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Business After Hours



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Carolyn Freeman, left, who founded local business Freecom along with her husband, explains the ins and outs of the business to Harold and Janell Davis during Thursday's Business After Hours, hosted at the Big Spring Air Terminal by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Big Saturday in Big Spring

Health Fair offers preventative aid in single location

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

"Good Health — Now and For Our Future" will be the theme Saturday during the 2007 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair.

That theme says a great deal about this year's Health Fair, according to Debbye ValVerde, the chamber's executive vice-president, because it "will focus a great deal on screenings and other preventive tests to help keep people healthy, now and in the future."



ValVerde

"It's so important that people know what's happening with their bodies," said ValVerde. "These tests and screenings can be very important in catching problems early, before they

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Saturday's activities

• Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk at the Big Spring State Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Races start at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$18 and includes a T-shirt.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Free admission.

• Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off, sponsored locally by Keep Big Spring Beautiful, begins at 9 a.m. Headquarters will be at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion.

• Vocal Trash performance begins at 7 p.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Pre-concert entertainment will begin at 5:30 p.m. Free admission.

• Howard County Rodeo performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Bowl. Free admission.

BSISD inches near computer purchase

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees inched closer to supplying laptop computers to high school students and staff at their regular meeting Thursday night.

A sharply divided school board voted 4-3 to accept a proposal from Apple Computers — pending further negotiations — to provide the laptops to high school teachers and students starting with the 2007-2008 school year.

With that action, school officials will enter into negotiations with Apple in an attempt to further delineate the company's proposed bid to provide the computers and related training and services to

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Foundation failure still causing woes at BSJHS

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Junior High School building is once again a figurative pain in the local school district's neck.

The building, which has suffered a variety of structural problems since its construction in 1996, is providing school officials with even more headaches now, Big Spring school trustees learned during their

"The foundation falling an eighth of an inch is not normally a concern. But after it has already fallen three-eighths of an inch, it places the building in even more stress."

—BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes

Thursday night meeting. Superintendent Michael Downes told trustees that two major structural problems need to be addressed.

plumbing line that has effectively shut down restrooms in the north-west quadrant of the junior high for the past

The first is a "sagging"

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Don't mess with Texas
TRASH-OFF
April 14, 2007

Help needed for clean up

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Saturday's the day to quit talking trash and start picking it up.

The Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off is a statewide project sponsored locally by Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Volunteers are needed. Anyone who can spend an hour or two or more picking up trash is encouraged to participate.

The Trash Off headquarters will be the Old Settler's Pavilion at Commence Trail Park.

"Big Spring needs to shine once again and it can, with your help. We need to make a difference in our town. This city belongs to us, so lets get it cleaned up," said Pat Simmons, local Trash Off coordinator. "After you clean up your own property, see if there is a need within a few blocks and clean it regardless of who it belongs to. We want our City to look good. If neighbors and old soreheads will not,

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Runners set to take on the 'mountain'

By THOMAS JENKINS

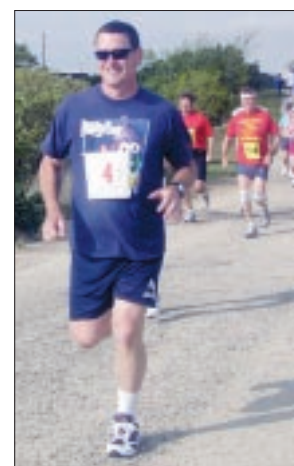
Staff Writer

While some people may turn mole hills into mountains, runners from all over the state will turn Big Spring State Park's Scenic Mountain into the place to be Saturday, as the annual Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk gets under way.

Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton said the Fun Run doubles as a fund raiser for the State Park, and helps show the state just how important the park's role is in the community.

"The money we raise from the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk will be used to put the same event on again next year," he said. "There's a \$15 entry fee — \$18 after April 5 — to walk or run in the event, and the entry fee includes a T-shirt."

"The state really looks at events like these when it comes to the state parks and the funds each one is allocated. So this run is really important — not just



Herald file photo

Runners begin the trek down Scenic Mountain.

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SYMPHONY TO PERFORM

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus presents its final subscription concert of the season at 8 p.m. April 21 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

The concert — titled "Music of America and Mozart, Too!" — will present popular orchestral and vocal American music as well as two of Mozart's great works. Soprano Renay Peters Joubert will be the featured soloist for the evening.

Tickets — \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students — are available at the symphony office, Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelers, Faye's Flowers and Dakota's Flowers. They will also be available at the door.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers slate senior recognition

The annual "Meet the Lady Steers" event has been scheduled for Saturday at the Lady Steer Softball Complex when Big Spring takes on Lubbock Estacado. Fans will receive free admission if they wear black and gold clothing. Big Spring's 2007 softball seniors — Heather Witt, Amber Sides, Cortney Heinis, Brenna Phernetton, Bridgette Rodriguez, Desiree Yanez, Briana Valles and Monica Rocha — will be honored.

Lady Steers Booster Club officials invited the public to join them for food, fun, games and prizes. Festivities start at 11:30 a.m. and the game will begin at noon.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 a.m..

Lady Steers Boosters to meet on Monday

There will be a public meeting of the Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club at 6 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Club officials noted this will be an important meeting regarding nominations for 2007-2008 school year and the upcoming spring banquet slated for May 5.

If you or know someone who would like to hold an office, please be present or contact Carrie Fox 267-6428 or Leslie Whitten 816-6764.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teen Baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this season.

If anyone is interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

Baseball umpires needed for season

The Big Spring Umpires Association is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball for the 2007 Little League season.

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

KBSB schedules golf tournament

The Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at the Big

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Classy response to Imus a plus for Rutgers

By **WAYNE PARRY**

Associated Press Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Rutgers. Not long ago, in much of the country, that word would have gotten you little more than a raised eyebrow.

It's somewhere in the Northeast — Maine, maybe? Delaware? Must be some little private school.

The recent underdog successes of Rutgers' football and women's basketball teams made it hard to overlook New Jersey's 50,000-stu-

dent state university. And last week, Don Imus made it just about impossible.

The pain of the slur the radio host used to describe the women's team is still fresh, but the grace with which the players and students handled the situation has won the university accolades from across the nation. And with all the new attention, donations to the university are up, more students are applying, and merchandise with the school's trademark bright red "R" is seemingly everywhere.

"You can't pay for publicity like this," said Shalonda Tanner, a Rutgers alumna who works as a recruiter for university. "The class and dignity of those women brings more positive publicity to us."

Students at Rutgers' central New Jersey campus say they're prouder than ever of their school. The controversy that erupted when Imus referred to the predominantly black women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos" has brought different racial and ethnic

groups together, they say.

The school's newfound prominence began last fall with the unexpected success of Rutgers' football team, a perennial doormat. The team went 11-2 and won the Texas Bowl.

Then the women's basketball team defied expectations and made it to the national final this month before losing to Tennessee. A day later, Imus opened his mouth, and Rutgers was in the news for a very differ-

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Hawks get off to solid start

Martin atop goat tying, Combs 4th in barrels

By **RICHARD KINSEY**

Special to the Herald

Howard College opened the 2007 home rodeo Thursday night at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl with 18 barrel racers competing, two of them being members of the host Hawks team.

Shelby Smith of Weatherford College led the way in the barrel racing with a time of 16.88 Thursday night. New Mexico Junior College's Stephanie Rodriguez was second, running the pattern in 17.06. In third is Lena Floyd of Vernon College with a time of 17.26, while Howard College's Shelly Combs is fourth, following a 17.28 clocking and Shannon Malesky of Sul Ross State University is fifth with a 17.36.

Also competing in barrels Thursday from the Hawks was Cassidy Ogden who is currently sitting 15th in the Howard College rodeo with a time of 23.24, five of those seconds were penalty time from hitting a barrel.

In steer wrestling, Howard College only had one athlete up, and Cody Heiner wound up with a time of 14.5 with a broken barrier.

First and second in



HERALD photo/Richard Kinsey
Cody Heiner of Howard College leaps from his horse to a steer during Thursday's opening performance of the Howard College Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. The action will continue again tonight starting at 7:30.

steer wrestling is currently split between Stetson Vest of Texas Tech and Zack Cobb of West Texas A&M with a 6.0-second run. Holding then No. 3 spot with a time of 6.8 seconds is Russel Lincoln of

Western Texas College. In fourth is T.J. Bohlender of Clarendon College with a 8.3-second clocking and the fifth position is held by Chance Campbell of Sul Ross State University. Howard had a group of

four up in the calf roping for the opening performance. Josh Land finished his run with an 18-second flat time, Clay Norell had a 12.7-second clocking, Juan Alcazar posted no time and Afton

Caldwell clocked a 17.2. Clay Kobza of Eastern New Mexico currently holds the lead with a time of 9.6 seconds, while Gary Herrera from West Texas

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Like it or not, one-and-done is better than none

Two weeks ago, Kevin Durant showed up to collect one of several player-of-the-year awards

wearing a burnt-orange tie, black shirt and black suit. Somehow, it made him look even younger, taller and skinnier than he did in a Texas Longhorns jersey. That is no small accomplishment.

