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Police arrest robbery suspect

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By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Thursday in connection with an aggravated robbery reported Jan. 7, according to law enforcement officials.

Charlie Jake Turner Jr., 31, of 900 S. Aylesford, was arrested Thursday by officers with the Big Spring Police Department on a warrant for aggravated robbery.

Turner According to Sgt.

Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, Turner was arrested for the alleged robbery of the 7-Eleven store at 1209 E. 11th Place that was reported at approximately 3:54 a.m.

According to police reports, the victim reported that a tall, African-American male wearing a gray hoodie came to the convenience store counter and was purchasing an item when he displayed a handgun and told the clerk to give him all the money in the cash register.

After the clerk complied, the suspect left the store and fled

Turner was arrested without incident during a routine traffic stop, according to Ev-

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A customer considers a purchase during the 2010 Gem and Mineral Show, hosted by the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

This year's show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barns.

A show that rocks

42nd Gem and Mineral Show debuts Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN

Managing Editor

It's the club's only fund-raiser of the year but considering the Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show is in its 42nd season, it must be a successful one.

"It enables us to pay the utilities, purchase new saw blades or grinding wheels, make repairs, things like that. The money we raise at the show keeps us going," explains Barbara Carter, the club's vice president. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

Set this weekend at the Howard County Fair Barn, the show will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free and a snack bar will be available.

The show is expected to draw a dozen or so vendors, offering everything from rough material to finished jewelry, beads and other items for making jewelry, fossils, wire wrap, crystal specimens and geodes.

Every hour during the show a door prize will be given away. There will also be a grand prize — a stone hand-

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Barbara Carter displays some jewelry items she has crafted by hand. Carter and other Big Spring Prospector's Club members will hold their annual Gem and Mineral Show this weekend at the Howard County Fair Barns.

VAMC to host town hall meeting

What: Veterans' town hall meeting.

Where: Big Spring VA Medical Center Outpatient Lobby, 300 Veterans Blvd.

When: 6 p.m. Thursday.

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will host a town hall meeting Thursday to discuss upcoming changes planned for the hospital in the coming

The meeting will be held at

6 p.m. Thursday in the out-

patient lobby of the medical

center, located at 300 Veterans Blvd.

Daniel Marsh, director of the West Texas VA Health Care System, said that WTVAHCS leadership will provide information regarding newly implemented programs, changes to existing programs and some future programs in the planning phase. Construction and staffing plans also will be

shared.

"Previous VA town hall meetings have proven very successful and informative to veterans who may have questions or concerns regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs policies and procedures, benefits and medical services," Marsh said in a

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E.B. Baker



E.B. Baker of Seminole passed away at Memorial Hospital in Seminole on March 1, 2011, and went to his final home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus.

E.B. was born Sept. 19, 1924, on the Slash Ranch in Loving County. He was the oldest child of Abraham Buck and Edna Joseph (Myles) Baker. He had one brother, Delbert Darrell, and two sisters, Margie Geraline Brown of Lipan and

Dorothy Lou Rogers of Big Spring.

He moved with the family from the Slash Ranch to New Mexico and then to Ackerly at the age of 15 months. He attended school in Ackerly and graduated in the class of 1941. E.B. attended Texas Tech University, majoring in petroleum engineering. He married Mary Jo Ivy on Jan. 23, 1943, in

Seminole. They moved to Taber, Alberta, Canada, for six months and contracted with Carter Oil Company, then went to Vicksburg, Miss. E.B. joined the Navy in June 1944 and went to the Pacific, serving on the USS Bollinger. He was discharged in February 1946 and they moved to Big Spring where he went to work for Stanoland Oil Company on a seismograph crew. In February 1947 they started their own business, Baker Water Well Drilling Company, and moved to Andrews, Big Lake, Barhart, Sweetwater, San Angelo and Snyder, finally settling in Seminole. They worked out of Seminole, drilling water wells until they retired in 1997, living in Gaines County for the last 60 years.

E.B. is survived by two daughters, Connie Lee (Snider) and husband Jim Walker of Plano and Penny Lynn (Laverty) and husband Dan Thor of Taos, N.M.; four grandsons, Kenneth Bowman (Trey) and Mimi Snider III of Dallas, Jon Kipley and Michelle Snider of Aliso Viejo, Calif., Matthew and Kristi Laverty of Lubbock, Charles David and Amanda Laverty of Albuquerque, N.M.; and four great-grandchildren, Bear Zechariah Snider, Dallas Maxwell Snider, Nathan Wade Snider and Lilah Selah Snider. Other family includes his "son' (nephew) Paul David and Cecilia Ivy and "grandchildren" Chris John and Tiffany Ivy and Vicki June and Brandon Hood; and "great-grandchildren" Kilee Rene Ivy, Autumn Rose Hood and Blake Ethan Hood.

He is also survived by his sisters, Margie Brown of Lipan and Dorothy and husband A.G. Rogers of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Big Spring; a brother-in-law, Jimmy and Earline Ivy of Hobbs, N.M.; and many nephews, nieces and

loved ones.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church in Seminole on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 2 p.m. with Matt Edwards, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Trey Snider, Kip Snider, Matthew Laverty, Chip Laverty and Chris Ivy, nephew Kelly Rogers and fond friends Michael Martinez, Ricky Martinez and Billy Dodd.

