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**Big Spring Police officers and other emergency responders check to make sure everyone is attended to following a traffic accident at the intersection of Johnson and 13th Street Wednesday afternoon. No major injuries were reported as a result of the accident, and no one was transported to the hospital.**

**Be prepared: Local Scouts to hold food drive Saturday**

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
Managing Editor

If one good turn deserves another, area residents may have a hard time keeping up with local Boy Scouts, as they held their annual canned food drive Saturday.

Between 40 and 50 area Boy Scouts will hit the streets Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon to collect canned goods for the group's annual effort, according to



Wallace

local Scouting director Warren Wallace. The food drive calls for area residents to place canned goods and non-perishable food items in plastic grocery bags for the community-wide collection.

"What we're doing this year is very similar to what we've done in the past," said

Wallace. "Normally, we used hold the food drive the first part of February, but last year we decided to wait until the first part of March. That worked out well, so we decided to do it at the same time this year. It's all part of the Good Turn for America program the Boy Scouts of America have been sponsoring for a number of

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**Skywarn class scheduled March 13 in council room**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

How would you rate your severe weather preparedness? That's the question the National Weather Service is hoping area residents will ask themselves, as

the service prepares to hold its annual Skywarn class March 13 in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Set for 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., local emergency response officials say

the SkyWarn class is a great way to brush up on your bad-weather skills.

"The SkyWarn school is put on by the National Weather Service to

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**Early voting numbers up, official says**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Early voting totals continue to eclipse numbers posted during the 2004 presidential primaries as area residents go to the polls to decide several local races.

After six days of early voting, more than 1,800 Howard County voters have cast their ballot in the political party primaries, according to Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, and show no signs of slowing down en route to the March 4 election day.



Bloom

"We've received 1,822 ballots so far. That's 1,146 for the Republican party and 676 for the Democratic party," said Bloom. "Obviously, we've already passed totals from four years ago, which were 1,160 at this point in early voting, so I'm pleased with the turnout so far."

Bloom said she believes it's the local races — the Republican ballot for sheriff and County Commissioner Precinct 3, as well as the Democratic ballot for County Commissioner Precinct 1 — that are driving the turnout.

"I really feel like it's the local races that are pushing this," said Bloom. "Even with the race between Obama Barrack and Hillary Clinton so publicized, our numbers for the Democratic primary are down, so I feel like it's the local sheriff and commissioners races that have the voters coming out."

Voters looking to cast their ballots early will have to do so before the end of the business day Friday, with extended voting hours planned today, according to Bloom.

"The polls will be open today until 7 p.m.," said Bloom. "We did the same thing Tuesday, and the extended hours really help. Some people simply can't break away from work during the normal 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. poll times, and this gives them a little extra time to make it here to the polls,

**Local candidates**

**Howard County Sheriff** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Gary Morgan  
• Stan Parker  
• Dale Walker  
Democrat  
• Pat Carter (Democrat)

**Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Bennie Green

**County Commissioner Precinct 1** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Edwin O. Ware (Republican)  
Democrat  
• Yolanda Mendoza  
• Emma Brown

**County Commissioner Precinct 3** (four-year term)  
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• Steve Gray  
• Fred Green  
• Jimmie Wayne Long  
• Winston Paschal Odom  
Democrat  
• Dick Dubose

**Tax Assessor-Collector** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Kathy Sayles

**County Attorney** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Josh Hamby  
Democrat  
• Mike Thomas

**Constable, Precinct 1** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Kneel B. Stallings  
Democrat  
• Bill Holden

**District Attorney** (four-year term)  
Republican  
• Hardy Wilkerson

which are located on the third floor of the county courthouse."

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 who 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,"

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**Hillary Clinton offers plan to cut child poverty in half in a dozen years**

HANGING ROCK, Ohio (AP) — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton is offering a plan to improve childhood nutrition and setting a goal to reduce by half the 12 million youngsters living in poverty over the next dozen years.

A package of proposals, to be unveiled today, includes a "comprehensive" early education initiative that starts with nurse's visits for pregnant women, lets children begin the

Head Start program earlier and calls for universal pre-kindergarten programs.

The New York senator also says she would deal with childhood hunger by putting in place a food safety net, and give children "greater access to healthy, fresh food."

She was to spell out her proposals in a speech at the child care development center on Ohio University's southern campus.

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Forsan softball at Snyder Tournament.

Coahoma baseball at Sweetwater Tournament.

Coahoma softball at Lubbock tournament.

### FRIDAY

Garden City vs. May at Class A, Division II, Region II tournament in Fort Worth, 4 p.m.

### Big Spring Little League signups begin Saturday

Big Spring Little League baseball starts signups for the 2008 season Saturday at 10 a.m. and last through 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration continues throughout the week at the following times:

Monday through March 7, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

March 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Howard College athletics updates and calendar

Women's Basketball (24-6, third in WJCAC 10-4) fell to No. 9 South Plains College 58-40 Monday night to finish the regular season. The Hawks travel to Belton to play in the Region V Tournament Friday, March 7. Opponent and game time is yet to be determined.

Men's Basketball (23-7, third in WJCAC 12-4) won 75-70 over South Plains College Monday night to finish the regular season. The Hawks play at the Region V Tournament in Belton Thursday, March 6. Game time and opponent is yet to be determined.

Softball (11-6, 5-1 in WJCAC) swept Frank Phillips College and Clarendon College last weekend in WJCAC action and travel to take on El Paso Community College Friday.

Baseball (14-0) plays host to New Mexico Junior College in a doubleheader on Friday to open conference play beginning at 1 p.m. They'll travel to NMJC for another doubleheader Saturday. The undefeated Hawks are ranked 22nd in the latest Baseball America JUCO poll.

### Last chance for Big Spring Girls Softball registration

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association has its last day for registering 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.

Girls ages 4 to 14 as of Jan. 1 are eligible.

## Aggies end 3-game skid, rout Tech

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M rebounded from one of its worst performances with perhaps its best.

Dominique Kirk scored 16 points, including five 3-pointers, and Texas A&M snapped out of its Big 12 nosedive with an easy 98-54 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

The Aggies had lost three straight and dropped out of the Top 25 rankings this week for the first time in 36 weeks.

The 44-point margin is A&M's

biggest win in Big 12 history and in its series against Tech.

Texas A&M (21-7, 7-6) was aggressive, scrappy and excited from the beginning of this one, looking nothing like the team that scored just 59 points in a loss to Nebraska on Saturday.

"On Saturday we didn't play defense and on offense we sat around and today was the exact opposite," he said. "It was good. It was one of our best games of the year."

The Aggies scored the first five points of the game and never trailed, leading by double-digits

through most of the game.

The win breaks a three-game losing streak to the Red Raiders and avenges a 68-53 Texas Tech win earlier this season that gave Bob Knight his 900th career victory.

All Kirk's baskets came on 3-pointers on 5-of-7 shooting from long range.

"He was aggressive," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "He didn't hesitate. He jumped up to shoot it like he meant it."

Kirk was nonchalant about his 3-point accuracy.

"I was just ready to shoot

today," he said.

Joseph Jones added 13 points for A&M and Donald Sloan had 12.

"This game was about pride and getting back on track," Jones said. "There's no telling where we might end up ... but tonight we gave great effort for 40 minutes."

The Aggies scored the first eight points of the second half, thanks to 3-pointers by Kirk and Josh Carter to extend their lead to 64-29 with about 18 minutes

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## Clemens pitches to Astros' minor leaguers

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Roger Clemens declined to say whether he was aware Congress had asked the Justice Department to investigate whether he lied in sworn testimony about steroid use.

A letter drafted by House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chairman Henry Waxman and ranking Republican Tom Davis was sent to Attorney General Michael Mukasey on Wednesday. They asked the Justice Department to look into Clemens' recent statements in a sworn deposition and at a public hearing that he "never used anabolic steroids or human growth hormone."

Clemens was working with minor leaguers at the Houston Astros' spring training camp when the congressional request became official.

When he was finished, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner emerged from an indoor batting cage to a large group of autograph-seekers, reporters and photographers. He was asked several times if he was aware of the request and never answered.

"Guys, the big team is up that way," Clemens said, referring to the Astros, whose spring training clubhouse is about 200 yards from the minor league complex.

Later in the afternoon, a clubhouse assistant backed Clemens' black Hummer up to a service entrance to the building, which helped the pitcher keep away from about two dozen reporters

and photographers who tracked him all day.

Clemens came out just after 2 p.m. and as he was asked about the congressional request one more time, he responded, "See y'all tomorrow," hopped into the Hummer and drove away.

The congressmen wrote in a letter that Clemens' testimony directly contradicted that of Brian McNamee, his former personal trainer, who said he injected Clemens with anabolic steroids and human growth hormone.