Durant had to lean down at the lectern to reach the microphone, and at the end of a short, gracious acceptance speech, he flashed an uncertain smile at the front row. There, his parents and grandmother sat and beamed back. He still looked like an 18-year-old kid to every-

body present, but he was about to become a \$40 million man with a lot more to worry about than his grades. It was a bitter-sweet moment.

We no longer debate whether youngsters as talented as Durant and Ohio State's Greg Oden should leave school early — no matter how reluctant either might have been — only in what order they're likely to get drafted by the NBA. Even so, the fact that they even wrestled with the decision is a sign of progress. We'll get to why in a moment.

Durant declared himself available Tuesday and while Oden was coy about his own plans at the Buckeyes' pep rally Wednesday night, he has only until April 29 to decide. Mike Conley Sr., who recently registered as an NBA agent and says he will represent Oden — as well as his own son, Mike Conley Jr., another Ohio State

freshman who might turn pro — did not return a call Thursday. But it's hard to imagine Oden saying no.

Whether he gets picked first in the June draft, ahead of Durant, or just behind him at No. 2, there will be one contract worth close to \$20 million over four years awaiting his signature the second after he shakes NBA commissioner David Stern's hand. A sneaker deal similar to the one Nike reportedly gave Durant would double the dare. Then there's the cautionary tale of Joakim Noah to consider.

Noah returned to Florida for his junior year along with teammates Al Horford and Corey Brewer to defend the Gators' first national title. He wound up playing against Oden in the championship game, won it, and then found out NBA scouts wished he had declared for the draft a season earlier. Noah did-

n't get a bill for his third year at school — he was on full scholarship — but the decision likely cost him a few million.

So, is one-and-done any better than players jumping straight to the pros from high school?

When Stern won a small concession from the players' union in July 2005, and effectively pushed the league's age minimum to 19 and a year out of high school, it was easy to be cynical about the answer. The decision was still being balanced on the backs of the kids and the league was going to win, either way. It was still assured of a steady supply of talent, and whether a season on campus made those kids more mature was up to them. On that admittedly slim evidence, it's been a win-win proposition.

Coming up with an age mini-

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Obituaries

Ana Ruth Van Meter

Ana Ruth Van Meter, 78, of Weatherford, died Saturday, April 13, 2007 in Fort Worth. Memorial services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2007 at White's Funeral Home, 130 Houston Ave., Weatherford.

She was born Sept. 19, 1929 in Escuintla, Guatemala. She lived there with her mother, a degreed educator and missionary, and her father, a pharmacist, until the age of 14.

She attended college at Oklahoma Presbyterian College in Durant, Okla., earning a degree in elementary education. There she met her husband, Bob Van Meter.

Ruth taught school for 38 years, including 23 years in the Weatherford school system. After retirement, she continued to tutor at the middle school where she had taught.

She was a volunteer at Mana and the Women's Shelter in Weatherford.

Survivors include a son, Keith Van Meter and wife, Joni of Fort Worth; a daughter, Sue Glassman and husband, Gary of San Antonio; and five grandchildren.

She had several friends in the Big Spring area.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Van Meter.

The family suggests memorials to the North Texas Alzheimer's Association, 101 Summit Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Worth 76102 or the First United Methodist Church, 301 S. Main Street, Weatherford 76086.

Wilma Jean Shockley



Wilma Jean Shockley, 70, of Florence, Ariz., died April 9, 2007. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 13, 2007 at 9 a.m. at the Simes Mortuary in Florence. Burial will follow in Valley Memorial Park, Coolidge, Ariz..

Survivors include her husband of 28 years, C.J. Shockley of Florence; two sons, Troy Stevens of Kearney, Neb., and Mike Stevens of Gastonia, N.C.; and several grandchildren. She had family and friends in Big Spring.

Tena Parker

Tena Parker, 47, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 12, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sam Barrow

Sam Hardy Barrow, 88, of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 12, 2007, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Windy...Colder. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the southeast 10 to 15 mph after Midnight.

Sunday...Sunny...Warmer. Highs around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Warmer. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Take Note

• **FORSAN ELBOW ELEMENTARY** pre-K and kindergarten pre-registration is set from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 16, through Friday, April 20. Pre-K eligible students are those 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007. Kindergarten eligible students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Items to bring include a birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records, proof of residence (utility bill) and proof of income for pre-K only (paycheck stub).

• **THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at 14th and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Big Spring. Lunch will be served. RSVP to 267-1449 or 213-4452

• **CROSS STITCHERS ARE NEEDED** to stitch a square for the annual Howard County Fair quilt. The quilt theme this year is "Animals of Texas." Stitchers may pick up a pattern kit, containing everything they will need to finish the square, from the Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry. Squares need to be completed within the next several weeks to allow time to piece the quilt together and get it quilted. Funds raised through tickets sold on the quilt go to pay the expenses associated with the Howard County Fair. The fair will be Sept. 26-29.

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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:

- **SHANNON BOUDREAUX**, 36, of 406 State Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **NATHAN COLE HANNUM**, 22, of 501 E. 13th Street, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **RAUL JOHN GARZA JR.**, 37, of 501 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **AMBER M. GUITIERREZ**, 31, of 1105 Lloyd, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **STEVEN KYLE JOHNSON**, 22, of 624 McEwen, was arrested Thursday on seven local warrants.
- **DONALD ALLEN DOLLEY**, 36, of Horizon City, was arrested Thursday on a local capias warrant.
- **CASANDRA VILLA**, 17, of 1112 McGregor, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- **ANASTASIA LOZANO**, 20, of 2625 Fairchild, was arrested Friday on four local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Madison.
 - in the 800 block of 14th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 46 inmates at the time of this report.
- **CHRISTINE MICHELLE BEAM**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated kidnapping.
 - **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **ROY GUERRERO CERVANTES JR.**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear.
 - **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
 - **ANTHONY EUGENE TREVINO**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
 - **ROCKY SANCHEZ**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **TAVORIS JAMAR BOZEMAN**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of bond forfeiture - evading arrest or detention.
 - **BETTY TATE FRIDAY**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for delivery of a controlled substance and charges of deadly conduct, theft of property (two counts) and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
 - **DEBRA DEE AULD**, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **STEVEN KYLE JOHNSON**, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **SHANNON BOUDREAUX**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - **NATHAN COLE HANNUM**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of a promise to appear and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
 - **ROBERT RICKY SIMPSON**, 54, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - **JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR**, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of miscellaneous - Class C.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4500 block of Palm. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Highway 350. Service refused.

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TODAY

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. No admission fee.
- Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk, 9 a.m. at the Big Spring State Park on Scenic Mountain. Those who have not registered can do so at 8 a.m. at the park.
- Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off, sponsored locally by Keep Big Spring Beautiful. Headquartered at the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park, the Trash Off officially begins at 9 a.m. and continues for however long volunteers want to work. There will be a free lunch at the pavilion for those who participate. Call 263-4607 for more information.
- Vocal Trash concert at the Comanche trail Park Amphitheater, sponsored by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. Pre-show at 5:30 p.m., main event at 7 p.m. Free admission.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-11-12-19. Bonus Ball: 29. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$500,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-17-26-30. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$29,913. Winning ticket sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-4

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Gibbons leads Orioles past Royals

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

Kevin Millar served as the disc jockey, playing raunchy tunes in the Baltimore Orioles clubhouse at an earsplitting volume while several teammates sang along.

Such antics don't often occur so early in the season, yet the Orioles felt compelled to celebrate because — for a change — they didn't let a fine pitching performance go to waste.

Jay Gibbons hit a bases-loaded single with two outs in the 10th inning Thursday night, and Baltimore slipped past the Kansas City Royals 2-1 to escape last place in the AL East.

The Orioles had scored only three runs in 33 innings before Gibbons delivered his third hit of the game, an opposite-field single to left off Jason Standridge (0-1).

"Our pitching has been awesome, bullpen and starters, and we're just happy to get a win for them tonight," Gibbons said. "It's huge. Our pitching has been great and we've been wasting opportunities for them, so we needed a win."

In other AL games Thursday night, Cleveland wrapped up its "homestand" in Milwaukee with a 4-2 win



MCT photo/Carlos Gonzalez/Minneapolis Star Tribune
Minnesota's Justin Morneau (33) is surrounded by teammates as he touches home plate after hitting a walk-off home run in the ninth inning to defeat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at the Metrodome in Minneapolis Thursday.

over the Los Angeles Angels; Minnesota topped Tampa Bay 3-2; and Detroit defeated Toronto 5-4.