All services will be under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

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Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Karwedsky



Robert "Bob" Karwedsky, 83, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 28, 2011. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Kiker–Seale Funeral Home. Pastor James Williams will be officiating.

Robert Arthur was born May 22, 1927, in Egg Harbor, Wis., to par-Arthur and Mardula Karwedsky. Bob was a veteran of the Navy and Air Force. Bob was a

proud World War II veteran. He served in the Pacific Campaign aboard the USS Wisconsin and the USS Bennington. He enlisted in the Navy in January of 1945 and served until the end of the war. He was part of the liberation force that was instrumental in bringing about the release of Canadian POWs in Northern Japan.

Bob loved scale model trains, attending Wallace Senior Citizen functions, bowling, woodworking, traveling, camping and telling Navy stories during war. Bob, most of all, loved being around family. Bob is survived by his wife, Geertje Karwedsky;

daughters, Suzan Davis and husband Bill of Sand Springs, Cyndy Finnell and husband Don of Cleburne, Judy Yanke and husband Al of Albuquerque, N.M., Karen Hines and husband Bob of Bridgeport, Lynda Peiper and husband Chris of Fayetteville, Penn., Ellen Kendrick and husband Roy of Brownfiled and Laura Strickland and husband Ernie of Big Spring; sons, Robert Karwedsky Jr. and wife Linda of Brentwood, Tenn., Ron Karwedsky of Irving; 24 grandchildren; 31 greatgrandchildren; sisters, Fay Sterckx and husband Darroil of Green Bay, Wis., Mardula Secord and husband Reynold of North Port, Fla.; aunt, Ellen Karwedsky; and constant companion dog, Daffy. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Karwedsky.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Davis, Don Finnell, Alvin Yanke, Bob Hines, Chris Peiper, Roy Kendrick and Ernie Strickland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Wallace Senior Citizen Center, 149 South Hwy 208, Colorado City 79512.

All services are under the care and direction of

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Carmen Ramirez



Carmen Ramirez, 62, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, in Lubbock. Vigil services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial

She was born Feb. 8, 1949, in Big Spring to Beatrice and Cipriano Juarez. She had worked at Scenic Mountain Medical Center until 1980, retiring due

to ill health. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Ramirez Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Beatrice Martin and husband Joe of Weatherford; two sons, Tony Juarez and Jimmy Ramirez, both of Big Spring; one sister, Cruz Uribe and husband Ray Sr. of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren: and several nieces and nephews

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Margie Rosas and Vicky

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

Mary Jane Garcia

Mary Jane Garcia, 61, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Delores Duncan



Delores Duncan, 60, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, in Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service at 604 W. 16th Street.

She was born Feb. 7, 1951, in El Paso to Eunice and Charles Ussery Jr. She worked in food service at Virginia Tech for more than 20 years. She also worked for Cornell

for 5 years, retiring due to ill health. She moved to Big Spring in 2002 from Blacksburg, Va.

She is survived by one son, Rodney Duncan and wife Jennifer of Nashville; one daughter, Jennifer Peterson and husband David of Blacksburg, Va.; one sister, Diane Troutz of Odessa; one brother, Charlie Ussery of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Anjana Duncan of Nashville; two step-grandchildren, Karah Yaun and David Yaun, both of Blacksburg, Va.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721; or Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Corliss Brehm



Corliss Brehm, 59, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, in Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. She was born Dec. 15, 1951, in Big

Spring to Ida Belle and Odder Johnson. She worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 18 years, retiring in 2009 due to ill health. She married Dennis Brehm on

dent of Big Spring, except for a few years in She is survived by her husband, Dennis Brehm of Big Spring; one son, Chad Warren and wife Victoria of Big Spring; father, Odder Johnson of Big Spring; one brother, Wayne Johnson of Big Spring; one sister, Janice Starling and husband Curtis of Corpus

Aug. 5, 2000, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resi-

nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ida

Christi; four grandchildren; and several nieces,

Belle Johnson; and one brother, Roy Lusk. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 visit www.cccbigspring.org



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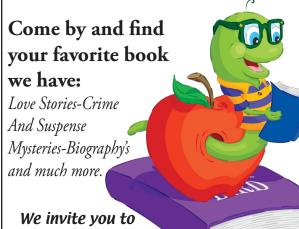
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House moves new abortion rules forward

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democrats used procedural rules, dozens of amendments and lengthy debates Thursday, but failed to stop a measure requiring women in Texas to get a sonogram before ending a pregnancy, part of a nationwide push by Republicans and conservative activists to restrict abortion rights.

A vote in the Texas House to move the bill through the amendment phase succeeded on a 103-42 vote. All that remains is a simple procedural vote in that chamber, which is expected next week.

Gov. Rick Perry has made the proposed law a legislative "emergency," and passage in the Texas House, where

Republicans hold 101 of 150 seats, is all but certain. During a debate Thursday afternoon, Democrats were nevertheless trying to derail it and highlight the intrusive and potentially humiliating nature of the legislation.

