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Election officials eye special needs issues

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As local election officials prepare to open early voting polls for the political party primaries in less than two weeks, Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said voters with special needs is one of their biggest concerns.

"We want to assure every voter that their vote counts," said Bloom firmly. "If a voter has a special need, we want them to contact our office so we can accommodate them."

Bloom said mail-in ballots can ease the voting process for many area residents, as long as they meet the criteria.

"We offer ballots by mail to those voters who are home bound or temporarily out of town," said Bloom. "The requirements for a mail-in ballot is you must be 65 years or older, on disability, or will be out of town during the voting period. This includes college students.

"The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Feb. 26, and all they need to do is call our office to get the process started. It's that simple."

Bloom said her office will also offer special services for those unable to make the trip up to the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

"For those that like to vote in person, but feel they are unable to get into the polling location — during early voting and on election day — we offer curbside voting," said Bloom. "We'll bring the ballot to you and you can vote in the privacy of your own vehicle. Also, if a voter has a special

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Big Spring police and emergency medical service personnel were dispatched to the scene of a one vehicle accident on West Fourth Street Tuesday afternoon. The vehicle, visible in the background, left the roadway after the left front tire blew and struck the stairway in front of the Salvation Army shelter before coming to rest on the street. No major injuries were reported.

County Catholics to merge

Diocese announces consolidation, creates new parish

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Change is coming for Catholics in Howard County.

Culminating a multi-year effort in that direction, San Angelo Diocese officials announced that all four county Catholic churches will be consolidated into a single parish effective Feb. 15.

Sacred Heart, St. Thomas, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph churches will all retain their names but will operate as Holy Trinity Parish, said the Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, bishop of San Angelo, in a statement.

Heading the parish will be the Rev. Bernard Gully, a West Texas native who has led Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews the past 11 years.



Gully

Gully will be assisted by the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla, who will be an associate parish pastor. The two men will handle most church services and functions for all parishes.

The most obvious changes county parishioners will notice in the future will be changed times for masses and other services at the individual churches and the consolidation of administrative services into one central office.

Hopefully, Gully said, that will be about the extent of noticeable change.

"Other than the times and locations of masses, many people won't see a

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'Tumbleweed' tumbles toward milestone

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

10,000.

While the number itself may hold little meaning for most, for local radio icon Bob Lewis — better known to his listeners as Tumbleweed Smith — the number represents a milestone as he prepares for the 10,000th broadcast

of his syndicated show, The Sound of Texas.

First hitting the airwaves Aug. 1, 1969, Lewis began his career in radio with an interview with Hollywood superstar John Voight, who had been in Big Spring during the filming of "Midnight Cowboy."

And, with the 10,000th

broadcast of the program set for Thursday, what better way to come full circle than by interviewing Voight once again.

"Jon Voight was as personable the other day when I interviewed him as he was 40 years ago when I interviewed him in Big Spring," said Lewis. "During the inter-

view, Voight told me how he landed the part of Joe Buck (in "Midnight Cowboy") and how it launched his movie career, which covers a span of nearly 70 movies. 'I'm still getting calls,' he said. He is remarkably grateful for his long

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Bob Lewis (A.K.A. Tumbleweed Smith)

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STATE OF THE CITY
Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will deliver his annual State of the City address during a community luncheon hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.
The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center Ballroom, officials said.
Cost of the luncheon is \$14 per person, and tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office at 215 W. Third St. or by calling 263-7641 by Friday. Tickets will not be available at the door, officials confirmed.
The lunch will be catered by Tee's Catering.

NATO MISSION 'BUMPY'
LONDON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says the NATO-led military mission in Afghanistan is "bumpy," and the international aid effort needs firmer coordination among the many nations participating.
Rice said she hopes a new candidate will be chosen quickly to replace a respected British diplomat who had accepted a job as overall international coordinator of aid, government and economic projects in Afghanistan but backed out because of objections from Afghan President Hamid Karzai.
The choice for the job would probably be a European, not an American.

STORMS CLAIM 27
ATKINS, Ark. (AP) — Authorities went door-to-door trying to find additional victims of tornadoes that killed at least 27 people, ripped the roof off a shopping mall and blew apart warehouses as they tore across four states.
The dead included 13 people in Tennessee, 11 in Arkansas, and a mother and father who died in Kentucky with their adult daughter. Those killed in Arkansas included another set of parents, who died with their 11-year-old in Atkins, about 60 miles northwest of Little Rock.
The family died from trauma when the storm their home "took a direct hit" from the storm.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

District play for most girls basketball squads ends Feb. 5.

FRIDAY

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 12

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Girls Softball registration begin Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association begins registration for the 2008 youth softball season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall across from Merle Norman.

Subsequent signup dates will be Feb. 16 and 23 and March 1.

Anyone with questions can call Luci Ramirez at 466-3670.

Big Spring Country Club schedules 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a 4-person scramble for Feb. 23-24.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, plus golf cart fees, and includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days. Private carts are welcome.

Practice rounds are available Friday. The Field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Big Spring QB Club electing officers Feb. 11 at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is holding a meeting to elect new officers for the 2008 football season at 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

Any parent of a child planning to play football in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

BSHS Baseball Booster Club meeting Feb. 11

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

Bulldogettes finish perfect in district

Herald Staff Report

ANSON — Coahoma's Bulldogettes have reached all goals thus far through the season.

The first goal was to qualify for the playoffs. Check.

Second, they wanted to win a district championship. Check.

After those two goals were reached, the Bulldogettes found a third within reach — finishing the District 5-2A season undefeated. Check.

Only Anson stood in the way of a perfect district season Tuesday night and the Bulldogettes over-

came a slow start to easily win their 14th district game, 53-19.

"We didn't start great, but I'm pleased with how we got going," Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said.

The Bulldogettes led by 7 after the first period, but put plenty of distance themselves and Anson, outscoring the Lady Tigers 23-2 in the second stanza. Coahoma continued its hot play in the third period, extending its lead to 53-15 before the fourth period.

However, completely out of character, the Bulldogettes didn't score a single point in the final

frame.

"I really couldn't believe it," said Sumrall. "There just really isn't a whole lot to say about it."

Coahoma has a first round bye in the playoffs, but will play a practice game against Class 4A's eighth-ranked Plainview Lady Bulldogs at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday night. No official time has been announced for the game. Plainview will be by far the toughest team the Bulldogettes have faced this season.

"I'm taking this game pretty seriously," Sumrall said. "It

doesn't count for anything, but we really need to face a good team that will give us some tougher competition. Plainview is a very good basketball team and they're going to challenge us. We need that right now, though."

Coahoma 13 23 17 0—53
Anson 6 2 4 7—19

Coahoma (28-4, 14-0): Alex Moore 3, Shelbi Paige 2, Laci Sterling 16, Janice Gonzalez 6, Hilari White 3, Teryn Bibb 5, Christie Rich 8, Heather Sheppard 10.

Anson: Cooley 2, Moore 2, L. Sprayberry 5, Flores 7, K. Sprayberry 3.

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Big Spring's Jason Walker dunks over a San Angelo Lake View defender in the Steers' first District 4-4A win of the 2007-2008 season Tuesday night. Walker had 20 points in the Steers' 81-77 win.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Steers claim first district victory

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

A collective sigh of relief was let out following the Big Spring Steers 81-77 victory over San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs Tuesday night in Steer Gym. It was the first district victory for the Big Spring Steers and ended a 10-game losing streak.

"It's good to get a win," Morris said. "We've been close in a lot of games, but we seem to be snakebitten. Any kind of win we can get, even if it's an ugly one, we'll take it."

The win certainly didn't come easy for the Steers, who found themselves down by 4, 43-39, at intermission. Big Spring outshot Lake View from the field in the first half, but the Chiefs went to the free throw line 21 times in the first and second periods combine and converted all 21 attempts successfully.

Ironically, it was Lake View's inability to sink shots from the charity stripe in the second half that ended up costing them the game. Meanwhile,

Big Spring shot 12 of 18 from the free throw line in the fourth period, sinking five of their last six attempts in the final 30 seconds of the game.

With 23.5 seconds remaining in the game, Big Spring led 76-74. Lake View's Michael Moses penetrated the lane twice over a 10 second period, only to turn the ball over the Lance Gross on both occasions. Gross was fouled immediately each time and made all four of his free

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Forsan 14 11 12 13—50
Hamlin 13 10 3 1—27

Forsan: Blake Grantham 13, Cameron Parker 13, Adam Bailey 10, Jeremy Robbins 5, Tristan Clay 5, Alex Huckabee 2, Nathan Atkerson 2.

NOTES: The JV boys defeated Hamlin last night, 47-20, finishing their season undefeated at a perfect 18-0.

Riley Wood led the Buffs in scoring with 20 points while Evan Burton added 15 points.

Head coach Brad Batla said he was proud of the entire junior varsity squad that included: Wood, Burton, Jake Rhoton, Cameron Churchwell, Aaron Johnson, Ryan Flores, Kolten

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Area roundup: No. 6 Grady wins district title

Herald Staff Report

LENORAH — Wellman-Union's Wildcats came into Lenorah Tuesday night needing a victory over the sixth-ranked Grady Wildcats to earn a share of the coveted district championship.

Easier said than done.