Two innings before his game-winning single, Gibbons fouled out with two on and two outs. It wasn't the first time this season he stranded runners on base late in the game, and the last thing he needed was to botch another opportunity.

Twins 3, Devil Rays 2

Justin Morneau homered off Brian Stokes (0-2) leading off the bottom of the ninth.

Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist led off the top half with a single off Joe Nathan (1-0), and Carl Crawford lined a double into the right-field corner.

Crawford headed for

third after Zobrist stopped at the bag, and the two teammates met each other on the base as Michael Cuddyer's throw from right field was cut off by second baseman Luis Castillo. Castillo turned and threw home to catcher Joe Mauer, who chased down Zobrist and tagged him out. Crawford broke back for second, and Mauer threw him out for a 9-4-2-6 double play.

RUTGERS

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ent reason.

At a press conference Tuesday, the players and

head coach C. Vivian Stringer talked about how much Imus' comments hurt and how they planned to meet with him. They stopped short of calling for him to be

fired. The players' response was hailed as an example of how to respond to adversity.

More attention came Thursday with a team

appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," where Stringer said MSNBC's decision "shows that we do have moral fiber. And people are speaking up."

Old guy comes through in win for LA Clippers

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

The old guy, bad back and all, came to the rescue of the Los Angeles Clippers when they needed it the most.

Sam Cassell had eight points and three assists in the fourth quarter, helping the Clippers rally from a 10-point deficit to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 118-110 on Thursday night for their most significant win of the season.

Corey Maggette scored a career-high 39 points and Elton Brand added 32, but Cassell was the steady influence down the stretch as the Clippers outscored the Lakers 26-8 to win going away.

"He did a great job just controlling the tempo for us and making the right plays," Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy said.

"Sam Cassell hits big shots, gets to the foul line, makes passes," Brand said. "When we have our team, win a big game like this, it feels great."

Cassell returned to action after missing four games because of back spasms. He has played in 54 of the Clippers' 79 games this season.

The Clippers won despite Kobe Bryant's 50 points, but Bryant was held scoreless after making two foul shots with 8:46 remaining to give the Lakers a 102-92 lead.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Clippers (38-40), who moved into a tie with Golden State for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Western Conference with four games remaining. Both teams trail the seventh-place Lakers by 1 1/2 games.

The Cleveland Cavaliers beat the New Jersey Nets 94-76 in the only other NBA action Thursday night.

Cassell appeared uncomfortable while scoring two points in 6 first-half minutes. It was a different story in the second half, when he played 14 minutes, including all but 51 seconds of the final period.

RODEO

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A&M is second with a 10.2. The third-place slot is held by Jake Mitchell of West Texas A&M with a 10.4 time, fourth belongs to Clay Alexanders of Wetherford College with a 10.9 clocking and rounding out the top five is Cody Heck of Eastern New Mexico with a time of 11.1 seconds.

In brake away roping Howard College's Maegan

Layton and Kendra Watt finished the round with no times, Ashley Davis and Kasey Kramps both posted times of 5.2 seconds and Shelly Combs had a 4.5 run.

Abbie Marvel leads the event with a 3.0 clocking. Tied for second is Rana Terry of Eastern New Mexico and Daysha Hulme of Tarleton with times of 3.1 seconds, Katie Neubauer of Vernon College stands in fourth place and fifth is occupied by Christie Hendley of West Texas A&M.

In saddle bronc action, Howard College's Nathan Mulvehill, the Hawks' only participant Thursday, was unable to reach the eight-second mark.

Kayle Gray of Odessa College currently leads the saddle bronc competition with a 79-point ride. Second is held by Stevan Dend who had a 78-point ride. Third is Tarleton State University's Andrew Counts with a 76-point ride, while a 75-point ride gave Chase Miller of Ranger College

the fourth spot and Jacob Crawley of Tarleton State was fifth with a 74-point ride.

The goat tying competition's No. 1 and No. 2 spots are split between Jaymee Martin of Howard College and Tauna Higgins of West Texas A&M, both having posted runs of 9.8 seconds Thursday night. Third place is currently occupied by Brandi Lee with a 10.1 run and the fourth and fifth place slots are shared between Jacey Honey of Tarleton and

Lynsey Miller of Sul Ross with a times of 10.3.

Bull riding closed the Thursday night activities and an 82-point ride by Logan Allen of Ranger claimed the top spot. Second is Herve Stewart of Eastern New Mexico, with third place is held by Casey Sisk of West Texas A&M. Clay Cudmore of Vernon College is fourth with 74 points and Rorey Maier is fifth with a ride

of 71 points.

Each contestant is not only looking to win an event at the Howard College Rodeo but to gain more points that could give them a birth in the College National Finals Rodeo in June.

The action at the bowl continued this morning at 9 with slack competition and tonight's performance will start at 7:30.

LITKE

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mum has been a headache for all of pro sports, but it has fallen disproportionately to Stern and the NBA to come up with a remedy. Unlike the NFL, a handful of players could make the jump from high school to Stern's league, and unlike MLB, few were good enough early enough to dominate the headlines.

But Stern fought to force his future employees to do one season in

college, anyway. Asked about that decision the other night, he took full credit for what looks to be a shrewd business decision. Stern claimed he didn't have Oden or Durant in mind when he lowered the age minimum, but he wasn't cursing his good luck, either.

"We are going to have a lot of the attention and the hype ... because there are going to be a lot of good players in this draft and a lot of them are going to be very tall," Stern said. "So we've got a lot of teams thinking that they've got a selection to make that's going

to be that decade-long choice."

The flip side is that NCAA coaches and the kids they were recruiting benefited, too. They got a breather, knowing they were locked up for at least one season together, and there was even a ripple effect.

A few of the best sophomores stuck around as well — besides the Florida trio, UCLA's Aaron Afflalo returned for one more year. College basketball was a better game for the added depth.

The downside is that Noah and the next young

man who becomes the model for the stay-in-school crowd might have regrets. But just like Noah, Durant and Oden demonstrated, at the very least, that they learned enough during their season on campus to make an informed choice. And at a time when child actors, gymnasts, skaters and others are being rushed to the stage at breakneck speed, you can't ask for more than that.

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

BRIEFS

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Spring Country Club. Play will get under way with 9 a.m. tee times.

Entry fees for the four-person scramble are \$60 per player.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The superstition of Friday the 13th began with the seizure of a medieval military order on a Friday the 13th in the year 1307. The downfall of this group, the Knights of Templar, had such an impact that the day was considered to be unlucky. This year the sun and Pluto conspire to turn the paradigm inside out — the stars are on your side!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Relationships, money and assets are all built through steady gains. So for now, don't bother with get-rich-quick schemes or quick relationship fixes. Hard work is the best answer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't mind that there are a few things standing between you and

your glory, because hurdling obstacles only makes you stronger and more attractive to people who want to be on your team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Timely words reactivate a friendship. Take a chance and say what you've been meaning to say. Tonight, the effort you make to reach out to a newcomer might be the start of an important romantic development.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The slow progress of a relationship may not completely measure up to your expectations, but don't let it get you down, either. Involve yourself with areas of your life that are hopping! Community and family busy you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Who needs to be an expert at everything? You spread happiness in an awkward, clunky, quirky way — but the result is still the same, as if you had done it with the grace you intended. People are happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). State what you're choosing for your future, and be extremely specific because said "future" could come this afternoon, instead of a year from now, like you had thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You make a difference even where you thought you couldn't, because you keep asking yourself how you can step up in a bigger way. Excellent self-care raises your confidence. When was the last time you had a massage?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You find your center. It's not a matter of staying peaceful all day. It's more like you're a dancer with a core so strong that you can leap and twirl and land on your feet, no problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Things happen in life that could be misinterpreted as "the stars are against me," but really you're being taken care of all the way. You don't know it all yet. Trust.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). It's how you are in times of stress that is the true testament to your character. You show loved ones that you'll be patient no matter what. Your relationships thrive as you grow in spiritual abundance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The main ingredient needed to make this a productive day is tenacity. The breakthrough happens just after you're tempted to give up and walk away. Knowing this, you can resist that temptation!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Could it be that all your striving is unnecessary? The best things in life come to you naturally because you're so engaged in the world around you. You're on the miracle path.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:

ARIES: Your ability to bring out the best in others makes you sexy!

TAURUS: Loved ones look to you to be the levelheaded one, and yet you just want to have fun.

GEMINI: You move a relationship to a sunnier emotional place.

CANCER: Give loved ones the benefit of the doubt. You'll never be sorry for being compassionate.

LEO: Sweeties need lots of personal attention — almost as much as you.

VIRGO: There's a pattern emerging, but you can always break that if it doesn't suit you.

LIBRA: You want to be there for loved ones, but this requires you to be there for yourself first.

SCORPIO: Cultivate relationships with those who share your values. If you don't know what new people value, ask and they'll be happy to tell you.