It would require many women who want an abortion even victims of sexual assault — to have an ultrasound probe inserted into their uteruses at least 24 hours before the procedure. The method is used in early pregnancies, generally 10 weeks or less, opponents said.

State Rep. Carol Alvarado, a Houston Democrat, carried an ultrasound wand onto the House floor during a debate Wednesday and in the debate on Thursday described in detail how it is used. "This is government intrusion at an all-time high," she concluded. Proponents did not dispute Alvarado's description how the wand would be used in early-term pregnancies.

Her effort to gut the legislation failed on a 106-41 vote, a signal that the bill will pass easily. Seven Democrats, all from heavily Hispanic areas, joined with Republicans to keep the legislation intact. One Republican, Rep. Sarah Davis of Houston, opposed it. Another amendment designed to exempt victims of rape or incest from undergoing the sonogram went down on a 97-49 vote.

In a sign of trouble to come, the House also rejected a substitute bill that would have matched a less stringent version already passed in the Senate. The two versions of the bill must be reconciled before going to Perry for his signature. Republicans point to a pro-

vision in the bill saying no woman or doctor will be penalized if the patient "chooses not to receive the information" required under the bill: the results from the sonogram, the sound of any fetal heartbeat and a description of the fetus, including whether it has limbs. Bill author Sid Miller, a GOP representative from central Texas, says women wanting an abortion must undergo the sonogram but could look away from the image and wear headphones to avoid hearing the heart-

"They don't have to view it; they don't have to listen,' Miller said.

Doctors who did not perform a sonogram before providing an abortion would lose their medical licenses.

The legislation is part of a

push by Republicans across the nation, emboldened by their 2010 election gains, to enact abortion restrictions favored by their conservative

The Texas House deliberations come on the heels of abortion curbs passed this week in South Dakota. If Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard signs the legislation, women seeking an abortion there would face a threeday waiting period.

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Police/Sheriff/EM

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

- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 31, of 900 S. Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for aggravated robbery. • YESINIA GARZA PENA, 28, of 107 E.
- 25th St., was arrested Thursday on two warrants from another agency. • DONNIE RODRIGUEZ JR., 19, of 2005 S. Runnels, was arrested Thursday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with
- a previous conviction. • JOSE RODRIQUEZ, 46, of 1609 Harding, was arrested Thursday on a charge of
- public intoxication. COLLIN MILLER, 32, of Amarillo, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public
- intoxication. • ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 62, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- TYRE COLE WATTS, 25, of 5101 Fisher, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container. WALKER WAGONER LITTLEJOHN,
- 17, of North Carolina, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and runaway.
- TELESFORD RENTERIA GALAN, 66, of 710 E. 17th St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a
- THEFT was reported in the 1900 block

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Harding.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report. PATRICK RIOS, 21, was arrested

- Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation, a judgment/sentence for failure to follow a court order and a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid. • KURT ROLLIN WIGINGTON, 24, was
- arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to maintain financial responsibility
- CHERIE BRANDY HERNANDEZ, 24 was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check, no safety seat for child passenger, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and theft by
- JANTE LAVAR CHEEVES, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (two counts). • DONNIE RODRIGUEZ, 19, was trans-
- ferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

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

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- block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800
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Memorial Park. Mary Jane Garcia, 61, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SHOW

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worked by Danny Martin of Andrews.

Those attending will be able to view a display case with scenes created by members of various clubs throughout

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statement.

Following the presentations by VA staff, there will be a question and answer session. Questions of general nature will be discussed in open forum. Questions or issues involving a Veteran's personal health care will be addressed by VA staff members in confidential session following the meeting. Veterans who have

questions regarding this Town Hall Meeting are encouraged to contact Public Affairs Officer Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-4824 or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 4824.



West Texas. Visitors are given a ballot on which they can mark the dis- Club, which is happy to plays they like best. most votes wins Best in Show. A favorite among

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they win something every time. So it's great for the club and the public as well," said Carter.

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The show is also a good

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> Club members meet at 6 p.m. each Monday for a work night at the clubhouse. Located at 606 E. Third, the clubhouse is just a stone's throw from downtown Big Spring. Then, every second Thursday of the month, at 7 p.m., club members hold a business meeting and have a meal.

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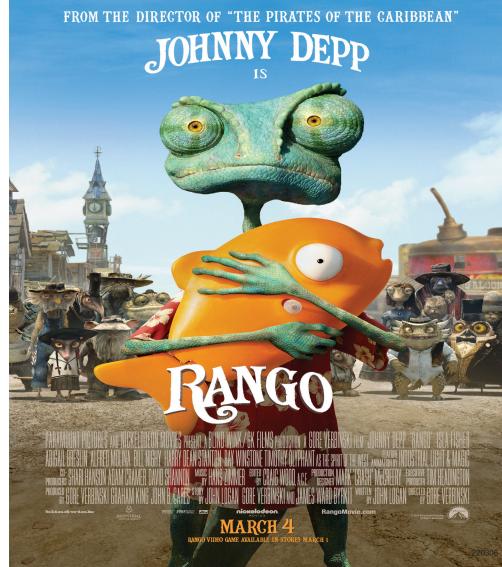
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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

VA Medical Center for bringing the VA Medical Centers Home Based Primary Care Program to the homebound veterans.