Grady responded to its biggest challenge of the season, holding off Wellman for a 62-59 victory. Grady finishes the district season with a perfect 10-0 record and the regular season with only one blemish at 19-1.

Grady held a 6-point lead at halftime, but Wellman never allowed the Wildcats to get much more separation.

Grady's lead was cut to 4 by the end of the third period and

Wellman grabbed a 2-point lead late in the game.

However, Grady hit some key free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

Justin Tubb had an impressive performance with 24 points. Leighton Fields added 15 and Dylan Cox scored 12 points.

Wellman 10 9 18 22—59
Grady 10 15 16 21—62

Wellman-Union (20-6, 8-2): Jeffrey Nutt 11, Kenneth Franke 7, Rod Rodriguez 14, Weston Phillips 12, R. Garza 15.

No. 6 Grady (19-1, 10-0): Tommylee Rivas 2, Dylan Cox 12, Justin Tubb 24, Jacob Rodriguez 3, Leighton Fields 15, Lane Shands 6.

Wellman-Union 49,
Lady Wildcats 39

Grady's Lady Wildcats had a

shot at claiming a share of the district title Tuesday night, but couldn't dig out of a 6-point hole they dug themselves into in the third period against Wellman-Union.

The Lady Wildcats actually held a 1-point lead at halftime, but Wellman outscored them 11-4 in the third stanza.

Foul trouble haunted Grady's backcourt in the second and third periods and the Lady Wildcats managed just 10 points while their guards sat.

Eva Dyck led Grady with 10 points and Kandace Schuelke added 9.

The Lady Wildcats settle for second-place in district and await playoff pairings.

Wellman 7 13 11 18—49
Grady 15 6 4 14—39

Wellman-Union (26-3, 9-1): Rodriguez 3, J. Tedford 7, Gregory 4, Glasson 7, Frei 17, N. Tedford 11.

Grady (21-9, 7-3): Eva Dyck 10, Maegan Blocker 2, Kandace Schuelke 9, Lauren Robinson 6, Samantha Rodriguez 1, Kenzie Madison 8, Rachel Romine 3.

Stanton 74,
Hawley 54

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes have done all they can to play themselves into a playoff spot. With just one berth remaining in District 5-2A, the Buffs hold destiny in their hands after drilling Hawley by 20 points.

The Buffs host Merkel Friday night with the winner claiming

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Obituaries

Cody Blair Bishop Green

Cody Blair Bishop Green, 28, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, in Gulfport, Miss. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Duane Bemis officiating.

He was born Dec. 3, 1979, in Andrews to Janice Kay Bishop and was adopted in March 1986 by Donald Mac Green. He attended school in San Angelo, Coahoma and Big Spring. Before leaving Texas, he worked in the oilfield and in retail sales.

He is survived by the joy of his life, Blair Anne Green, born May 3, 2000, to him and his former wife, Leslie Anne Adkisson; his mom, Janice Bishop of Big Spring; his dad, Donny Green of Big Spring; his sister, Alix Green of Big Spring; two nieces, Bari and Madison; one nephew, Kaden; his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Bishop of Lawton, Okla.; and his paternal grandparents, Don and Betty Lou Green of Big Spring. In addition to his immediate family, Cody has numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends who love him for his quick wit, charming personality and carefree spirit.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Papa, Barry Bishop of Faxon, Okla.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite local charitable organization.

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

Paid obituary

Shirley Franklin

Shirley Franklin, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Allgood officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 28, 1928, in El Centro, Calif., to Marita and Earnest Wade. She was a supervisor at the multiple disability unit of the Big Spring State Hospital. She retired from the Big Spring State Hospital in 1992. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1965 and was a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Wally Franklin and his wife Debbie of Big Spring and Wade Franklin and his wife Irma of Seguin; two daughters, Navauda Heard of Joshua and Donna McGaffin and her husband Bob of Germany; one brother, Tommy Wade and his wife Mary of El Paso; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Scott Franklin; and one brother, John Wade.

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

Annie Compton

Annie Compton, 95, died Feb. 4, 2008, in Colorado City.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Matt Matlock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Compton was born July 2, 1912 in Franklin County to Frank Williams Grimes and Pinky May Grimes and had been a longtime resident of Mitchell County. She married James Compton, Aug. 14, 1954, in Lovington, N.M.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Tom Baker in 1946, second husband, James Compton in December 2007, and a son, J.N. Baker in 1999.

She leaves behind her daughter, Annie Lee Bennett of Terrell; sons, Tommy Baker and wife Nina of Colorado City and Jimmy Compton of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

A.J. Gross



A.J. Gross, 84, a former resident of Austin, passed away at the Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Center in Fort Worth, Jan. 27, 2008.

A.J. was born Feb. 10, 1923, at Hermleigh to J.T. and Vera Gross. He married Lois B. Erickson Sept. 8, 1945, in Cumberland, Wisc. She preceded him in death May 3, 1955.

Funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at Cook-Walden Funeral Home in Austin. Burial was at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery.

A.J. grew up in Big Spring where he attended elementary and high school, then graduated from Knott High School where he also played football. He spent more than 20 years in the Air Force and retired as a senior master sergeant. After retiring, he worked for the Texas State Comptroller and Commission of the Blind as an auditor for 20 years.

He was an avid golfer.

A.J. is survived by three children, Charles Wayne Gross and wife Bobbie, Carla Jayne Machate and husband Mike and Terry Lynn Sutton and husband Steve; three grandsons; a granddaughter; four step-granddaughters; and several step-great-grandchildren. Local survivors are two sisters, Bettie Pettus and husband Albert and LaVerne Patrick and husband Dr. Russell Patrick; two nieces; a nephew; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

A.J. is survived by another sister, Doris Maneval and husband Shorty of Lummi Island, Wash.; and a brother, Don Gross and wife Bev of Riverside, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Gross; his parents, J.T. and Vera Gross; two sisters, Oleta Johnson and Billie Walker; and three step-great-grandchildren.

J.N. 'Pete' Woody Jr.

J.N. "Pete" Woody Jr., 79, of Stanton, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Wilson L. Sikes

Wilson L. Sikes, 88, of Midland, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jennifer Dominguez

Jennifer Dominguez, 36, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Elizabeth Carpenter

Elizabeth Carpenter, 87, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Aylesford. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 17th Street and Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

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

- **JOHN CALDWELL**, 44, of 1401 Aylesford, was arrested Monday on a Midland County warrant.
- **JOSE AVINA**, 31, of 1200 Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on charges of assault Class C/family violence and driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **VINCENT PARRAMORE**, 41, of 702 Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on six local warrants and a Midland County warrant.
- **ANTHONY MELTON**, 42, of 3303 11th Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
- **OLEGARIO MELENDEZ**, 20, of 821 W. Seventh Street, was arrested Tuesday on six local warrants.
- **ALEJANDRO RAMIREZ**, 58, of 416 Houston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **KELLY FORSHEE**, 39, of 622 Caylor, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson.
- **ARSON** was reported in the 3000 block of Old W. Highway 80.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MICHAEL BIRMEIN**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **MARK KIRBY**, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **JOSE MANUEL AVINA**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- **JOHN CALDWELL**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for theft by check.
- **SUSAN MARIE BOHANNAN**, 46, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a Colorado warrant for felony theft.
- **DAVID EARL RUNYON**, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping/failure to appear and bondsman off bond for theft by check.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs around 60. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Sunny. Highs around 70. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

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the third and final post-season bid.

Stanton used a 25-10 advantage in the second period to put Tuesday's game away.

Garrett Fulton led the Buffs with 18 points and Adam Evans added a complimentary 15. Justin Hinojosa scored 14 and Robbie Noland chipped in 10.

Hawley 15 10 10 19-54
Stanton 18 25 12 19-74

Hawley: Taylor 13, Thompson 3, Compton 7, Ross 5, Bristow 6, Dugan 7, Sellers 6, Manly 2, Easley 5.

Stanton (17-9, 8-4): Garrett Fulton 18, David Erives 2, Tyler Fulton 8, Justin Hinojosa 14, Ramsey Fleckenstein 2, Chase Pinkerton 5, Robbie Noland 10, Adam Evans 15.

Hawley 57, Lady Buffs 46

Stanton's Lady Buffs closed out their season Tuesday with a competitive performance against Hawley.

Trailing by 2 at halftime, Stanton struggled to score in the third period, allowing Hawley to pull away with a 16-8 advantage.

Adrian Carrasco led Stanton with 11 points and Krista Sanchez added 9.

Hawley 13 13 16 15-57
Stanton 10 14 8 14-46

Hawley: Martinez 10, Keith 7, Lofton 1, Tubbs 4, Jordan 2, Phillips 18, Hargis 15.
Stanton (9-22, 4-10): Ruby Salazar 2, Laci Luna 6, Naomi DeLao 5, Amber Beasley 3, Rachel Fleckenstein 4, Adrian Carrasco 11, Krista Sanchez 9, Nino Buzzell 2, Angelica Moreno 4.

Garden City 39, Sterling City 21

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Lady Bearkats wrapped up their regular season with an 18-point victory over Sterling City Tuesday night.

Sterling City actually gave the Lady Bearkats a scare in the first half, leading by 1 point at intermission.