"Mr. Clemens' testimony is also contradicted by the sworn deposition testimony and affidavit submitted to the committee by Andrew Pettitte, a former teammate of Mr. Clemens, whose testimony and affidavit reported that Mr. Clemens had admitted to him in 1999 or 2000 that he had taken human growth hormone," the letter said.

Clemens arrived at the Astros' minor league clubhouse just before 11 a.m. Wednesday. The minor leaguers, including Clemens' oldest son, Koby, opened a minicamp on Monday and Clemens has permission from the team to participate.

Wearing a white baseball cap, a long-sleeved black shirt and blue jeans, Clemens walked toward the horde as the Astros' major leaguers were practicing on an adjacent field.

"Wow, you guys need to get a life," Clemens said, shaking his head. "There's a big league team

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AP photo/David J. Phillip

Roger Clemens, left, talks with his son Koby, right, after a workout at the Houston Astros minor league spring training facility Wednesday in Kissimmee, Fla. Clemens worked with minor leaguers, including his son who plays catcher. Congress has asked the Justice Department to investigate whether Roger Clemens "committed perjury and made knowingly false statements" to a House committee.

## Lebron hits 10,000-point mark in loss to Celtics

The Associated Press

LeBron James hopped off the court and limped to the locker room, unsure if he'd be able to return for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Sure enough, the All-Star forward came back and became the youngest player in NBA history to reach 10,000 points. That still wasn't enough to beat the Boston Celtics.

"It doesn't make me happy to do it in a losing effort," James said after the 92-87 loss Wednesday night. "To be in the record books is a tribute to my teammates, myself and my family."

Ray Allen scored 22 points and Kevin Garnett added 18 with 11 rebounds for Boston to help the NBA's top team win its third straight and improve to 2-2 for the season against the defending Eastern Conference champions.

"We had our hands full (with James), but I thought we did a pretty good job," Allen said. "I think we gutted it out."

James sprained his ankle and missed the last 4:24 of the first half, but X-rays were negative and he was back for the start of the second.

"I know my ankle, and tomorrow it's going to be a lot worse," James said.

James reached the 10,000-point milestone at 23 years and 59 days, more than a year younger

than Kobe Bryant was when he did it in 2003 (24 years, 193 days). It took James 368 games to do it — the ninth-fewest games in league history.

In other NBA games, it was: Denver 138, Seattle 96; New Orleans 120, Phoenix 103; Utah 103, Detroit 95; Chicago 113, Indiana 107; New York 113, Charlotte 89; Philadelphia 101, Orlando 89; Toronto 107, Minnesota 85; Atlanta 123, Sacramento 117; and Portland 82, the Los Angeles Clippers 80.

At Boston, the Cavaliers shot just 38 percent from the floor and James was 7-for-24.

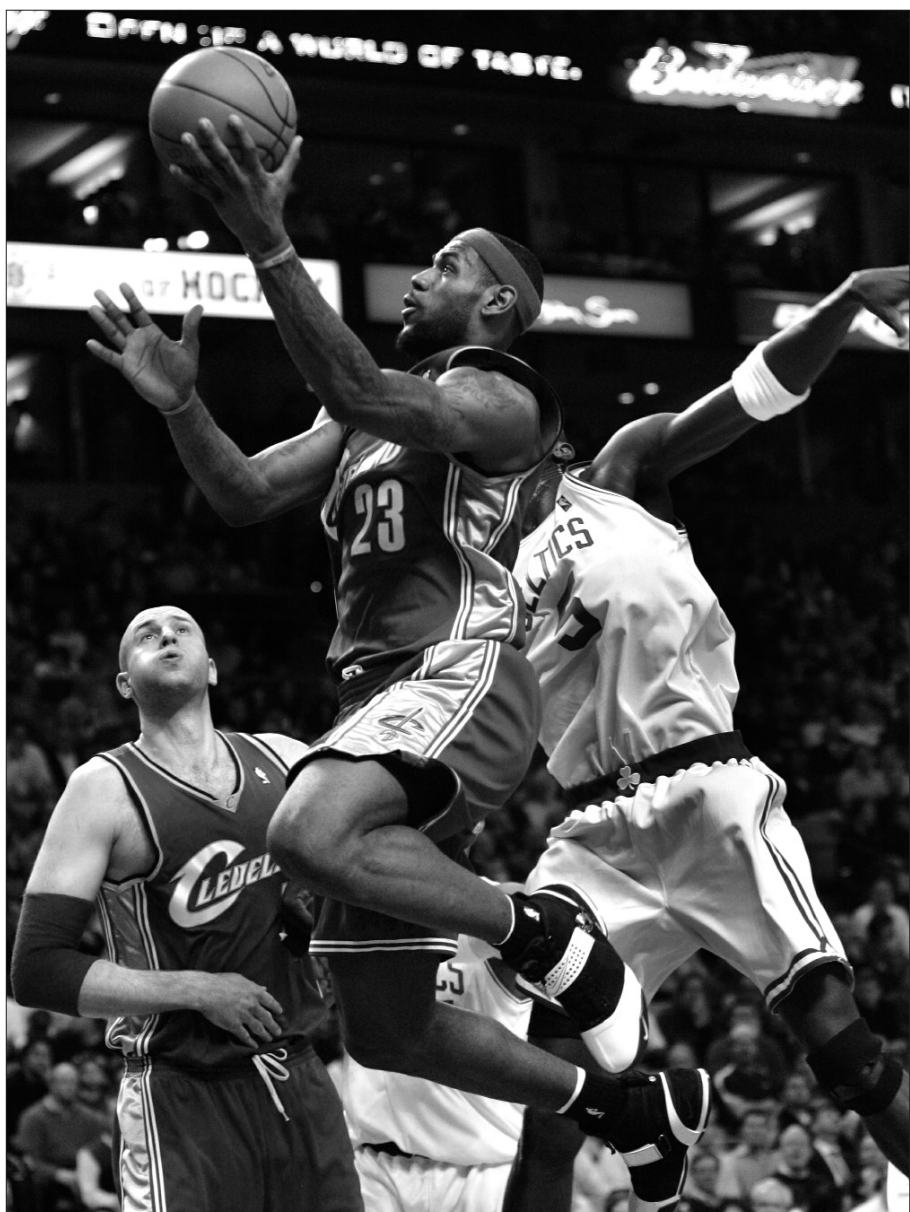
"When you have an off-shooting night like this, it's tough to pull a game out," James said. "Especially against the best team in the league."

The Cavaliers were playing their third game with four new players, including Ben Wallace, acquired in an 11-player, three-team deal at the trading deadline.

"They're so new, we really didn't see them," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They're going to be so much better because of that trade."

Cavs coach Mike Brown was ejected with 42 seconds left in the third quarter after he had to be restrained by his assistants while arguing a foul call against

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AP photo/Elise Amendola

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) drives to the hoop against Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett (5) as teammate Zydrunas Ilgauskas watches at left in the second half of their NBA basketball game in Boston Wednesday. James returned from a first-half ankle injury to score 26 and become the youngest player in NBA history to reach the 10,000-point milestone, but the Celtics beat the Cavaliers 92-87.

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James. Neither James' performance on the court nor Brown's outburst could help Cleveland close what was a double-digit deficit most of the game. After hitting the first two baskets of the fourth quarter to make it 75-66, the Cavs never got closer than 10 points until the final minute.

**Nuggets 138, SuperSonics 96**  
Allen Iverson scored 31 points, and Denver scored the most points in the NBA this season. The visiting Nuggets snapped a three-game losing streak, shooting 67 percent — a franchise record. The previous best was nearly 30 years ago, when the Nuggets shot 66.7 percent against New Jersey early in the 1978 season. Mickael Gelabale and Kevin Durant each scored 16 points

for Seattle. **Hornets 120, Suns 103**  
Chris Paul had 25 points, 15 assists and three steals to help New Orleans end a three-game losing skid. David West scored 27 points and reserve guard Jannero Pargo added 22 for New Orleans, which shot 53 percent in avoiding its first four-game losing streak of the season. Amare Stoudemire led visiting Phoenix with 32 points and

14 rebounds. **Jazz 103, Pistons 95**  
Mehmet Okur scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and Utah rallied from a 15-point deficit at home to beat Detroit for the sixth straight time. Paul Millsap scored 19, including 16 in the second half and led Utah's comeback. **Bulls 113, Pacers 107**  
At Indianapolis, Larry

Hughes had 29 points and Drew Gooden added 10 points and 15 rebounds, helping new-look Chicago to a victory. Mike Dunleavy had 25 points for the slumping Pacers. **Knicks 113, Bobcats 89**  
Nate Robinson scored 22 points, Jamal Crawford added 20, and the Knicks matched their most lopsided victory of the season. Matt Carroll scored 19 points for the visiting Bobcats.

