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Officials with the Big Spring Fire Department examine the remains of a stone wall that collapsed at a home in the 2000 block of Nolan late Thursday afternoon. No one was home at the time the wall gave way, officials said. Utilities to the home had to be cut off, however, because the wall located on the rear of the home appeared ready to collapse as well, according to officials. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

BSISD to initiate operational review

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District administrators have begun a review of how manpower and other resources are allocated within the district.

Interim Superintendent Michael Stevens announced the action during Thursday's school trustee meeting.

Stevens said the review is mostly to avoid duplication of effort within

"... there is no question that some decisions need to be made regarding how we are allocating our resources as it relates to personnel."

—Michael Stevens, interim superintendent



BSISD administration.

"Basically, it's an issue of who answers to who around here," Stevens said. "We want to find how we can best allocate resources within the district."

Stevens wanted to reassure employees the review was not aimed at a particular person or group of people.

"This is not a vendetta

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Groups standing in line to grab another bailout

By **JULIE DAVIS**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — All aboard, there may be another bailout train leaving the station on Capitol Hill.

Talk of a \$25 billion emergency loan package for the Big Three carmakers that could see a vote in a postelection session of

Congress next week has a wave of business lobbyists clamoring for action — and a slice of the pie.

They're dusting off their call lists and preparing for a furious round of vote-hunting that comes little more than a month after lawmakers approved the \$700 billion bailout de-

signed for banks and other financial firms.

Now with the three major U.S. car companies warning they could face a collapse before year's end without new government help, Democratic congressional leaders are pushing

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County officials give OK to local election results

Howard County voter turnout less than anticipated

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners put their stamp of approval on the Nov. 4 election results during a special meeting this morning, officially closing the books on the local effort.

According to Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator, an addi-

tional 16 ballots have been counted and added to the final vote tally since election day, but failed to effect the outcome of any races.

"We had 16 ballots counted since election night. Several of them were from provisional ballots and several were from military mail in ballots postmarked prior to the deadline but

received after the election was over," said Bloom. "With a provisional ballot, we have to determine why the person wanting to vote isn't on the rolls. If it turns out it's a clerical error, we count the ballot. If they simply didn't register, then the ballot isn't counted

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, left, discusses voter turnout with county commissioners during a special meeting Friday morning to canvass the Nov. 4 contest. Voter turnout was down in Howard County compared to the 2004 presidential election.

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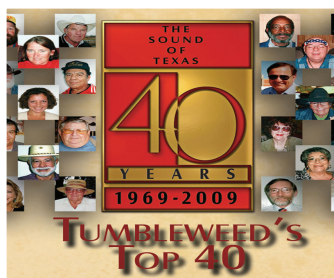
Hangar 25 Air Museum is offering 10 percent off during its annual membership drive. The special offer runs until Jan. 1. The museum highlights Big Spring's role in aviation, honors veterans and holds various activities — many of them youth-related.

One-year memberships, with the 10 percent discount, are student, \$13.50; individual, \$27; family, \$54; sponsor, \$90; supporting, \$225; patron, \$450; and founder, \$900. Checks or money orders may be made to Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1911 Apron Drive, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 264-1999.

Tumbleweed's Top 40

The Heritage Museum will host Tumbleweed Smith's debut party for his latest CD, "Tumbleweed's Top 40," from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The CD features his favorite programs from each year of the 40 years of his radio series, The Sound of Texas. The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry.



Grand opening

The Big Spring Tractor Supply Company store will hold its grand opening Saturday, said manager Heath Harrison.

The location, at 1104 W. I-20, employs 11 team members.

"Big Spring is an ideal location for us because agriculture is the backbone of this community," said Harrison. "We've received a very positive response to our store from customers."

Festivities will begin at 8 a.m. and include live music with Guy Will Zant, hourly giveaways and specially priced merchandise.

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COMPLETE STORY

State underdogs

BSHS cross country not favored to win it all

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

It's not always bad to be the underdog. Recent history proves that for the Big Spring Steers cross country team.

The Steers get to play the underdog role at 12:50 p.m. Saturday for the Class 4A state cross country meet being held at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. It's the third consecutive appearance Big Spring has made as a team in the championship race.

Last year, the Steers went into the state meet favored and ended up finishing third. However, in 2006, Big Spring

wasn't supposed to come out on top, but things played out perfectly and the Steers brought home the first and only team state title in school history.

The team is hopeful the same thing can occur.

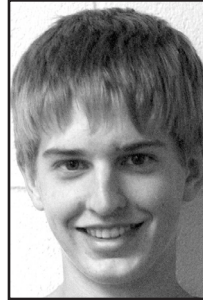
"I had real high expectations for this team," said senior Jordan Valle, who is expected to compete for an individual state title Friday. "We had four seniors coming back this



Valle

season and two of us are very strong. The rest have been working very hard. There's no reason we can't compete for a state title."

The other Steer competing for an individual state title is Kade Parker, who finished 10th at the Region I meet last week. Parker echoes Valle's sentiments about the



Parker

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Steer Spotlight

Senior receiver Megan Hilario

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Big Spring's boys are ready for Saturday's Class 4A, Division II bi-district playoff with Canyon in Wolfforth.

The girl is ready, too. Megan Hilario is a rare find. Hilario is a senior member of the varsity football team and despite her gender, there's no doubt she fits in, according to Phillip Ritchey.

"Megan is one of the guys. The team accepts her very well," said Ritchey. "You really can't tell there's anything different."

Hilario has been playing football for Big Spring for five years, despite limited playing time. She finally got to play in her first varsity game in Big Spring's 31-0 win over Hereford last week.

"She got in for one play last week, but she has never complained about playing time," said Ritchey. "She understands that it's about more than just playing time. She wants to be involved with the team and is a joy to be around."



Hilario

See **HILARIO**, Page 2B

Romo anxious to go Sunday

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tony Romo laughed at the notion his return to the Dallas lineup will be the complete cure for the struggling Cowboys.

"We will find out on Sunday," Romo said. "A lot of different people may have gotten to a point where they feel we might not have a chance to do what we hoped to do at the beginning of the year. ... I think that is something that can bring a team together."

The Cowboys (5-4) have gone from Super Bowl favorites to third place in the NFC East by losing four of their last six. They are 1-2 since Romo broke the pinkie on his throwing hand, but had the same record in the

three games before he got hurt.

Romo, who returned to practice during last week's open date, is ready to get back on the field Sunday night when the Cowboys play the Redskins in Washington. Romo doesn't expect the pinkie to be a problem.

"It's getting better," Romo said Wednesday. "Every day it gets a little better and I'm confident that I'll feel pretty good for the game."

Asked what the pinkie might keep him from doing, Romo responded, "I don't know that there will be anything."

Romo said there is a "little bit of pain" taking snaps from center, but described that as "no different than having a little

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) throws a pass during practice at the team's training facility in Irving Thursday.

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF

Big Spring Steers vs. Canyon Eagles

When: 5 p.m. Saturday
Where: Tiger Stadium in Wolfforth
Radio: KBYG 1400AM, KBEST 95.7FM, KBST 1490AM, KBST.com.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Eight Howard College baseball players signed letters of intent to play at various four-year universities Wednesday. From left is Chase Adams, Zach Neal, Anthony Collazo, Nick Poprescu, Hunter Hill, Will Calhoun, Runey Davis and Miles Hamblin. Howard College Baseball Coach and Athletic Director Britt Smith stands in the background.

Eight Hawks sign with D-I schools

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

How good is this year's Howard College Hawks baseball team?

If Wednesday was any sort of early indication, it could be better than last year's squad that was ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation.

The Hawks had eight players sign letters of intent to play for NCAA Division I programs Wednesday — the first day available to do so — topping last year's number of five early signees. Last season's Hawks

ended up having nine players sign with four-year schools by season's end.

Three — Tyler Ladendorf, Pedro Villareal and Matt Curry — were drafted by MLB clubs.

"We have a few more guys who will sign throughout the season," said Head Coach Britt Smith. "These early signings are really just a testament to the hard work that (assistant coaches) J-Bob (Thomas and Jack (Giese) have put in to get our talent level up. They've done such a great job on the

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Sports in brief

Crossroads high school football playoffs schedule

Today
Class A, Division I bi-district Stanton vs. Van Horn, 7:30 p.m., Pecos
Six-man Division I bi-district Garden City vs. Ira, 7:30 p.m., Lenora
Six-man Division II bi-district Sands vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m., Lamesa
Saturday
Class 4A, Division II bi-district Big Spring vs. Canyon, 5 p.m., Wolfforth

Steers playoff tickets available at ATC today

Tickets for the Big Spring Steers' playoff game Saturday in Wolfforth can be purchased beforehand at the Athletic Training Center today.

Student tickets are \$2 and adults are \$7. All tickets sold at the gate cost \$7.

Big Spring is the home team for the game so all fans should sit on the side of Tiger Stadium with the bigger press box.

HC women win, improve to 6-0

The Howard College Hawks women's basketball team won the first of three consecutive games it will play in Garden City, Kan., Thursday.

Chassidy Cole scored 14 points, while DeAndra Thomas chipped in 13 in the Hawks 69-50 victory over Sterling College.

Howard plays Garden City Community College today and then Bethan College Saturday before heading back to Big Spring.

The men's team (4-0) are in action at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Monday, hosting Abilene Christian University's junior varsity. Game time is set for 4 p.m.

Howard 69, Sterling 50
Miesha Blackshear 4-9 0-0 8, Patricia Malouff 5-8 0-0 10, Rachael Dryver 3-8 0-1 6, Chassidy Cole 5-9 1-2 14, DeAndra Thomas 6-10 1-2 13, Tynisha Wallace 3-6 0-0 7, NaTalia Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Danielle Cota 1-5 2-2 4, Clarissa Krum 3-7 1-1 7.

Halftime: HC 33, SC 19. Rebounds: HC 31 (Cota 7), SC 33. Assists: HC 12 (Cole 4), SC 1. Total fouls: HC 12, SC 8.

Registration for Big Spring Youth Basketball have begun

The YMCA has begun accepting sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls through Dec. 1.

Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Games are scheduled to begin Jan. 10. Practices begin the week of Dec. 8.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2. Teams will be formed following this meeting.

The registration fee is \$50 and includes a reversible mesh jersey, injury assistance and a participation award at the end of the season.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Chicano Golf Association holding meeting Monday

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding a meeting to elect new officers for 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Montelongo's Body Shop.