However, the Lady Eagles didn't show up for

the second half, scoring merely six points. Garden City, meanwhile, added 25 points in the third and fourth periods combined.

Morgan Schwartz led all scorers with 10 points and Whitney Kellermeier added 9.

Sterling City 4 11 2 4-21
Garden City 9 5 14 11-39

Sterling City: Hodges 5, Musick 8, Wright 8.
No. 16 Garden City (23-5, 9-1): Morgan Schwartz 10, Whitney Kellermeier 9, Brittney Chudej 8, Lyza Lopez 5, Macy Schwartz 4, Britton Avery 3.

Bearkats 59, Sterling City 19

Leading by just four points after the first period, Garden City's Bearkats decided to leave

little doubt to the outcome of their game against Sterling City Tuesday night, outscoring the Eagles 16-1 in the second stanza for a 19-point lead at halftime.

The Bearkats held Sterling City to 10 total points in the second half while posting 31 as they coasted to a 40-point victory.

Wade Jansa had a game-high 15 points and Jake Schwartz added 11.

Sterling City 8 1 5 5-19
Garden City 12 16 15 16-59

Sterling City: Oroscro 9, Foster 5, Lo. Fawles 3, Lu. Rowles.
Garden City (17-8, 8-1): Wade Jansa 15, Jake Schwartz 11, Jesse Montez 7, Eric Hirt 6, Brett Chudej 6, Bo Eggemeyer 4, Nick Sanchez 4, Cole Schwartz 3, Michael Clark 3.

FHS

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Self, Mikael Hill and Zack Dykes.

The junior varsity Lady Buffs knocked off the Lady Pipers, 26-12, finishing their season with a mark of 21-1 under head coach Gary Huckabee.

Kelsey Jones led the way, scoring nine points, collecting five rebounds and two steals. Brittney

Roemer and Morgan Forshee each added five points.

The ladies only loss came in the championship game of a tourney a few weeks ago, but were otherwise unstoppable.

This years' team included: Kelsey Jones, Shelby Jones (played varsity against Hamlin), Shelby Clark, Kayla Schlipf, Morgan Forshee, Brittney Roemer, Kay'C Stanley, Keve O'Brien, Hali Wells and Morgan Harbour.



By Steve Becker

You Have to Pay Close Attention

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q 8 7 2
♥ K J 9 3
♦ 10 7
♣ Q 8 5

WEST
♠ J 9 3
♥ A 8 6
♦ A J 6 3
♣ 9 6 2

EAST
♦ 10 5 4
♥ 10 7 5 2
♠ K 8 5 4
♣ 10 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 6
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 9 2
♣ A K J 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

One of the worst sins a defender can commit is to trap his partner into making a mistake. Defense is difficult enough as it is, and giving partner a chance to go wrong when there is an easy way to prevent it is the bridge equivalent of a capital offense.

For example, consider how West victimized his partner in today's deal. East won the opening diamond lead with the king and returned the four, his original fourth-best diamond. South producing the nine and West the jack. West then cashed the

ace of diamonds and led a fourth diamond to East's eight, declarer discarding two low clubs from dummy and a heart from his hand.

The defense having collected the first four tricks, East now had to decide what to lead next. Since a heart return into dummy's strong heart holding looked extremely unappetizing, he shifted to a spade. Declarer happily won with the ace and cashed five clubs and three more spades to make the contract.

Of course, had East returned a heart instead of a spade, South would have gone down one. The question, therefore, is who was primarily responsible for the faulty defense?

In assessing the blame, it is clear that West was the culprit. He had learned from the play to the first three diamond tricks that East — not the declarer — had the missing eight of diamonds. He could deduce this not so much from South's producing the Q-9-2 of diamonds — declarer might have been concealing the eight — but from East's play of the king followed by the four and then the five. Had East started with only the K-5-4, he would have returned the five at trick two and played the four on the next round.

West should therefore have cashed the ace of hearts at trick four before leading his last diamond, relieving East of the burden of having to guess what to do next.

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Take Note

• A Meet the Candidate Forum, hosted by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.

• The State of the City Address by Mayor Russ McEwen will be held at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets for the luncheon are \$14 and available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The deadline to purchase tickets is 5 p.m. Friday. No tickets will be sold at the door.

• A morning coffee reception for Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rick Noriega will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 9 at the home of Walter and the Rev. Namiqa Shipman, 623 Tulane St.

• The Forsan High School State Honor Band will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Forsan High School Auditorium. The public is invited.

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are pro-

vided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services

clinic in College Park Shopping Center.

Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

NEEDS

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need, they are allowed to bring an assistant of their choice, or they can request assistance from a poll worker.

"We strive to meet the needs of the voters whenever it's possible and want to encourage every registered voter to cast their ballots. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask. The poll workers and staff is here to help the voters of Howard County in any way they can."

Bloom said early voting in the Republican and Democratic primaries is set to begin Feb. 19 and continue through Feb. 29 at the Howard County Courthouse.

"The early voting polls will be located in the elections office, which is on the third floor of the courthouse," said Bloom. "They will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We'll have extended-hour voting Feb. 26 and 28, when the polls will be open until 7 p.m. We've had a lot of success with these hours in the past because a lot of people have to work until after 5 p.m., and don't have the oppor-

tunity to cast their ballots early.

"It's very important to remember you can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democratic primary, but you can not vote in both," she added. "The primaries act as a nominating process to decide who will be on the ballot in the November election. However, you don't have to vote in the primaries to be eligible to vote in the November election."

Bloom said anyone with questions regarding the election can contact her office at 264-2273 for more information.

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

SMITH

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tenure as an actor. He's spending a lot of time these days visiting hospitalized war veterans."

According to Lewis, he became the voice behind The Sound of Texas while serving as news director at KHEM radio in Big Spring.

"We had just put a man on the moon, and Texans had a lot to do with that undertaking," said Lewis.

"I wanted to delve into the Texas spirit, travel the state, interview all kinds of people and report my findings on a daily statewide radio program.

"I sent out 65 sample programs and one station, KZZN in Littlefield, signed up for the series," said Lewis. "Man, I thought that was great. I had a network. Two stations. Within a month, five stations had signed up for the series and I quit my job at the radio station. I knew what I wanted to do and was going to do it."

Driving more than 200,000 miles across the Lone Star State over the next couple of years, Lewis hocked his alter-ego to radio stations everywhere and continued collecting interviews. "The series doesn't seem like work because I have so much fun doing it," said Lewis. "I never considered retirement."

According to Lewis, the series became the state's most widely syndicated Texas feature program, and he has taught broadcast production and speech at the University

of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa since 1974. Lewis also writes a statewide syndicated newspaper column.

Lewis' 10,000th broadcast will be aired locally by KBST FM Radio 95.7 at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, according to station officials.

For more on Lewis and his show, visit www.tumbleweedsmith.com.

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PARISH

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lot of differences," Gully said.

A shortage of priests in this area is the driving force behind the consolidation. In addition, local priests — the Revs. Richard Regan and James Plagens — both are leaving the area. Regan, who is suffering from

Parkinson's Disease, is being placed on medical leave, while Plagens will become senior priest at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

Gully said the diocese had two other goals in mind when it announced the consolidation — to inspire greater unity among county Catholics; and to combine resources to better address needs.

"This way, we're using people's talents and abilities in a more effective

way for all of Big Spring and Howard County," Gully said. "We can call upon all of our people to address these needs."

Gully and Lagunilla will be officially installed at a special ceremony scheduled for 10:30 a.m. March 2 in the Big Spring High School auditorium.

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Esequiel Valles, 75, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shirley Franklin, 79, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Carpenter, 87, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Shaq appears headed to Phoenix

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal is prepared for the Miami Heat to trade him, a confidant of the 14-time All-Star told The Associated Press on Tuesday night, and the Phoenix Suns were poised to deal two players for the center.

O'Neal's associate, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to reveal anything publicly, indicated a move could be imminent.

"Shaq thinks something will happen," the associate said.

It could be happening soon.

O'Neal was planning to be in Phoenix on Wednesday, which, according to several reports, is when the Suns plan to have him take a physical — presumably the final roadblock before the deal that will send Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks to Miami gets finalized.

The *Miami Herald* reported earlier Tuesday that the Heat were in "serious and ongoing" trade negotiations with the Suns, and the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* said the deal could occur "within 48 hours."

The *Arizona Republic* also reported a deal could be imminent and that O'Neal had contacted some Suns players Tuesday night.

A Heat spokesman said the team had no com-

ment, and several Suns officials didn't immediately return phone calls from the AP.

The Suns did, however, push their morning shootaround practice back seven hours, perhaps because of the uncertainty over the O'Neal situation.

Phoenix plays New Orleans on Wednesday night.

When asked last week about another report that a Shaq trade was possible, Heat coach Pat Riley said, "Not true."

But when the Los Angeles Lakers struck a deal with Memphis last week for 7-footer Pau Gasol and instantly strengthened their lineup, there's been constant speculation about how other Western Conference teams would respond.

And a Shaq-to-the-Suns deal would certainly create plenty of buzz.

"Really?" said the Lakers' Kobe Bryant, O'Neal's former teammate, when told of the apparently pending deal. "I know he likes the warm weather."