**CLEMENS**

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to the left, I think." Clemens refused to stop and answer questions before briskly walked into the clubhouse. "I did all I'm gonna do yesterday," he said. On Tuesday, Clemens would not answer direct questions about Andy Pettitte or reports that Congress was considering the request that it made to the

Justice Department on Wednesday. Once he took the field, Clemens didn't seem distracted by the news from Washington. He came out of the clubhouse just before noon, dressed in gym shoes, black warm-up pants, a red Astros jacket and a black Astros cap. He tutored Astros prospect Brian Bogusevic on his pitching form, then shed his jacket and took the mound on one of the team's practice fields. Underneath the jacket,

Clemens was wearing a gray T-shirt that had an Astros' star logo on the front and read "There is Only One Star" on the back. Koby Clemens, a catcher in the Astros' farm system, was the first batter, hitting several deep fly balls off his father as about 100 fans watched from behind a steel gate and yelled encouragement. "The fans are behind you!" said one. "We love you, Roger!" said another. Two Clemens supporters wore

T-shirts that read "Rocket Fuel Has No HGH." "I believe him," said Guy Rabich, who made the shirts at his home in nearby St. Petersburg. "He is the greatest of all time. I do feel bad for him. He's really a nice guy, nice to fans, nice to everybody." Clemens threw on the outdoor field for about 45 minutes, giving advice to batters between pitches. "Get your eyes working, come on," he said after infielder Danny Klassen swung and

missed. A few pitches later, Klassen smacked a line drive to left-center. "There you go!" Clemens said. He cracked a smile when infielder Chris Johnson swung and missed at a breaking ball. "Threw you a dead fish," Clemens said. "That came out of my hand funny." Clemens threw in the indoor cage for about 30 minutes. He planned to pitch to the minor leaguers again on Thursday and Friday.

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left. Texas A&M led 67-34 before two quick baskets pushed its lead to 37 points with about 15 minutes to play. Texas Tech (15-12, 6-7) trailed by 37 points before going on an 11-3 run, capped by a 3-pointer by Trevor Cook to get within 74-45 with about three minutes later. The Aggies answered with a 15-5 run to push the lead to 89-50 with about five minutes left and coach Turgeon sat all his starters.

Texas Tech, which had won two straight, was doomed by its own poor shooting (33 percent) coupled with 57 percent shooting by the Aggies, who made 12 3-pointers. "I want to apologize to our fans because we just did not compete tonight," coach Pat Knight said. "I don't like to lose, but we didn't even compete tonight." Pat Knight used seldom played forward Tyler Hoffmeister to start the second half, with Damir Suljagic on the bench with three fouls. Hoffmeister, who won the reality show "Knight School," had four points

and a steal in 15 minutes. "If I'm going to go down in flames, I'm going to go down with at least somebody I enjoy watching play," he said of Hoffmeister. Starter Mike Singletary played just three minutes and was banished to the locker room by Pat Knight with about 16 minutes remaining in the second half. "If you're going to sit there and pout and not cheer for your teammates, you can go sit in the lock-

er room," he said. "I'm not a baby sitter ... I am the head coach now and I don't care how bad the score is you've got to be there for your teammates. When I look down there and I see a kid feeling bad for himself. I don't need that." The loss drops Pat Knight's record to 3-4 since taking over after his father's resignation earlier this month. Texas A&M led by three before scoring eight straight points, fueled by

two 3-pointers by Kirk, to push its lead to 23-12 with about 12 minutes left in the first half. A 9-0 run later in the half stretched A&M's lead to 38-19 about four minutes before halftime. The Aggies outscored Tech 18-10 in the final minutes of the half to lead 56-29 at halftime. A&M's 56 half-

time points were more than the Aggies had scored in two of their last three losses and three shy of their total in Saturday's loss to Nebraska. The Aggies harassed Tech into seven turnovers and numerous bad shots while committing just one turnover in the first half.

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I won the third diamond with the ten, making the key play of discarding a spade from dummy, and then finessed the ten of spades. After cashing the ace of clubs and A-K of spades, on which I discarded my club loser, I ruffed dummy's seven of clubs.  
Next I trumped the queen of diamonds in dummy and ruffed the queen of clubs in my hand. By this time 10 tricks had been played. I had lost two of them and had only the A-J-10 of trumps left while West had the K-Q-7.  
I'm sure you can see what was about to transpire. I led the jack of trumps, and West won with the queen. I can't say exactly what happened next, though, because at that very moment my wife woke me and said it was time to get up and go to work!  
This was very frustrating, because I didn't complete the end-play. Nevertheless, I'm still proud of having discarded a spade rather than a club from dummy at trick three, even though I did it only in my sleep. Cordially yours, Constant Reader.

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**Garage Sales**

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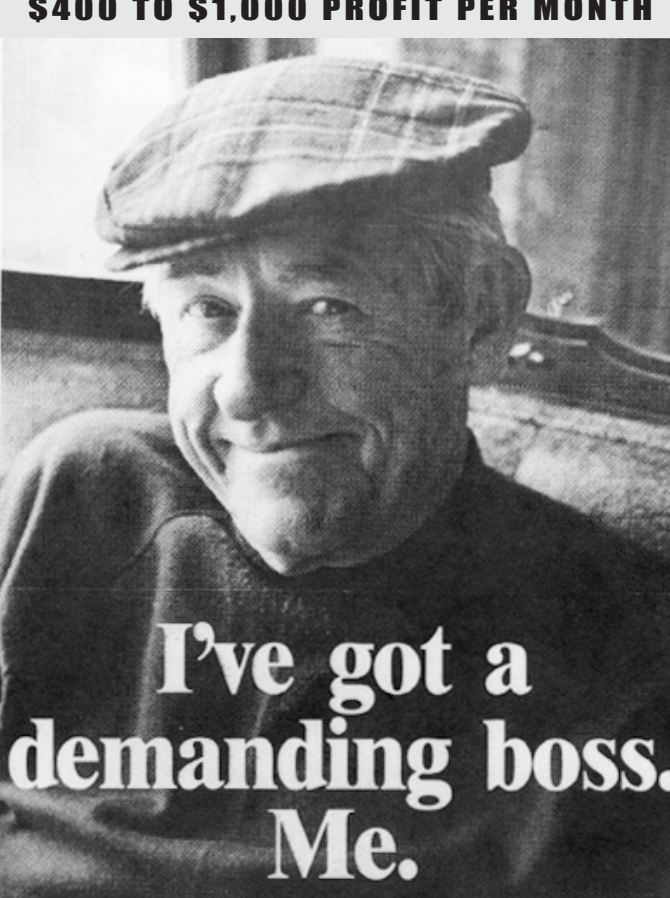
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**Legals**

Coahoma ISD will receive sealed bids for the removal of material from the bank of Wildhorse Creek. Bids will be received in the Administration Office, 600 N. Main or at PO Box 110 Coahoma, TX 79511 until 2:00 pm March 6, 2008. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. #5697 February 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2008

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

The sun and moon square off today at the moon's last quarter,



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

perpetuating the desire to throw off old patterns and move ahead. The obstacles we face, or the people blocking our way, may actually be more like the windmills that Don Quixote mistook for invisible giants. If we're tilting at windmills, a shift in our thinking sets us straight.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When nothing is going wrong, enjoy! Sure, you still have the mental resources necessary to give yourself a good scare. But why? Inventing problems is one creative process you can do without.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). What we learn from "The Wizard of Oz" is that sometimes a person must leave home in order to appreciate it. This is the perfect day to buy your ticket, especially if your trip isn't for a couple of months.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Wise choices you made in the past will continue to support you. This is especially true in business. People on your team are smart enough to handle whatever business you throw their way, so delegate.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You take complete responsibility for the

impression you make on others. Know what you want to say and how you want to portray yourself. Soon you have a constituency of supporters.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You are your word. But what about the situation where you didn't actually say anything directly, maybe just implied it? Make good on those implications and the people you're dealing with will not only trust you but also love you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're forging an even stronger connection with that person who makes you laugh. (Taurus and Capricorn fit the role). Together, you'll find solutions for today's strange and random problems.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your physical body is strongly affected by your general attitude toward it. Look in the mirror, and give yourself the wink and nod of approval. Even better, go in for a pep talk. It will improve your health.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everything is easier. People are more accessible. The wheels of innovation and productivity spin a little faster. People just seem to "get" you. You're in the zone, so work it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a generous mood. Maybe too generous for those close to you. Don't, as they say, give away the farm without considering how others (including the cows and chickens) are going to feel about it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're trying out different ways to express yourself. The planets suggest that now is your chance to be nutty. Be weird. Mess up! And you'll have so much success with this that you may decide to make it a lifestyle.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your mission is one of outreach. Through the phone and the Internet, you spread good vibes to corners of the globe — or at least the country. Don't hold back. Be mushy. Loved ones long to hear it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't know if you're coming or going? Try to think like a drop of water. Whether it's frozen solid as ice, floating on air as steam or in its natural, liquid form, water is infinitely adaptable. Change is good.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm curious about those born on Feb. 29. Do they only get to celebrate their birthday once every four years?"