Obituaries

Ernestine Rebecca Hammack



With great sadness, the family of Ernestine Rebecca Hammack, 90, of Midland, announces her passing Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Gary Tate and Gary Stain officiating. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Ernestine was born July 5, 1918, in Hamilton to Nellie and Ernest Tippi. She married Rex Hammack Sr. in May 1935 in Sweetwater.

She worked outside the home at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring as a clerk, but her No. 1 job was raising and caring for her 11 children. She loved to read and published two books, "Tangled Deceptions" and "Somewhere Out There." She enjoyed sewing, making dolls, making children's clothing and gifts. She also loved gardening her geraniums and feeding all the birds in the neighborhood.

Ernestine was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother. She will truly be missed. She left a legacy with her family. She taught them so much and had great strength. She was a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Survivors include son, Rex Hammack Jr. of Alice; daughter, Rebecca Nell Foster of Coden, Ala.; daughter and son-in-law, Rosie Lee and Larry Barkman of Cleburne; son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Vickie Hammack of Gatesville; son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Mary Hammack of Gatesville; daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Robert Riley of Midland; son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Mary Hammack of Spokane, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Ted Bronson of Whitefish, Mont.; son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Ann Hammack of Plano; son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Mickey Hammack of Harper; 32 grandchildren; 53 great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Roland; two sisters, Mealdine Principe and Christine Hartley; and a granddaughter, Bethel Hammack.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to all volunteers who delivered her Meals on Wheels, In Home Care, Nurse Mary Foster, "Dr. B" at Texas Tech Internal Medicine, Dr. P.J. Patel and Gary Stain, who brought her communion every Sunday morning.

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

Paid obituary

Davey Dean Lawson

Davey Dean "Deanie" Lawson, 80, of Midland passed away Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 at home.

The family will receive friends for a memorial gathering from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Deanie was born Jan. 12, 1928, in Dallas. She married Robert Lawson April 21, 1951. He preceded her in death March 7, 1999. She grew up in Sonora, Garden City and San Angelo and moved to Midland in 1946.

She worked for the telephone company and for various oil companies. Deanie worked for Exxon for 30 years until her retirement.

She played on an all-women baseball team for the City of Midland. She was an avid bowler and loved horse races, bingo, tennis and playing poker. She was a rancher, owning and working two family ranches.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Mitzi and Terry Griffith of Midland; son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Barbara Lawson of Georgetown; granddaughter, Michelle and Dan Gillis; granddaughter, Regan Lawson; grandson, Gar Lawson; grandson, Gabe and Tiffany Lawson; grandson, Mike and Jennifer Drummond; granddaughter, Stephanie Griffith; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan and Wesley Gillis, Kirstyn Lawson, Madigan and Macie Drummond.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Wiley and Stella Ezell; brother, Kelso Locklin; and grandson, York Morgan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland 79702.

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Paid obituary

Emma Mae Carlton



Emma Mae Carlton, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in San Antonio. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 11, 1921, in Denton and married Travis O. Carlton March 10, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 13, 1986.

Emma came to Big Spring from Breckenridge as a young girl and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1938. Emma managed Zales stores in Lubbock, Abilene and Big Spring for 21 years, retiring in 1991. She had been a member of the Redbud Garden Club. She was also a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, LuAnn Carlton and husband, Joseph Chisum of San Antonio; a son, Clayton "Dick" Carlton and wife, Suzanne of Ransom Canyon; four granddaughters, Shannon Lynn Jordan, Trina and husband, Dr. Jeffery Snuggs and their children, Sydney, Kendall and Reagan, Paylee Taylor and her children, Keara, Ricky and Riley Rowland, Ashlee White and husband, Jerry and their children, Bailee Mae Bingham, Colby Travis White and Hanna Charlene White; two sisters, Violet Wood of Stafford and Mary Jane Campbell and husband, Gene of Colorado City.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Connie Carlton Owens.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy 16 N., Medina 78055 or the Youth Fund at 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring 79720.

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Paid obituary

Kay Davis



Kay Frazier Davis, 51, of Stanton died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, and the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church in Stanton, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in Big Spring.

She was born June 15, 1957, in Big Spring and married Paul Davis March 28, 1996, in Stanton.

Kay graduated from Coahoma High School in 1975. She received her bachelor's degree from UTPB and her master of education degree from Texas Tech University. She had worked for Stanton ISD for 16 years as a special education teacher and the last 10 years was employed by Big Spring ISD as an educational diagnostician. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Davis of Stanton; one daughter, Wendy Davis of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sons, Daniel Melville of Lubbock and Joel Melville of Stanton; her mother, Billie Frazier of Big Spring; and two brothers, Tracy Frazier of Andrews and Tony Frazier of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Raymond Frazier; and sister, Nancy Frazier.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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Paula Brown

Funeral services for Paula Maxine (Dupuy) Brown, 62, of Snyder will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel in Snyder. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Visitation will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale.

Ms. Brown died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at her residence in Snyder.

She was born April 6, 1946, in Gorman. She was a long-time resident of Snyder and had owned and operated the Busy Bee Convenience Store at one time and had worked as a bookkeeper.

She is survived by a son, Shane Dupuy of San Francisco; her mother, Billie Dupuy of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Melvin Burnett of Snyder; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Dupuy, and brothers and sisters Dwayne Dupuy, Velinda Lee and Mickie Dupuy.

Friends are contributing to the Scurry County Food Bank, in care of Anderson West, Attn: Larry Anderson, 4208 College Ave., Snyder 79549.

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 62/36 Sunny skies. High 62F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph.	 69/41 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 73/42 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 73/44 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	 71/42 Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.

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Police blotter

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

- ROY BIDDLE, 47, of 5203 Sterling, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB PETROWSKI, of 2803 Apache, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- THEODORE RIOS JR., 17, of 601 State, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- JAMES KENISTON, 21, of 1001 Birdwell Lane, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELIAS SOL LEDESMA, 22, of 1503 E. Cherokee, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Sixth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 53 inmates at the time of this report.

- CARL WILLIAM WELLS, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft of a firearm and violation of a protective order.
- ERICA MARIE MONTOYA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- PAMMY SUE PUGA, 43, was arrested Thursday by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANNA ALICIA ROBLES, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-17-25-34. Bonus Ball: 18. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-10-12-19. Number matching five of five: 1.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-1-6. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-5-3. Sum-it-Up: 11.

Support Groups

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

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EP Franklin (7-3) vs. Odessa (8-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
North Crowley (4-6) vs. Arlington (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Birdville Fine Arts Complex
Eules Trinity (10-0) vs. Lewisville Marcus (5-5), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Duncanville (6-4) vs. Plano (9-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
EP El Dorado (6-4) vs. Odessa Permian (10-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Burleson (4-6) vs. Arlington Martin (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's R.L. Anderson Stadium
Justin Northwest (6-4) vs. Coppell (7-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
South Grand Prairie (7-3) vs. Allen (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

**DIVISION II
Region I**

EP Montwood (7-3) vs. Midland Lee (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Communications Stadium
Abilene (10-0) vs. Mansfield (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephenville's Memorial Stadium
Colleyville Heritage (9-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (7-2), 10 a.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Cedar Hill 52, Plano West 49, 3OT
EP Coronado (7-3) vs. Midland (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Communications Stadium
Arlington Bowle (9-1) vs. Richland (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield ISD Stadium
Hurst Bell (7-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Irving (5-5) vs. Wylie (8-2), 9 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

**CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I**

EP Chapin (8-2) vs. EP Del Valle (7-3), 8 p.m. Friday, EP Address
Canyon Randall (8-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Denton Guyer 21, FW Boswell 13
Arlington Seguin 23, FW Heights 17
EP Address (5-5) vs. Canutillo (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Canutillo
Wolforth Frenship 29, Amarillo Palo Duro 7
Denton Ryan (7-3) vs. NRH Birdville (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saginaw Boswell
Mansfield Timberview 35, FW Southwest 21

**DIVISION II
Region I**

EP Austin (10-0) vs. EP Parkland (7-3), 8 p.m. Friday, EP Austin
Dumas (6-4) vs. San Angelo Lake View (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
WF Rider 42, Springtown 7
FW Dunbar (9-1) vs. Stephenville (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Burleson
EP Burges (7-3) vs. EP Riverside (5-5), 8 p.m. Friday, EP Riverside
Canyon (6-4) vs. Big Spring (6-4), 5 p.m. Saturday, Wolforth Frenship
Lake Dallas (7-3) vs. Aledo (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Justin Northwest
FW Eastern Hills (5-5) vs. Everman (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

**CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I**

Lubbock Estacado (3-7) vs. Abilene Wylie (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande

Communications Stadium
Seminole 62, Fort Stockton 36
Burkburnett (9-1) bye
China Spring (10-0) vs. Burnet (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Killen HS

**DIVISION II
Region I**

Snyder 42, Lubbock Cooper 13
Monahans 70, Clint 6
Bridgeport (10-0) bye
Glen Rose (8-2) vs. Llano (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Copperas Cove
Dalhart (6-4) vs. Sweetwater (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Midland Greenwood 35, Pecos 32
Vernon (5-5) bye
West (5-5) vs. Liberty Hill (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Temple

**CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I**

Bushland (10-0) vs. Muleshoe (10-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Littlefield (10-0) vs. Kermit (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole
Bowie (7-3) vs. Clyde (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Tuscola Jim Ned (6-4) vs. Early (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

**DIVISION II
Region I**

Friona 21, Panhandle 20
Idalou (9-1) vs. Alpine (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Andrews
Holliday (10-0) vs. Merkel (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Breckenridge
Ballinger (7-3) vs. Brady (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Sanford-Fritch (5-5) vs. Childress (7-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Canadian
Lubbock Roosevelt (6-4) vs. Crane (8-2),

7:30 p.m. Friday, Andrews
Henrietta (6-4) vs. Cisco (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham
Colorado City (6-4) vs. Bangs (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

**CLASS 1A
DIVISION I
Region I**

Canadian (9-1) bye
Boys Ranch (6-4) vs. Wellington (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium
Morton (7-3) vs. Olton (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolforth Frenship
Stanton (5-5) vs. Van Horn (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pecos
Region II
Seymour (7-3) bye
Stamford 28, Winters 0
Collinsville (6-3) vs. Quinlan Boles (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Commerce
DeLeon (10-0) bye