O'Neal has two full seasons remaining after this one on his \$100 million, five-year contract, and is averaging a career-low 14.2 points this season. If

the trade goes through as currently detailed, the Heat would have to make an additional roster move in order to stay at the 15-man limit.

A four-time NBA champion, O'Neal entered this season talking about how he wanted to win at least one more title, saying his "legacy" wouldn't be complete unless he left the game with at least five rings.

If he's going to get No. 5 this year, he'd have to go elsewhere.

The Heat have lost 19 of their last 20 games and have the NBA's worst record at 9-37 — meaning the 2006 NBA champions are almost a lock to miss the postseason.

Phoenix, meanwhile, has the best record in the Western Conference at 34-14.

To this point, O'Neal's year has been largely forgettable.

Miami's record has plummeted, O'Neal is going through a divorce and his scoring average is nearly 11 1/2 points below his 25.6 career mark. He suffered a bruised hip on Dec. 22 and has missed four of the past five weeks while trying to recover.

It's his second straight difficult season: O'Neal missed much of the 2006-

07 campaign with a knee injury and finished that year with career lows in games (40), scoring (17.3 points), rebounds (7.4), minutes (28.4) and free-throw percentage (.422).

"There were a lot of problems last year, but whenever you start talking about your problems, it turns into excuses," O'Neal told the AP in October. "And I've never made an excuse. So you won't ever hear me mention it again, unless, of course, you ask me. But there were a lot of problems last year."

Some problems are still there.

The team said he was undergoing another MRI exam Tuesday, presumably to further determine the extent of the injury, and O'Neal didn't speak before leaving Miami's practice.

The Heat play at Detroit on Wednesday. Last Friday, O'Neal said he and Riley have not discussed any trade possibilities.

"He hasn't spoken to me," O'Neal said at the time. "He hasn't talked about it. I've been in the league 15 years. I've seen it all, been through it all. I've just got to sit back." Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said on his weekly radio show on Sports 620 KTAR in Phoenix on Tuesday night that the story caught him by surprise.

"The trade deadline's coming up, so I'm sure there's talk all over the place," he said. "In our day and age now, you make one of those phone calls or answer a phone call everybody in the

world knows about it. Other than normal business, I don't know anything that's going on."

Asked if any deal was close, D'Antoni said, "No, no, no."

Marion asked to be traded before the season began, but has avoided talk of the subject since. He's set to make \$17 million next season, the final year of his contract, but can opt out of the deal and become a free agent.

Suns owner Robert Sarver said two weeks ago that none of the core players would be traded this season.

Neither Sarver nor Phoenix general manager Steve Kerr returned messages left on their cell phones.

CHS

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Bulldogs 64, Anson 30

From start to finish, this basketball game belonged to the Coahoma Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs ended a 2-game losing streak Tuesday night, blowing out the Anson Tigers by 34 points.

Coahoma wasted little time, jumping out to a 17-7 lead after the first period. Anson never cut the deficit to less than 10 points from that point on.

The Bulldogs led 31-13 at halftime and continued the onslaught in the second half.

Josh Paniagua scored a game-high 15 points and Colter Morgan added 12.

The Bulldogs travel to Colorado City Friday, playing in their second to last game of the regular season. Coahoma wraps up the 2007-2008 basketball year Tuesday, hosting Stamford.

Coahoma 17 14 20 13-64
Anson 7 6 9 8-30

Coahoma (19-6, 10-2): Josh Paniagua 15, Josh Jones 2, Ray Gutierrez 4, Colter Morgan 12, Logan Stone 7, Matthew Tatum 7, Jovi Paniagua 9, Cody Sheppard 8.
Anson: Cates 2, Brown 4, Dickerson 12, Collins 3, Galvan 7, Whittaker 2.

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Ethics reform: No real change in Washington

When it comes to ethics reform on Capitol Hill, Congress advertises a lot of sizzle but delivers very little substance. The vaunted Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 pushed by Democrats was supposed to fundamentally change the way Washington does business. In fact, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Members of Congress and special interests already are whittling away at the new law. The House ethics committee backtracked on a provision that clearly bans lobbyists from hosting parties honoring lawmakers at the presidential conventions. The ethics lords have determined that as long as these high-dollar events don't actually specify an honoree, they're permissible.

With pork barrel spending and wasteful earmarks, it's the same story. Despite new rules and disclosure requirements, members of Congress secured more than 11,000 earmarks with a cost to taxpayers of \$15 billion in 2007, according to Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Rules that were supposed to require disclosure of bundlers of campaign contributions are on hold. A partisan impasse has prevented the Senate from filling four vacant seats on the six-member Federal Election Commission. Without FEC action to implement the rules, it's money-bagging business as usual.

A House Ethics Task Force recommended in December the creation of an independent, six-member panel to review ethics allegations against members. But the proposed Office of Congressional Ethics would lack power to subpoena witnesses and evidence and will only accept complaints from... members of Congress.

A similar cycle occurred a decade ago when Republicans came to power grandstanding on ethics, enacted what sounded like significant reforms then lapsed into Washington's unscrupulous ways. The only surprise this time is how quickly the sequel is playing out.

The Democratic majority can halt this slide and put some real ethics meat on the table by enforcing the ethics laws as they were intended and creating an ethics office with real powers to root out corruption and enforce ethics rules.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We pull the wrong card when we deal with the world without You, Lord.

Amen

Free trade for freedom

In these hard economic times, there are many compelling arguments against the free trade agreements we have been making lately. Too many American jobs, instead of U.S. products, are getting exported.

But if there were ever a country that we should embrace as a trading partner and assist economically, the next one in line for free trade (Colombia) is the one that makes the most sense.

While Colombia already sells most of its goods duty free to the United States, this free trade agreement would make U.S. goods and services much more accessible to Colombians.

But for us — for U.S. interests — there are even more important political considerations.

If the U.S. Congress fails to pass the pending U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement, which was first signed in 2006, we would be turning our backs on one of the only true allies we have left in Latin America.

We would be pulling out of one of the only bastions of democracy and freedom in the region thus clearing the way for the expansion of an alliance of anti-American, leftist regimes, led by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

If only to counteract Chavez, who is using Venezuela's oil wealth to buy allies all over the Americas, we should have already approved the free trade deal with Colombia, a country that has made major strides in fighting the terrorist, drug-trafficking, leftist rebels who have killed thousands of innocents during the past five decades.

The government of Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has made

tremendous progress in curtailing the number of murders and kidnappings conducted by the terrorists, and consequently the Colombian economy is stronger than it has been in decades. Collaborating with U.S. authorities in fighting both drug traffickers and criminal rebels, Uribe has stood firm as a friend of America at a time and in a region of the world where being anti-American is much more politically correct.

Because of his close relations with the United States, Uribe has become the target of Chavez's trash-talking insults, to the point that Chavez now has sided with the Colombian rebels. Because Chavez obviously is itching for a confrontation with the United States, he even has suggested that Venezuela with the backing of the United States.

Under these circumstances, if we reject free trade with Colombia, if we send out the message that even Uribe can't rely on U.S. support, we might as well let Chavez turn the rest of our hemisphere into U.S.-enemy territory.

The Bush administration, typically late in taking action, now is trying to persuade Congress to approve the free trade deal. As part of an "unprecedented campaign," Cabinet members have been leading congressional delegations to Colombia.

"It would be a very big sign for the people of Colombia, not to mention the people of the region, that you do difficult things, you work hard, you bring your country back from the brink, and the United States doesn't deliver," said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as she visited Colombia last week with a group of nine Democratic lawmakers.

But many Democrats have been reluctant to ratify the U.S.-Colombia agreement. They must realize that the deal is good for

U.S. interests — that Uribe must be backed and Chavez must be confronted — but they just don't want to give Bush any kind of legislative victory.

The problem is that this is a very good idea that unfortunately is being promoted by an unpopular, discredited and lame-duck administration. And just because President Bush is pushing it, regardless of how much sense it makes, the Democrats are opposing it.

What can you expect from a Congress that can't even agree on an urgently needed economic stimulus package?

Our government is gridlocked because too many decisions are being based solely on politics, instead of logic. This is just one more of them.

As an excuse for dragging their feet on this crucial trade deal, some Democrats are claiming that the Uribe government (which nearly has performed miracles) has not done enough to protect Colombian workers from violence. This is not just a lame excuse; it's absurd.

In fact, if they really want to protect Colombian workers, they should be rushing to assist the Colombian president, who already has made 44 million Colombians much safer.

"(I'm here) to say very strongly that whatever the challenges facing Colombia, they are not going to be easier if this free trade deal does not pass," Rice said while visiting Colombia's second-largest city, Medellin. "In fact, they will be harder."

Let's hope that our lawmakers — Democrats and Republicans — don't take too long to realize that she is right and that they should put American interests above partisan politics.

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Free speech, if Berkeley says so

"I guess they've never heard of free speech," Berkeley City Councilwoman Dona Spring told *The Chronicle* as she defended the council's 8-1 vote to tell Marine recruiters that they are not welcome in Berkeley — and that if the Marines stay, they will "do so as uninvited and unwelcome intruders."

The council also voted 6-3 to give the anti-war Code Pink organization a designated parking space directly in front of the U.S. Marine Corps' 64 Shattuck Ave. recruiting office and encouraged Code Pink to "impede" Marine recruitment. It's pretty clear that Spring has heard of free speech, but she has no idea what it is.