Here's the skinny on leap-year babies: They age four times slower than the rest of us. Kidding! But seriously, what is a birthday? Convenience ties it to a calendar day, but the exact date/time the sun returns to the position it held when you were born is your real birthday. And because the Earth adds a little pirouette to each passing year, no person's anniversary of birth is ever quite the exact day or time he or

she was born. Any astrologer can give you your solar birthday, or you can do it yourself by adding 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to each passing birthday, starting with your very first. For example, if you were born on Feb. 29, 2008, at 12:48 p.m., your next birthday (the return of the sun to its original position when you were born) is Feb. 28, 2009, at 6:36 p.m. You'd turn three on March 1, 2010, at 12:32 a.m., and so on. But in 2012, a leap year, your birthday would return back to Feb. 29, around noon.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Pisceans can add shrewd business skills to their manifold attributes. For her unfolding consulting career, Chelsea Clinton draws on her sun sign's ability to work selflessly for others, handy for clocking long hours at the office and giving her all to a heartfelt cause. Self-organization is a typical challenge for Pisces, but Chelsea's Saturn in Virgo creates method out of madness.

*Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." 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, 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.*

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**Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: Last May, I found out my husband, "Aldo," was addicted to child pornography. He was never very interested in sex, but I had no idea this was the reason.

I have four children from a previous marriage and, as the result of being sexually abused as a child, have always talked to them about good touching and bad touching. After counseling and checkups, I have been assured that Aldo has not done anything to them.

Aldo and I decided to work things out. His counselor says that since Aldo has come clean with his problem and finally opened up about his own childhood sexual abuse, he would not have the urge to do this again.

I have locked my computer and tried to recover, but, Annie, I can't get over it. It's not only the disturbing behavior, but the deceit. He never showed any signs of guilt or anguish. When I searched my computer's history, I was able to see all the images he downloaded, and they are forever etched on my brain. I don't believe his problem will just go away.

I am in my last semester of college and cannot support myself financially. I am losing sleep and am pretty sure I'm losing my mind, as well. I take antidepressants and will begin my own counseling this evening. I am hopeful that will help, but I feel I have no options. What should I do? — Sleeping With the Sicko

Dear Sleeping: First of all, having child pornography on one's computer is against the law. If discovered, your husband could go to prison. We cannot say whether he will be able to overcome his proclivity, but for safety's sake, you should never leave him alone with your children or anyone else's. There



**KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR**

are support groups for those whose lives have been affected by another's compulsive sexual behavior.

Please contact COSA (cosa-recovery.org) at P.O. Box 14537, Minneapolis, MN 55414, or S-ANON (sanon.org) at 1-800-210-8141.

Dear Annie: I've known my husband for 14 years and we have three beautiful children. I still love him, but something is missing.

My husband is loving, good-looking and smart. He works so I can stay home with the children, and still helps clean and take care of the kids so I have time to myself. But it's like living with my best friend. Sex feels wrong. Can the sparks be rekindled? — No Sparks

Dear No Sparks: Yes. First, get a complete checkup to make sure there are no physical problems. Then, get out of the rut that prevents you from seeing your husband as a romantic partner. It requires an attitude adjustment. Wear your slinkiest negligee to bed. Jump in the shower with him. Arrange babysitting and book a hotel room for an evening. There are dozens of books that will give you ways to replace those negative feelings with positive ideas. You'll have to work at it for a while, but it will become easier, and your husband seems worth the effort.

Dear Annie: I read the

letter from "Sadder and Wiser," whose husband hid his homosexuality. I was in my 50s with grandchildren when I found out my husband was gay and fooling around.

"Sadder" did nothing to be ashamed of. She was duped just as I was. It took me a long time and counseling to get over it. She must get checked for AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Her doctor or health department will do that discreetly.

Gay people should know they can't be happy living a lie. It has been 10 years and I am now remarried to a wonderfully honest man. — Duped by a Minister in Kentucky

Dear Duped: We heard from many women who have lived through this experience. There was a time when homosexual men (and women) felt they had to marry in order to hide their sexual orientation. It still happens, but thankfully, not as often.

Dear Annie: When I married my first wife, "Lynn," I was a trucker and often on the road for a month at a time. I thought it was worth it for my family's financial well-being. Then Lynn told me she didn't love me anymore and wanted a divorce. It was rough, but I have since married a wonderful woman and I have never been happier.

When I was married to Lynn, my brother, "Ed," and his wife lived next door. His wife is a great gal. Ed and Lynn knew each other from working together years before, so I felt my family was safe while I was away.

Last month, my brother came to my house with a confession. He told me he and Lynn have been lovers for over 20 years. I asked if he felt remorse for his actions, and he said, "No, it always felt right." I believe he now plans to divorce his wife and marry Lynn, and he

expects my current family to be welcoming.

My elderly parents do not know any of this and it will be devastating to them. They have always loved Ed's wife and only tolerated Lynn because of our children. I have a constant headache over this and can't think of my brother (whom I trusted with everything) and Lynn without getting angry. How should I handle this? — No More Trust in Texas

Dear Texas: We understand your fresh feeling of betrayal. Obviously, your brother and ex-wife clearly believe they belong together, and it's unfortunate they didn't figure it out before marrying other people. However, holding a grudge only complicates matters for your children and ultimately will change nothing. You don't have to be chummy, and you certainly should register your disapproval, but please try to accept as much as you can tolerate.

Dear Annie: I read the series of responses to "The First Wife," who asked whether her children's relationship with their father would be adversely affected because he left for another woman. That was the best collection of feelings from victims you have ever printed. Every father should read it. I could just feel the heartache in some of the responses. I'm wondering if children feel the same way when Mom leaves her family. — Curious in the East

Dear Curious: We suspect they do. Now that you've asked, perhaps they will share those feelings with our readers.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.*

# CJH SINGERS ARE 'SUPERIOR'

## Take Note



Courtesy photo

These Coahoma Junior High singers were recently awarded superior ratings and accompanying medals for their vocal solos at Region VI JH Solo and Ensemble contest held at Abell Junior High in Midland. From left to right they are Heather Kirby, Keveen Gilbert, Kenzie Moore and Jessi Morgan. All are eighth grade students.

• Members of the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge 598 will present Paul Smith with the Golden Trowel — the group's most distinguished award — Thursday following a meal slated for 6:30 p.m. at 519 Main Street. All of Paul's friends are invited to attend. For more information, contact Jerry Barker at 263-1054.

• The Howard County Youth Horseman Club is sponsoring an equine shot clinic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the HCYHC arena on the Garden City Highway. Brock Veterinarian Clinic of Lamesa is providing the services. You do not have to be a member to participate. Call (432) 599-2934 if you have questions.

• Big Spring High School will be offering the Exit Level TAKS Retest, March 3-7, 2008. Please report to the High School Library at 8 a.m. Bring a picture I.D. Dates are, March 3, Social Studies; March 5, English Language Arts; March 6, Math; March 7, Science.

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

## VOTE

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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 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 when-

ever 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 are here to help the voters of Howard County in any way they can."

Area voters have plenty of choices in front of them.

Sheriff Dale Walker is running for re-election on the Republican ticket, facing off against Gary

Morgan and Stan Parker in the primaries, with former HCSO Deputy Pat Carter the lone candidate on the Democratic ticket.

In the race for the Precinct 3 seat on the commissioner's court, nearly a half-dozen hopefuls are on the Republican ballot. Dick Dubose, who ran for the seat four years ago, is the lone Democratic candidate, automatically earning him a place on the November ballot.

However, Steve Gray, Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green all have hopes of winning the Republican nomination.

Edwin O. Ware will be able to quietly cruise through the primaries as the lone Republican candidate seeking the Precinct 1 seat on the commissioner's court, while incumbent Emma Brown and challenger Yolanda Mendoza will try to win the Democratic

nomination. Brown defeated Mendoza in her last bid for re-election approximately four years ago.

Howard County Constable Bill Holden is running for re-election on the Democratic ticket, and while he failed to draw an opponent for the primaries, Kneel B. Stallings has filed to challenge on the Republican card, forcing the contest to a November resolution. Also in Howard County

contests, County Attorney Mike Thomas is running for re-election with the Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who is running on the Republican ticket, setting up yet another November showdown.

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## SCOUTS

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years. "Residents who would like to make a donation just need to put their canned goods in a plastic grocery stack and place it on their porch or front

door. It's very important they make sure the bag can be seen from the street."