**DIVISION II
Region I**

Stratford (9-1) bye
Nazareth 28, Wheeler 21
Springlake-Earth (6-4) vs. Falls (4-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Littlefield
Sundown (8-2) vs. McCamey (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Crane
Sunray (6-4) bye
Vega (5-5) vs. Clarendon (8-2), 4:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium
New Deal 38, Farwell 9
Seagraves (4-6) vs. Iraan (10-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Andrews

Region II

Archer City (10-0) bye
Roscoe (9-1) vs. Bronte (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Lindsay (6-4) vs. Celeste (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aubrey

Perrin-Whitt (8-2) bye
Windthorst (6-4) bye
Albany 70, Rotan 13
Muenster (5-5) vs. Wolfe City (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Whitesboro
Gorman (6-4) bye

**SIX-MAN
DIVISION I
Region I**

Valley (7-3) bye
Petersburg (9-1) vs. Meadow (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abernathy
Hart (5-4) vs. Ropes (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Anton
Follett (8-2) bye

Region II

Throckmorton (8-2) bye
Ira (7-3) vs. Garden City (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lenorah
O'Donnell (8-2) vs. Fort Davis (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wink
Vernon Northside (8-2) bye

**DIVISION II
Region I**

Lefors (7-2) vs. Motley County (5-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lefors
Jayton (9-1) bye
Benjamin (7-3) bye
Groom (4-4) vs. Silverton (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Happy

Region II

Dawson (6-4) vs. Ackerly Sands (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lamesa
Sanderson (7-3) bye
Sierra Blanca (6-2) bye
Klondike (5-3) vs. Borden County (9-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, O'Donnell

Jones says Cowboys will make playoffs

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones “absolutely” believes the Dallas Cowboys will make the playoffs, isn’t considering a coaching change and would welcome Adam “Pacman” Jones back to the team if he’s reinstated.

The Cowboys owner, in an impromptu gathering with reporters during practice Thursday, said he expects his struggling Cowboys to recover. They have gone from Super Bowl favorites to a 5-4 team tied for third place in the NFC East after losing four of its past six games.

“That’s not optimism,” Jones said. “I certainly do feel we’re going to be a team that plays well enough to be thinking about the playoffs.”

Coming off its open date, Dallas gets injured quarterback Tony Romo back Sunday night at Washington after he missed three games with a broken pinkie on his throwing hand.

“I would say Romo gives you a legitimate reason to not have been your best or been what you might have expected over the last three games,” Jones said.

The Cowboys lost two of three without Romo, and the only win

was notable for being the worst offensive performance in a victory in franchise history. But they were already struggling when he broke his finger on the opening play of overtime in a loss at Arizona on Oct. 12.

After the Cowboys lost at St. Louis a week later, Jones emphatically said that coach Wade Phillips’ job wasn’t in danger during this season. The owner was even more committed to the coach on Thursday.

“There’s just absolutely no, I can tell you without hesitation, thought in my mind about him not coaching the Dallas Cowboys

in the future, past this year,” Jones said. “No thought. I haven’t given that one ounce of consideration. ... His contract is his contract.”

Phillips got a three-year contract with an option for a fourth season when he replaced Bill Parcells in February 2007. The Cowboys went 13-3 and had 13 Pro Bowl players in their first season under Phillips, but lost to the New York Giants in the playoffs.

With the recent struggles, and supposed successor-in-waiting Jason Garrett already on the staff, there has been intensified

speculation about Phillips’ job status.

Garrett, the team’s offensive coordinator who was hired weeks before Phillips, got \$3 million and an expanded title (assistant head coach) to stay after being a finalist for two other NFL head coaching jobs last off-season.

“I understand why that question is. I do, and I helped make that question probably legitimate,” Jones said. “But it is worth it in my mind to have him here and have Wade here. It’s worth it to have to answer that question.”

ROMO

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bruise or something. You just play through it.”

Terrell Owens said it’s obvious Romo is feeling better the way he is throwing the ball.

“He’s trying to get a feel for what he can do and what he can’t do,” Owens said. “We’re going to assess that, the coaches will, just like any practice. I don’t think they’re going to hold him back by any means.”

Romo got hurt on the first play of overtime in the Cowboys’ 30-24 loss at Arizona on Oct. 12. While Dallas had struggled

after a 3-0 start with Romo in the lineup, including a loss to Washington on Sept. 28, the offense was horrendous with Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger playing quarterback.

The Cowboys didn’t score more than 14 points in any of those three games, and won 13-9 over Tampa Bay despite a franchise-low 172 total yards. They then gained only 183 yards in 35-14 loss at the New York Giants before the much-needed open date.

Romo might not be the cure, but his return certainly won’t hurt.

“He has got zip on the ball. Players see that, and I think it helps our practices,” coach Wade

Phillips said.

“He obviously helps, one of the best in the league,” tight end Jason Witten said. “But there’s other problems besides the quarterback being out. I think we all understand that.”

Left guard Kyle Kosier is expected to play after missing the last six games with a right foot injury, as is cornerback Terence Newman after being out five because of a sports hernia. Both Kosier and Newman practiced Wednesday, but rookie running back Felix Jones (hamstring) sat out again.

Phillips said Romo is making all the necessary throws, from the quick short routes to deep balls and crossing routes.

100-degree heat if there’s not much reward for her efforts?

“I like it because it’s fun,” said Hilario. “I really like being with the guys. They don’t treat me any differently. It’s just fun to be out here and be apart of the

team.”

Hilario played in several games on the junior varsity in the past two seasons and Ritchey says she doesn’t look for any sort of special treatment just because she’s a girl.

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So why endure the two-a-day practices taking place in

don’t have what we do. We have two very strong runners in Jordan and I and the rest of the guys can finish high enough to win. I think we stack up with them.

“I need to pace myself better, though,” he continued. “I was in fourth at the two-mile mark at region, but just suddenly felt tired and fell back. I don’t really have a goal individually at state.

I just want to score as low as I can or finish as high as I can.”

Valle’s individual goal differs. “I’m looking to win a state title,” said Valle, who finished second at regionals. “I didn’t run my race at region. I didn’t get out hard enough and let (Sann) Allison (of Canyon) get too far out in front. I’ve got to compete with him and Alex De La Garza of Mercedes. I beat De

La Garza earlier this year. I believe I can win it if I run my race.

“We do match up well with Boerne,” he continued. “They have four decent runners, but we have two really strong runners. Boerne doesn’t have a dominant runner. If everyone shows up ready to run their race, then we can win it all.”

According to Coach Randy

Britton, Big Spring’s chance of winning state could hinge on one individual.

“Shane Allen can make or break us,” said Britton. “If he would have ran at regionals the way he practices, we would have won. He’s got to show up ready to run. If he does, then we can bring home a second state title.”

Last season, the early signing simply served as an insurance policy for the three players drafted.

Smith says it’s possible the same thing could occur for some of these players this year.

“We’ve got a lot of guys getting a lot of interest from the pros,” confirmed Smith. “Last year, Tyler was a bit of a sure thing, but you never really know how the draft is going to turn out. These guys have been out on multiple trips this fall. We haven’t really played with our whole team at all in the fall season. We’ve got a great product on the field this year and we’ll have to ability to beat whoever we play this season.”

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team’s chances at state, but feels he can give a better individual effort than what he did at region.

“I think we can definitely win,” said Parker. “Boerne is the favorite to win, but they

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recruiting trail. Of course, the more you win, then the more kids want to come play for you, so it’s sort of feeding off itself right now. It’s a good thing to have this many guys sign now.”

The Hawks had four pitchers sign Wednesday. Chase Adams of Mineola was considered the Hawks’ ace for much of last season. Adams is a right-handed pitcher now committed to the University of Nebraska. Right-handed pitcher Zach Neal of Flower Mound and lefty Anthony Collazo of Patterson, N.J., both

signed with the Oklahoma University. Hunter Hill of Dallas is a righty committed to Texas State University.

Will Calhoun of Duncanville can play pitcher or in the infield and will do so for Abilene Christian University after the 2009 spring season. Nick Poprescu of Flower Mound is also an infielder now committed to Texas Tech.

Rune Davis of Georgetown is set to play in the outfield this spring, but will depart for Starkville, Miss., next fall to play for Mississippi State University.

Also traveling to Mississippi after the 2009 season is catcher Miles Hamblin of Rowlett.

However, Hamblin will be playing for cross-state rival Ole Miss.

Smith points out that the number of pitchers mixed in with position players in the early signing crowd is a sign of how the Hawks have evolved over the last two seasons.

“This is going to be a totally different team than last season and the season before,” said Smith. “Last year, we turned a corner and had five guys who could come in and shut down an opposing team. However, we were either going to blow a team out with our offense or just hang on to win because we weren’t good defensively.

“We have more team speed

► **News in Brief**

Officials say Hillary Clinton among candidates Obama considering for secretary of state

CHICAGO (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is among the candidates that President-elect Barack Obama is considering for secretary of state, according to two Democratic officials in close contact with the Obama transition team.

Clinton, the former first lady who pushed Obama hard for the Democratic presidential nomination, was rumored to be a contender for the job last week, but the talk died down as party activists questioned whether she was best-suited to be the nation's top diplomat in an Obama administration.

The talk resumed in Washington and elsewhere Thursday, a day after Obama named several former aides to President Bill Clinton to help run his transition effort.

The two Democratic officials who spoke Thursday did so on the condition of anonymity to avoid angering Obama and his staff. Clinton spokesman Philippe Reines referred questions to the Obama transition team, which said it had no comment.

Retail sales expected to slip as consumers battle with tidal wave of bad economic news

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers, the backbone of the economy, are taking a beating from the worst economic crisis in seven decades and there is little prospect of that letting up soon.

Recent news has been dreadful, with the government reporting that there were a half-million new applica-

tions for unemployment benefits last week, news that came on top of a report last week that the jobless rate shot up to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent in October.

More information on the state of the economy is scheduled to be released Friday with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke speaking to an international conference in Frankfurt, Germany, and the Commerce Department releasing a report on retail sales for the month of October.

Many economists expect the report on retail sales to be especially grim, given the bad news on employment, the financial crisis and plunging consumer confidence. Analysts are looking for retail sales to have fallen 2 percent in October, almost double the 1.2 percent drop in September, which had been the biggest setback in three years.

A survey of the nation's big chain retail stores found that retailers suffered through the weakest October in at least 39 years even though they tried to gin up more sales by a frenzied round of price cutting.

Fire destroys about 70 homes, injures 4 in Southern California's Montecito community

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — An explosive wildfire destroyed about 70 homes in the ritzy community of Montecito, injured four people and forced thousands to flee wind-whipped flames in the longtime hideaway for celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Rob Lowe.