SAGITTARIUS: Raw, rock 'n' roll power visits your love life.

CAPRICORN: You're less afraid to approach people and ask for what you need, which is why you'll be satisfied.

AQUARIUS: If you're not on your own side, how can you expect anyone

else to be?

PISCES: Be careful not to make plans for another person — loved ones exert their independence.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:

The bond of a Pisces with another Pisces is soulful, intense, rocky at times and deeply rewarding when those times are weathered. Make a promise not to get mad at the same time — two upset Pisces is a recipe for melodrama. But Pisces who are in excellent communication can solve not only the relationship's problems, but each other's problems and some of the world's problems, too.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 90-year-old grandmother moved into my parents' house a year ago, because Grandma was showing signs of dementia and kept forgetting to take her medications. My sister



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

lives three hours away, and I am slightly closer. We each visit about once a month.

Mom has health problems, and we knew eventually the stress of caring for Grandma would become too much for her. The last time I visited, Mom seemed to have gone over the edge and was speaking abusively to Grandma. She defended herself by saying that Grandma had never been very good to her as a child.

I invited Grandma to stay with me for a week or two, so they could both have a break. Mom said, "Good! Then I can put her in a rest home when she comes back!" Grandma came to me later, crying, and said, "She hates me." My sister said Grandma told her the same thing when she stayed with her for two weeks.

I called Mom and told her she shouldn't speak to Grandma that way and suggested she get someone to come in a couple of days a week, but she refuses to spend the money, even though my parents can afford it. Instead, Mom has begun an expensive home improvement project and hasn't spoken to me since.

I'm worried. I don't want to report this situation, but I feel something needs to be done. — Worried Kid

Dear Worried: We love children who are willing to step in when the situation requires it. Being a caregiver is stressful, and Mom needs more frequent breaks from Grandma. However, she should not be verbally abusive, and if she cannot control herself, Grandma should not be living there. Can you and your sister arrange a

regular schedule with Mom so that you alternate having Grandma? Would Dad be willing to pay for outside help if Mom won't? Are there adult daycare centers in the area? Contact the Family Caregiver Alliance (caregiver.org) at 1-800-445-8106 or the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 to see what resources are available.

Dear Annie: During the last few years, we have been deluged with appeals for money for veterans, soldiers and soldiers' families. There are so many and no way to know which are legitimate. Is there a way to find out which of these organizations really help our service people? We want to do our part, but we don't want to send money to scam artists. — North Carolina Donor

Dear Donor: Here are our recommendations: Armed Services YMCA (asymca.org) 1-800-597-1260; Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (fallenheroesfund.org) 1-800-340-HERO (1-800-340-4376); Fisher House Foundation (fisherhouse.org) 1-888-294-8560; National Military Family Association (nmfa.org) 1-800-260-0218; Army Emergency Relief (aerhq.org) 1-866-878-6378; Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust (dav.org/cst) 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076. For information on these and other charities, check out Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.org), the American Institute of Philanthropy (charity-watch.org) and guidestar.org.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Lady in Waiting." I am a family physician and try to avoid making my patients wait, but you cannot predict how long it will take to see hospital patients before office hours. You cannot know when someone will have a heart attack or deliver a baby. If I am running significantly behind, I try to notify patients so they can reschedule.

Our schedule will be full, yet people still insist on being seen. We try to work them in, but then everyone waits because you can only take care of

someone properly so fast. Also, patients who come in for one problem often add a list of other problems. We cannot say, "Your time is up. Your chest pain will have to wait."

Doctors' office receptionists have a very high turnover and burnout rate

due to the difficulty in medical scheduling. — Likes to Run on Time in Maryland

Dear Maryland: We know that the patients who complain about waiting are often the same ones who expect their doctor to spend an additional half-hour chatting with

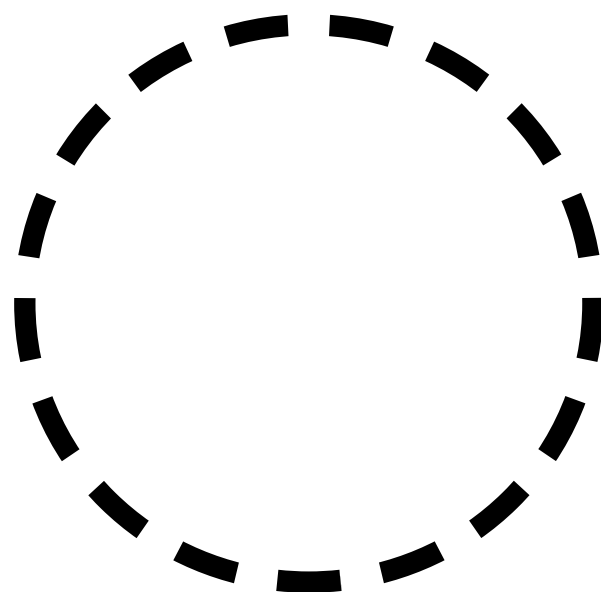
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TxDOT urges Texans to support Trash-Off

Special to the Herald

Members of eight Howard County Adopt-a-Highway groups that have signed up thus far will be among nearly 100,000 Texans expected to pick up litter for the annual "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" Saturday.

However, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reports Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) numbers have dipped and is issuing a challenge to Texans to lend their support year-round by joining the volunteer litter cleanup program.

According to Mary Beth Kilgore, Adopt-a-Highway groups in Howard County that have signed up so far to participate in the trash-off are the American Legion Post 506, Boys Club of Big Spring, Concerned Citizens, Family of Philip Guzman, Jr., Howard County Adult Probation (two groups), Monsanto and WIA Youth.

Groups are reminded, Kilgore said, that they must pick up their AAH area for it to count for one of their four annual pickups. Kilgore is the Abilene District AAH coordinator.

We're proud of the turnout we're expecting for the Trash-Off, but we want to take this opportunity to put out the call for more Texans to join the AAH program," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "Texas is home to the first adopted highway in the world, but our enrollment numbers have been dropping slightly in recent years. It's time for Texans to help return AAH in the

Lone Star State to its former glory — and then some."

In Texas, the number of AAH groups once topped 4,000 and is now around 3,700. The program was founded in 1985 by former TxDOT District Engineer Bobby Evans in Tyler and has since been expanded to every state and several other countries. In Texas, participating groups receive recognition on road signs and agree to pick up litter on two-mile stretches of highway four times a year for two years. Some requirements vary in certain areas.

"We're not quite sure why our AAH numbers have dropped, but we do know that according to a recent study, half of Texans say they're willing to participate in the program," said Howdeshell. "Last year, more than 400,000 Texans helped vote 'Don't Mess with Texas' onto the Madison Avenue Walk of Fame in New York, so we're hoping to tap into that passion by asking for help right now with AAH."

The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the largest one-day statewide cleanup event and is co-sponsored by TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The event brings together KTB volunteers and Adopt-a-Highway groups from across the state who clean up their communities on one designated day.

For more information, call Kilgore at (325) 676-6806 or e-mail her at mkilgor@dot.state.tx.us.

Also, you can contact Ruth Leubner in the Howard County maintenance section at (432) 267-8691.

Sorehead Trade Days begins Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite its namesake, soreheads may be quite hard to come by Saturday and Sunday in Stanton, as the city's people gear up once again for the annual Old Sorehead Trade Days, set for April 14-15.

More than 500 booths are expected to line the streets of Stanton during the two-day shop-a-rama, with the city's population of 2,500 expected to grow tremendously overnight.

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, and continue until 7 p.m., and resume on Sunday, April 15, from noon until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and throughout the trade days. If you can dream of it, it's most

likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days.

"The local Friends of the Library will be selling hundreds of books at bargain basement prices. Some shoppers will go home with shopping bags stuffed with books for as low as \$10. Single titles can be bought for almost giveaway prices."

And while shopping is certainly the focus for the annual event, Lindsey said there's more to Old Sorehead Trade Days than just hocking some wares.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

"In the Senior Citizen's Quonset building, some of

the best homemade deserts and ice cream can be found, along with barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, burritos and Frito pie."

Trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out, according to Lindsey. The first is expected to be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

The event will feature plenty of entertainment as well, according to Lindsey, with various groups providing music throughout the day on the Martin County Courthouse lawn.

"We'll also have plenty of rides and games for the kids," he said. "We'll have a special area set aside for all of that. There's even a rumor going around right now the late-great Elvis will be on the program."

For those that aren't

familiar with the streets of Stanton, Lindsey said trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stantontex.com."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Shooting under investigation

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Police Department is investigating a shooting which took place in the early morning hours Easter Sunday at a residence on West Fifth Street.

Eddie King, age unknown, was shot at least once in the upper leg which resulted in multi-

ple damages. He is hospitalized and expected to recover.

Police are looking for at least two male suspects.

"Apparently they broke into his house and tried to get some money and when he refused, he was shot," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "They then fled the

residence on foot."