It's one thing for Berkeley to pronounce U.S. troops, who put their lives on the line every day to defend America, as unwelcome. That's protected speech — that signals Berkeley residents' disdain for U.S. troops. It's also the sort of rude, we're-better-than-the-rest-of-America action that invites outsiders to wonder if a city that tries to divorce itself from military recruitment deserves the benefits that the federal government bestows.

Apart from that, the Berkeley vote was the antithesis of free speech. When government officials pass a law to impede the political expression of non-believers, as the Berkeley pols did on Jan. 29, they are wielding the club of government to suppress dissent. They are

abusing their authority.

Code Pink does not limit its activities to protesting the war. Code Pink also blocks access to the recruiting office — members have chained themselves to the door — which constitutes an attempt to infringe on the rights of those who, despite a barrage of anti-war propaganda, nonetheless want to become Marines.

Code Pink is the anti-war equivalent of anti-abortion protesters barring women from access to abortion clinics — a crime compounded by the City Council's support of this suppression.

Oh, but it's different, supporters argue, because Berkeley is anti-war. All those high-school lectures about free speech existing to protect unpopular viewpoints evaporate when you're on the popular side. What's the point of having power, after all, if you can't use it as a club to silence those with whom you disagree?

I know many Berkeley residents oppose the war and still are embarrassed that Berkeley once again has gone over the top. Too bad their reasonable voices are lost in the loud, obnoxious, censorious, lefty cacophony.

"We're not condemning the men and women who serve, we are condemning the U.S. policy that is teaching the Marines and other military people to torture, oust other countries' political leaders and do other evil things," Spring also told *The Chronicle*. It's typical Berkeley doublespeak: Spring isn't against the troops; she's just accusing them of evil.

When I asked Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain what he would do, if elected, about the Berkeley vote, McCain said he would use the

bully pulpit to criticize Berkeley, but: "I think Berkeley is Berkeley, a unique place in America."

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., had a tougher take. "If the city can't show respect for the Marines that have fought, bled and died for their freedom, Berkeley should not be receiving special taxpayer funded handouts," DeMint wrote on his blog. DeMint has found some choice earmarks — \$975,000 for the Cal Matsui Center for Politics and Public Service, \$243,000 for the Chez Panisse Foundation — that, while not city projects, made DeMint's list.

Lest you think the DeMint approach is far-fetched, consider Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama's answer to a question posed by NBC's Tim Russert at a debate last month. "There's a federal statute on the books which says that, if a college or university does not provide space for military recruiters or provide a ROTC program for its students, it can lose its federal funding. Will you enforce that statute?" Russert asked. Both Clinton and Obama answered that they would enforce the Solomon Amendment, which first passed in 1994 when Bill Clinton was president.

The idea was: With federal funding comes responsibility. Except the Berkeley City Council feels it owes the American military nothing but disrespect. You see what free speech has become in Berkeley. It's not the free expression of competing ideas. It's free for lefties only — and for them, speech without consequences.

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throw attempts, giving the Steers an 80-74 advantage.

Lake View made one last ditch effort with Seth Riddle hitting a 3-pointer from the right corner with 3.9 seconds, pulling the Chiefs within 3. However, the Steers successfully inbounded the ball to Terrance Clemons, who was fouled with 1.7 seconds on the clock.

Clemons hit one of two from the line, putting an end to any sort of improbable comeback by Lake View.

Morris was grateful that the Steers finally made free throws down the stretch of a game and held onto a lead.

"I think we're usually a pretty decent free throw shooting team," Morris said. "We had some pressure on us in these district games and maybe we missed some key free throws in those games. We made some big ones tonight, though. Terrance had the last one to put the game away and Lance had some big free throws, too. It was good to see the guys step up and make some free throws when there's some pressure on them."

Big Spring was already eliminated from playoff contention, but that doesn't change the team's desire to finish the season on a winning note. They'll get that chance Friday with Plainview's Bulldogs paying a visit to Steer Gym.

"We want to finish out the season with two straight wins," Morris said. "Plainview's good and we'll have to play better than we did tonight, but we're capable of it. This has been a fun group

of guys to coach. They play hard and there's no quit in them."

Lake View 20 23 14 20—77
Big Spring 17 22 19 23—81
Lake View: James Lawler 20, Chris Blair 10, Paul Mesta 7, Michael Moses 18, Remington Garcia 11, Seth Riddle 3, Henry Munoz 8.

Big Spring (11-15, 1-6): Terrance Clemons 25, Lance Gross 7, Jason Walker 20, Jerrell Williams 13, Hayden Phillips 4, Tyrone Clemons 8, Matt Ritchey 4.

Lake View 48,
Lady Steers 28

It wasn't a win, but it was a much more positive note to end the season on than what the norm had been for the Big Spring Lady Steers.

The Lady Steers lost by 20 to the San Angelo Lake View Maidens Tuesday night in Steer Gym, bringing an end to a winless season.

However, Big Spring made more offensive runs in this contest than any other game this year.

"I believe it was one of the most competitive games we played this season," Lady Steers Head Coach Randal Petty said. "We came into this game knowing we could compete with them and believed we might even be able to get the win. Lake View plays a lot of like us. They're very young and can turn the ball over a lot. We knew if we could get the ball out of their hands and put the ball in the basket that we might be able to get a win."

Unfortunately, Lake View answered every Big Spring run with a stronger one of its own. The Maidens put the game out of reach in the third period, using an 8-2 run with 4:38 left in the stanza to pull ahead, 35-17.

However, according to Petty, this game might have had a different outcome had the Lady Steers been more efficient from the free throw line.

"On the flip side, they put a lot of pressure on us and we made a lot of turnovers," Petty explained. "The biggest part of this game was free throws, though. We were down by 12 at halftime and missed 11 free throws. If we had made all of out free throws, then this would've been a much closer game."

The Lady Steers say goodbye to four seniors — Callie Partee, Randye Phillipe, Jordan Chesworth and Carrisa Carisalez.

"Our seniors brought a lot of leadership and dedication to the program by sticking this season out," Petty said. "I commend those girls for sticking with it and laying it on the line in every practice and game. We're going to miss their leadership."

There was a glimpse of the future in Tuesday's game, though. Freshman Valerie Ross spent a lot of time as the Lady Steers' point guard and showed some of her potential in

the fourth period. Ross single-handedly sparked a 5-0 run to start the final frame, stealing the ball from a Lake View guard twice in the backcourt and taking it to the hoop for a layup. She was fouled on the second attempt and converted the 3-point play.

"The future does have some bright spots," Petty said. "The freshman class won a lot of games this season. Valerie Ross had a very good game tonight and there are other freshmen we're excited about. Our eighth-grade class had a very good season as well. You take those and sprinkle in a few others and we have a good chance of being a better team next year."

Ross finished the game with seven points, three steals and three rebounds. Abbi Lloyd led the Lady

Steers with eight points and four rebounds. Crystal Woodson grabbed five rebounds and chipped in six points.

Lake View was led Ariel Najera, who finished with a game-high 20 points. Najera converted 10 of 14 free throw attempts.

Unfortunately, the action wasn't over after the final horn sounded. One of Lake View's players turned and punched a Big Spring athlete twice in the face shortly after the conclusion of the game. The Lady Steer did not strike back and the Lake View player was immediately restrained and taken to the locker room.

It is unknown as to what, if any, charges have been pressed. No injury was reported to the Lady Steer.

Lake View 12 15 15 6—48
Big Spring 5 10 4 9—28
Lake View: Ariel Najera 20, Vanessa Bermea 2, Tabi Carney 3, Christina Moses 4, Elayne Simpson 3, Jaelyn Simpson 8, Ashlee Fisher 5, Mitzi Salgado 3.
Big Spring: Kallina Fletcher 2, Linzee Yarbar 1, Abbi Lloyd 8, Jordan Chesworth 4, Valerie Ross 7, Crystal Woodson 6.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Calling all geniuses! Today's new-moon solar eclipse in Aquarius heralds a new era of innovation and progress, especially in areas related to technology.



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It also begins the first of an 18-month series of eclipses for Aquarians. Right now, your quirky ingenuity and unique vision are needed by your human tribe, so get your geek flag out and let it fly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are still attached to a special person, but your attachment has shifted. There is greater freedom in this new relationship, and you feel you can just be yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A past prophesy is coming true. This is a good time to realize that you're in a co-creation with destiny, controlling these seemingly lucky happenings that bring your desire to hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Loved ones check up on you. Try not to mistake their questions and comments for criticism. In their nose, overbearing way, they are attempting to love you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are susceptible to picking up other people's emotions. Life improves immensely when you know and enforce personal boundaries. Get involved in planning his weekend — there are romantic perks for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Causing excitement is like a hobby to you now. Get into a stale, boring situation, and stir things up. You'll be entertained by the strange responses you get. But the best part is, you cause meaningful change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just because you accept someone doesn't mean you're going to become like him or her. Your sophistication of thought lets an array of people color your day. It's liberating to know that you do not have to judge a soul.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be making returns of one kind or another. Whether it's merchandise to a store or trading one belief for another, you'll come out on the winning side of the exchange.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If your feelings are not reciprocated, take heart. Love is never lost. It will always return to you from somewhere — maybe not from the direction you'd like it to come, but it will return to you from somewhere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're fun to be around. Loved ones want to be involved in more of your life's activities than you thought would interest them. You may enjoy the company for a while, but you need your alone time too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your colleagues may claim that you're being difficult. Agree with them. You're not

afraid to speak up when things aren't to your liking, and that's one of the reasons they love you so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're being asked to conform, an indication that you should go the other way entirely. Spend some time writing, praying or meditating toward the aim of figuring out your own unique point of view.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Community concerns wind up being your concerns sooner or later, and you have an opportunity to get involved now. Taking on more responsibility brings big luck.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Despite harboring a secret desire to become an author, what career path is right for me? This question has been haunting me for years, and I need to get some sleep! My birthday is June 12, 1971."

