband buys for his wife at if he forgot flowers on Valentine's Day.

But this particular heart-shaped waffle iron belonged to none other than the father of our country, George Washington. The waffle iron and dozens of other food-related items are going on display at Washington's Mount Vernon estate for a new exhibition, "Hoecakes & Hospitality: Cooking with Martha Washington."

The exhibition, which opens Saturday in the museum on the estate's grounds, features a number of unusual kitchen items that belonged to the Washingtons: There's a specialized preserving kettle, which looks more or less like a wok that Martha Washington used and brought with her to Mount Vernon when she married George Washington. And there's a specially contoured pan that for many years was mistakenly assumed to be an egg poacher, but on further research was determined to be a poefferties pan, used to

make a sort of specialized, puffed Dutch pancake. Dictionary author Noah Webster even recalled eating this "species of pancake," as he described it, at Mount Vernon in 1785.

The variety of specialized cookware "was characteristic of an elite, wealthy Virginia kitchen," said Susan Schoelwer, curator at Mount Vernon.

The exhibits provide some insights into Washington's preferred eating habits. Numerous written accounts document Washington's

appreciation for hoecakes, a pancake made of cornmeal that could be cooked, if need be, out in the field over open coals on the surface of a garden hoe. Washington was said to prefer his swimming in butter and honey.

Schoelwer surmised that soft foods like hoecakes may well have appealed to Washington in part because of his notorious dental problems, though she joked that a regular diet of honey-drenched hoecakes may well have caused the problem in the first place.

Washington was also a fan of olives — he kept a three-foot tall olive jar and preferred French varieties to Spanish — and a brandy drink called "cherry bounce," which he was known to take on the road with him. A handwritten recipe found in Martha Washington's papers calls for the juice from 20 pounds of cherries to be mixed with 10 quarts of French brandy along with sugar and spices, and fermentation of at least a month.

Many of the pieces in the exhibition are on loan.

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Fight mars HC-Midland showdown

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

One of the most storied rivalries in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference added an ugly chapter Thursday night. Howard College defeated Midland College, 74-65, in a men's basketball matchup at Garrett Coliseum, but all anyone will remember about the game is a bench-clearing brawl that marred its final moments and resulted in several player ejections, at least two suspensions and MC players to finish the game with only four players on the court.

The game had already become foul-marred when it went to an entirely new level with 1:13 re-

maining. Midland's Melvin Tabb was fouled by Howard's Zech Smith while attempting a shot, several players became tangled up and the next thing anyone realized, Smith and Midland's Mike Taylor began exchanging punches.

The scrum quickly expanded to include all 10 players on the court, Midland players who left the bench to join the fray and referees and other officials who struggled to put a stopper on the outburst. Howard College reserve players attempted to join the brawl, but were restrained by coaches on their half of the court.

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Howard College's Calvin Godfrey (20), shown in action earlier this season, scored 14 points to lead the Hawks to a 74-65 win over Midland College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday.

Howard women fall to Midland in OT, 69-58

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Consider it the one that got away. For 30 minutes, Howard College was primed to upset Midland College in their Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball showdown Thursday. The Hawks had cut off Midland's inside scoring and had counted with an effective perimeter game to forge a 10-point lead with 8:47 remaining.

But then the game turned. Midland's interior players, quiet for long stretches of the game, suddenly reasserted themselves while the Hawks' offense began shooting blanks. The end result was a 69-58 overtime victory for the Chaparrals at Garrett Coliseum Thursday evening.

With the loss, the Hawks find themselves on the outside look-

ing in the race for one of the four Region V tournament slots from the WJCAC — Howard is currently sixth in the seven-team league with a 2-6 conference mark.

Howard point guard Kali Jarrell led all scorers with 23 points, but was the only Howard player in double figures. Midland, which solidified its hold on second place in the conference with a 7-2 mark, were led by Danesha Long's 15 points.

HC Head Coach Earl Diddle said the Hawks will only have themselves to blame for the defeat.

"Our time to win the game was when we were up by 10 in the second half — that's when you have to seize the moment," Diddle said. "But we got careless with the ball and we let them

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Texas' high court rules against Leach

By **BETSY BLANEY**
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The Texas Supreme Court on Friday denied Mike Leach's appeal in his wrongful termination lawsuit against Texas Tech.