Everett said King was shot in one leg. The bullet passed through, striking the his groin before entering the other leg. He was taken to a Lubbock hospital.

"We haven't been able to talk to him, so we don't have a lot of details at this point," said Everett.

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OUR VIEWS

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:

- Big Spring High School juniors Lauren Bryant, Aihan Nghiem and Malle Carrasco, who developed some remarkable projects as part of the school's Independent Study Mentorship Program. The projects are designed to help the health care industry interact with patients.

- Former Big Spring resident Patricia McCormick, who returned to our city Tuesday to tell about her days as a professional bullfighter. Salutes too, go to the crowd of 350 people who came out to the Heritage Museum to greet her.

- U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, who stopped by Tuesday to present a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol building to Big Spring Fire Department Chief Brian Jensen. BSFD officials are in the process of securing flags and flagpoles for all of the Big Spring fire stations.

- Jim Little, airpark director, and the various businesses that participated in Thursday's "Showcase of Airpark Businesses" at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park. The Business After Hours program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

- The many Crossroads area public school students who are competing in University Interscholastic League regional academic contests this weekend. We wish you well.

- The Big Spring High School Drama Department for their award-winning efforts on a fine one-act play, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead." Wonderful job, students and instructor Tracie Lindsey.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are angry or hurt, Lord, what we don't say could be more important than what we do say. Please help us during these times.

Amen

'And then what happens?'

That's the question I asked myself after reading a story about two Catholic priests in Lufkin, my former hometown, who teamed together and organized like-minded parishioners to protest the construction of a new Planned Parenthood clinic, which will not perform chemical or surgical abortions.

And, then what happens?

Ultimately, the answer is nothing, nothing happens. Nothing changes. Their protest is unproductive, an effort in impracticability, but they will try, regardless.

One Catholic church has a display of some 200 white crosses — the "Cemetery of the Innocents" — on its front lawn, near a well-traveled intersection in this former hamlet, now becoming a progressive mini-city in East Texas. They're meant to symbolize the number of abortions performed daily in the state of Texas. Teenagers from the other church recently protested outside the current clinic — which does not perform chemical or surgical abortions either — as part of a parochial service project. Both churches are forming committees of volunteers to assist at and donate to the local pregnancy crisis centers.

The abortion argument cranks up again in Anywhere, America. Lufkin is unfortunately analogous to many places that never seem to find a community consensus, a political peace on privacy rights. Almost two years ago, after a summer of bitter and attention-grabbing protests, a lone gunman, not affiliated with any local anti-

choice group, shot at the Planned Parenthood clinic there. For a brief time after he pleaded guilty, that rage quieted, only to re-emerge in this current effort, and to what end?

The cynic in me says it's just a reproductive rights rehash. This road is not the one less traveled. And, then what happens?

A few pregnant women may get baby bottles and a Bible, and some pro-adoption and anti-abortion literature at one of the pregnancy centers. They'll be on their way with a prayer, a lecture on the evils of artificial birth control, and an admonition to abstain after the baby's birth, if they're not married. A few protesters may get the self-satisfaction, a feel-good emotional high of heeding what they regard as the call, a test of their faith. They'll feel spiritually empowered by going head-to-head with that demonic organization, Planned Parenthood. A mention, or two, in the local media for the new clinic and these activists, but nothing, nothing will change.

The law on abortion won't change because of these demonstrators. Roe is still good to go, still federal law unless the Supreme Court of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., decides to overturn it, to declare it unconstitutional. Anti-abortion activists have little chance of changing abortion law in Congress or state legislatures. Any solution at the federal or state level would be a result of political compromise, a highly unlikely prospect with Americans so split on the issue. "For" and "Against" can't reach a middle ground on logic and logistics, not when dogma divides them. Any pretense that they're having the same conversation is just that, a facade. While one side argues the meaning of life, the other side helps others deal with

real life.

Doubtful many views on abortion will change because of a smattering of anti-abortion zealots standing on a street corner, waving signs, calling down the unrepentant. Shame speech doesn't reflect Christian love. It does little, if anything, to gain converts to the anti-abortion cause.

Demonstrating against reproductive rights at clinic that doesn't perform abortions is disingenuous, in addition to futile. These picketers will have no impact on lowering the number of abortions performed in Lufkin, because none are performed. They are protesting what they perceive to be an evil, but they are actually protesting a non-event. Their actions are a non-sequitur.

What won't change is that women in East Texas will still need the services the clinic provides. They'll still need pap smears and birth control pills. They'll still need mammograms and testing for sexually transmitted infections. What won't change is that women will still have unplanned pregnancies, and that underprivileged, uninsured, or underinsured women will still need state-subsidized health care. What won't change in the abortion debate is the reality of these women's lives.

If the protesters can't provide that, then the question remains. "And then what happens?"

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I worked hard for this house

Americans are big on home ownership. It may have something to do with the frontier — almost everything seems to. Or maybe it's just all that mortgage advertising, real estate advertising, and television. The result is that you're not seen as a serious person anymore unless you own a home.

But excessive home ownership causes problems. Once we have it, we tend to get pretty proprietary. No apartments or condos in my neighborhood please, or industry or trailer parks or, often, schools. Don't even think about subsidized dwellings or homeless shelters. We can't abide anything that will compromise our property values, attract minorities, or worsen traffic or drainage. Upscale is where we're headed.

So where does this leave those who are downscale? Up the creek. And not in a 3BR, 2B, FP, 2-car, 1/2 ac., water-view dollhouse. Nor by downscale do we just mean poor. Our own kids may have to flee to cheaper digs and better employment. Seniors too may decamp for cheaper housing and warmer weather. Immigrants then fill in the gaps, coming to El Norte to serve the upscale, and with a willingness to live in conditions never contemplated by the zoning board. Central cities, unless they have enough money to squeeze the poor out, quickly devolve into their

heartland, hotbeds of crime, illiteracy, and suffering. This natural separation has caused U.S. schools to become more segregated today than during Brown v. Board of Education (1954), the landmark Supreme Court case that forbade segregation laws but not segregation resulting from where people live.

In our state, by way of example, merely earning the average family income only qualifies you for the average house in 12 of our 169 towns. Looked at another way, in one typical town, not yet the land of the elite, a mortgage for an average house takes a salary of \$58,000. Nifty, but the actual average salary in town is only \$54,000. Texas or Nevada, here I come.

All this inequity of dwelling, of course, is not anything that need worry us unduly. History teaches that some folks are simply meant to be rich, others poor, and the rest array themselves between. Except in North Korea and Niger where everyone is meant to be poor. Or Monaco where all are designated rich.

Predestination aside, however, we Americans have the power to vote on this stuff for ourselves. So if our zoning boards and town councils don't set up our communities the way we like, there's always another election. But on such occasions don't expect any candidates to be pressing for subsidized housing or loosened zoning. That would be political suicide. And worse luck, those who would actually benefit from such controversial housing often aren't voters, or else don't sense that vot-

ing will improve their lives.

Let's not forget either that the mind of man has solved most of housing's physical problems. Got an emergency like, say, New Orleans? No problem. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has 10,000 house trailers sitting on a ranch in Arkansas, just waiting to be shipped. Still.

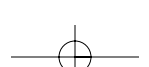
Got a mother-in-law who should no longer live alone? Well, that's why they invented mother-in-law apartments. (For those towns that allow them). And what about the druggies, the sick, the mentally challenged, and the wretchedly poor? For them society invented the single-room occupancy (SRO). Perhaps every town should be required to have some. As well as a requirement that new store buildings have apartments above. No, shortage of invention is not the problem.

So it's a shame that many solid citizens feel that any of these clever solutions will somehow reduce the desirability and value of the home they worked so hard to acquire. The problem is plainly all in our heads. And ironically, towns with diverse housing end up being proud of it. Given some real experience with diversity, most of humankind is not so biased after all.

It's ignorance that breeds the ugly anger that's so common in communities today.

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LAPTOPS

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the school district. Apple's proposed bid was judged superior to the three others submitted, but Superintendent Michael Downes said there were serious questions with the proposal, specifically with technical support and quoted lease prices. If school district officials

are able to satisfy their differences with Apple in bid negotiations, trustees will vote in May whether to formally approve the transaction. And that vote promises to be sharply contested. For the second meeting in a row, trustees Mike Dawson, Alan Partee and Irene Galan expressed opposition to the plan's costs — which will likely come in around \$500,000 per year, with that money coming from the district's

reserve fund. Dawson believes the district is rushing things too quickly. "I'd like us to first work on bringing smart classrooms (classrooms equipped with technological learning aids) and a learning center to the district," Dawson said. "I'm not against technology, but buying the laptops before we do these other things would be like slapping a Cadillac hood ornament on a Chevrolet."