Wallace said the Scouts will collect the food items from different parts of the community, bringing them back to a central drop-off point.

"The food will be picked up by teams of Scouts and

brought to our collection point, which will be set up at the Wal-Mart Supercenter's east entrance," said Wallace. "We're having the drop-off point at Wal-Mart in hopes people who see us there will also make a donation, or maybe even purchase something specially for the drive while

they are doing their grocery shopping."

Wallace said the Scouts will be scouring the streets of Big Spring, Coahoma and Sand Springs.

"We've looked at covering Forsan, but everything is just too spread out," said Wallace. "So we're asking Forsan resi-

dents to please bring their donations to the drop off point at Wal-Mart Saturday."

For those who find they cannot make a donation Saturday or happen to forget the drive, donations can be delivered to the Big Spring Herald's offices at 710 Scurry during normal business

hours. For more information on the food drive, contact Wallace at 263-3407.

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## SKYWARN

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train people in the community on how to look at the clouds and conditions and tell what's going on," said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "It's very intense. It's very good training and it's only a two-hour class.

"They will also have information on how to go online to the National Weather Service Web site and track the weather on their radar sites. That way they can see what's coming up."

Chamness said the course will cover the most common severe weather situations for the Howard County area in hopes of preparing area residents for the worst case scenario.

"It's really a lot of good information for people to have," said Chamness. "It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe

weather is like in our area. Since we're getting ready to head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Springtime is when we really get a lot of the severe weather — things like hail and possible tornadoes."

Chamness said the course isn't just for weather or storm buffs.

"There's no charge for the classes and the public is definitely welcome to attend," said Chamness. "Those who sign up for the class will receive a certificate from the National Weather Service, and if you're in law enforcement or emergency services, you can get credit for it."

"It's excellent training for anyone to have. They change it up every year. I've gone to them for the last six or seven years, and it's just excellent information to have."

According to Warning Coordination Meteorologist Pat Vesper, the class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it's certainly not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

"While the class is designed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone," said Vesper. "We offer a lot of information on safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family."

"Our main focus for these classes is safety. We'll also look at supercell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. We

want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field."

Vesper said having spotters reporting in during severe weather allows the NWS to develop a better picture of dangers, and while not everyone wants to be a spotter, the information the class provides is invaluable to anyone finding themselves in severe weather.

"The SkyWarn spotters are an integral part of our system," said Vesper. "They provide reports to us from out in the field, which allows us to combine that information with satellite and radar data to get a good picture of what's going on."

"Even if someone doesn't want to become a spotter, I think these classes go a long way to prepare them and their families

for a severe weather situation. We're preparing for the storm season now, and we hope everyone else in the area will do so as well."

For more information on the SkyWarn program and the Midland branch of the National Weather Service, visit them online at [www.srh.noaa.gov/maf](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/maf), or call 432-563-5006.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Help is needed to make special service happen

With just a few days remaining before Sunday's community-wide "Refinery Miracle Thanksgiving Service" at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, organizers are still in need of a great deal of help.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with a dinner for refinery workers, first responders and their families in the church's gymnasium. Originally organizers had hoped to include members of local churches and faith-based organizations to the guest list, but learned only 400 people can be seated in the gymnasium, which will be filled by the refinery workers, emergency personnel and their families.

The thanksgiving service, which is expected to last about an hour, will begin at 8 p.m. in the church's sanctuary, and that will provide an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Everett Bender, one of the event's organizers, is encouraging everyone in the community to come attend and "join us in thanking God for providing the absolute miracle we experienced last Monday."

We couldn't agree more. That's why we here at the Herald have been honored in joining employees and company officials from Alon, Mayor Russ McEwen, County Judge Mark Barr, KBST and KBYG radio stations, the Chamber of Commerce and local churches in helping put together this event.

We are convinced that we as a community need to express our appreciation for the protection God provided all of us during the emergency.

What's more, we can never offer our thanks to the emergency personnel who daily put their lives on the line to protect us.

And we should certainly be grateful for Alon USA's continued commitment to our community. But there's a great deal of work to be done and we need anyone interested in helping out to do so.

Those who would be interested in coordinating food for the dinner can e-mail Shirley Beauchamp at shirleybeauchamp@suddenlink.net; while those who would be willing to participate in a community-wide choir to provide music during the service should e-mail Joe Whitten at mingbssh@yahoo.com; and those who can help set up before the event or clean up following the dinner and service can e-mail Pat Simmons at psimmons4660@sbcglobal.net.

Also, anyone who could volunteer to greet and usher those attending the 8 p.m. service are asked to e-mail Ken Sinclear at msinclea@rcrom.net. And local pastors, ministers and lay leaders wanting to comfort, counsel and provide encouragement to attendees following the service are asked to e-mail John McCullough at jmcull356@peoplepc.com.

We hope to see you all Sunday night.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we not hesitate to change our plans to include You, Lord.*

Amen

# Obama's weaknesses off limits

Poor Hillary. She can't afford to attack Obama where he's vulnerable, but she can't afford not to. Even if she does, it's likely it won't resonate with a leftist base made to order for Obama. Worse yet, it's probably too late anyway.

The irony is that if Hillary had been willing to be who she really is — an anti-war leftist — she'd probably be in the driver's seat right now. But her calculated and inconsistent shift to the center several years ago in anticipation of a general election created a gigantic Obama-shaped hole on the left.

Hindsight reveals that Hillary's strategy of holding herself out as the battle-tested, experienced candidate was ill-conceived. Not only was it untrue — most of her experience was vicarious, which doesn't really count — but the very theme of experience did not play well with a leftist base that was agitating for change, radical change, even if it had to come from a greenhorn.

Hillary's claim of mature leadership just reinforced that she is part of the Washington establishment that gave us Iraq.

Even if that issue is becoming moot, its bitter memory is not. Hillary will always be damaged goods to the unforgiving antiwar left, no matter how often she pretends she was duped by a "dope" into voting for the resolution authorizing war.

Of course, Hillary says she's for change, too — she wants to revert to the Clinton glory years. But with Bill's unattractive side — defensive, combative, narcissistic — in such prominent display on the campaign trail, voters are

reminded more of the Clinton scandals than their so-called glory years. Simply put, the left wants change, and Hillary has no credibility as a change agent.

So where is Obama vulnerable? I believe he does have a glaring weakness, but Hillary is uniquely positioned not to be able to exploit it.

Not long ago, Hillary added to her brief against Obama the charge that he is all form and no substance, flowery speeches without specifics, promises without solutions. I think she was close with this, but she slightly missed the mark.

Just because Obama is given to lofty oratory and inspires hope with platitudes doesn't mean he's an empty vessel. I'd fear an Obama presidency much less if he were just an empty vessel.

We underestimate him at our peril. He is plenty smart and quite capable. And he does have an agenda that, sadly for us, is substance-rich. His generalities-laden, silver-tongued optimism conceals a hard-core leftist blueprint for this country that would make Dennis Kucinich look like Milton Friedman.

Obama's fancy speech doesn't reveal emptiness as much as a lack of realism and, possibly, deception.

He waxes eloquent about unity, bipartisanship and hope. But does anyone, let alone Hillary, ever ask him to explain precisely how he would achieve such harmony when pursuing a far-leftist agenda that is anathema to at least a majority of this center-right nation?

How unified do you think Americans would be if Obama were to pursue a policy of retreat and defeat in Iraq just as we are on the verge of wining there? Will the right sit idly by while he implements his version of socialized medicine? How about more

onerous taxes? Further entitlement spending? Open borders?

As a Hail Mary, perhaps Hillary could say: "Barack makes nice-sounding words. But he's not being straight with you. I'll be straight with you. We Democrats do offer hope, but it's not the kind of hope Republicans are going to like. We can't promise you we'll achieve perfect harmony or bipartisanship. In fact, we can pretty much guarantee Republicans will try to obstruct our program for change — you've seen how they've blocked our plans since we took control of Congress — because we have a different vision, a progressive vision looking to the future. Barack gives you the false hope that this is going to be easy. I'm telling you the truth — I'm giving you the reality. Like at all other points in our history, it is going to be a struggle against those who don't share our vision. But it will be worth it, and we'll prevail, because we have the right vision, the noble vision that is best for the people and reflects their will."

The problem is that Hillary might even be worse off using that approach because to attack "hope" and to try to put a damper on Barack's infectious optimism is like trying to badmouth motherhood and apple pie.

Nor is she, being sympathetic to socialism herself, in a position to point out Obama's inconsistency in pretending to love individual responsibility and entrepreneurship while recommending mostly government-based solutions.

Let's face it: Short of a major scandal or a vice-presidential nod, Hillary's pretty much out of luck.