Big Spring High School art students who earned medals at the regional meet: Linda Blount, Connor Furgueron, Opal Gonzales, Sara Goza, Amanda Grisham, Sydney Hernandez, Remington Love, Juan Ogeda, Adrian Olague, Ashtyn Payne and Kati

The 11 Coahoma elementary students who displayed a selfless act in support of their physical education teacher, Deana Clark and her battle with breatst cancer, by shaving their heads. It was a great display of their love and what she means to them.

Big Spring High School students Shermila Kher and Jessica Rubio for qualifying for the National Forensic League National Tournament in speech and debate.

As well as their coach Jennifer Adam for preparing the students and helping them tion is a pretext for an achieve this recognition.

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by K. Rae Anderson

We have confidence and optimism, Lord, when we have You. Amen

Gadhafi and his three amigos

ust when we thought Moammar Gadhafi was totally isolated, when as crimes against humanity became so repulsive that no one would dare still call him a friend, it turns out that the Libyan madman still has at least three amigos in Latin America.



MIGUEL PEREZ

Genocide is sweeping over Libya; world leaders are expressing their outrage; the United Nations is issuing sanctions; but the leaders of the Latin American axis of evil — Cuba's Fidel Castro, Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez — still are supporting the Gadhafi regime.

Mind you, these are leaders who claim to be men of the people, supporters of revolutions! Yet when the people rebel against the leaders' dictator allies, when their fellow anti-American zealots are under attack, when the people cry out for freedom and democracy (as is the case in Libya), the three amigos stand with the dictators. "We support Libya's indepen-

dence, its government," Chavez said in a televised speech. "We want peace for Libya." But keep in mind that when

the Venezuelan president refers to Libya's "independence," he's not talking about freedom for the Libyan people; he means the Gadhafi regime's independence from what he sees as their common enemy: American imperialism. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro issued a statement noting that he had spoken to his Libyan counterpart and expressed hopes that Libya can find "a peaceful solution to its difficulties ... without the intervention of imperialism, whose interests in the region have been affected in recent

Castro, as usual, tried to blame the United States. In his warped mind, the Libyan revoluimminent U.S.-led NATO invasion of Libya, an excuse for grabbing Libya's oil.

"The government of the United States is not concerned at all about peace in Libya, and it will not hesitate to give NATO the order to invade that rich country, perhaps in a question of hours or very short days," Castro wrote.

And Ortega went as far as telephoning Gadhafi to express his solidarity.

The Nicaraguan president said he told the Libyan leader that "difficult moments put loyalty to the test."

Yes, and "difficult moments" also help to expose the extent to which these enemies of humanity are willing to lower themselves. In Spanish, we have a saying — "Dime con quién andas y te diré quién eres" — which means, "Tell me with whom you keep company, and I'll tell you who you are."

Well, if you are with Gadhafi now, if you condone his security forces murdering hundreds of people, I say that you, too, are a genocidal maniac.

Yet Chavez said Monday, "I'm not going to condemn (Gadhafi). I'd be a coward to condemn someone who has been my friend." Chavez also echoed his master, Fidel, when he claimed that the United States is "exaggerating and distorting things to justify an invasion."

Of course, Gadhafi has been building close relations with (and buying loyalty from) all the Latin American despots for years. He has numerous trade agreements with all of them. A few weeks ago, for example, Libya forgave \$195.8 million of Nicaraguan debt.

Perhaps that is why, while other Latin American and world governments are demanding an immediate halt to government repression in Libya, the three amigos have taken such a repulsive position.

They also are close amigos with Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, of course. As long as you hate the United States, even if you are a mass-murdering lunatic, the three amigos will be there for you, watching your

But let's face it; this shouldn't surprise us. After all, in recent years, these shameless cynics — Castro, Ortega and Chavez - all have been awarded the Al-Gaddafi International Prize for Human Rights. Need I say more?

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Vho cares about the Oscars?

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Not quite as many people as out, but more

last year, it turns than the two years preceding that, at least as measured by the ratings for the ABC telecast.

Of course, Twitter was twittering at full speed, there were sizeable bumps in Internet traffic, the red-carpet shows scored, and "Good Morning America" beat "Today" the morning after (fueled by people who didn't change the channel before falling asleep). But despite being almost universally panned (as Oscar shows usually are until we view them fondly in retrospect), in a year in which the big movie was "The King's Speech" and not "Titanic," the Oscars did just fine, thank you.

SUSAN

ESTRICH

And this speaks well for America.