Gemini, I get the feeling you're talking to yourself, and your self is talking to yet another self. Indeed, you have so many dialogues running that it's hard to know which one to listen to — who is in charge here, anyhow? With Mercury, Venus and the sun in Gemini, there's much to talk and think about, so the challenge is actually doing anything at all — unless you count thinking as a physical activity. You have the usual Gemini restlessness, yet when you focus and settle your mind on something that fascinates you, your mind becomes as pristinely clear as a mountain lake. You could either use your strengths — a curious mind, the gift for gab and an aesthetic for self-expression — to a teaching/learning environment or the information technology field, or use these same traits in the communication arts — by, say, writing a mystery/suspense novel during those sleepless nights. A good obsession should kick start your book. Your talent for word craft is obvious. And now your secret is out.

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Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page. To find out more about Holiday Mathis, visit www.creators.com.

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West Point grad is making the most of his career

Major Guy Matthew (Matt) Burrow arrived in Iraq again about two weeks ago (Jan. 24, 2008). "Again," because this is his second tour of duty in that country, having already spent four months there in 2005-2006. Not that it is his favorite vacation resort, but this West Point grad is a career Army officer, and both visits were in the line of duty.



LANE BOND

Matt's stateside base is Fort Bragg, and his wife Michelle lives in nearby Fayetteville, N.C., with their dog Simon, a whippet. Michelle, a Seattle native, was also in the Army when the two met while on military tour in Germany. She is now an interior designer.

Matt's tour is expected to last 15 months, but he plans to return to Big Spring this October to attend the 20th anniversary of his Class of 1988. He is a Big Spring native, and also attended Boydston and Moss Elementary schools here.

Matt's family is deeply rooted in Big Spring. His father and mother, Guy and Debbie Burrow, operate Hardison Appliance Service on East Third Street. Debbie's father, E.G. Hardison, founded the company in the early 1960s, about the time they moved to Big Spring. Debbie was in the third grade when they settled here. Guy is a Big Spring native. He moved away for a time during his childhood, but returned to attend high school here, graduating in 1969.

Guy and Debbie have worked at Hardison's for about 30 years, along with her brother, Carroll Hardison. Carroll retired in 2006 and still lives in Big Spring with his wife, Pat. Mrs. Hardison (Iona) also still lives here. Matt has a nephew, Justin Atwood, currently a senior at the Air Force Academy. Both of his grandfathers are veterans, as are some aunts and uncles.

Matt's military career began when he enrolled at West Point in 1988, immediately upon high school graduation. He graduated from West Point in 1992 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Some of the interesting points of his career are that he has been trained as an engineer, but also as a pilot of both helicopters and fixed wing (multi-engine) aircraft. His first assignment after training at Fort Rucker was in Heidelberg, Germany, where he met Michelle. At Fort Huachuca, he was trained additionally as an advanced military intelligence officer. After this preparation, he was transitioned into Guardrail. This is a high-level intelligence group flying RC-12 aircraft, a converted

executive twin-engine airplane equipped for monitoring electronic message traffic.

The Army sent him to Georgia Tech, where he earned his master's degree in electrical engineering, after which he returned to West Point as an assistant professor to teach what he had learned, and where he also taught and coached Army Crew. This is that oft-photographed rowing team that wins all of the rowing contests wherever held, representing the Army and West Point.

President George W. Bush made a visit to Fort Bragg during Matt's tour on July 4, 2006. Matt was charged with working with the President's staff in making arrangements for the visit. He had dinner with the President and presented him with a birthday cake. The *Big Spring Herald* reported on the event.

Not everyone gets to go to West Point. With a few notable exceptions — such as children of Medal of Honor recipients — one has to be nominated by a member of Congress or by the Vice President, and only five appointees may be attending per Congressman at any one time (or about one new appointee each year).

You may gather from this that it is quite an honor to be invited to attend this institution. It is. And that may put into perspective the fact that Matt had his choice of all three service academies.

What kind of student



Matt Burrow

has a chance for such a career?

It helps if he excels in academics. Matt took honors classes in high school. He was in the Signal program, Big Spring's name for the gifted and talented program. It helps to be a leader and popular with one's fellow students. Matt was class president for each of his grades — 8, 9, and 10. He was student body president during his senior year.

It doesn't hurt to excel in sports. In high school football, Matt received all-state, all-area and all-district honors. He played football at West Point as a freshman, until a concussion ended that part of his career. In fact, Matt chose West Point of all the service academies so he could play football there — and because he loved the discipline that he observed when he visited. Growing up, Matt played first base on all-star baseball teams in Little League, and played in junior high and

high school.

During this tour, he expects to be promoted to lieutenant colonel. His future plans are to get his PhD and to return to West Point to finish his career teaching electrical engineering there.

Do you have a story about your family mem-

bers in the military? For submissions or more information, e-mail Lane Bond at lane@bondwebs.com, call him at 263-4033, or visit him on the Web at www.bondwebs.com. Leave your phone number or include it in your e-mail or letter.

Career assignments

- 1988-1992 — West Point, N.Y., cadet, graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering, commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Aviation Branch.
- 1992-1993 — Ft. Rucker, Ala., helicopter flight school in the UH-60 "Huey," then fixed wing (airplane) transition to C-12 general support aircraft.
- 1994-1997 — Heidelberg, Germany, 207th Aviation Company, served as C-12 platoon leader and executive officer. Flew throughout Europe (25-plus countries) with deployments to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Provide Comfort, and Bosnia, Hungary and Croatia in support of the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR).
- 1997-1998 — Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course. Transitioned to RC-12 Guardrail, Special Electronic Mission Aircraft.
- 1998-2000 — Ft. Hood, commanded B Company, 15th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation). Also served six months as the Battalion Operations Officer.
- 2000-2002 — Atlanta, Ga., Advanced Civil Schooling at the Georgia Institute of Technology, receiving a Masters in Electrical Engineering.
- 2003 — Colorado Springs, Colo., Space Operations Officer Qualification Course.
- 2003-2005 — West Point, N.Y., assistant professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Also served as a coach for the Army Crew rowing team.
- 2005 — Baghdad, Iraq, four months with the XVIII Airborne Corps, serving as a Space Operations Officer for the Multi-National Corps, Iraq.
- 2006-2007 — Ft. Bragg, N.C., assistant G3 Space Operations Officer for the XVIII Airborne Corps.
- 2008-Current — Baghdad, Iraq, deputy Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I) Technical Operations.

News in brief

Top uniformed officer says U.S. forces 'significantly stressed' by Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military's top uniformed officer says U.S. forces are "significantly stressed" by fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan while simultaneously trying to stem the tide of violent extremism elsewhere.

"The pace of ongoing operations has prevented our forces from fully training for the full spectrum of operations and impacts our ability to be ready to counter future threats," Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in testimony prepared for delivery Wednesday.

Mullen's stern warnings are likely to become welcome political fodder for anti-war Democrats, who want legislation requiring that troops spend more time at home between combat tours. Last year's efforts to pass such a bill failed after intense lobbying by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who says it would do more harm than good and tie the hands of military commanders.

Mullen and Gates were to testify Wednesday in separate hearings of the House and Senate Armed Services committees. Copies of their prepared remarks were obtained in advance.

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McCain wins put him atop GOP field; Democrats in for long fight

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain earned himself a super Wednesday, a day to savor coast-to-coast primary victories that ratified him as the Republican front-runner, while Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama dug in after a night of divided spoils in a Democratic presidential contest that could stretch to the spring.

McCain, whose campaign once verged on collapse, piled up more delegates than his two rivals combined, pushing over the halfway mark on what's needed to clinch the nomination. His victories stretched from New York to California, the biggest prize. Still, Mitt Romney in the West and Mike Huckabee in the South proved to be go-to candidates for conservatives, and they vowed to press forward.

Clarity of any sort eluded the Democrats as campaigns turned to the next rounds — contests in Louisiana, Nebraska and Washington state Saturday and a larger series of primaries in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia on Tuesday.

More than 168 Democratic delegates are

at stake Tuesday, a sizable prize in two states and a district that are normally afterthoughts in nomination contests. Clinton has been endorsed in Maryland by Gov. Martin O'Malley and Sen. Barbara Mikulski; Obama is backed by Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, and is expected to do well in the largely black district.

"Senator Clinton has a lot of friends in Virginia," Kaine said in an inter-

view, but "we're feeling pretty good" about Obama's Virginia chances. Republicans will award 116 delegates in the trio of races dubbed the Potomac Primary.