The fire started around 6 p.m. Thursday and quickly spread to about 800 acres — more than a square mile —

destroying dozens of homes in less than five hours in the foothills of Montecito, just southeast of Santa Barbara. Several fire departments were battling the flames as thick plumes of smoke hovered overhead.

"It looked like lava coming down a volcano," Leslie Hollis Lopez said as she gathered belongings from her house.

Juanes sweeps all 5 categories at Latin Grammy awards

HOUSTON (AP) — On a night when the theme of change and cultural fusion echoed in lyrics, performances and acceptance speeches, a Colombian rocker who's become a voice for social issues walked away as king of the Latin Grammys.

At Thursday's Houston debut of the ceremony, Juanes, a singer-songwriter from Medellin who started a foundation to help land-mine victims, swept awards in all five categories for which he was nominated, including record of the year and album of the year. He also set a new record for total wins, bringing his total Latin Grammy trophies to 17 — breaking Alejandro Sanz's mark of 14.

"I can't believe it. I am very, very happy, very grateful to life, to music, to God, to the Academy," Juanes said after the awards, noting that he had trouble containing his amazement while accepting the awards. "For me, this has been incredible. It's a dream."

Juanes' joy-filled love song, "Me Enamora," won record of the year, song of the year and best short form music video.

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and this is nothing subversive," he said. "We are going to be looking at our organization and putting resources where they'd do the most good. If we're going to reallocate resources we will,

but we're not after any group; this is just a good time to do this."

For the next two months, administrators will take a "very in-depth" look at the district's organizational structure (chain of command, job responsibilities, etc.) and see if there's any way the district's hierarchy can be streamlined.

On the staffing side, Stevens promised a thorough review.

"... there is no question that some decisions need to be made regarding how we are allocating our resources as it relates to personnel," Stevens stated in a letter to trustees.

"While the decisions will be challenging and, at times, a bit controversial, the systems can-

not continue to operate with staffing in some areas merely because 'we have always done it this way'," the letter continued.

Stevens said administrators will report back to the board on this matter by Feb. 1.

In other business, trustees: • Approved food service, maintenance and transportation bids.

• Approved the district's annual investment report and early release days for students.

• Discussed personnel matters in closed session; no action was taken.

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BAILOUT

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to carve out a portion of the financial rescue money for them.

It's far from certain the package will become law — or even see a vote. Republicans and President George W. Bush are reluctant to send new money to the carmakers, saying they should instead speed distribution of a \$25 billion loan package Congress approved in September to help automakers develop fuel-efficient vehicles.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., plans a vote next week on the package, but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., a leading proponent of additional action to help the Detroit auto companies, has yet to schedule one, as leaders continue to hunt for the support to pass it.

Senate Republicans hold the

key. Supporters of the auto industry bailout are hopeful they can snag 12 to 15 of them to join with Democrats in pushing through the carmaker bailout. They're targeting lawmakers who represent states with auto plants and auto suppliers.

That's where the business groups come in.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler LLC, along with the United Auto Workers union, have clamored for the aid for weeks.

But strategists in both parties say it's pressure from the thousands of dealerships across the country — in every state and congressional district — that is most likely to sway lawmakers in both parties. Auto dealers have hefty political clout that could bring crucial support for the package.

They'd like just a little something in return.

The National Automobile Deal-

ers Association is urging that their sector get a slice of any additional help for car manufacturers.

"That legislation needs to operate to ensure the presence and the viability of the dealer network. The two go hand-in-hand. You can't have one without the other," said Andy Koblenz, an association executive.

The group also wants Congress to approve new tax breaks for buying cars and trucks. Once the final auto bailout bill emerges, the group is ready to unleash a barrage of anxious car dealers to pressure lawmakers to back it.

"We've put them on a high state of readiness," Koblenz said. "We're expecting to activate that network within the next few days."

Such requests will turn up the heat on Republicans and Democrats alike. Many lawmakers who initially opposed the \$700 billion financial industry res-

cue package last month reversed course and backed it after hearing from local businesses in their area, particularly the car dealers.

Bruce Josten, top lobbyist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the group is using its considerable muscle to round up support for automaker aid.

"They're in a tailspin — it is like the perfect storm," Josten said of the auto firms. Dealers' involvement in the lobbying effort can bring "a lot of heat" on lawmakers, he added. And because the Big Three are the largest purchasers of domestic steel, aluminum, glass and computer chips, among other things, their woes will likely be felt by all 535 members of Congress.

"It's a very long tail," Josten said.

The companies that supply the materials that go into cars, which employ about 800,000 workers in the United States,

say they should get a piece of any new emergency loan package from the government.

The auto supply industry has a large manufacturing presence in states such as Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee.

"We are all connected by some very thin threads and if any piece of the chain from the manufacturers to the small suppliers fails, the whole thing could fail," said Ann Wilson of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association.

Their argument already seems to be working.

Republican Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio, who co-chairs the Senate Auto Caucus, said through a spokesman Thursday that he would support using bailout money to assist the companies because "helping the automakers remain viable is truly putting Main Street over Wall Street."

ELECTION

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ed. These 16 ballots didn't alter the outcome of any of the races, however."

Bloom said the Howard County election received an initial thumbs-up from a state inspector, but the final bill-of-health for local polling places is yet to come.

"We had a state inspector visit all of our polling places except two," said Bloom. "The initial response was positive, but we won't receive the final report for a while."

Bloom said the election went smoothly for her and her clerks, although the turnout was slightly disappointing.

"With all things considered, everything went very smooth," said Bloom. "We had a lighter turnout than we had expected. We came up about 2,000 bal-

lots shorter than we had anticipated. The crew at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum felt like they were all dressed up for a party and no one showed up."

According to Bloom, 54.87 percent of the registered voters in Howard County took the time to cast a ballot in this year's contest, down approximately 2,000 votes from the 2004 presidential election.

Howard County's downturn in voter turnout bucked the national trend, which saw percentages either stay the same or rise slightly.

A new report from American University's Center for the Study of the American Electorate showed voter turnout in the Nov. 4 contest was the same in percentage terms as it was four years ago — or at most has risen by less than 1 percent.

The report estimates that between 126.5 million

and 128.5 million Americans cast ballots in the presidential contest, representing 60.7 percent or, at most, 61.7 percent of those eligible to vote in the nation. The stagnant nature of voter turnout came as a stark contrast to the number of new voters registered to vote in the U.S., which tipped the scales at 10 million this year.

"In the end, it seems like

Howard County bucked the trend in just about every way this election," said County Judge Mark Barr as he looked over the final vote tallies.

Also during Friday's meeting, commissioners met briefly with Ann Farley, the newly appointed project director for the proposed County Health Center, offering their sup-

"You've definitely got your hands full right now," said Barr with a smile.

Commissioners had been expected to discuss several budget amendments during the meeting, but the agenda item was tabled to give County Auditor Jackie Olson more time to prepare the necessary documents.

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

## Never too early to start the 2012 race

Barack Obama hadn't even clinched the 2008 election when a prominent Republican pollster took soundings on his party's 2012 prospects. Neil Newhouse's survey produced a surprising result.

Vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin, often touted recently as the next GOP front-runner, finished third behind two 2008 also-rans, former Govs. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Mike Huckabee of Arkansas.

Whether that represented long-term damage from negative publicity about Palin's campaign foibles is unclear. In any case, it was a sign the next GOP race is already under way. There are other signals.

How else to explain her nonstop round of television interviews this week after her last pre-election stop Nov. 3 in Dubuque, Iowa, a conservative stronghold in a solidly Democratic state — but the one that again will launch the nominating process four years hence?

And in 10 days, Louisiana's 37-year-old governor, Bobby Jindal, will make his initial Iowa appearance by keynoting a Christian conservative gathering in the Des Moines suburbs. Besides the Iowa Family Policy Center ACTION's Celebrating the Family banquet, aides say he'll visit flood victims in Cedar Rapids.

If Palin and Jindal already are eyeing the Hawkeye state, January's top two Republican caucus finishers, Huckabee and Romney, can't be far behind. Two days before Jindal's appearance, Huckabee, the 2008 Iowa caucus winner, will be there as part of a national book tour.

Of course, the 2008 election reminded us of the danger of premature assumptions.

After George W. Bush's re-election victory, pundits agreed that in looking ahead:

- Hillary Clinton would be the Democratic nominee.
- George Allen and Bill Frist were eclipsing fellow Sen. John McCain as a White House prospect
- That promising newcomer, Sen.-elect Barack Obama, needed a full Senate term before seeking the White House in 2012.

Palin seems likely to remain the central figure in early 2012 Republican speculation, despite those negative stories from this year's campaign. After all, long before "Saturday Night Live" mocked her ambitions by showing her hawking "Palin in 2012" T-shirts, she had made clear her long-term ambition.

According to The New York Times, when a friend and supporter suggested back in 1996 that she could be Alaska's governor if she played things right, she reportedly responded, "I want to be president."

And her vice-presidential selection was not only the result of calculations by McCain's advisers. Some reports suggest she went out of her way to bring herself to the attention of GOP power brokers.

But as generations of unsuccessful hopefuls can attest, running for president is very hard. Palin faces a challenge in maintaining support in the GOP's conservative ranks. A key decision will be how to spend the next several years. An early dilemma could arise if, as many think likely, Sen. Ted Stevens is forced to resign or is ousted from the Senate, assuming he survives his current re-election race.

Palin may face pressure to run and probably would win. But that course is fraught with peril; moving to Washington and having to vote on hundreds of issues is not necessarily helpful for winning national office. Besides, there is no guarantee she would impress all of her Senate colleagues.

She might fare better by staying as governor and relying on her "grass roots" appeal to become the darling of the GOP fundraising circuit. Her outgoing personality and personal attractiveness make her a natural for television talk shows. But her problems in campaign interviews suggest she needs to bone up on national and international issues on which she often seemed to have a shallow understanding. That won't be a barrier, assuming she's as smart as some of her fans say.

Eventually, personality and hype will give way to substantive comparisons with potential rivals. The long primary campaign and the multiplicity of debates tend to expose candidates who lack scope and depth.

Sarah Palin was one of this year's bright new stars, but sustaining that brightness for four years will be no easy trick.

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## I was attacked by a Gheen

Who is William Gheen? I found myself asking this very question after I had a run-in with the would-be activist earlier in the week when I sent a request to have my e-mail address removed from the ALI-PAC (Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee) mailing list.