The new conservative majority fans of American "exceptionalism." To be honest, I didn't even know what that meant until someone explained — only very slightly in jest — that it was the prettified version of the tried and true campaign slogan about "making America No. 1 in the

world." The problem with the campaign slogan, anyway, is that while it always tests off the

charts (Sir, would you like

America to be No. 3 or No. 4

in the world?), once you try to turn it into something, you end up with a host of problems. For starters, someone always objects because it suggests that we aren't No. 1 already — which, depending on whether you're the incumbent or trying to unseat one, can be a dangerous suggestion. Someone else always objects because it makes no sense to pretend that America can be No. 1 at everything. That person has no future in political

campaigns. No, American exceptionalism is a masterful political idea the idea that we are the chosen country, the best at everything, a gift to the world.

But we aren't the best at everything.

And we aren't going to be. The whole idea of living in a global economy is not that one country is the best at everything and everyone else competes for second, but that many countries have many strengths, and some of them might even be better

— at least if better is defined as cheaper or more efficient — at doing certain things than we I buy clothes proudly made in

Los Angeles, but Los Angeles is not going to be the garment production capital of the world — which is not to say that we are second best. What we make here, better than anyone in the world, is entertainment. Celebrity. Stardom. Hollywood. The whole nine yards.

It isn't just a show once a year, but a huge industry that literally covers the globe. You may

like or dislike our politics or

everybody watches our movies. For all the talk of Bollywood and the Nigerian film industry, and God bless them all, the best movies in the world are being financed and marketed and distributed, if not literally made,

right here in the United States. In recent years, the entire entertainment industry, from movies to video games, has been the subject of easy political attack, particularly from conservatives: too sexual, too political, too angry, too much violence. The truth is, a lot of it is bad. Many times you just shake your head and wonder why, with all the smart people who can't get arrested in this town, so much truly and unredeemingly bad stuff still gets made.

Sure, it looks easier than it is. (How hard can it be, with all those stars, to make a good television show?) But that is not the only excuse. Chris Dodd, the former senator from Connecticut who is taking over as head of the Motion Picture Association of America, will find himself in the hot seat more than he'd like.

But at the end of the day, there really is no business like show business. It is a true example of American exceptionalism, which may not be enough to get conservatives to truly embrace Oscar. Thankfully, much of the globe does.

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Out of the mouths of babes

The phrase, "out of the mouths of babes," most overused perhaps by doting grandparents, has become an idiom of American culture. Children do have a way of stripping away the cosmetic touchups that adults apply to make situations acceptable, exposing the unvarnished truth. Several times recently, I

have watched a TV commercial advertising a collection of Shirley Temple movies for sale. The promotion shows clips of the childhood star singing, dancing, and charming her audience with innocent chatter. My favorite



BONNIE WHEAT

between the wide-eyed little girl and an older lady who appears to be a housekeeper or cook. Young Shirley makes the announcement that her

duck can do

of these is a

conversation

a wonderful trick. The bird in question can lay an egg.

Unimpressed by the duck's talent, the housekeeper wants to know what is so special about a duck laying an egg. But undaunted by her elder's lack of enthusiasm, the little darling responds with a question of her own. "Well can you lay an egg?" she asks.

Sometimes it takes a child to see the miraculous things in life that adults overlook or

Why can ducks lay eggs? Why can eagles soar to heights beyond the limitations of other birds? How do bears know when to wake up after a prolonged nap? How do bulbs know when to break through the sod, and how do fish learn to swim without lessons? Out of the mouths of babes come the questions that cause adults to smile

and ponder at the minute details of Creation at the same Laughing and shaking

their heads, many adults have declared, "out of the mouths of babes" upon hearing a delightfully truthful quip from a child. However, the origin of the phrase may be a surprise to some. The entire phrase, "out of the mouths of babes and sucklings," actually comes from the King James Version of the Bible (Psalm 8:2 and Matthew 21:16).

In a paraphrased version, King David writes, "O Lord Our God, the majesty and glory of your name fills all

the earth and overflows the heavens. You have taught the little children to praise you perfectly. May their example shame and silence your enemies" (Psalm 8:1-2

The words that come out of the mouths of babes do often shame and silence us. We get so involved in the complexities of life that we forget to appreciate the obvious miracles all around us. When a duck lays an egg, that is a wonderful trick.

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Church news

Pray for Rain

There will be a Community Call to Prayer at 7 p.m. Thursday. March 10, at First Baptist Church, 507 W. FM 700. This Pray for Rain event is open to everyone. Your participation is encouraged.

For more information, call Ronnie Wood at 270-0406 or Tim Blackshear at 557-8456.

1st 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 morning to share the scriptures, sing, pray, and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The weekly lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, meets at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m.

Our next Family Frolic will be Saturday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the church social hall. We encourage everyone to prepare to present her/his talent for our mutual enjoyment.

The lectionary for the Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday is Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; II Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9. We will celebrate communion during the worship service. Following worship we invite the congregation to share in our regular first Sunday covered dish lunch.

1st Presbyterian Church, Big

Spring The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday and the Chancel Choir practiced from 6 to 7 p.m.

The combined youth group, with our youth and those from St. Mary's Episcopal and First Christian, met Wednesday from 6 to 8

p.m. Wednesday, March 9, we will meet at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for an ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Please

plan to participate in this service.