Huckabee, who posted five Southern victories after being practically counted out of the contest, demurred when asked Wednesday if he'd be an irresistible running mate for McCain, the opponent he likes. "I still want to be the irresistible choice to

be the president," he said on CBS' "The Early Show."

Despite his strong night, Huckabee trails both McCain and Romney in the delegate count. Other contenders took a pass for once on the morning-after talk shows.

Obama won 13 Super Tuesday states; Clinton, eight plus American Samoa. Clinton scored the

advantage in delegates, bring her total to 845 to Obama's 765, by the latest accounting. The road ahead was long for the Democrats: It takes 2,025 delegates to claim their nomination.

Delegate tabulations continued Wednesday, possibly longer, and the victor in one race remained unsettled — the Democratic caucuses in

New Mexico.

Clinton won the biggest state, California, capitalizing on backing from Hispanic voters. Obama scored victories in Alabama and Georgia on the strength of black support, and won a nail-biter in bellwether Missouri.

McCain's own victory in California dealt a crushing blow to his closest pursuer, Romney.



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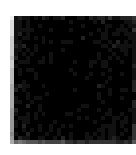
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A very interesting reference source that the library just received is the "Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2008" (REF 317.3 UNI S). It is prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau and is crammed with data. It contains more than 1,300 tables and graphs on topics such as births and deaths, education, government finances, homeland security, income, poverty and information technology. It also has an expanded guide to other sources of statistical information in print and Web-based. This is a reference book and may not be checked out.

Glenn P. Willeford came by the library not long ago and brought us his newest book, "Cemeteries and Funerary Practices in the Big Bend of Texas, 1850 to the Present" (929.3 WIL G). While it is not available for check-out, it is still an interesting read.

Joan Upton Hall has compiled several accounts of "Ghostly Tales from America's Jails" (133.122 HAL J) — hey that sort of rhymes. Sites of her stories range from Santa Fe, N.M., to Columbia City, Ill. Most of the stories are from the western states, but Salem, Mass., is also thrown in. Neat book to read.

The next two books have several themes in common: Both are written by and about women and the evil that exists in the world today. Ann Rule is very well known for her books on crime. She attended the Ted Bundy trial and has written about the Green River serial killer that terrorized the Northwest for many years. In "Without Pity: Ann Rule's Most Dangerous Killers" (364.152 RUL A) she has compiled true cases from her files. Stunning in detail, they will chill you to the core.

"Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light" (271.97 MOT T) consists primarily of correspondence between Mother Teresa and her confessors and superiors over a period of 66 years. Edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.F., the book offers insight into the inner life of a believer known mostly through her external works of mercy. The letters, many of them preserved against her wishes (she had requested that they be destroyed but was overruled by the Catholic Church), reveal that for the last nearly half-century of her life she experienced the absence of the presence of God. This is a deeply moving book.

Barbara Jacobs, in a review published in Booklist, writes that if work is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on Earth, then John

Wood's journey into the world of nonprofits is testimony to that old adage. His is a story told simply, with many touch points that will resonate with baby boomers. This corporate warrior (Microsoft marketing director, to be exact) experienced an epiphany during a 1998 Himalayan vacation, by way of a request from a Nepalese schoolteacher that "Perhaps, sir, you will some day come back with books."

In less than a year, Wood quit his comfortable job and established Books for Nepal (eventually renamed Room to Read), which collected books for Asian children, then built schools and libraries. He documents the building of more than 210 schools and 2,500 school libraries and the donation of nearly 1.5

million books. Didactic at times, but always inspirational, this book is guaranteed to prompt many readers to open their hearts, if not their wallets. Titled "Leaving Microsoft to Change the World" (370.917 WOO J) by John Wood is simply great. I think he will be compared to Andrew Carnegie in being able to bring books to millions.

A couple of biographies by two knockout per-

formers: "Being Sugar Ray" (B ROB S) by Kenneth Shropshire and "Clapton: The Autobiography" by Eric Clapton. Fighters have adopted his name and fighting style for years and Muhammed Ali considered Sugar Ray to be the "king." A trailblazer, he epitomized the athlete as an entrepreneur and celebrity. Eric Clapton in his autobiography, speaks candidly of his life as a musician. Both

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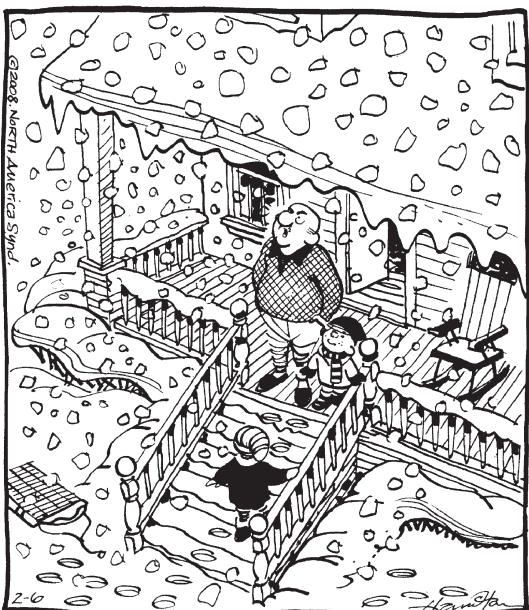
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	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6:30 PM	News (CC) Entertainment	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two-Half Men	News Entertainment	12 Corazones	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Dr. Swallow John Hagee	News-Lehrer	How It's Made How It's Made		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Access	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	College Basketball:	College Basketball:	Ghost Hunters (CC)
7:30 PM	Wife Swap (CC)	Wife Swap (CC)	Al Diablo con Los Guapos	American Idol (CC)	Two-Half Men Big Bang Th	La Traicion	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy	Update Israel Rico Cortes	Ballroom Chall	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Sniper (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Never 2	:15 Movie: Minutemen	Texas at Oklahoma	Connecticut at Syracuse	Ghost Hunters (CC)
8:30 PM	Supernanny (CC)	Supernanny (CC)	Futbol: Mexico vs USA	The Moment of Truth (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Victoria	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	House-Payne House-Payne	Light of the Southwest	African American Lives	MythBusters (CC)	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Monster-in-Law (CC)			Soccer: Mexico vs.	College Basketball:	Ghost Hunters International
9:30 PM	Cashmere Mafia (CC)	Cashmere Mafia (CC)		TMZ (CC) Raymond	CSI: NY Raymond	Pecados Ajenos	Law & Order (CC)	House-Payne House-Payne		2 (CC) (DVS)	Smash Lab	Movie: Iron Eagle (CC)	Pros vs. Joes		American Gangster	That's-Raven Life Derek	United States (CC)	Duke at North Carolina	UFO Hunters (CC)
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto	Two-Half Men Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Update Israel Dr. Young	Charlie Rose (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	Cold Case (CC)	Hell Date Hell Date	Zack & Cody Han, Montana	Strongest Man (CC)	SportsCenter International	Ghost Hunters International
11:30 PM	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Noticiero Univ. Hora de-Risa	Law & Order (CC)	Letterman Late Late	Decisiones	Late Night-	10 Items-Less Movie: Scary	CCM Ministries Charles Scott	Tavis Smiley Tavis Smiley	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: Planet of the Apes	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Without a Trace (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	NASCAR Now Strongest Man	NFL Live NBA Fastbreak	UFO Hunters (CC)
12:30 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Lighthouse	Salome (SS)	Reno 911! George Lopez	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Movie 2 (CC)	Update Israel Dell Sanchez	Sign Off	MythBusters (CC)	of the Apes	Star Trek: Voyager	Without a Trace (CC)	Comicview (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Formula D Drifting (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

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"THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE WINTER THAN WE NEED THIS YEAR."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