The ruling from the state's highest civil court rejected Leach's appeal without comment more than two years after the coach was fired by the university amid allegations he mistreated a player with a concussion. The player, Adam James, is the son of then-ESPN broadcaster and current U.S. Senate candidate Craig James.

Leach, who denied the allegation and later sued the school, has said he suspects an \$800,000 bonus he was due the day after his firing was behind his dismissal. He was recently hired as the coach at Washington State.

Leach's attorneys had challenged an appellate ruling

that threw out Leach's breach of contract claim against Texas Tech based on sovereign immunity for the university. The ruling allowed Leach to try to show Tech's reasons for firing him were wrong — without monetary relief — and the university appealed that decision to the state's high court.

The decision Friday denied the appeals on both sides, meaning Leach can seek a ruling that Tech erred in firing him. Leach attorney Ted Liggett said he would seek such a ruling, while Tech spokesman Dicky Grigg said he hoped the latest decision was "the end of the road."

A Lubbock trial court's ruling on sovereign immunity went against the school, but the decision from the 7th Court of Appeals upheld Texas Tech's assertion that it is a state entity and can only be sued with permission from the state Legislature.



Howard College Athletic Director Britt Smith, left, presents former HC baseball player and 2011 junior college player of the year Tyler Collins with an award Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Asian-Americans rejoice as Lin smashes stereotypes

By **JESSE WASHINGTON**
AP National Writer

WASHINGTON — They know what it feels like to be overlooked. People, they say, assume they are weak, servile, out of place. So when these Asian-Americans watch Jeremy Lin slash and shoot his way through the NBA's finest, it's almost as if they are on the

basketball court with the California-born point guard who has set the zeitgeist on fire.

Asian-Americans have rallied around other athletes — Michael Chang, Hideo Nomo, Yao Ming, Michelle Wie, Ichiro Suzuki. Tiger Woods was embraced for his Thai side. But Lin has a new and different appeal — a homegrown

star besting some of the world's greatest athletes in an intensely physical sport. Asian-Americans have done well in America in many areas, but not this one.

The child of Taiwanese immigrants, Lin was ignored instead of hyped. He emerged from the end of the bench to hoist the sinking New York

Knicks to win after improbable win. A few hints of racism have scratched the edges of his growing fame, but Lin continues to put up unprecedented numbers and capture the imagination of mainstream America.

In a mere half-dozen games,

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Big Spring girls at Snyder tournament.

Baseball
McLennan College at Howard College, 2 p.m.
Amarillo Caprock at Big Spring (scrimmage), 5 p.m.
Forsan at Rawls (scrimmage), 6 p.m.

Softball
Big Spring at Andrews, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Midland tournament, TBA.
Forsan at San Angelo tournament, TBA.
Howard College at Midland Classic, TBA.

Girl's basketball
Big Spring vs. Decatur, Class 3A area playoff, 7:30 p.m., Clyde.
Smyer vs. Eldorado, Class 1A Div. I playoff, 6 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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LIN

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Lin became that rarest of Asian-Americans: A widely regarded hero.

"There's a certain validation to this," said Phil Yu, founder of the influential blog Angry Asian Man, which tracks and discusses Asian issues.

"Asian-Americans are still seen as foreigners in this country," Yu said. "Seeing Jeremy Lin accepted and celebrated in this American sport, it makes us more American, and it makes other people see us as more American."

The moment that resonates most with Yu is not Lin's game-winning 3-pointer against the Toronto Raptors with less than a second to play this week. It's not Lin's 38 points to beat the Los Angeles Lakers after Kobe Bryant said he didn't know who Lin was.

It's not Lin's crossover leading to a soaring dunk against the Washington Wizards, even though the play victimized John Wall, the top draft pick the year Lin went unselected.

Instead, Yu cherishes seeing a picture of two white fans wearing Lin's No. 17 Knicks jersey.

"There is no comparison to anything else I've ever seen," Yu said. "I can't describe how I'm feeling." Watching Lin's highlights, "I got a little bit choked up, honestly."

Ren Hsieh had a different reaction as Lin was torching the Lakers: He shouted loud enough to wake the baby in the other room. "It was the improbability of it all," he said.