Committees of the church and their chairs for the year 2011 are worship: Claudie Patterson; facilities: Baylor Walker; finances: Susan Holstedt; church life: Paula Farquhar; service: Katie Grimes; personnel: chairs of the other standing commit-

tees. A new committee, the membership committee, has been formed with Monika Robinson as chair and Danny Kennemur as session representative. The responsibilities of this committee are to invite and integrate people into our congregation, provide new member classes, furnish outreach communication, maintain the church rolls, and coordinate fellowship events. One of their first tasks will be to develop a new church directory, which we plan to do inhouse. Anyone interested in working on this committee is invited to contact the chair.

Nancy Hale will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Liturgist is Mark Morgan.

The lectionary for the Transfiguration of the Lord is Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; II Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9. the Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer an Owen Griffin arrangement of "David's Psalm"; during the offertory they will sing "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw. Communion will be celebrated during worship.

If you cannot attend, listen to KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs. org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

First United Methodist Church

Our mission team to Nicaragua is safely back home, arriving at the airport well after midnight Sunday morning. Thanks for your prayers, interest and concern for this group and the awesome trip they made to a far away land in Christ's name.

This Sunday, our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be back in the pulpit continuing her sermon series, "Life Intersects Private Discipline." Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 9:45 a.m.

We are pleased to announce that eight women from our congregation are this weekend pilgrims at the Women's Walk to Emmaus at the

Circle 6 Ranch. March 9 is Ash

301 E. 24th

Wednesday signifying the beginning of the Lenten season. Wednesday, our regular noon meeting will begin with a short services of ashes in the sanctuary at noon ,followed by a luncheon in Garrett Hall. Please plan to attend this special service and meal.

That Wednesday evening, the Young Families invite you to join their six-week study, "The Art of Marriage." They will meet at 6 p.m. each week, skipping spring break. Childcare will be available. Study books are \$35.

Here's a chance for you to get rid of those old neckties; The Children's Day Out program has a new project and will you be surprised. Bring your old ties to the church office as soon as possible.

There are openings in most classes in our CDO, which is available for children age six weeks through 4 years. It's a wonderful, loving and learning program which is Christ-centered and aimed at growing our next leaders. For opening availability contact Brenna Hoff at the church office.

As we rapidly approach the Lenten season, we are happy to announce that First Methodist will host the very first of the Ecumenical Lenten services and luncheons Wednesday, March 16. Speaker for the day will be Barbara Kirk Norris. March 23, the meeting will be at First Presbyterian Church; March 30 at Holy Trinity; April 6 at St. Mary's Episcopal; April 13 at Salvation Army and April 20 at First Christian. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend each week; it's a wonderful

opportunity to share with Christian friends.

Spring is just around the corner and just as each season holds its special dates and events, the next few months will hold wonderful opportunities for Christian love and fellowship at First Methodist. We're located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry.

Signal Mountain **Emmaus** Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 10. Please mark your calendar. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information see our website www. signal-emmaus.org

Chapel of Faith

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad, as we learn more about God's word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and 5 p.m. Sunday evenings. We are starting a new Bible study on the book of Matthew.

The Rev. Scott Jimenez, chaplain, VAMC will be Big Spring, Sunday, preaching March 6. The title of his sermon is "The Greater Miracle." He will also be celebrating Holy Communion for us.

Encouraging Words: The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

We encourage vou to attend the church of

your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed! Remember God loves each of us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins that we might live for Him now and with Him eternally.

N. Birdwell Lane **United Methodist** Church

North Birdwell Lane Methodist United Church meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion will be led by Bill Lovelace and is taken from 1 Timothy 2:1-6 entitled "Instructions

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CHURCH

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about worship" and the purpose of the lesson is "to explore how true worship of God invites us into the great mystery of faith, revealing both the truth about God and the truth about ourselves."

We wish to thank the Nazarene church for letting us be part of their first delivery of Angel Food. Orders for March will be taken March 19 at the Nazarene church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster. We urge all persons to observe the burn ban dur-

ing this especially dry season.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell and welcomes all who wish to worship and serve the Lord. For more information please call 267-2203 or 263-2536. If there is no answer leave a message.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Everyone is invited to attend worship services

at St. Mary's Sunday. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist will be at 10:30 a.m. n the church.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's will observe Ash Wednesday March 9, with a noon service and an Ecumenical community service at 6 p.m. Both services will be in the

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal church call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Midway Baptist Church Spring is in the air.

Midway Baptist is busy getting excited about upcoming events. God has blessed us and we are so

We have had 39 youth sign up for Wild Week Camp, June 13-17. The amount to send them seemed insurmountable, totaling over \$11,000. The youth, led by our youth minister, Lloyd Wells, wanted to make their money and decided to have fund-raisers. The youth started working hard, bringing in some donations. Their cake auction, which was held in October, brought in more than \$3,000.