"I think there's going to be problems," Dawson said. "You can't bring in 1,200 computers and not have problems ... I think we're taking too big of a step too soon. What's the big hurry?" For Board President Tony Kennedy, who joined Maria Padilla, Ricky Robertson and Phil Furqueron in the majority in Thursday's vote, the potential advantages of the project far outweigh its cost.

"Laptop computers are probably the best learning tool I've ever seen," Kennedy said. "I agree that anytime you have a 4-3 vote, you risk sending mixed signals to the community, but the benefits of this program, to me, far outweigh the need for a consensus." Money for the program would come from the district's \$5.8 million reserve fund. BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said officials

prefer leasing the computers over an outright purchase (approximately \$1.8 million) because it will take a smaller bite out of those reserves. "Basically, we're talking about using 8 percent of our fund balance as opposed to using 30 percent of the fund balance," said Waggoner, who also indicated that she believed the purchase would not put an unreasonable strain on the district's finances.

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few years. Downes said sags in the line, plus several 90 degree turns in its route to the main sewer line, have effectively put a stopper in the lines. The solution, Downes said, is to run pipe in a straight line from the sewer main to the restroom area, and the

district has two ways of doing that — but neither option is cheap. The first option is to build a 6-foot by 3-foot tunnel underneath the building and manually install the line. Given the building's past foundation troubles, Downes and trustees are opposed to such action. The second option is to use a boring machine and drill a hole for the new line. The problem there

would be the need to tear holes in the building's floors at 60-foot intervals so the machine can dropped down to the proper location. Despite the extra costs associated with that action, trustees deemed it preferable to digging a tunnel underneath the building. Assistant Business Manager Tommy Gibson said estimates for the sewer pipe installation

would be available for trustees at their May meeting. Of potentially bigger concern, however, was news that building's foundation, which has experienced settling in recent years, has sunk even more recently. Downes told trustees that pre-existing cracks have widened in hallways and classrooms in the northeastern sector of the building, which suggests

the building's foundation has sunk further. "The foundation falling an eighth of an inch is not normally a concern," Downes said. "But after it has already fallen three-eighths of an inch, it places the building in even more stress." Immediate action on the district's part will be contracting with engineers to conduct surface readings and a geotechnical survey to decide what action is

needed. Gibson said the survey would cost \$15,445. In other business Thursday, trustees:

- Approved textbook recommendations for 2006-2007.
- Appointed trustee Phil Furqueron as the district's liaison with Man Street Inc.
- Rejected bids submitted for electrical upgrades at Marcy and Moss elementary schools.

HEALTH FAIR

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become major problems or even life threatening." Long lines for screenings that may have been discouraging for area residents attending the health fair last year should not be a problem this time around, according to ValVerde. "We had lines so long you couldn't see the end of them last year," she admitted. "This year, we'll have more than one booth doing screenings for the more popular tests, so we're hoping we can cut down on the wait times." Among the screenings slated for the fair are blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, pulse/oxygen, weight, fluoride treats for kids and DNA kits for kids. "We're also going to have several speakers coming in to make presentations," said ValVerde. "Kim Shafer, a registered nurse with Scenic Mountain Medical Center, will be presenting top-

ics for teens and their parents, including information on sexually transmitted diseases and other subjects. "And Valerie Reyna, who is with the Crisis Center in Odessa, will be talking about Internet safety and date violence," ValVerde added. "We'll also have demonstrations from the local Dance Gallery and Amerikick. The United Blood Services Blood Mobile will also be on-site for fair-goers that want to donate blood." In other words, there will be plenty to see and do during Health Fair 2007. The fair is slated for 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 263-7641 or visit 215 W. Third Street. Corporate sponsors for the fair are Alon USA, Caring Hearts Home Health, H-E-B, Interim Healthcare, St. Joseph's Home Health, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, Parkplace Retirement Living, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic, embroideryco.com, Big Spring Physical

Therapy, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, Mountain View Lodge, the Big Spring Herald and radio stations KBST and KBYG. "We are extremely grateful to all of our corporate sponsors, but Alon USA and H-E-B deserve extra recognition," ValVerde said. "Their monetary donations make it possible for us to provide the free screenings that will be available during the Health Fair." Shafer will be presenting a program entitled "Teen Topics for Teens and Their Parents" at 10 a.m. and noon, while Reyna will be present her talks on Internet safety and date violence at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. United Blood Services will have its mobile unit on hand, and the list of screenings available is almost too numerous to list. A partial list includes: blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, PSAs, Pulse/Ox testing and weight. Fluoride treatment for children will also be available, as well DNA identification kits for children. Scenic Mountain Medical Center will

again be offering 100 free PSA screenings — a test the American Cancer Society recommends yearly for men beginning at age 50 SMMC Nutrition Services will be on hand distributing magnets and nutritional information. Family Medical Center Women's Services will be on hand to provide information concerning HPV and the new HPV vaccine and expectant mothers are encouraged to stop by for information about OB/GYN physicians Dr. Erich Byerly and Dr. Keith Ledford, as well as sign up for the drawing for a rocking chair. Judge Pumroy from the Texas Veterans Land Board will be on hand to provide information on the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home. Interim Healthcare personnel will be providing 100 cholesterol checks to fair-goers, while Big Spring Physical Therapy employees will be performing postural evaluations using the pneumex screening tool, as well as providing information on a number of the programs offered at the center.

about exercising away from the annual event. "I started running about seven years ago, and it's had a tremendous impact on my health," said Alton. "You can't believe the amount of energy that it creates. It sounds funny, but exercise breeds energy. At the end of the run you're so tired you can barely stand up, but the

RUN/WALK

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to the health of the runners and walkers in and around the community, but to the longevity of the park itself." Alton said the annual fun run poses a challenge to serious runners that

many can't find anywhere else. "You really can't find the kind of hills that we offer with this run anywhere else. I've heard runners refer to one of the hills on the run as Terminator Hill," laughed Alton. "The steep grades really offer a challenge to runners." "The Permian Basin

Running Club usually sends a team over, and we get runners from Midland, Merkle and San Angelo, just to name a few. They really look forward to the challenge the terrain here offers." Set to start at 9 a.m. with a late registration set for 8 a.m., Alton said he hopes people take a very special reminder

next day you have even more energy." While the 10K and 5K races seem to draw the serious competitors, Alton said the beauty of the mountain draws just as many people for the walking division. "You don't have to run to be a part of the fun," said Alton. "We get a lot of people that participate

in the walk just because of the beauty of the park, and the view from the 200 foot bluff is just unbelievable. Whether you're running hard or just walking along, it's hard to ignore the beauty from there." For more information on the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk, contact Alton at (432) 263-4931.

will be available. The concert is free. "Come see a great band that works with Keep Texas Beautiful and all its affiliates," Simmons encouraged To contact Simmons, call 263-4607 or 270-3889.

TRASH OFF

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then we shall!" Simmons asks those who are participating in the Trash Off to contact her. Those who do not have an area in mind to clean up will be assigned an area that hasn't already been "taken." Plus, those who sign up will get a free meal. "All signed up participants are ask to bring their trash to the park where a couple of 30-yard containers will be there on the west side of the

swimming pool. Those who register will be served a hot dog lunch provided by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, H-E-B, the Chamber of Commerce and Water Water. We do need to know the number so we can provide enough food," Simmons said. Simmons noted that Big Spring City Council has agreed to rescind gates fees at the landfill Saturday. "I do hope citizens will take this challenge and clean up their property," she added. "Should you be interested and want to be a part

of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, please contact me," said Simmons. "I will also mention that every business will be contacted soon by a member of KBSB to request that they become a part of this organization and have representation from their business attend our monthly meetings held at the Howard College Cactus Room." The public is reminded that the musical group Vocal Trash will perform at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday. Other entertain will begin at 5:30 p.m. Concessions