I've been receiving "press releases" from ALI-PAC for some time now, and while they normally go straight into the waste basket, from time to time I have nothing better to do than read their propaganda. And that's exactly what their group spews, not unlike other PACs, sending forth a steady stream of misinformation and one-sided representations of what they call "the truth."

Last week's press release was slightly more offensive than most, and, weary of their propaganda gumming up my inbox I tried for the third time to remove myself from their mailing list, which, mind you, I never asked to be added to in the first place.

And, like most spam mail messages with the "click below to be unsubscribed" link at the bottom, I met the same senseless resistance. Supposedly, a confirmation e-mail was being sent to me that would complete the process, and just like the previous two attempts, no e-mail came.

Excuses aside, this is a common tactic among spam-senders. The idea is to frustrate the recipient until they just say to heck with it and decide it's just easier to get the e-mails and delete them. And while my previous two attempts to remove the Herald's e-mail address from their lists had left me with that very feeling, this time I was determined and just slightly ticked off.

And so, I sent an e-mail to ALI-PAC's list master.

"I've read a number of your e-mails, and they are largely works of political fiction, and of absolutely no value to any truly unbiased news outlet," I wrote. "I've tried several times to unsubscribe — which is amusing, because I never subscribed in the first place — and have yet to receive a 'confirmation' e-mail... Remove this e-mail address and end this tirade of senseless political nonsense immediately."

I fully expected the list master to make me jump through a few hoops before removing my e-mail address from their list. What I didn't expect, however, was a response from ALI-PAC's mouthpiece, William Gheen, himself. He writes:

"It does not shock me that someone that would write me an e-mail filled with such ignorance would have trouble with an unsubscribe

link. I will handle that for you. Your high and mighty print media attitude will not serve you well as your circulations collapse. Are you laying off workers like McClatchy? We can only hope.

"Sorry that you feel we are a threat to your fiction markets. People trust what we have to say more than many newspapers and we are growing almost exponentially each year. So go stick your head back in the sand or wherever. Yes, we put you on this list as a media contact. Amazing thing, political groups send things called press releases to the public contacts in the media and.... oh, I forgot you are not interested in those actually making history and the news. That might disturb you from making it up as you go."

Of course, the pugilistic nature of our conversation failed to improve over the next few messages, with me quoting my beloved grandfather, who said, "It's better to keep your mouth shut and let the world suspect you're an idiot than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."

Gheen's response, to no one's surprise, was to attack the quality of my reporting, which he later admits he's never even read.

"I do not need to read your writings to know knee jerk liberal Pavlov responses when I get them by e-mail," Gheen writes. "I feel my job is well done when one of our releases or articles stirs your type up. After all, you would not make such a ruckus unless we hit a nerve. I'm happy to see my writings have such an impact... So don't let the fact I have not read your work provide you with any psychological comfort from my criticisms. Your brand of politics is so endemic in the print media I already know what your work is like from the first few lines you sent me."

Liberal? Me? Wow, that's a first. I've been called worse things by much better people, but this is the first time anyone has ever called me a liberal. And while I have no control over the reporting of other newspapers, I can say without a doubt the Herald maintains a very strict code of ethics in reporting the news, something that brings me a great deal of pride.

So, who is William Gheen?

On one side of the ticket, he's the former legislative assistant to Republican North Carolina Sen. Hugh Webster. Gheen left Webster's office in 2006, when he decided to concentrate solely on ALI-PAC, just one of hundreds — maybe even thousands — of political action committees spending countless dollars trying to influence politics through scare tactics and some of the most ignorant rhetoric I've ever laid eyes on.

The other side of the coin, however, is what frightens me.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, Gheen "regularly demonizes immigrants as drunk drivers, gang members, invaders, murder-

ers and disease-carriers. In a June 2008 rally, sponsored by ALI-PAC in North Carolina, Gheen stated that 'we have illegal aliens that are drinking and driving, and vicious, very dangerous gangs in this state that are killing people...'"

Did I miss something? Where are the packs of raving, murderous illegal aliens roaming the streets? Certainly not here in Big Spring, or even West Texas for that matter. Sure, we have gang problems, but I assure you they are in no way limited to just one race or ethnicity. In fact, judging from the rows of mug shots our paper has run of arrests that include white, black and Hispanic suspects, I'd venture to say the criminal element is one of the least racist in our community. The only color that concerns them is green.

OK, so maybe Gheen is right. Maybe we should gather up everyone who doesn't have a green card and put them on a bus back to whatever country they came from. That would open up all kinds of job opportunities for Americans. Why, I know plenty of non-immigrants that would love to pick fruit or clean hotel rooms for a fraction of minimum wage. Who wouldn't, right?

America has always been a beacon of light to other countries, viewed as the land of milk and honey. If you can't make it in America, you can't make it anywhere, right? Democracy, freedom and equality, regardless of skin color, religion or any of the other things that divide the human race.

Who, beside the Native Americans, are not descendants of immigrants, people that came to this country chasing a dream? I dare to say Gheen doesn't strike me as a Native American name. So, shall we throw everyone out and give the continent back to the indians?

And while Gheen maintains a fairly accessible front when he's on television, speaking on immigration issues, I think it's safe to say my dealings with the man have shown what the real Mr. Gheen is like. I suppose when you reach the point of name calling it just proves adult life in the Washington political scene is simply tall grade school, and disagreeing with someone's views or politics is tantamount to calling their mother names. Every time I read his comments on the "Liberal media," all I can hear in my head is the voice of PeeWee Herman, touting, "I know you are, but what am I?"

Does immigration need reform? Absolutely. Does it need blow-hard William Gheen championing its cause?

Not if we expect to accomplish anything we won't look back at years later and say, "What the heck were we thinking?"

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

## Auto industry bailout: No blank check

American automakers are the latest firms begging Washington for a handout, and their plea is difficult to ignore.

The auto industry provides 2.5 million jobs nationwide. General Motors and Ford reported multi-billion-dollar losses for the third quarter, and GM said it will run out of cash in the first half of next year.

The collapse of General Motors, Ford or Chrysler would be devastating to an economy that has already lost more than 1.2 million jobs this year. President-elect Barack Obama seems more inclined than President George W. Bush to rescue Detroit, after a meeting of the two at the White House on Monday.

If the federal government is going to bail out the auto industry, Washington needs to structure any aid to make sure taxpayers aren't throwing good money after bad. Obama believes aid should be contingent on automakers' agreeing to build cleaner, more fuel-efficient cars.

That's the right idea, but getting Detroit to live up to that bargain won't be easy. Domestic auto manufacturers have been failing at this competitive mission for three decades. The inability of consumers to obtain car loans did not, by itself, push Detroit to the brink.

Some believe that it might be better to allow one of the Big Three to file for bankruptcy. As of Monday, shares of GM stock were trading at \$3.36, the lowest level since 1946. At those prices, the value of the entire company is about \$3 billion. Yet a bailout would likely cost tens of billions.

But it's also hard to turn away Detroit, and all of its middle-class jobs, after Washington has already bailed out Wall Street firms such as AIG (\$150 billion at last

count). If taxpayers are to become investors in the auto industry, there would need to be more guidelines imposed on the car companies to ensure a return to profitability.

The highly paid executives who presided over this failure should not be allowed to remain in charge. Inflexible union contracts should be rewritten. Bailout or no, the automakers are going to need to shed more jobs. Their dwindling market share doesn't justify their high costs, compared with that of competitors.

These massive changes could be accomplished by a federal oversight board, or some sort of court direction. But it makes no sense to pour public money into GM while expecting the same cast of characters to solve its longstanding problems.

Washington policymakers shouldn't forget that there is a successful auto industry in the United States — the one run by "foreign" companies. Firms such as Honda and Toyota employ more than 110,000 workers at factories here.

An open-ended bailout of Detroit may only postpone the day when these foreign-owned companies finally put U.S. automakers out of business, sending billions of taxpayer dollars down the drain.

If government charity is to be spent on the Big Three, the concessions from Detroit and the United Auto Workers must be severe. Wages and benefits should be cut. Existing shareholders would be wiped out.

The result of any federal bailout must be a smarter, smaller, more efficient U.S. auto industry. Anything else would be a long-term waste of taxpayer dollars.

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## Church News

### Templo Belen

Templo Belen will hold a Slime Time Fall Festival from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

There will be game booths, food and lots of fun. Templo Belen is located at 2005 Goliad. For more information, contact the church at 267-211 or Melissa at (432) 599-1619.

### East Side Baptist Church

Don't miss The Andersons singing during our Sunday services at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

You are welcome at any of our regular services as well, including the 1:45 p.m. Sunday service and the 7 p.m. Wednesday service.

Our Jesus Birthday Party will be held Dec. 13. This is a program for children age 6-12. The party includes a huge puppet show, crafts, the Christmas Story and a carnival. It will run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We have a limited number of spaces for this program, so call and make reservations at 267-1915 or 816-6783.

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We wish to thank the College/Career class for the great breakfast they served to the veterans and families Sunday. It was enjoyed by all — thank you for remembering them.

We look forward to the Gospel Concert to be held at the City Auditorium Saturday. The event is to help fund the Hospitality House here in Big Spring, a facility which is greatly needed to house families while they are here on weekends visiting their loved ones in prison. The tickets are only \$5 for an evening of Christian entertainment.

We are happy to have one of the singing groups from Saturday night to join us at East Fourth Street Baptist for the Celebration of Hope Revival starting Sunday at the morning worship service at 11 a.m.; and again at 6 p.m. The revival will continue Monday through Wednesday, with services

beginning at 7 p.m. We invite you to come join with us during these times and hear Evangelist Jim Moss and the Calvary Singers.

Other times to join us would be Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 5 p.m. for children's RAs and GAs, youth praise and worship practice; and 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesdays, we gather for adult prayer and Bible study, youth Bible study and music and children's Back Door Bible study and music; and at 7 a.m. Saturday for men's Bible study.

East Fourth Street Baptist is located at 401 E. Fourth St. For more information, contact our office at 432-267-2291

### First United Methodist Church

Our senior pastor, the Rev Sharon Wiese, will be bringing the message at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship Sunday. And, as we sing, pray and listen to the Word of God, the sweet aroma of Thanksgiving dinner will be ever-present. This is the day for the youth as they and their parents prepare and serve a delicious dinner for the congregation.

This is the major fundraiser for our youth programs so plan to support their efforts and have a wonderful time for food and fellowship in Garrett Hall at noon.