"I've never seen it happen ..." NBA analyst Tim Legler said on ESPN. "A guy that had three different teams look at him and not see what we're seeing now?"

The reason is obvious to Hsieh, who played high

school basketball in Houston and now runs a league and foundation promoting Asian-American athletics.

"No one would outwardly say (Lin was passed over) because he's Asian, but every Asian-American athlete knows that feeling of being overlooked," he said.

Hsieh remembers the skepticism when the China-born Yao entered the NBA. One commentator, NBA great Charles Barkley, promised to kiss his co-host's posterior if Yao scored 19 points in a game.

Yao went on to score 19 or more points 268 times in his eight-year NBA All-Star career, and Barkley kissed a donkey on national television.

Lin was similarly underestimated. He led his high school team to a state championship, but was ignored by every Division I college team except Harvard.

HAWKS

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back into the game."

The game's tipping point came after Carolyn Taylor hit a three-pointer to give Howard a 46-36 lead at the 8:47 mark. From that point, however, Midland's offense re-awakened and Howard's attack became silent. Midland's Alexis Kelly scored the next six points to key a 14-2 run that ended with Midland holding a 50-48 lead with only two minutes left in the contest.

Zeslie Johnson countered with a jumper to pull Howard back even, and, after Kelly's putback put Midland back up by two with eight seconds remaining, Jarrell hit a running jumper in the lane to force overtime.

In the extra period, however, Midland dominated, scoring nine unanswered points to effectively settle the affair.

"I thought we made too many mistakes in overtime," Diddle said. "We were too careless on defense and gave up too many easy second chance baskets."

The Hawks return to action Monday at Odessa College. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

MIDLAND (69) — Bernadette Sanchez 0 1-2 1; Alexis Kelley 3 6-6 12; Shola Adebayo 1 6-8 8; Danesha Long 7 0-2 15; Omela Bacchini 2 0-0 4; Achiri Ade 6 0-0 12; totals 25 16-22 69.

HOWARD (58) — Porsche Young 4 0-0 8; Kali Jarrell 9 3-4 23; Tori Tucker 3 2-2 8; Zeslie Johnson 4 0-0 8; Kelli Merrick 1 0-0 2; Marion Lemonnier 1 0-0 2; Carolyn Taylor 2 0-0 5; Brushea Daniels 0 2-2 2; totals 24 7-8 58.

FIGHT

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When order was finally restored, Smith and Taylor were ejected for violent behavior, Midland's reserves were also ejected for leaving the bench to join the fight, Tabb was assessed a technical foul and the

Chaparrals were forced to finish the game with only four players.

The brouhaha was quickly condemned by both head coaches.

"Personally, it's embarrassing," Howard Coach Mark Adams said. "I'm very disappointed in our team and the particular players who were involved in the altercation. I prom-

ise we will take the appropriate action and move forward."

"I didn't see how it started," Midland Coach Chris Craig said.

"Up until then, I saw two teams playing very hard. But things got too emotional, and you can't have that."

The ejections of Smith and Taylor were for violent behavior, actions

which carry automatic two-game suspensions. Adams, however, hinted Smith may miss even more time, saying that the 6-foot-11 sophomore from McCloud, Okla. was suspended "indefinitely."

The incident will be reviewed by the National Junior College Athletic Association, which will determine final punishment for the players.

Lost in the fistcuffs was a highly competitive game between historic rivals that saw the Hawks claim a 13-point lead early in the second half before Midland began chipping away at the lead, cutting the deficit to five points before Smith and Taylor began exchanging punches.

The Hawks spotted Midland an early 10-4 lead, but stormed back behind a familiar barrage of three-pointers

from its perimeter players. The teams then exchanged the lead for several minutes before Howard launched a 13-1 run that gave them a 33-23 lead with 4:24 remaining in the first half.

Howard's advantage remained in double digits until the midpoint of the second half, when Tabb — who led all scorers with 22 points — and the Chaps began gradually rallying, eventually cutting the lead to 67-62 by the time of the altercation.

"I thought we played very well on defense ... but were inconsistent on offense" Adams said. "I thought we were kind of playing not to lose in the second half, but give Midland a lot of credit — they played with a lot of heart."

The Hawks received balanced scoring from its lineup — five players

tallied in double figures, led by Calvin Godfrey's 14 points.