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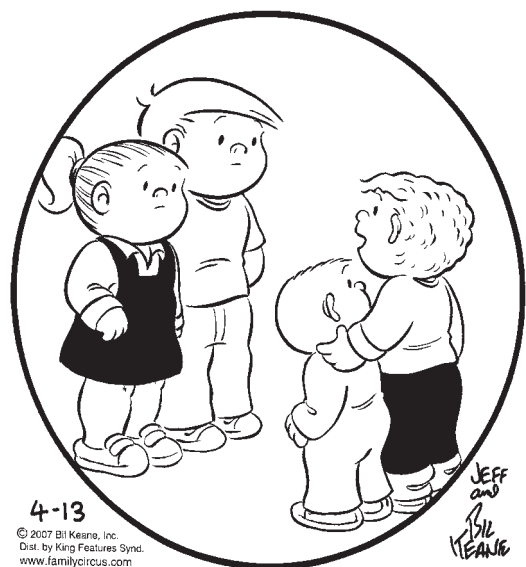
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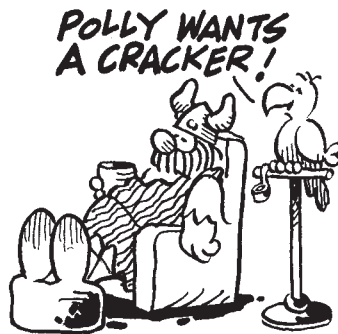
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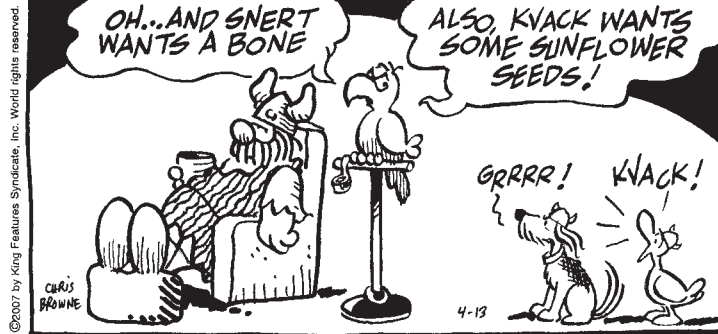
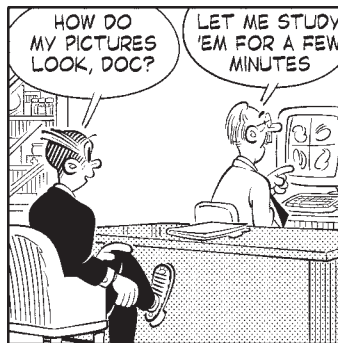


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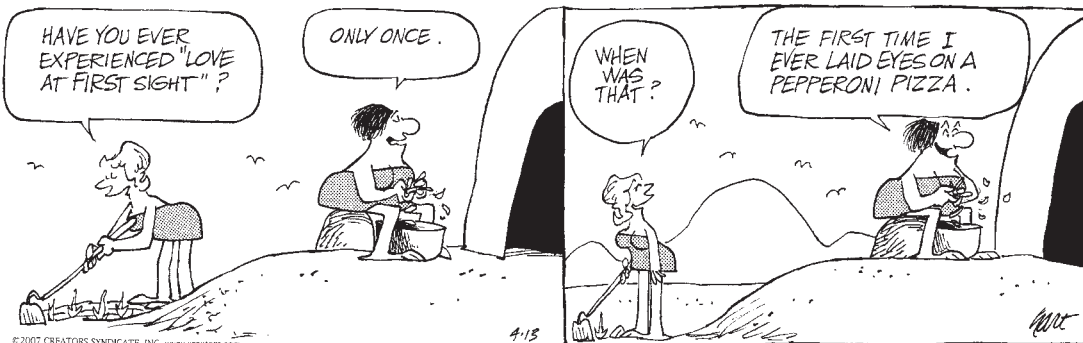
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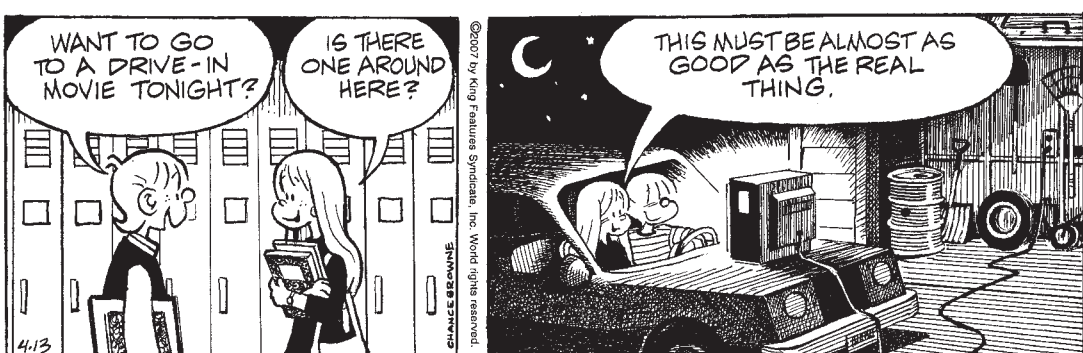
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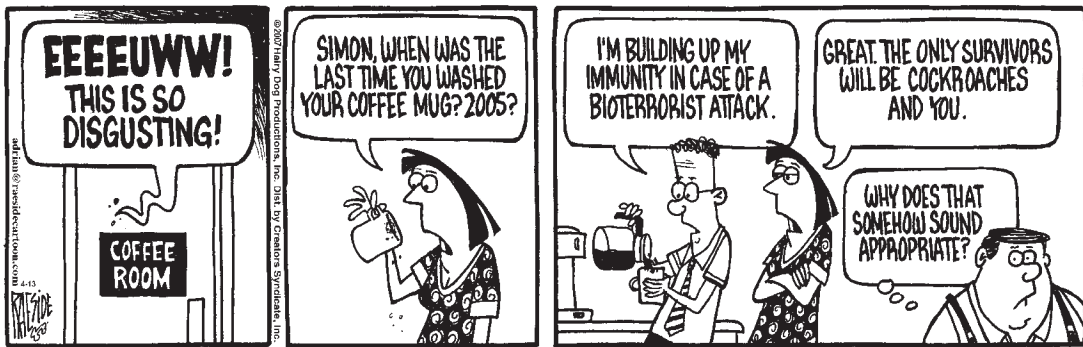
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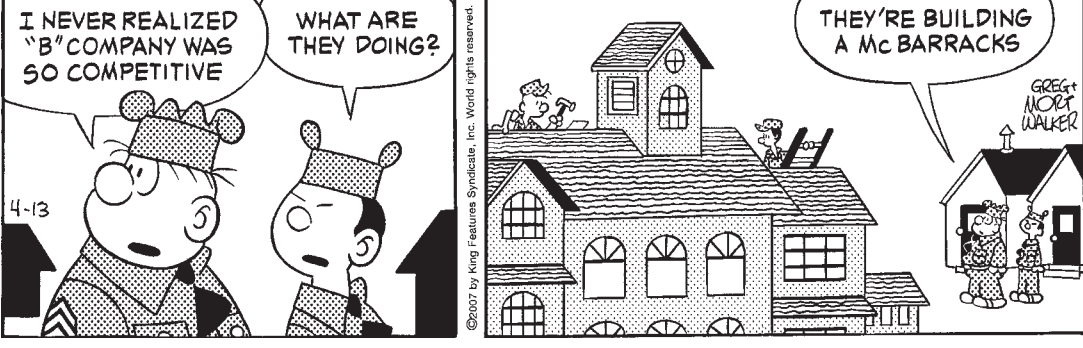
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 13, the 103rd day of 2007. There are 262 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date: In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was abrogated in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan

Museum of Art was founded in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, American pianist Van Cliburn won the first Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Stanley Donen is 83.

Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 74.

Actor Lyle Waggoner is 72.

Actor Edward Fox is 70.

Playwright Lanford Wilson is 68.

Movie and TV composer Bill Conti is 65.

Rock musician Jack Casady is 63.

Actor Tony Dow is 62.

Singer Al Green is 61.

Actor Ron Perlman is 57.

Actor William Sadler is 57.

Singer Peabo Bryson is 56.

"Late Night with Conan O'Brien" bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 56.

Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 55.

Rock musician Jimmy Destri (Blondie) is 53.

Singer-musician Louis Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 52.

Comedian Gary Kroeger is 50.

Actress Sandra Santiago is 50.

Rock musician Joey Mazzola (Sponge) is 46.

Chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov is 44.

Actress Page Hannah is 43.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 18 Kitchen herb | 8 Unassisted |
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| 37 Comprehensive protection system | 28 Pince-nez component |
| 40 Ivy Leaguers | 29 Marner, for one |
| 41 Legal claim | 30 "What he said!" |
| 42 Henri's good health | 31 Work in oils |
| 43 Cozy room | 32 Please, in Potsdam |
| 44 Engine sound | 33 More calculated |
| 45 Caustic | 35 Brouhaha |
| 46 Bloom-to-be | 36 Impudent one |
| 47 Freight unit | 38 Dodge |
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| 55 Calculator key | 44 Like taffy |
| 56 High spot | 45 Reserved |
| 57 Mardi ___ | 46 Cutting edge |
| 59 Domicile | 47 Clientele |
| 60 Fabricated | 48 Asian wasteland |
| | 49 Small part |
| | 50 Turntable settings |
| | 51 "What he said!" |
| | 52 Mean, as some crowds |
| | 53 Sight from Sandusky |
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| | 55 Half a proverbial exchange |
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Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church meets Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. for morning service and Young People's church, and again at 6 p.m. for evening church. Prayer meeting is Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Parkplace.

There will be a Fifth Sunday sing on April 29 beginning at 6 p.m. with a fellowship meal to follow. Please join us for an evening of musical fellowship.

Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. Bro. Monroe Teeters is the pastor. For further information, call 394-4566.