At 4 p.m. Sunday First Methodist will host the 25 churches in the southern part of the Big Spring District. The Rev. Namiqa Shipman, district superintendent, will lead the service, as well as the Charge Conference. We are pleased to be welcoming representatives from other Methodist churches to Big Spring and our own church.

If you can be at Saturday morning's rehearsal you still have time to learn the music for this the 30th annual performance of The Living Christmas Tree. If you love to sing, please join us. The tree goes up Sunday, Nov. 23 and we can always use more help. Performances of "The

# Fruit that has no season

Most of us enjoy the summer months when we can partake of the wonderful fresh pineapples, juicy nectarines, strawberries, peaches and so much more that are abundantly displayed at super-markets and roadside fruit stands. However, most of the fruit we enjoy in the summer is not available during the winter time.



JERRRIE STOCKS

But do you know the Bible tells us about fruit that is available to us all year long that has no season?

This fruit is known as the nine fruits of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 lists them; they are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Then the Apostle Paul adds, "...against such there is no law."

These virtues are characterized as fruits that only the Holy Spirit can produce.

We cannot bear them by our own efforts, but as long as the Holy Spirit fully controls our lives, these fruit will thrive.

The first three fruit concern our attitude toward God. The next three deal with social relationships and the last three describe principles that should guide a Christian's conduct.

Since love is the first of the nine

fruits, it is also the foundation of our victory. Without love, none of the other eight fruits are effective. We become a clanging cymbal, gaining nothing. Love is a higher and more excellent way of life. It is the kind of life that causes you to love your neighbor.

Joy is the second fruit of the spirit and is a powerful force that is greater than any natural circumstance. It supersedes happiness, which is based solely on the condition of your natural circumstances. Joy is a supernatural force that rises up from the depths of your being. It strengthens you and keeps you steady in difficult times.

Peace, according to 2 Peter 1:2, keeps you calm and tranquil in the worst of circumstances. Peace enables you to maintain harmonious relationships with family members and co-workers. Your mind will be at rest, your surroundings will feel peaceful regardless of what may be going on around you, and your attitude towards others will be quiet and calm.

Patience is the fourth fruit of the Spirit and it enables you to stand strong when the storms of life are raging all around you. Patience keeps you stable and steadfast when circumstances say it's impossible! Your patience keeps you from becoming weary in well-doing.

Kindness and goodness are two powerful forces that encourage you to reach out to those in need. Kindness causes you to act tenderly and speak graciously. Kindness and

goodness make you sympathetic, friendly, courteous and generous to others.

Faithfulness is the life force that launches you to aim and reach higher for the good life. When you do good unto others, you are yielding to faithfulness. The ability to be faithful is already on the inside of you and all you need to do is yield to it. Your faithfulness will work even in the most adverse situations. You can be faithful on a job you don't like, faithful to your church and to your marriage. Remember, God is always faithful to us and since we are created in His image, it is our nature to be like Him.

Gentleness is mildness of temper, dealing with others in a good-natured way and a submissive respect for truth and authority. Gentleness is not self-assertive because it is not occupied with self at all. Therefore, gentleness does not demand its own way.

Self-control is the fruit that allows you control your body, your time, your money and your temper. Self-control keeps you and guards you. It helps you stay alert, cautious, and attentive to your life. When you practice self-control, you will not worry, be over-anxious or over-indulgent. It is a spirit of discipline that puts you in the driver's seat.

May each of us strive to produce and maintain these amazing fruits in our own lives that are never out of season.  
*God bless*

Tree" are our church's gift to the community but you do need a ticket. They are free and available in the church office.

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The next Frolic, an evening of fun and fellowship, will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at the church social hall. Anyone with a talent to share is invited to participate. You don't have to be a Presbyterian to be wel-

come! A light supper will be provided.

A congregational meeting will take place immediately following worship Sunday for the purpose of electing one elder for the class of 2009 and two elders for the class of 2011.

The lectionary for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; I Thessalonians 5:1-11;

Matthew 25:14-30.

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The Wednesday evening Bible study has been moved back to the original time of 5:17 p.m. for the convenience of most people. The choir continues to meet at 6:00 p.m. The youth group meets from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Session will have its regular November meeting Monday at 6 p.m. in the church library.

The blood drive held last Sunday was a great success, with 14 units collected. The Service Committee thanks everyone who helped or donated.

At the congregational

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

The Gemini moon is a chatty one, starting conversations everywhere. Even people who aren't normally so expressive are finding some subject of interest worthy of a few words. Whether you're discussing the state of things, or too busy giving the rest of them something to talk about, it's all a lot of fun during this congenial passage.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You are extremely content in a relationship, but that doesn't mean you want to spend all of your time with the other person. In fact, devoting yourself to an autonomous mission ultimately brings the two of you closer.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Feeling connected to the other people in your group inspires you to act. Together you can accomplish a Herculean task in very little time and in the most enjoyable way possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have the inner motivation to make your goal, though you're just not sure what to do next. Take a breather. Join the party and let your hair down. Tomorrow the steps to progress will be more obvious.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Focus on how to get more productivity out of every hour instead of working more hours. You'll achieve more than a workaholic would and also have the benefit of a balanced, healthy life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's as if you have the keys to the global memory bank. You have access to anything you wish to know. Your research methods are fruitful and the people coming into your life are informative.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An ordinary scene gets much more interesting because you observe it deeply. You are vividly aware of the input you are getting from your five senses, and that's when your sixth sense kicks in.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You trust that your friends and colleagues will abide by certain basic ground rules. But it is the sub-rules that are in question now. Let others know the specific conduct you are looking

for and they will oblige.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of doing things the way you think they should be done, try doing them to the ability you have right now. You may not be ready for taking on crazy-difficult tasks. Knowing your limits brings a beautiful outcome.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It turns out that you're not a slave to the quirks of your personality. You're willing to give up a behavior for the greater good. "If you forget yourself, you become the universe." -- Zen Master Hakuin

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be wary of early rewards -- they cheapen the victory. It's tempting but not beneficial to receive a prize before the task is complete. When the reward is fully earned, the triumph is ecstatic.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your charisma is based on your acceptance of reality. No one, including you, expects you to be any more or less than you are. Your comfort with this keeps you natural and in the moment.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A certain philosophy makes sense to you, but thinking and talking about it gets tiresome to you. You're ready to do it -- to practice it daily. Changes occur with your consistent practice.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** You surrender your ego and risk looking foolish as you perform daring acts in the name of love. **TAURUS:** From food to activities to gifts, you have the best ideas about what a loved one might enjoy. **GEMINI:** You have a

wonderful time being seductively mysterious, creating a kind of maze for another person to try and figure out. **CANCER:** Putting your partner's feelings first, you act in a way that is contrary to your impulses. **LEO:** You're compelled to communicate your secret heart, but it may not be what's best for your relationship. **VIRGO:** You find common ground with an uncommon person. **LIBRA:** Consider who is best suited to accompany you to a specific event based on who you think will have and be the most fun. **SCORPIO:** Seeing how other couples relate to one another inspires your own relationships. **SAGITTARIUS:** Due to a new influence in your life, there is a softer side of you emerging. **CAPRICORN:** You make an important investment in your love. **AQUARIUS:** The less you reveal to your date, the more fun you have. **PISCES:** You're attracted to a person who understands the way your mind works.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END:** Gemini and Scorpio are a fascinating duo. On the surface they appear to have little in common. Scorpio remains cool and mysterious as Gemini brings bounds of energy and information. The two can connect with perfect ease though, bringing out sides of each other that they would rarely choose to reveal if not prompted. These two challenge each other and bond as they meet those challenges.

*Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com.*

**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: My boyfriend's ex-wife called and said their 19-month-old son had bitten another child at daycare. This isn't so unusual, but what bothers me is that the daycare provider put dish soap on his tongue. Wouldn't this be considered some form of child abuse? My boyfriend is considering calling Child Protective Services, but his ex is against it.

I'm not crazy about the way the ex-wife is raising this child. She lives in the basement of her mother's townhouse and there are no windows. If a fire should occur, they would never be able to get out. She constantly yells at their son for being a child. After his very enjoyable visits with us, his ex complains that he is doing bad things, like tossing a toy down the stairs, putting items in the laundry chute and touching breakables, which to me is perfectly normal behavior for a child his age.

She complains that he throws temper tantrums and then blames us, saying we don't discipline properly. Annie, we discipline by talking with our children. They will also get a time-out. She thinks we should be yelling and hitting more.

Should we fight to get custody of his son? We know he is happy with us. Or do we contact the authorities and report child endangerment? -- Stepmom

Dear Stepmom: Washing a kid's mouth out with soap used to be fairly common and may not constitute child abuse, but we do question whether or not that daycare provider is properly licensed. The boy might be better off with you, although taking him away from his mother could create other problems. If your boyfriend wants custody of his son, he should discuss the matter with his attorney.

Dear Annie: I am an 81-year-old widow and not rich, but I do try to give to a few organizations once a year. I find, however, that after I send a donation, I start getting loads of note cards, note pads, address labels and requests for more money. It seems to

me that if they would take the money they are spending on all this printed stuff, they wouldn't have to beg so much.

I order my own address labels because I use them in books, covered dishes and file folders, and I still have plenty. I don't need more. Other than the two organizations I always support, I will only be giving to my church and community, and I hope others do the same. -- Complaining in Tennessee

Dear Tennessee: Obviously, the cost of printing and bulk-mailing items is worth it if enough people send back a donation. However, unsolicited gifts, even from charities, do not require payment. If you receive note cards or labels, feel free to use what you want and recycle the rest.