Then, Feb. 13 the youth prepared and served the congregation lunch and had a homemade items and dessert auction. This fund-raiser brought in almost \$4,500. With all donations and fundraisers, the youth has raised over \$11,000. Praise the Lord! Feb. 26, the youth and sponsors attended Rock

and Worship Roadshow Tour at the Lubbock City Bank Coliseum. They were tired Sunday morning, but 39 were present for Sunday school. We are so proud of their dedication to the lord. The Men of Midway will be attending "Men on

Fire" in Lueders this wekend. They are so excited about learning how to reach more for Jesus. Ken Freeman will be the speaker and Gold City

will provide the music. Spring break will be here soon, March 14-18.

Adults and youth will be joining other churches in helping with the mission project at Circle Six Ranch in Stanton. We are praying Circle Six will be shining from entrance to end of campus when all the work is completed. 'Illuminate" will be March 20-23 at Midway Bap

tist. Everyone will be busy handing out flyers, posting flyers in local stores, visiting and inviting everyone to join us. Evangelist Ken Freeman will be the Worship leader. Klint and Lauren Bratcher of the Northern Light will be the music worship leaders. The name "Illuminate" was chosen to shine the love of Christ to all.

"The sun shall be no more they light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto the an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory:" Isaiah 60:19. Midway Baptist truly wants to be a beacon of hope

to all, shining with the light of Jesus. We pray everyone will mark their calendars "March 20-23 be at Midway Baptist church." You will be lifted and inspired by this dynamic, spirit filled man of God. Bro. Jim Binnix, our pastor, baptized two more

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College Baptist Church Sunday, Feb.27, Pastor Ken McMeans brought

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out a live-in husband and father. In these homes, the mother has to set the example as she is led by This Sunday, following the morning worship ser-

vice, the youth of College Baptist will have a barbecue brisket burrito sale at the church in the fellowship hall. This is to raise funds for the spring break mission trip and for other youth activities this summer. You may eat at the church or order frozen burritos to take home. They are asking for a donation of \$2 per burrito. The 3G's senior citizen's group will meet March

10 at 6 p.m. for a pot luck meal in the fellowship hall of the church. Our speaker for the evening will be, Ruth Nanny, who volunteers her time at the Chalet, a resale shop that benefits patients at the state hospital. All interested seniors are invited to

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The men who are attending the conference in Lueders, Texas March 4-5 will leave at 3 p.m. Friday. Call church office at 432-267-2291 if you are needing more information.

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phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx. We would love to have you join us for church Sun-

days at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following around Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. His sermon will be titled "History and eyewitness

accounts" from today's lessons. This week, the liturgy will be read by George von Hassell. The readings for this week are Exodus 24:8-18, Psalm 2: 6-12, 2 Peter 1:16-31, and Matthew 17:1-9.

Angela Newton is our organist. The acolyte will be McKayla Overton. Our elders are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. If you are interested in donating flowers, please

sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for

Remember Saturday, the Circuit 4 Convocation will be hosted by the mission of Higher Things, Inc. If you are interested at all, please join us as we travel to Midland for this fact finding presentation. This event is designed for you, as well as pastors to support you. The event is "Christ on Campus." This is a campus ministry – West Texas Style!

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Circuit 4 Convocation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 3000 West Golf Course Road in Midland. Please call 432-697-3221 for reservations. The cost, lunch and childcare are free. Sundays, the adults and youth are studying from

the "Growing in Christ" series. Please feel free to join our Sunday school classes to learn more about our Lord and Savior. The Board of Education will

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At The First Church of the Nazarene we are com-

meet the second Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the

Mid-week school is beginning a study preparing us for Jesus' last days of his ministry. Last Wednesday evening, we studied "Signs, end of the age and tribulation" from Matthew 24:3-28. This Wednesday we will study "The Last Supper" from Luke 22:7-20. We would love to have your children join us. Mark your calendars for of our Lenten services

beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9 and ending with Easter, April 24. This Wednesday evening, we will begin our Lenten services at 7 p.m. The theme: "The miracles of

Lent" sounds very interesting. The focus for Ash Wednesday will be "The miraculous darkness" from the text: "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour." (Matthew 27:45). The LWML will meet Thursday, March 10, at 7

p.m. at the church. The LYF is selling notepads, calendars, and all

occasion greeting cards. These inspirational items can be found in the hallway. Please look them over and help the youth with this activity. Thank you. The LYF will be hosting dance lessons starting sometime in March. They will be meeting every

other week. If interested, sign up on the sheet placed on the youth room door. Come learn how to waltz, the electric slide, fox trot, cupid shuffle, etc. This will be a fun filled time. Light refreshments will be provided. Scheduled meetings for March include: The sec-

ond Monday, March 14, of the month, the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA. The Elders meet the third Thursday, March 17, of the month at 7 p.m. at the church. The board of assimilation will meet the fourth Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the church. Other boards and groups are continuing to meet and make plans for the various activities of the church.

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school, for all ages, at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate communion every week. The Lord's table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at communion table. Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

This Sunday, March 6 is the last Sunday after Epiphany in the Christian calendar, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh will be sharing his message entitled, "That is big," from the book of Matthew 17 1-9. Each week, the Rev. McIntosh brings a great message from the Bible. These messages help us have a greater relationship with other persons in a way that Jesus wants all people to act. He also has a great kid's moment, with the kids in the church, each Sunday morning.