First United Methodist Church

Dr. Shane Brue's sermon for Sunday is "Can You Be Sure?" based on Romans 8:12-17. Services of worship are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45. Special guest soloist for Sunday will be Suzanne Haney who will sing "Lamb of God."

The 8:30 service is broadcast in Spanish each Sunday on KBYG, 1400; the 10:50 service is broadcast in English on KBST-FM 95.7.

G.I.G. (God Is Good) for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will meet for a campfire sing-along Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Open Door Sunday

School class will have "Fun Night" Monday, April 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

The staff and congregation welcome Joyce Willis as our new director of children's activities.

First United Methodist Church buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring; check our Web site for information on all services and activities.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend a weekend meeting this Friday through Sunday, at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church. Times of the services are Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and the concluding service will be Sunday at 10 a.m.

Elder James Taylor of Crosbyton will be the guest minister for this series of services. For more information, call 394-4067 or 935-3196. The church is located at 201 East 24 Street.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of BLBC would like to extend to you an invitation to visit with us. BLBC was established 65 years ago and continues to serve Big Spring. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is

provided. BLBC is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Services are informal with good gospel singing, plain Bible preaching and a friendly atmosphere.

If you do not presently have a church home and are looking for a local church in which to serve the Lord, we invite you to come join us in one of our worship services.

For further information or a ride to church, call 264-9924 or 267-7157.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

The CUMC Trustees will meet Saturday at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

We invite all to join us Sunday as we worship as a family. Sunday school classes will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

The CUMC Worship Committee will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. Sunday to conduct regular business.

Wednesday, the youth will meet at 6 p.m. at the church for study and fellowship, to be followed by Praise Band worship at 7 p.m.

Thursday, the Ministry Team will meet at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Christian education will be at 9:30 a.m.

The congregation of St. Mary's will present their annual Eastertide Offering concerts beginning Thursday at 12:05 p.m. A second concert will be held Thursday, April 26, again at 12:05 p.m. A free lunch sponsored by St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women will be served in the Parish Hall, following the approximate 30-minute concert.

There is no charge to attend the concerts but contributions to Isaiah 58 and the Northside Community Center will be accepted.

St. Mary's is located at 10th and Goliad.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Delivery day for the Angel Food Ministry will be Saturday, April 28, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Order forms for May will be available at that time. For more information concerning Angel Food Ministry, call 267-4082 or 267-2203.

The paving of the parking lot adjacent to the church will begin soon, thanks to a grant and donations received. The parking area is being expanded to help accommodate the approximately 250 people who come to receive their food boxes through the Angel Food Ministry and for additional parking for other special events and regular services. Plans

are to have the paving done and some concrete work finished before the May delivery day for Angel Food.

Also, collections for the building fund are growing slowly. We are in the process of preparing to make grant application in order to go ahead with the expansion of the building. If you are interested in helping in any phase of the grant application or would like to contribute to the building fund, contact any member or North Birdwell UMC or call 267-4082.

Mark your calendars for June 18-21 for Vacation Bible School. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Please attend the church of your choice Sunday. If you would like to visit North Birdwell UMC, our Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 10:30 a.m.

Christ's Community Fellowship

Join us for a night of singing, music, testimony, praise, worship, fellowship and refreshments at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27.

Bring your favorite song, CD (on disc or in mp3 format) or instrument. If you can play a keyboard/piano, we have a full size electronic keyboard available. All other instruments, especially those needing amplifiers, will need to bring all necessary equipment. A pro-

jector for sing-alongs and microphones are available.

All denominations are welcome.

Christ's Community Fellowship is at 1008 Birdwell Lane, directly across from the new Howard College Auditorium. Additional parking is located across the street at Howard College.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Our Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m.; Sunday school and adult bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Saturday at 9:30 a.m., the West Texas Lutheran Women's Missionary Lodge will hold their workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Midland. All 13- to 20-year-old women are invited as special guests.

Don't forget Operation Ongoing Support. April care package items are gallon size Ziplock bags, all types of chewing gum and disposable cameras as well as contributions to an AT&T phone card. St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. Our phone number is 263-3787.

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Religion briefs

Gay man allowed to join Methodist church

SOUTH HILL, Va. (AP) — The new pastor at a Methodist church that had barred a gay man from membership two years ago has reversed that decision and allowed the man to join.

The Rev. Barry Burkholder, the new leader of South Hill United Methodist Church, told the congregation to accept the man's transfer from a Baptist church. The denomination has not released the name of the gay congregant.

The former pastor, the Rev. Edward H. Johnson, said in 2005 that he could not accept the man as a member because he would neither repent nor seek to change. Johnson has since been appointed pastor at another Virginia church, Dahlgren United Methodist Church.

The case led to a showdown in church courts between Johnson and the denomination's Virginia Conference, which oversees congregations and pastors in the region.

The conference tried to bar Johnson from ministry for a year for his decision.

The Methodist Book of Discipline declares gay relationships "incompatible with Christian teaching," and bars sexually active gays from ordination. However, the denomination has no rules on church membership for openly gay congregants. The mainline Protestant denomination advertises itself as an open and welcoming church.

Johnson appealed his punishment to the highest church court — the Judicial Council — and won. The high court concluded that pastors have the authority to decide who becomes a member of a local church and ordered Johnson reinstated to ministry.

Burkholder told United Methodist News Service last week that the gay man professed that Christ was his

savior and that Jesus died for his sins, so he was ready to become a member of the church.

Egan turns 75, offers to resign as required

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Cardinal Edward Egan has turned 75, when Roman Catholic law directs bishops to submit their resignations so the pope can decide whether they should stay on the job.

It is common for bishops to put off retirement for several years with the pope's blessing, and Egan has said nothing publicly about exactly when he'd like to retire.

His spokesman said Egan doesn't expect his resignation to be accepted by Pope Benedict XVI.

Speculation within the U.S. church began long ago about who would succeed Egan at the helm of the Archdiocese of New York. It is the nation's second-largest diocese, serving 2.5 million Catholics, and is one of the highest-profile Catholic posts in the country.

Egan's office said April 2 that the cardinal has submitted his offer to resign. He has been archbishop of New York since 2000, when he replaced the late Cardinal John O'Connor.

"He (Egan) has joked with the priests that they can expect to have him around for another 150 years or so, but he leaves all such things up to Pope Benedict XVI," spokesman Joseph Zwilling said.

Egan has worked to shore up the shaky finances of the archdiocese but has drawn criticism in the

process. In October, a group of priests claimed Egan was arrogant in his treatment of some clergy and the letter they sent him about it was released publicly.

Brazilian rabbi charged with shoplifting

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A prominent Brazilian rabbi who was charged with shoplifting last month in Florida said he still plans to meet with Pope Benedict XVI at a meeting of all of Latin America's Roman Catholic bishops.

In an interview with *Estado de S. Paulo* newspaper published April 6, Rabbi Henry I. Sobel said he would "ask for God's forgiveness, if I am given the opportunity" during his time with the pontiff in May.

"I am not Catholic, so I cannot ask for the pope's forgiveness," he said. "But I will ask the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Israel to forgive me."

"Perhaps in the pope's presence I could feel his humility and have some of it enter my soul."

Sobel, 63, championed human rights during Brazil's dictatorship in the 1960s and is well-known in the nation for improving relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Sobel was charged in March with three counts of theft for allegedly stealing ties worth a total of \$680 from several upscale stores in Palm Beach, Fla.

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Contract Bridge

Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Heart, and the next player passes, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ J763 ♥ 8 ♦ Q94 ♣ AJ853
- ♠ KQ ♥ K9 ♦ AQ6 ♣ KQ10432
- ♠ KQ875 ♥ J653 ♦ J4 ♣ 82
- ♠ K974 ♥ 86 ♦ KJ95 ♣ Q104

- One spade.** Since you must respond with six or more points, the only problem is whether to bid one spade, one notrump or two clubs. First, you cannot bid two clubs, which would promise 10 or more points. That being the case, the spade response is best, largely because partner might have three or four spades headed by one or two honors, and you might miss a spade contract altogether if you bypassed a chance to show the suit.
- Two hearts.** There is a temptation to respond one spade, but that would be the wrong bid. The hand fits the requirements for a raise to two hearts, which indicates adequate trump support and six to 10 points in distribution and high cards. A spade response could create a later bidding problem if partner were to rebid two hearts. In that case, the question of whether to bid again would arise. To pass would conceal your excellent heart support, while to raise to the three-level would be bidding twice on a hand worth only one bid. The easiest way of avoiding such problems is by raising partner immediately.
- One spade.** Here the choice lies between one spade and one notrump. Despite your balanced distribution and stoppers in the unbid suits, the spade response is better, as it still leaves room for a low-level notrump contract while exploring the possibility of a spade fit. The notrump response bypasses the opportunity to find a spade fit if it exists.

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