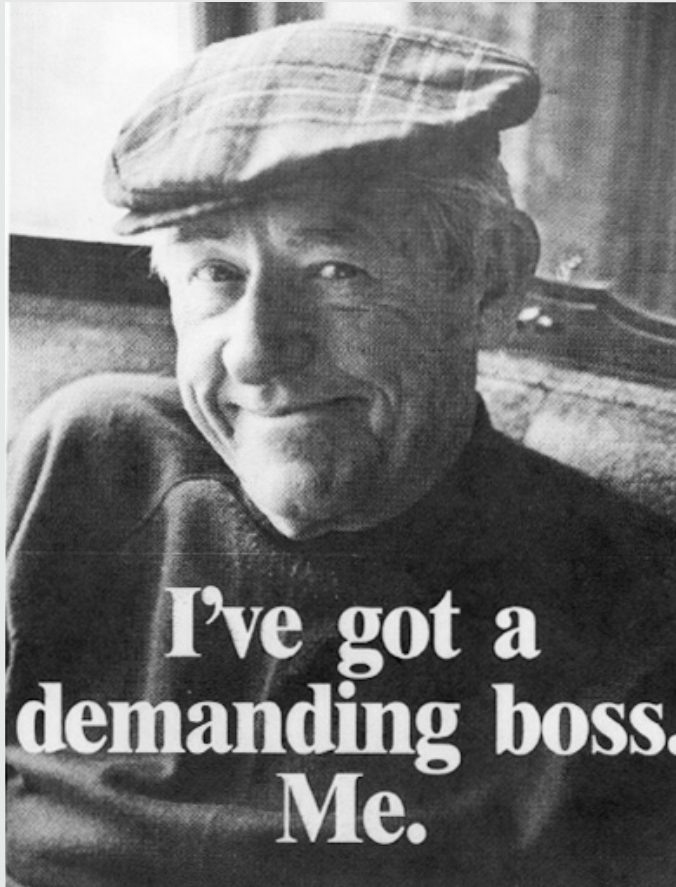
Dear Annie: I had to write in response to "DPN" about why men cheat. Like your readers, my husband always tells me I don't make him feel important or give him enough affection.

My husband is an alcoholic. He drinks from the time he gets up until he goes to bed or passes out, whichever comes first. He also is a heavy smoker. His breath and body reek of cigarettes and stale beer. When he drinks, he has an outrageous temper. I have been cursed and called every name you can think of. We have a barely functioning sex life because of his alcohol consumption. Truthfully, I don't miss it because I'm not attracted to him anymore.

Whenever I mention the word "divorce," he tells me he can't live without me and if I leave he will kill himself. So I stay for him and for our two children. If there's a woman who wants to take him off my hands, she can have him. After years of emotional and verbal abuse, my "give a darn" is busted. -- Given Up

*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, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.*

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meeting, four new elders for the Class of 2011 were elected. They are Katie Grimes, Claudie Patterson, Todd Patterson and Baylor Walker.

Pat Fleming is in charge of "Take Ten" refresh-

ments this week.

The lectionary for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30. "Come, I Pray Thee" by Franklin Ashdown and "Honor and Majesty" by Green/Ridout will be presented by the choir during the worship service. The Rev. Bronaugh will base his

sermon, "To Each a Talent," on Matthew 25:19.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**

Greetings. If you are looking for a place to worship, consider us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's Church is during Sunday morning worship for ages 3-12. A nursery is provided. For a ride, call 267-7157 or 267-8214. Midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The Darts will be in concert with us Tuesday at 7 p.m. They are a very talented Southern Gospel group. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

**Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS**

Our credo is "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

Our worship is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school and adult Bible class following coffee and goodies at 10:15 a.m. We will celebrate Holy Communion this Sunday.

Our scripture reader will be George Von Hassell and our acolyte will be Alyssa Byrd. Angela Newton is our organist. Elders help with Holy Communion and our ushers are led by Mike Watzenaar.

Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. will be confirmation class led by Bobby Roeber and adult instruction class continues at 7 p.m. Sitters are provided.

The elders have announced plans for Jan. 11 to be the day when the charter will be signed by all those who are members on that date. The constitution will also be signed by all eligible voters.

Advent services will begin Sunday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

We will hold Christmas Eve services with a program titled "Away in the Manger." All neighborhood children are invited to participate. Program practices will be Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. Costumes are available and all ages are to be included. A chime choir is being planned. Contact Angela Newton at 213-3593 if you would like to join.

Plans were also made to have a live Christmas tree. Everyone is invited to bring one Christmas tree ornament.

Thanksgiving services will be Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. Come join us to give thanks to God for all His many blessings.

Thanksgiving baskets are being assembled. Bring your non-perishable items now and leave your monetary donations for the pur-

chase of perishable items. If you know of needy families, call Cindy Carlisle at 267-2594. The Lutheran Youth Fellowship will deliver these baskets. The LYF will meet Sunday, Nov. 23 to assemble these baskets.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will have their meeting and breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Parish Hall.

The vestry of St. Mary's will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the church library.

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

**Baptist Temple Church**

We are now in our fifth week of 40 Days of Purpose. Our worship services and Sunday school class focus each week on one of the five purposes; worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

Most within the church have committed to reading a chapter per day of "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

Sunday, we will have a Ministry Fair called "Get in the Game." It's a sport theme and everyone is welcome to wear their sports apparel to church that morning. Our morning service will dismiss early and everyone will proceed to the fellowship hall to look at displays of all the ministry of the church and sign up to be a part of any ministry they have an interest in.

Anyone is welcome to

come join us for 40 Days of Purpose. We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, we have Financial Peace University class from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Our 12-Step group meets Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in our fellowship hall. This is open to anyone struggling with addictions of any kind.

Sunday, representatives from the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention will be here during our evening service to conduct a presentation about the SBTC followed by a question-and-answer session.

Our Ladies' Ministry is putting together shoe boxes of gifts for Samaritan's Purse. Also, our Ladies Ministry in cooperation with our Men's Ministry and Sunday school classes will be sponsoring several children in our area for Angel Tree. This ministry provides gifts to children who have parents in prison. If you or your church would like to sponsor a child for Angel Tree, call the Baptist Temple church office at 267-8287.

For more information, check us out at the Web at [btbigspring.org](http://btbigspring.org)

**College Baptist Church**

When Serendipity meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the church fellowship hall, the mission project will be the assemble and delivery of Thanksgiving baskets.

Church members are invited to bring a variety of items for the baskets. All items need to be brought to the church kitchen by Monday. Monetary donations for the purchase of

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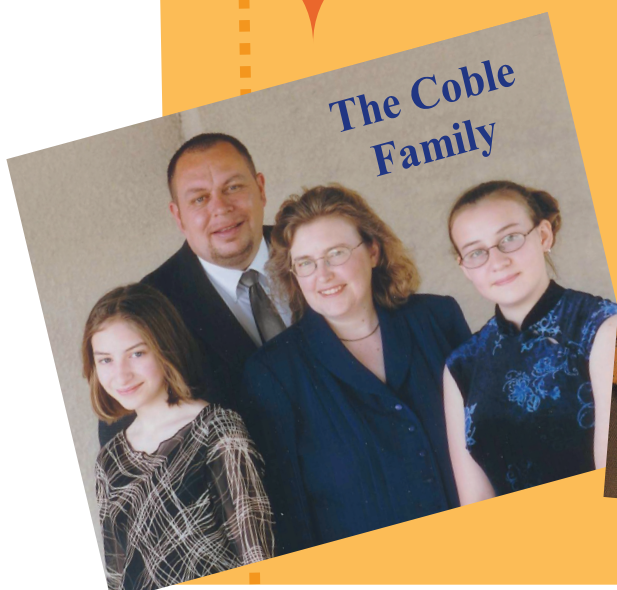
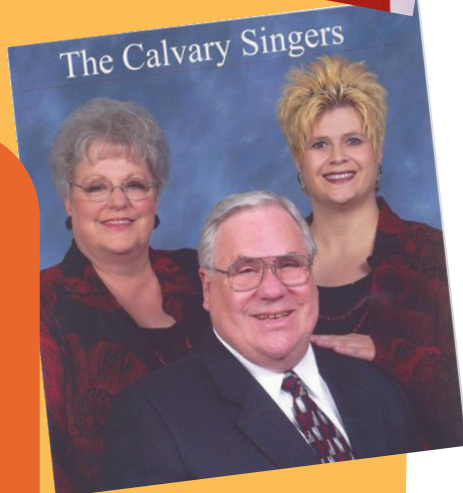
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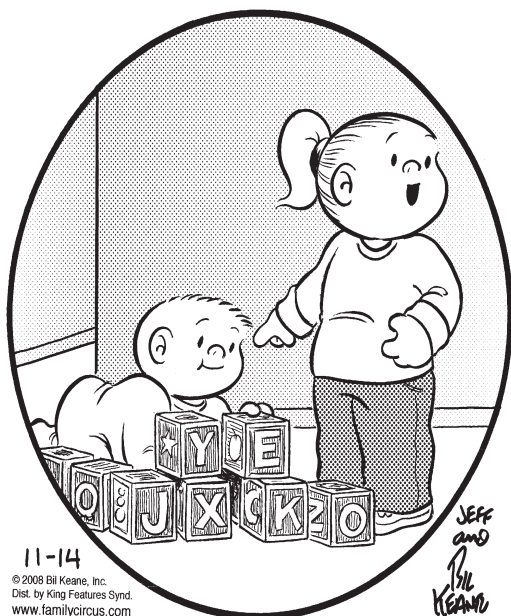
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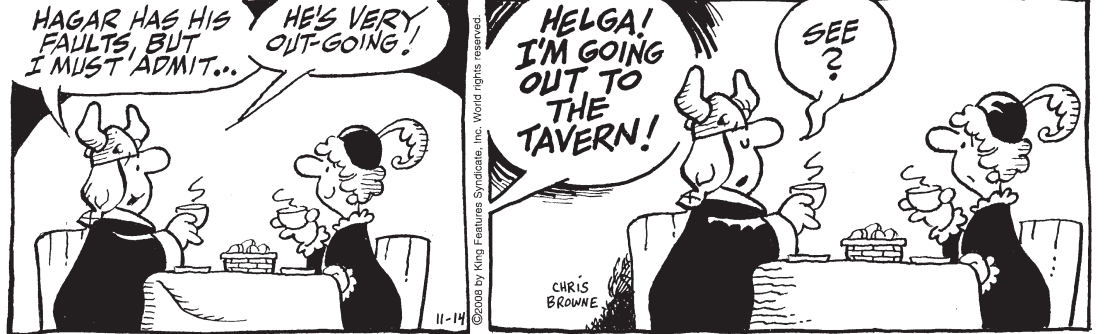
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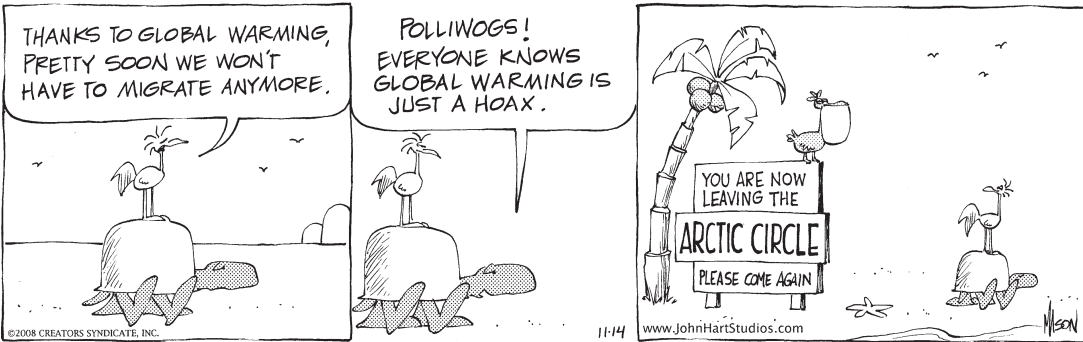
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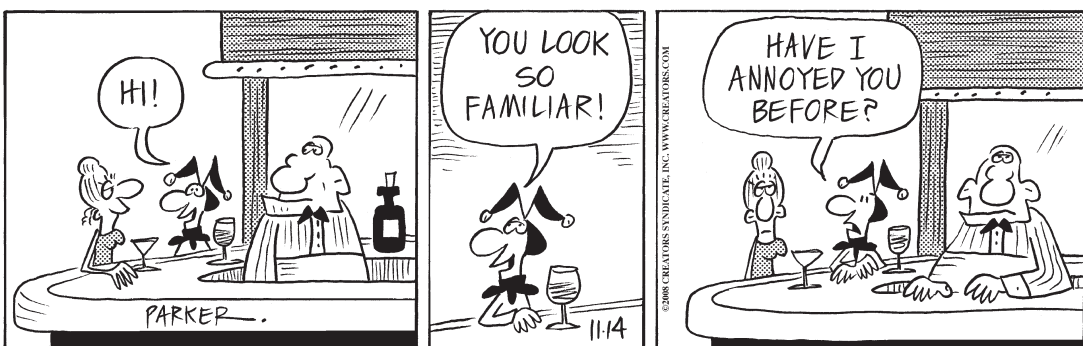
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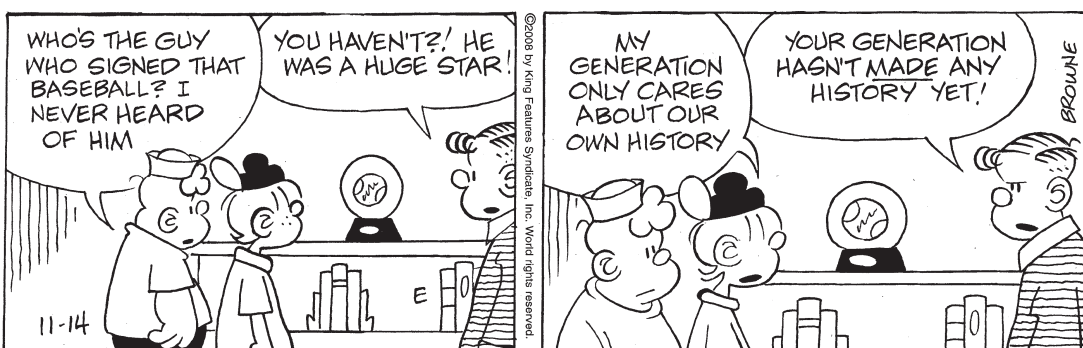
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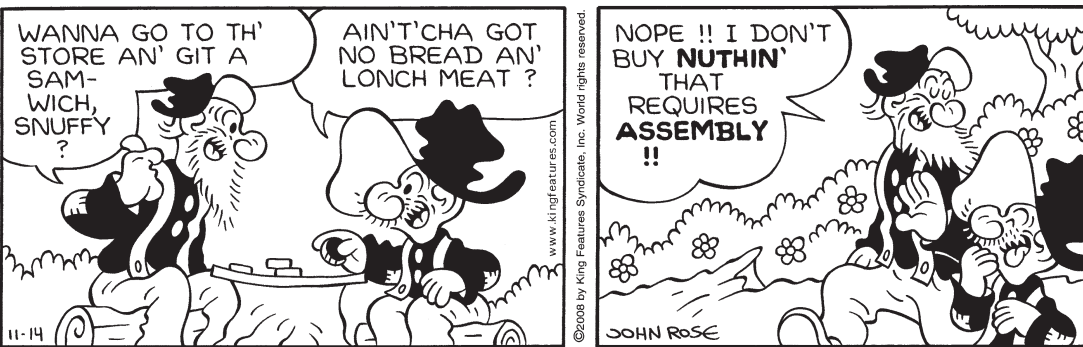
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 14, the 319th day of 2008. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was first published in the United States.