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DAVID LIMBAUGH



# Su voto es su voz

Your vote is your voice, Si es la verdad. That's the truth for the people that worked so hard to obtain the right to vote.

Many of the Hispanic youth have the attitude that "Nuestro Voto No Cuenta," Our Vote Doesn't Count.

I'm here to advise you that it does count. It counts as much as any other person's vote does.

That means that when you vote, you either give the candidate of your choice "Tu Voto" or cancel your candidates opponents "Voto." Making it an even plane or "Avanzando" your candidate into the winning circle. "Votar" has never really been "gratis."

Many lives were given up so that our founding fathers could form a constitution for everyone "Viviendo En Los Estados Unidos". The right to vote.

The founding "Padres" had the right idea for everyone but it was a lot of the people that decided to make it hard for all the minorities in "Los Estados Unidos" to vote.

"Estamos hablando como" intimidation, "como" if you vote you better find yourself another job "boy."

Now "Raza," if you have a family to "Soportar," well it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out, "no

puedo votar." "Segundamente" "El Poll Tax" the poll tax was established to hinder the minorities from "votando."

Think of this, if way back then your minimum wage was 20 or 30 cents per hour and it cost \$2 or \$3 to vote, then how could "La Raza" justify a day's wage to "votar" when you have a "familia" to support and feed? "Otra Cosa Mas" do you think that "Freedom is Free," well "Raza" it isn't and with freedom comes "El Derecho — El Privilegio de Votar."

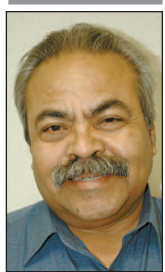
Think of all the U.S. soldiers that have lost "La Vida" and continue to lose their lives, including "Nuestros Chavalones, de Nuestra Comunidad" so that you and I can enjoy "Nuestra Vida" without worrying about someone from another "pais" harming our "Vidas."

"Mi Voto no Cuenda," well "Muchachos," it does and now you know why "Es Importante" to vote.

"Si estas registrados" to vote go vote, "Si no estas registrados pues" You can't vote in "Tejas" primary where you can only vote in your party like Democrats or Republicans on Tuesday, March 4.

"Solo Mi Raza" your vote does count "y su voto si es su voz."

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# VW's Touareg 2

*Sophisticated, premium SUV reaches new plateau*

**I** did not want to give the keys back at the end of my weeklong test drive in the new Volkswagen Touareg 2.

This may very well be the finest sport utility vehicle ever made.

I know, that's a pretty bold statement considering the number of caliber of competitive models.

There is a lot of great product on the market today.

The Touareg 2, however, is really in a class by itself for its capability, versatility, premium luxury features and simply outstanding ride and handling.

The more you drive the Touareg 2, the more you want to own one.

Building on the Touareg legacy of safety, comfort and capability, the advanced generation Touareg 2 provides more of everything.

While a fully off-road capable SUV (the Touareg 2 is equipped with Volkswagen's

4XMotion permanent four-wheel drive system with low range gear), it has the heart and soul of a sports car while delivering the luxury of a premium sedan.

The Touareg 2 features a number of design enhancements — too many to list in this limited space. I'll just say it looks and feels as good as it drives.

One of the major enhancements for the new model is the use of the FSI fuel management system that produces more horsepower and torque for better performance while delivering more efficiency.

Consumers have their choice of three engines, which designate the available trim lines.

The VR6 FSI (base price starting at \$39,320) is powered by a 3.6-liter V6 engine rated at 280 horsepower and mated to a six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission. Requiring premium unleaded fuel, it is certified as a Low Emissions Vehicle and has an EPA



The 2008 Volkswagen Touareg 2.

fuel economy rating of 14 mpg city, 19 mpg highway.

Standard features include dual-zone Climatronic, leather-wrapped steering wheel and door handles, leather seating, silver metallic interior trim, premium audio system with Sirius Satellite radio, 12-way power driver's seat, multifunction steering wheel, sunroof, power liftgate, electronic parking assist, 17-inch Makalu alloy wheels, roof rails, ABS, electronic stabilization program, front and rear side curtain airbags and front and side driver and passenger airbags.

The V8 FSI (base price starting at \$48,320) is powered by a 4.2-liter V8 engine rated at 350 horsepower, also mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. Requiring premium unleaded gasoline and certified as a Low Emissions Vehicle, it has an EPA fuel economy rating of 12 mpg city, 17 mpg highway with a 0-60 mph time of 7.6 sec-

onds.

Standard features add walnut wood trim, bi-xenon headlights, memory seat and mirror settings, 19-inch Terra alloy wheels, rear sunshades and Servotronic.

The V10 TDI (base price starting at \$68,320) is powered by a 5.0-liter twin-turbo diesel engine delivering 310 horsepower and 553 lbs.-ft. of torque. Requiring diesel fuel, it has an EPA fuel economy rating of 15 mpg city, 20 mpg highway and 0-60 mph time of 7.5 seconds.

Standard features add auto-dimming and power folding exterior mirrors, memory settings for passenger seat and 4-corner air suspension.

Not only is the Touareg 2 extremely luxurious, it is an absolute blast to drive.

For those in the market for a premium sport utility vehicle, the new Touareg 2 is a must to add to the list of vehicles to test drive.

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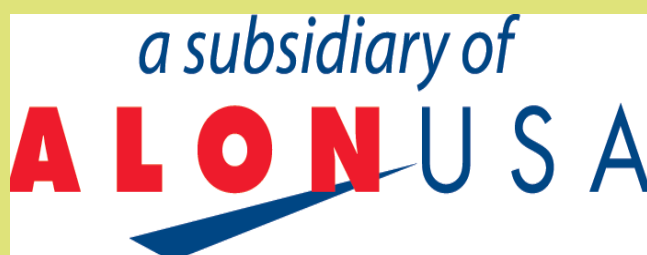


**MODEL:**  
2008 Volkswagen Touareg 2  
5-seat luxury SUV  
Four-wheel drive  
**Trim packages:**  
VR6 FSI, V8 FSI, V10 TDI  
**PRICE RANGE:**  
\$40,000-\$72,000  
**ENGINE:**  
3.6-L V6 (280 hp/265 torque)  
4.2-L V8 (350 hp/324 torque)  
Turbo V10 (310 hp/553 torque)  
**TRANSMISSION:**  
6-speed auto w/Tiptronic  
4XMotion four-wheel drive  
**EPA:** 14/12/15 mpg city,  
19/17/20 mpg highway  
**FUEL:** Premium unleaded;

diesel for V10 TDI  
**BRAKES:** ABS  
**LENGTH:** 187.2 inches  
**WHEELBASE:** 112.4 inches  
**WIDTH:** 75.9 inches  
**HEIGHT:** 68 inches  
**WEIGHT:** 5,086-5,825 lbs.  
**TRACK:** 65.2/65.7 (front/rear)  
**FUEL TANK:** 26.4 gallons  
**TIRES:** 17-, or 19-inch  
**TOW CAP.:** 7,716 lbs.  
**SAFETY:** Anti-lock brake system plus, anti-slip regulation, electronic differential lock, engine braking assist, electronic brake distribution, hill decent assist, et. al.

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**Saturday, March 1, 2008  
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"THE BEST WAY TO GET RID OF TELEMARKETERS IS TO LET DENNIS TALK TO THEM."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