Howard, which improved to 19-5 overall and 8-2 in WJCAC play, returns to action Monday at Odessa College. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

MIDLAND (65) — Jarekious Bradley 1 0-0 2; Willis Nicholson 5 3-3 15; Tre Bowman 1 1-2 3; Mike Taylor 0 2-2 2; Kelvin Agee 4 2-2 11; Majok Majok 1 1-2 3; Anthony Norris 2 2-2 7; Brandon Lucas 2 0-0 4; Melvin Tabb 7 8-15 22; totals 21 19-28 65.

HOWARD (74) — Jerry Dixon 3 6-6 12; Leon Cooper 1 0-0 2; Rico Richardson 3 5-6 12; Jacob Thomas 3 6-7 13; Calvin Godfrey 6 2-6 14; Shavon Coleman 2 1-2 6; Zec Smith 0 0-1 0; Phillip Miller 5 0-1 12; Damien McGee 1 0-0 3; totals 24 20-29 74.

HALFTIME — Howard 41, Midland 29; Three-point goals — Midland 4 (Nicholson 2, Agee, Norris), Howard 6 (Richardson, Thomas, Miller 2, Coleman, McGee); Total fouls — Midland 25, Howard 23; Fouled out — Majok, Norris; Technicals — Tabb; Ejections — Taylor, Smith.

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The Capricorn moon is a doer. The energy of this determined lunar placement reminds us that action speaks louder than words. The alignment of word and deed builds reputation. Because Capricorn is also the station of social standing, you may be ultra-conscious of what people are saying about you during this moon.



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you are tolerant and sensitive to the beliefs of others, you'll be a kind of liaison between people who would otherwise have a hard time coming to terms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your energy has a magical quality, opening flowers, hearts, mysteries... You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish with a well-placed question and the timing of your touch.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whether or not you believe in angels, you won't be able to deny that there are unseen forces on your side now. Events will come together in inexplicable ways.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Avoid giving instructions or advice. Teach only through example. What happens this evening will be a story you'll tell at the water cooler — or its digital equivalent —

tomorrow morning.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Beginnings and excitement make your life more wonderful in the next 24-hour cycle. You are lucky. You have felt that life was against you, but all of that is going away now. Believe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your poetic sign mate said it best: "Ring the bells that still can ring — "Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in." — Leonard Cohen

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Of course the help comes when you need it most; that's when you're asking for it. Consider asking long before that crucial point. You are favored now, and you will be answered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Why would someone follow you? The question will arise, and perhaps this is something you never considered before. The result has something to do with your superlative taste.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friends know you — and sometimes better than you know yourself. Sometimes. Listen with an open mind to their observance of you, and see whether it brings you a deeper understanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Someone may give you the impression that winning big and being all that you can be isn't appropriate. That person is wrong. Shine your light at full wattage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Secret goals gain power and momentum. Ambition alone can't take you where you want to go. Diplomacy is crucial. When you make it a priority to be politically savvy, you'll succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to connect and may even be feeling a touch sentimental. The social schedule is tight; you'll flit like a butterfly from one scene to the next. Contact an inspiring person from your past.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 17). It's a year of enrichment. You open up to others and let them teach you. The next five weeks bring an important breakthrough in your personal life. Professional progress will be slow and steady. Your talent gets a showcase in June. You'll be part of a winning team in July. Moves are featured in October. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 22, 13, 10 and 5.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Silent types will be attractive to you. A

person of few words has much to say. **TAURUS:** Not needing to be the center of attention shows virtue and class. **GEMINI:** Your independent mood will be broken up by lovely bits of connection. **CANCER:** Your balanced life makes you depend less on others for your happiness. **LEO:** You will study your history with a person and define your future together. **VIRGO:** Some people back away from those who seem needy, but you sense that you can help another person out, so you'll move forward with a generous heart. **LIBRA:** Someone with your same basic interests will be nonetheless different enough to excite and surprise you. **SCORPIO:** A break from romance helps you gain a healthy perspective. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll be straightforward with those you love, and your relationships are better for it. **CAPRICORN:** You feel good about your life, and this energized karma attracts optimistic people

to you. **AQUARIUS:** You'll trade secrets with a potential love. **PISCES:** Issues of power affect a relationship. Everyone wants to feel in control of the scene, but that's not always possible.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: With the moon in Capricorn and the sun in its final hours of an Aquarius journey, these two signs experience a sense of urgency in their union. Their relationship could appear to be impractical or maybe even forbidden in some way, and that only adds to their desire to be together. In all great love stories, there are seemingly impossible obstacles to love to overcome.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

Assume you're declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ K J 7
♥ K J 6
♦ A
♣ A J 7 6 4 2

EAST
♠ A 4 3 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ —
♣ K Q 9 8 3

This excellent problem, published in the British Bridge Magazine many years ago, was comprised by Paul Lukacs, Israeli expert.