On this date: In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.) In 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.) In 1908, Joseph R. McCarthy, the Republican senator from Wisconsin whose anti-communism campaign generated much controversy, was born in Grand Chute.

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Corporation began its domestic radio service.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of

the English town of Coventry.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC9 crashed while trying to land in Huntington, W.Va., killing all 75 on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1973, Britain's Princess Anne married Capt. Mark Phillips in Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1992, and Anne remarried.)

In 1997, a jury in Fairfax, Va., decided that Pakistani national Aimal Khan Kasi should get the death penalty for gunning down two CIA employees outside agency headquarters. (Kasi was executed on this date in 2002.)

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is 86. Actress Kathleen Hughes is 80. Jazz musician Ellis Marsalis is 74. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 61. Zydeco singer-musician Buckwheat Zydeco is 61. Britain's Prince Charles is 60. Actor Robert Ginty is 60. Rock singer-musician James Young (Styx) is 59. Singer Stephen Bishop is 57. Blues musician Anson

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45 Self-serving activity

49 Hyundai competitor

51 Mild oath

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59 Show respect

60 "Gotcha!"

61 Hang in the breeze

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14 Part of a drum kit

15 Peas, to brats

16 Crate & Barrel rival

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35 Food catcher

37 Lassie's water

39 AM station ad

40 Thirsts

41 Stove attachment

46 White House monogram

47 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire host

48 Walks laboriously

50 Subjugate

52 Crooner's gig

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Sunday morning wor-

ship service is now at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages beginning at 9:30 a.m. Evening services remain at 5 p.m. with Pastor Jacque Mauch leading both services.

There will be no evening service this Sunday because of Charge Conference being held at the First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.

Ben Boadle will be leading the adult Sunday School class on "Communion With God in the Midst of Struggle" taken from Philippians 3:17-21.

Angel Food pickup day for November orders is Saturday, Nov. 22, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Because of the Christmas holidays, orders for December will be taken Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 5-6, with December delivery on Dec. 20.

The Church Women United World Community Day celebration was held Saturday at Baker's Chapel AME Church and at that time it was voted that every church present would take a school and pray for the students and teachers every day and be available to help when needed. North Birdwell Church is to pray for and mentor to Goliad Intermediate School.

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First Christian Church

This Sunday we will host our annual Thanksgiving fellowship luncheon. Worship will begin at 10:50 a.m. and Dr. McIntosh's sermon, "The Wake-Up Call," based on 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. In addition to our general offering, special collections are being taken to participate in the Angel Tree project and to furnish holiday pies to the Big Spring fire stations.

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Weldon Johnson. In addition, we will hold a dessert auction to raise funds for two future youth trips. We would be thankful if you stopped by to join us.

The youth Sunday school class will continue work on their Advent wreaths. Our weekly youth fellowship is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We will be taking youth (grades 9-12) to a Christian Youth Rally at the Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center Nov. 21-23.

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First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our services.

Sunday mornings, we have a "meet and greet" time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of three interactive Bible Studies in the Sanctuary Building.

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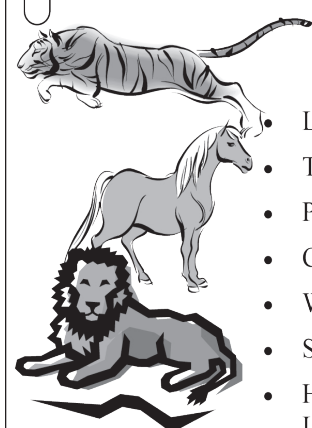
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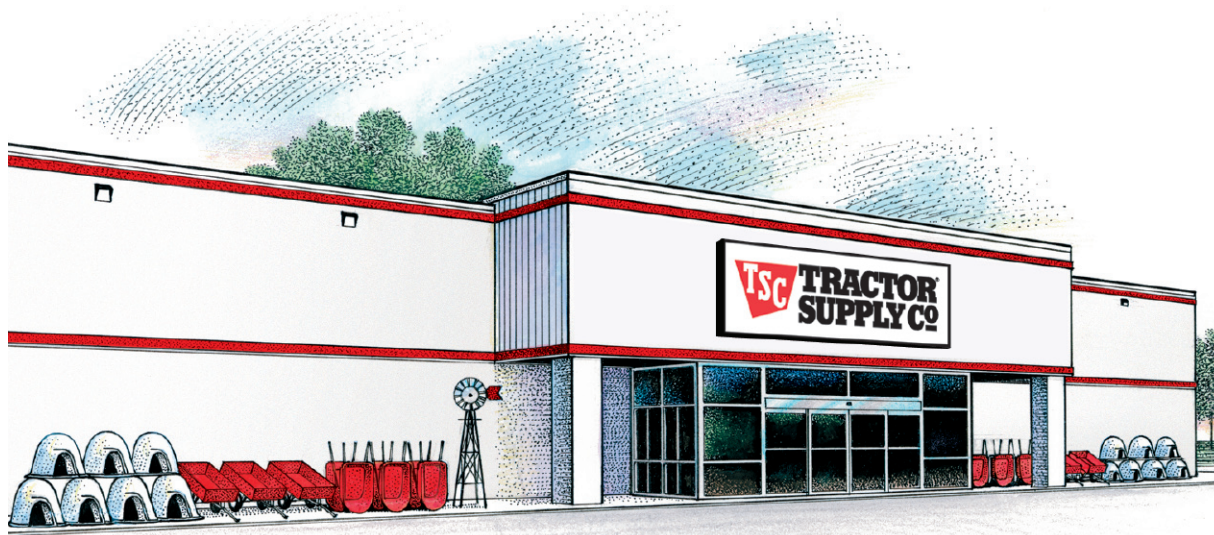


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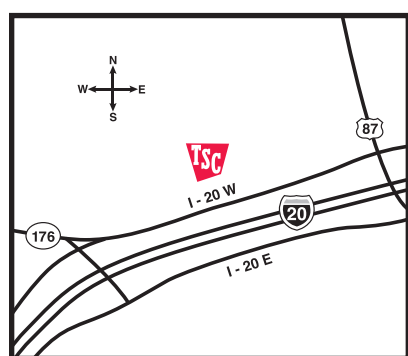
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