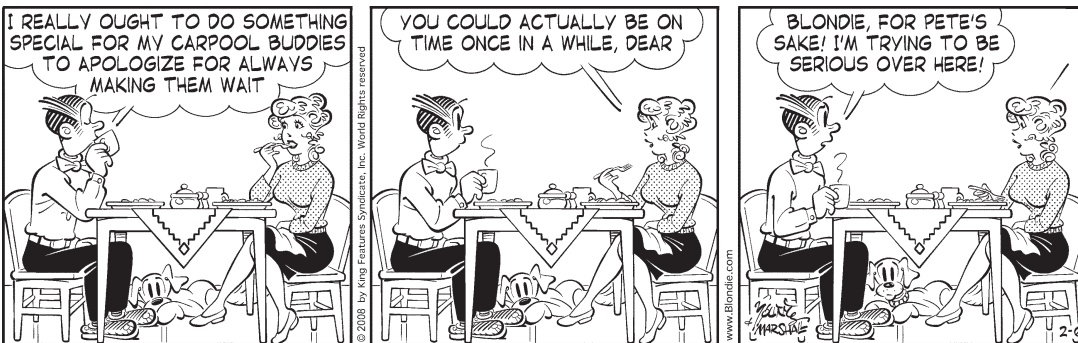


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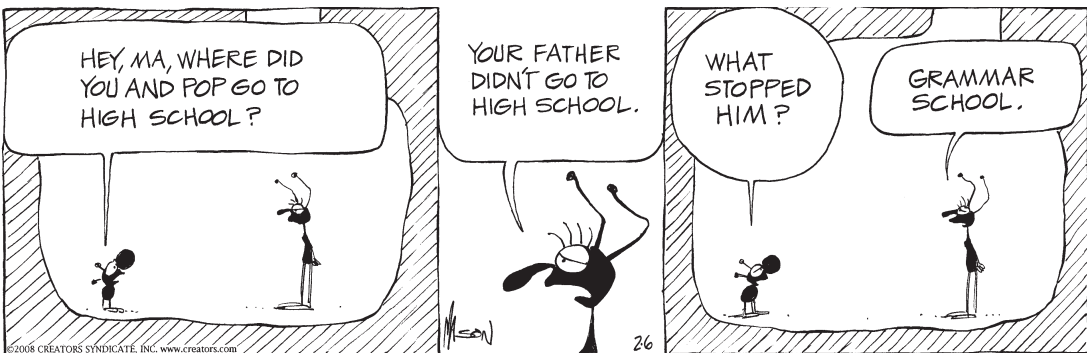
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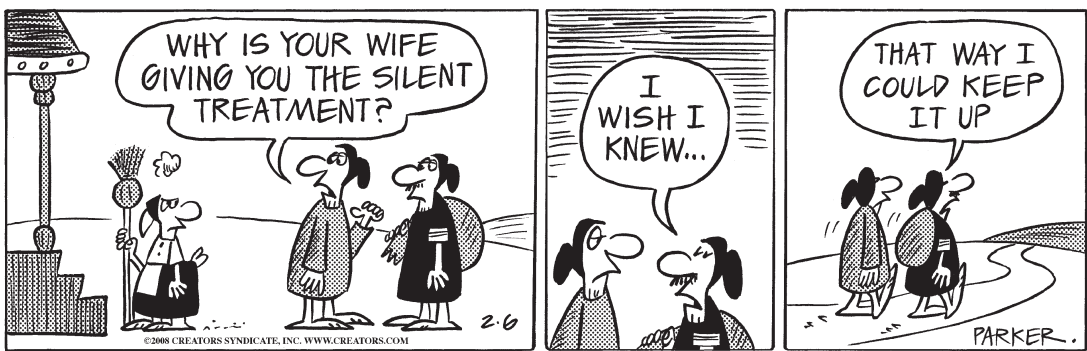
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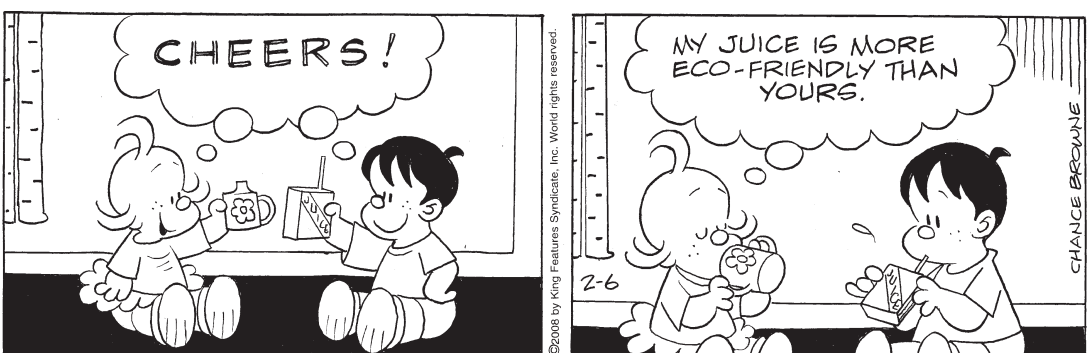
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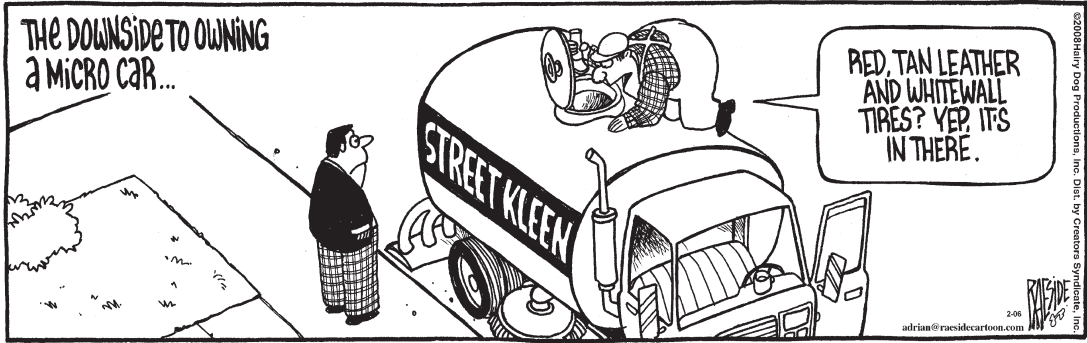
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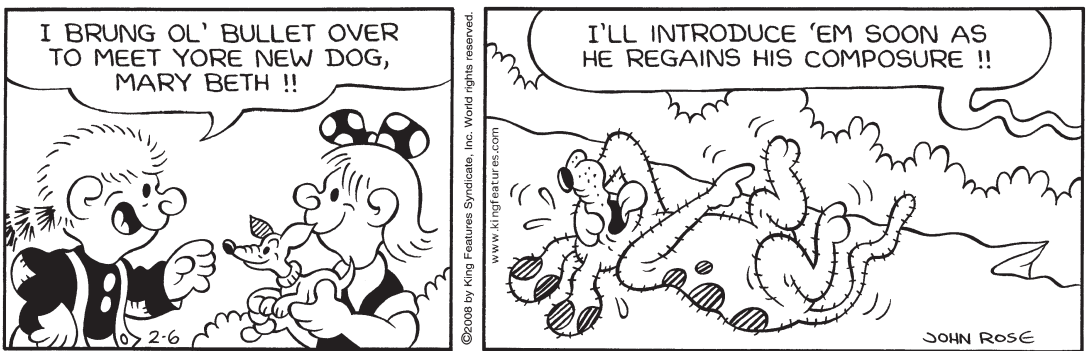
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This Date In History

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2008. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

On this date:

In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called

"lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1978, Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a U.S. senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

In 1996, a Turkish-owned Boeing 757 jetliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from the Dominican Republic, killing 189 people, mostly German tourists.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 91. Actor Patrick Macnee is 86. Actor Rip Torn is 77. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 77. Actor Mike Farrell is 69.

Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 68. Singer Fabian is 65. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 65. Actor Michael Tucker is 64. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 59. Singer Natalie Cole is 58. Actor Jon Walmsley is 52. Actress Kathy Najimy is 51. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 51. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 51. Actor Barry Miller is 50. Actress Megan Gallagher is 48. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 46. Country singer Richie McDonald is 46. Singer Rick Astley is 42. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

PUNCH BOWL by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Easily molded
 - 5 Rub raw
 - 10 "Far out!"
 - 13 Out of whack
 - 14 Rowed a boat
 - 15 "___ Ha!"
 - 16 Punch away
 - 18 Cast-of-thousands film
 - 19 Backed for election
 - 20 V-8, e.g.
 - 22 Comics shriek
 - 23 Lent a hand to
 - 24 Part of a suit
 - 28 Fake, as an injury
 - 31 Turn topsy-turvy
 - 32 Within earshot
 - 33 Become limp
 - 37 Dull-witted one
 - 38 Less favorable
 - 39 Limburger characteristic
 - 40 Crude group
 - 41 Race prelim
 - 42 Gladiator star
 - 43 Small hill
 - 45 Sharpshooter Annie
 - 46 Streisand Oscar role
 - 49 ___ Lanka
 - 50 Update machinery
 - 52 Cheese choice
 - 57 Locket shape
 - 58 Punch up
 - 60 1/1 song-title word
 - 61 Take care of
 - 62 Fort __, KY
 - 63 Susan of L.A. Law
 - 64) or (, for short
 - 65 Equinox mo.
- DOWN**
- 1 Quaff with sushi
 - 2 Actor Wilson
 - 3 Mr. Rogers' first name
 - 4 Spell checker's find
 - 5 Old-time shapewear
 - 6 Salma of Frida
 - 7 Dry as dust
 - 8 Boggy area
 - 9 Barely defeat
 - 10 Part of BART
 - 11 Roomy dress
 - 12 Chopped into cubes
 - 15 Punch in
 - 17 Trapped, in a way
 - 21 Henpeck
 - 24 Self-defense sport
 - 25 Each, slangily
 - 26 Hand over
 - 27 Punch out
 - 28 Like alley cats
 - 29 London's ___ End
 - 30 Ill temper
 - 32 Year-end air
 - 34 Teen fave
 - 35 Actor Rob or Chad
 - 36 Deuce topper
 - 38 "___, me?"
 - 42 Capital on the Nile
 - 44 Prefix with natal
 - 45 Eugene's home
 - 46 Not limited
 - 47 Vaudeville show
 - 48 San Marino surrounder
 - 49 Strike down, old-style
 - 51 Daffy Duck trait
 - 52 State firmly
 - 53 Nettles
 - 54 Sugar source
 - 55 Perched on
 - 56 On deck
 - 59 PBS benefactor

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