West should begin by ruffing the queen-of-diamonds lead in dummy (it would be wrong to discard a spade or a heart). He then draws both missing trumps, ending in dummy, and leads the deuce of spades.

If South follows suit with the five or six or shows out of spades, West plays his seven and is sure to score the rest of the tricks regardless of which suit North returns after winning the seven of spades.

If South produces the eight, nine or ten of spades on the deuce lead from dummy, West wins with the king, returns to dummy with a trump

and leads the three of spades toward his hand, planning to play the jack if South follows low.

By adopting this line of play, declarer makes the contract in each of the following six cases:

1. If South has no spade higher than the six.
 2. If South errs and plays the five or six of spades on the first round of the suit when he holds the eight, nine or ten.
 3. If South has the queen of spades, in which case the number of spades he was dealt makes no difference at all.
 4. If North has either the singleton or doubleton queen of spades.
 5. If the six spades held by North-South are divided 3-3.
 6. If the potential heart finesse — taken as a last resort after the spades fail to divide favorably — wins because South was dealt the queen.
- Only if all six chances go wrong would declarer fail to make the slam on the recommended line of play. If they all did go sour, declarer could easily be forgiven if he decided to give up the game for a while.

Tomorrow: Fancy footwork.
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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Familia-Suerte	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	Seinfeld	Dr. Denis Seinfeld	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Gold Rush	CSI: Miami	Movie: Kill Bill: Vol. 1, Vivica A. Fox	Law & Order		Austin Austin	College Basketball	NBA
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8:PM	Primetime: What	La Que No	Fringe	A Gifted Man	Flor Salvaje (SS)		Payne	Best of Light of the Southwest	American Songbook	Supernatural	Gold Rush		Movie: Kill Bill: Vol. 2, Michael Madsen		BET: Hollywo.	Austin Good	NBA Basketball: Suns at Lakers	
9:PM	20/20	Rosa de Guadalupe	Simpsons How I Met	Blue Bloods	Relaciones Peli	Dateline NBC	Movie: Diary of a Mad Black Woman, Shemar Moore		American Songbook	Cops 'Til Death	Bering Sea Gold	The Walking Dead		Franklin & Bash	Game	Austin Good		
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"... 'cause I think I'd make a very good princess."

HAGAR

REMEMBER HOW YOU PROMISED I'D BE LIVING ON EASY STREET IF I MARRIED YOU?

YES

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY YOU FORGOT THE ADDRESS!!

BLONDIE

MY BOY, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR NOT MAKING VERY MANY MISTAKES ON YOUR PRESENTATION THIS MORNING!

SERIOUSLY... IT WASN'T AS LAME A PRESENTATION AS I EXPECTED FROM YOU

BLONDIE

YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD THE PRAISE THE BOSS HEAPED ON ME THIS AFTERNOON

WIZARD OF ID

HI, MA - I GOT MY REPORT CARD. I THINK YOU'LL BE PLEASED!

OH, YEAH? LET'S SEE IT.

FIRST, HAVE I TOLD YOU HOW YOUNG YOU LOOK FOR YOUR AGE?

THAT BAD, HUH?

AGNES

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW. IT'S NOT WHO YOU KNOW...

IT'S WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT WHO YOU KNOW

HI AND LOIS

I CAN'T FIND THE TRAIN SCHEDULE

THERE'S A WEBSITE FOR THAT

ALSO, WHERE'S THE TV LISTINGS MAGAZINE?

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I DON'T WANT TO GO ONLINE FOR EVERYTHING!

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THE OTHER COAST

PARANOID EDDY, WHAT'S WITH THE GARBAGE CAN LID ON YOUR HEAD?