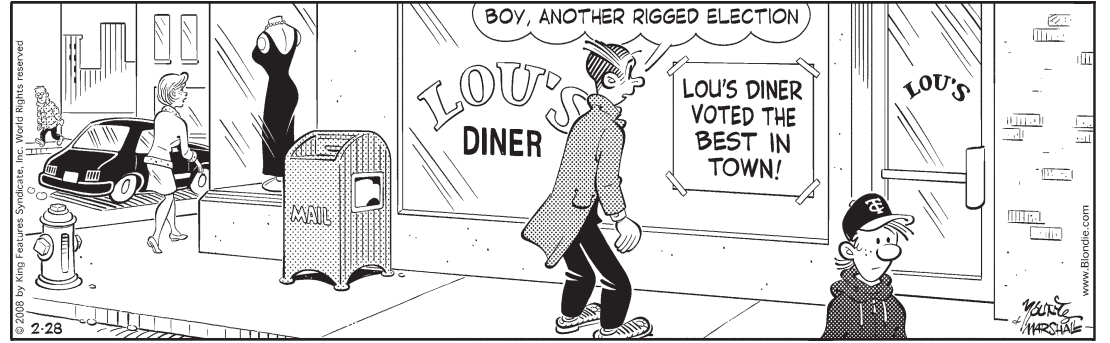


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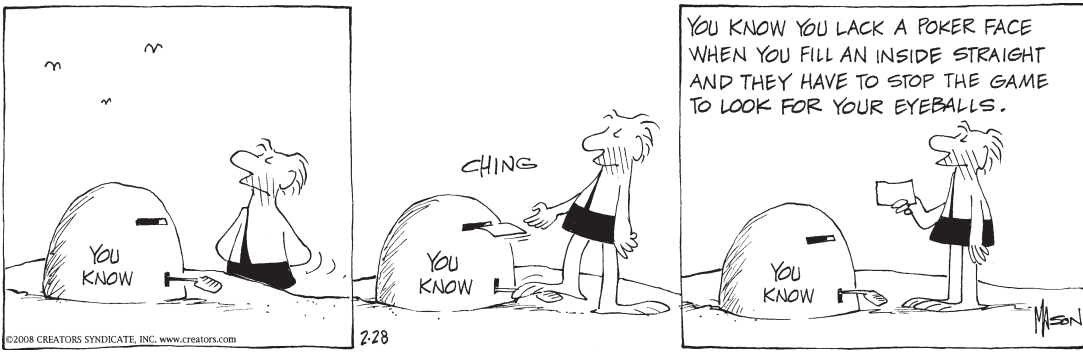
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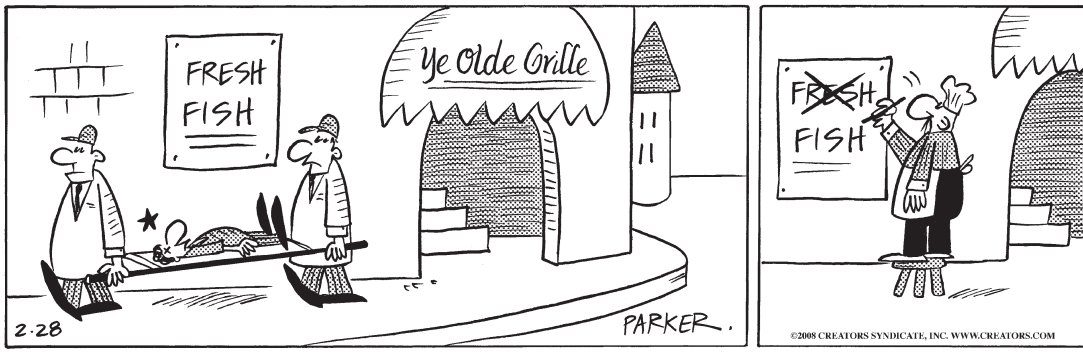
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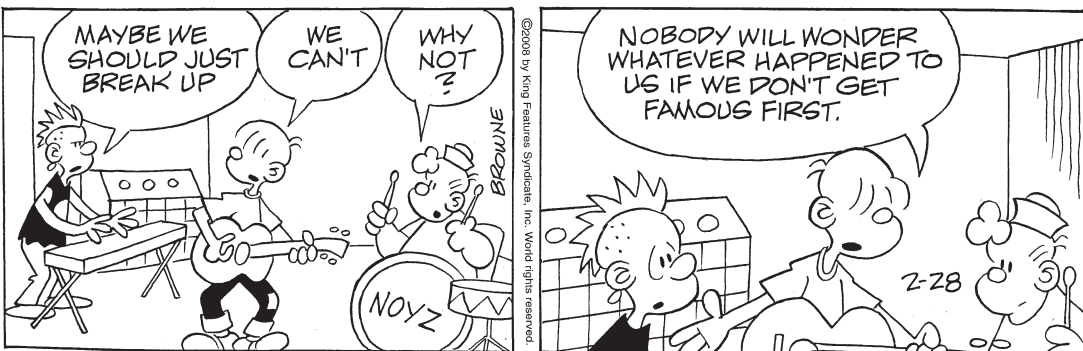
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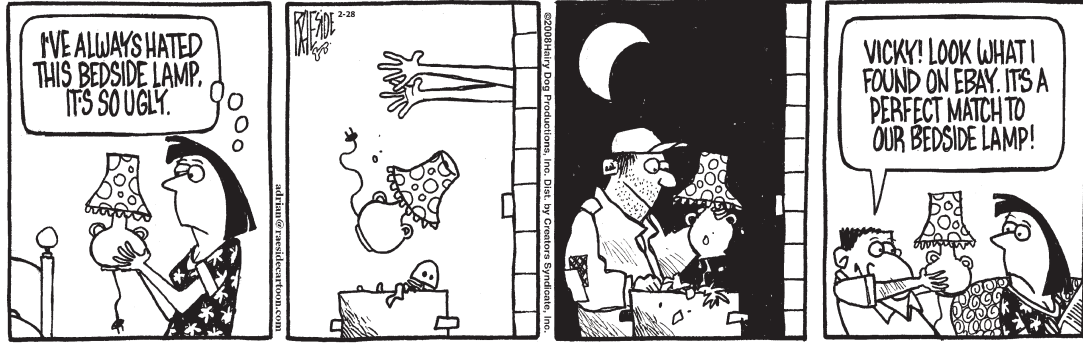
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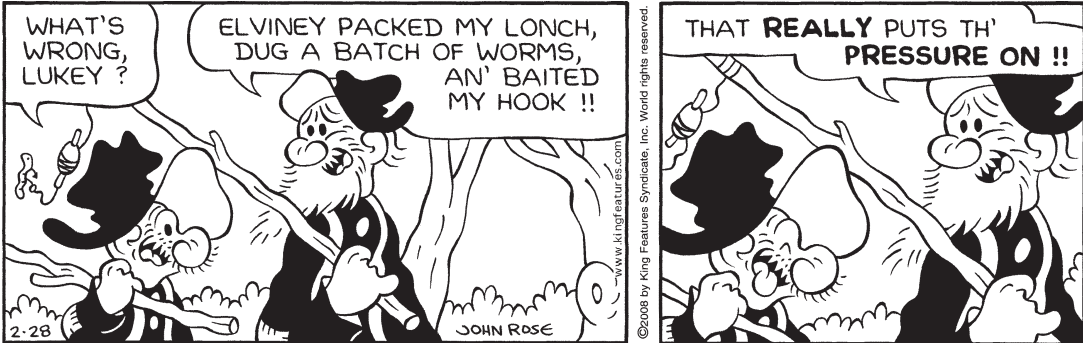
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2008. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was incorporated by the state of Maryland.

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes

Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued an interim report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the U.S.

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains the human genes.

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm.

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

In 1997, in North Hollywood, Calif., two heavily armed masked robbers bungled a bank heist and came out firing, unleashing their arsenal on police, bystanders, cars and TV choppers before they were killed.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Charles Durning is 85. Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, is 82. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 77. Actor Don Francks is 76. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 69. Auto racer Mario Andretti is 68. Singer Joe South is 68. Actor Frank Bonner is 66. Actress Kelly Bishop is 64. Football player Bubba Smith is 63.

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Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like STRAP, DOGS, CEOS, ARENA, EVIL, HANK, MINORS, SCALE, ERIE, PONCE, LAWRENCE, ERR, ASSET, SMALL, FORTUNE, TOGO, BEAST, GOD, APEX, BELTS, URGE, BED, CARAT, PORE, PETTY, OFFICER, ARDEN, OIL, REALTORS, LIBRA, MEMO, LITTLEROCK, EVES, EDIE, RETROK, DESI, GERM, SWEEP.

Newsday Crossword

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13x13 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for clues.

# Parent's Corner: Expressing love to our children

Vickie Parnell, director of the New Hope Christian School in Big Spring, told a story recently that had a very touching message. It went like this: A cheerful little girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the check-out stand, she saw them, a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box.



DARRELL RYAN

"Oh Mommy please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?" Quickly, the mother checked the price tag and then looked back into the

pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face. "A dollar ninety-five, that's almost \$2. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."

As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked her if she could pick dandelions for 10 cents.

On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had enough money to buy the necklace.

Jenny loved her pearls.

They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere, Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath. Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green. Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story.

One night as he finished the story, he asked Jenny, "Do you love me?"

"Oh yes, Daddy. You know that I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh, Daddy, not my pearls; but you can have Princess, the white horse from my collection, the

one with the pink tail. Remember, Daddy? The one you gave me. She's my very favorite."

"That's okay, Honey, daddy loves you. Good night."

And he brushed her cheek with a kiss. About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?"

"Daddy, you know I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh Daddy, not my pearls; but you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper."

"That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you."

And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek.

"What is it, Jenny? What's the matter?"

Jenny didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, daddy; this is for you."

With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny. He had

them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure.

As we consider this story we can know that love is ours to give and we can give it in many ways, through gifts, encouragement, support or by giving our time. Love should always be given freely and should be shown in deeds as well as words. As parents we must always remember that the more ways we express love and caring, the happier and more emotionally healthy our children will be.

Thanks Vickie, I love the story.

*Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.*

## NSHC identifies top aging issues

Special to the Herald

Pat J. Porter of Big Spring was elected as an officer of the National Silver Haired Congress when delegates from 19 states — from New York to Oregon, Montana to Georgia and points in between — attended the 11th annual meeting of the NSHC in Alexandria, Va., Feb.7-12.

The major emphasis of the meeting, Porter noted, was to identify and prioritize the top five issues confronting America's older citizens.

After lengthy debate and review in the NSHC's resolution process, the five resolutions are being presented to the U.S. Congress and President George W. Bush as grassroots input for legislation and/or policy action. Those resolutions are:

- Create a national criminal background check and registry of all direct access employees of health care facilities, including home health agencies and residential care facilities.
- Mandate geriatric education for all students preparing for health careers in tax supported medical schools
- Increase home and community-based ser-

vices by developing a FY 2009 budget that will fully fund the Older Americans Act, Title II.

- Pass elder justice legislation that will prevent, detect, treat, intervene in and prosecute offenders involved in elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

- Establish a "Silver Alert" notification network for missing elderly citizens, similar to the Amber Alert for children so that law enforcement, news media and the general public may be promptly notified and a timely search and rescue may be undertaken when a vulnerable, disoriented elderly person is discovered missing.

In addition to Porter, who was selected as the congress' treasurer, the delegates also elected the following officers for 2008-2010: Chairperson of the Board Hannah Timmons, South Carolina; First Vice Chairperson Herbert W. Perry, Nevada; Second Vice Chairperson Dallas Knudson, North Dakota; Secretary Catherine M. Stone, New York; Senate President Gloria Bonali, South Carolina; Senate President Pro Tem Herbert Perry, Nevada; House Speaker Carlos Higgins, Texas; and House Speaker Pro Tem

Lloyd Steen, North Carolina.

Wally Daeley, the outgoing chairman of the board, announced that he had sent the board's proclamation concerning the inclusion of some 20 million Social Security recipients in the economic stimulus package to U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

John Wren, deputy assistant secretary for aging with the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the delegates at dinner on Saturday. He stressed that the United States does not have a long-term care system, but rather a variety of programs. He suggested that organizations like the NSHC could help provide a grassroots reform movement of America's long-term care system.

Wren indicated that, for the first time, the Older Americans Act requires one-stop shopping entry points to access senior services. In addition, it must be available for all levels of the economic ladder. He said funding for the OAA would remain flat for the next fiscal year, with Title II of the Act especially vulnerable due to lack of funding.

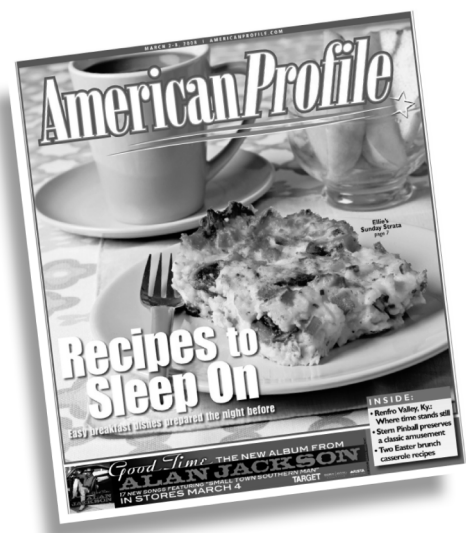
At a morning breakfast meeting, Dr. Jacquelyn McClelland, a professor at North Carolina State University, presented a program titled "Awareness and Education of Osteoporosis." She said as many as 44 million Americans are at risk with osteoporosis. She added there currently is no cure for osteoporosis, but that calcium, vitamin D, weight-bearing exercises and a healthy lifestyle help strengthen bones.

Humana Insurance Company's Ed Kaleta reviewed the role of Medicare advantage insurance in preventative medicine and chronic care management. He indicated that choice is important in health care and Medicare advantage plans provide that choice. He said the health care system is broken and needs to be fixed.

The Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act of 2007 and the Elder Justice Act provided the specifics for the presentations of

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Waking up to yum!

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Verna Davis, representing Alon USA, and Wal-Mart employees Tito Drummond and Tim Walsh, are pictured as the Big Spring Herald and Wal-Mart joined forces to donate cases of nutritional bars to the employees at the Big Spring Refinery. Not pictured is Ron Midkiff, Herald publisher.

# Drummer Buddy Miles dies

AUSTIN (AP) — Drummer Buddy Miles, who played with Jimi Hendrix and sang in the claymation commercials featuring the California Raisins in the 1980s, has died. He was 60.

Miles, who had been suffering from congestive heart failure, died Tuesday night in Austin, publicist Duane Lee said. "He loved to laugh," Lee said Wednesday. "We spent more time laughing than anything else. He was a great joke teller."

Miles, who was born in Omaha, Neb., was performing with his father's jazz-influenced combo by the age 11. He then went on to play for The Delfonics, The Ink Spots and Wilson Pickett, according to his Web site.

He co-founded the band Electric Flag with Mike Bloomfield in 1967. He also co-founded the Band of Gypsies with Hendrix and Billy Cox.

Miles was drummer on Hendrix's landmark "Electric Ladyland" album before officially joining Band of Gypsies a few months later. Miles is best known for "Them Changes," a song he wrote and performed.

He performed with included Stevie Wonder, Muddy Waters, Barry White, David Bowie, George Clinton, Carlos Santana and Bootsy Collins.

"You name it, he sat in with them," longtime friend Victoria Rose told the Omaha World-Herald.

Omaha musician Craig Balderston remembers jamming with Miles occasionally during the mid-90s.

"He would sit in and sing with us. He was a fantastic drummer and a fantastic singer," Balderston told the newspaper.

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Anne Montgomery, senior policy advisor to the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and Ashley Ridlon, a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.), at Monday evening's dinner. Anyone doubting the need for federal legislation to address the prevention of abuse to frail elders was

urged by the speakers to look at the results of a three-year pilot background check of prospective health care workers in seven states.

The total number of applicants excluded from working in long-term care facilities due to a history of abuse identified through registry checks and/or criminal background checks is at least 7,271 (3.7 percent of all

applicants. The two speakers indicated that both bills are currently working their ways through the congressional committee system. The NSHC delegates were invited to contact their elected representatives in support of the bills.

Bob Blancato, chair of the NSHC's Advisory Council, served as master of ceremonies for all of the dinner meetings, and

shared his insights on the action taking place behind the public stage in Washington, D.C.

The NSHC's 2008 mid-year meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 4-5.

For additional information concerning the NSHC, contact Porter at 399-4456.

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# Bush says country not headed into a recession

By **TERENCE HUNT**

AP White House Correspondent  
WASHINGTON — President Bush said Thursday that the country is not headed into a recession and, despite expressing concern about slowing economic growth, rejected for now any additional stimulus efforts. "We've acted robustly," he said. "We'll see the effects of this pro-growth package," Bush told reporters at a White House news conference. "I know there's a lot of, here in Washington people are trying to — stimulus package two — and all that stuff. Why don't we let stimulus package one, which seemed like a good idea at the time, have a chance to kick in?"

Bush's view of the economy was decidedly rosier than that of many economists, who say the country is nearing recession territory or may already be there.

The centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy is a package Congress passed and Bush signed last month. It will rush rebates ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to millions of people and give tax incentives to businesses.

On one issue particularly worrisome to American consumers, there are indications that paying \$4 for a gallon of gasoline is not out of the question once the summer driving season arrives. Asked about

that, Bush said "That's interesting. I hadn't heard that. ... I know it's high now."

Bush also used his news conference to press Congress to give telecommunications companies legal immunity for helping the government eavesdrop after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He continued a near-daily effort to prod lawmakers into passing his version of a law to make it easier for the government to conduct domestic eavesdropping on suspected terrorists' phone calls and e-mails. He says the country is in more danger now that a temporary surveillance law has expired.

The president and Congress are in a showdown over Bush's

demand on the immunity issue.

Bush said the companies helped the government after being told "that their assistance was legal and vital to national security." "Allowing these lawsuits to proceed would be unfair," he said.

More important, Bush added, "the litigation process could lead to the disclosure of information about how we conduct surveillance and it would give al Qaida and others a roadmap as to how to avoid the surveillance."

The Senate passed its version of the surveillance bill earlier this month, and it provides retroactive legal protection for telecommunications companies that wiretapped U.S. phone and

computer lines at the government's request and without court permission. The House version, approved in October, does not include telecom immunity.

Telecom companies face around 40 lawsuits for their alleged role in wiretapping their American customers.

Senate Democrats appeared unwilling to budge.

As Bush began speaking, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., cast the president's position as a "tiresome campaign...to avoid accountability for the unlawful surveillance of Americans."

"The president once again is misusing his bully pulpit," Leahy said.



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