IT'S TO PROTECT ME FROM A SATELLITE ABOUT TO FALL OUT OF ORBIT.

RELAX, EDDY. ODDS ARE IT WILL FALL HARMLESSLY INTO THE OCEAN.

BY TH' LOOK OF THINGS, A LONG TIME !!

SNUFFY SMITH

I CAN'T GO PLAY, JAMEY !! UNCLE SNUFFY SEZ I GOTTA SIT HERE 'TIL I L'ARN TO QUIT MY LAZY WAYS !!

HOW LONG'LL THAT TAKE ?

THERE'S A FARMER HERE WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU, SARGE

BEEBLE BAILEY

YOU MISSED THE TARGET AGAIN, BEETLE!

YOU COULDN'T HIT THE BROADSIDE OF A BARN!

THERE'S A FARMER HERE WHO WANTS TO SEE YOU, SARGE

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2012. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 17, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China, which he called "a journey for peace."

On this date:
In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, S.C., by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley, which also sank.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting, in Washington.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published by Thomas J.C. Martyn under the title "News-Week."

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment on board.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in Wesberry v. Sanders, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1986, Johnson & Johnson announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced Tylenol capsule.

In 1988, Lt. Col. William Higgins, a Marine Corps officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was

kidnapped in southern Lebanon by Iranian-backed terrorists (he was later slain by his captors).

In 1992, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced in Milwaukee to life in prison (he was beaten to death by a fellow inmate in Nov. 1994).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hal Holbrook is 87. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 82. Singer Bobby Lewis is 79. Actor-comedian Barry Humphries (aka "Dame Edna") is 78. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 77. Actress Christina Pickles is 77. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 76. Actress Mary Ann Mobley is 73. Actress Brenda Fricker is 67. Actress Rene Russo is 58.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

WHERE'S THE 58 DOWN? by Bruce Venzke
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Band work
 - 5 Dominates, in sports jargon
 - 9 Prenatal
 - 14 Bryce Canyon's state
 - 15 Dams and does
 - 16 Eel, at sushi bars
 - 17 Passed-down knowledge
 - 18 Kansas' state reptiles
 - 20 What a sheepdog shakes with
 - 22 Ranger's venue
 - 23 Shooter's choice, for short
 - 24 Explorer of kids' TV
 - 25 Type of road turnoffs
 - 30 Bloke
 - 34 US ally since '48
 - 35 Fortune 500 company
 - 36 Look too long
 - 37 Exit
 - 39 Pantry invader
 - 40 Reason for some raises
 - 41 Powerful person
 - 42 Reagan attorney general
 - 44 Shell-game accessory
 - 45 Getz of jazz
 - 46 Aerobic maneuver
 - 48 Disorganized places
 - 50 Bake-sale sponsor
 - 51 Pale yellows
 - 54 Remarkable thing, quaintly
 - 59 Dolphin with a unique beak
 - 61 Dame Dench
 - 62 Popeye's nemesis

- DOWN**
- 1 Chasm
 - 2 Langston Hughes poem
 - 3 Actress Teri
 - 4 Exclamation of exasperation
 - 5 Look Back in Anger playwright
 - 6 Exclamation of elation
 - 7 Call to a queue
 - 8 Former fast flier
 - 9 Considerable commotion
 - 10 Theater intermission
 - 11 Narrative
 - 12 Carders' concerns
 - 13 Enumerate
 - 19 Airborne anomalies
 - 21 Pale yellow
 - 24 Showtime crime series
 - 25 Leaves rudely
 - 26 Fitness-motto starter
 - 27 Non (unwelcome)
 - 28 Theater offerings
 - 29 Replac
 - 31 Oprah's production company
 - 32 Sharon of Israel
 - 33 Piece of potpourri
 - 36 Operates a refinery
 - 38 Sacco's codefendant
 - 43 Groups of seas and sins
 - 46 High-end audio brand
 - 47 Type of aircraft engine
 - 49 Sweater fabric
 - 51 Mr. or Mrs.
 - 52 Double agent
 - 53 A/C capacity measures
 - 54 Picnic beverage
 - 55 Memo directive
 - 56 Finnish coin
 - 57 Thor's father
 - 58 Theme of the puzzle
 - 60 Pro Bowl org.

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