Monday nights at 5:30 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a weight support group, meets in the fellowship hall. To get more information about TOPS

Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. we will have a pancake supper at the church fellowship hall for church members. Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's there will be combined Ash Wednesday service.

There will be no choir practice this Wednesday because of the combined Ash Wednesday services the choir practice will start back next week on the ISAIAH 58 Food Pantry which is at 107 Runnels

St. is open Mondays at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for food and clothing assistance. We are always in need of volunteers, so if you have any time to volunteer please call 263-4758 Monday or Tuesday. We have a combined youth group with First Pres-

byterian and St. Mary's Episcopal that meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Each church takes a month to host the youth group at their church. This March, First Christian will be hosting the group at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Pakistani Christians protest after slaying

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani Christians burned tires and rallied for justice Thursday, a day after Islamist militants assassinated Catholic government minister who had braved death threats to speak out in their de-

government, The which has been accused of appeasing hard-liners, vowed to tackle the threat, but officials routinely make such promises after high-profile

attacks and questions ing to police. remain over its will to counter militants once supported by the state.

Shahbaz Bhatti, 42, was gunned down in the capital, Islamabad, apparently because he had urged Pakistan to reform harsh laws that impose the death penalty for insulting Islam. He had been given police and paramilitary guards but had asked them not to accompany him while he stayed with his mother, accord-

Bhatti, who was minister for religious minorities, was the second Pakistani politician killed in two months over the blasphemy laws, the support of which has become a rallying cry for right-wing Islamist political parties and clerics. On Jan. 4, Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer was shot dead by a bodyguard who disagreed with his view that the laws need to be changed.

at Pakistan's seeming downward spiral and is supporting its government and security forces in the fight against terrorism, but ties between the two nations have been badly strained by the arrest of a CIA contractor in the eastern city of Lahore for killing two Pakistani men.

The American, Raymond Allen Davis, appeared in court Thursday but was not indicted after his lawyer, appearing at court for the first time, said more time was needed to study the charge sheet. A higher court is scheduled to whether Davis has diplomatic immunity, as the U.S. insists.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the U.S. is "concerned that the proceedings are ongoing."

"We continue to stress to the Pakistani government and to the Pakistani courts that he has full immunity from criminal prosecution," Crowley told reporters.

Bhatti'skillingshowed yet again the challenges posed by extremists to the nuclear-armed country, which is also saddled with a stagnant

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As the government declared three days of official mourning, Christians protested in several cities. Bhatti rose to prominence defending a Christian woman sentenced to death for blasphemy.

"Anyone who commits injustice or oppression will have to answer for it," several hundred people chanted in the city of Rawalpindi near the capital as thick clouds of smoke rose from burning tires.

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time. For questions or further information call the church office at 432-517-4821.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Holy Trinity Church will observe the following schedule for Ash Wednesday services:

7 a.m. at St. Thomas – Holy mass (Fr. Raj) with impositions of ashes (Isabel Escovedo, Linda Paradez, Wanda Anderson, Kathy Salazar)

9:30 a.m. at Howard County jail -Imposition of ashes with Msgr. Gully (Priscilla Davila)

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Mary - Holy mass (Msgr. Gully)/ imposition of ashes (Essie Oriz, Merlinda Chavez, Mary Jo Guerra, Richard Light) music by Pricilla Davila

7:15 p.m. - During CCE – Imposition of ashes

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Immaculate Heart of Mary (Msgr. Gully) catechists

Holy hour will be Thursday March 10 from 7-8 p.m. and on March 11 we will have the Spanish version at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 6 p.m. followed by a fish dinner. Penance services will be offered March 22 at 7 p.m. The Feast of the Annunciation will be celebrated on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call the church office at 714-4930.





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Friday, March 4, 2011

NFL labor talks extend

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A reprieve, even for one day, provided a touch of optimism in the NFL's labor dispute with the players' union.

though, Nobody, comfortshould get

The NFL and the players' union decided Thursday to keep the current collective bargaining agreement in place for an additional 24 hours so that negotiations can continue.

"We're continuing to talk. I don't see how that can be a negative," said Jeff Pash, the league's lead nego-

"For all our fans who dig our game, we appreciate your patience as we work through this," union executive director DeMaurice Smith said as he emerged from the talks. "We are going to keep working. We want to play foot-

Allowing the CBA to expire could put the two sides on the road to a year without football, even though opening kickoff of the 2011 season is still six months away. The labor unrest comes as the NFL

popularity, breaking records for TV ratings: This year's Super Bowl was the most-watched program in U.S. his-

If the CBA expires, the owners could lock out the players, and the union could decertify to try and prevent that through the courts – something the NFLPA did in 1989. It formed again in 1993.

For now, at least, the talks continue.

A person with knowledge of the talks said the 24-hour extension was to gauge the willingness to extend negotiations further. The person, who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because the talks were supposed to remain confidential, said the sides were apart on economics, but have agreed on other topics. The person would not say what the two sides do agree on.

Another person familiar with the negotiations said the two sides were not expected to resume face-to-face bargaining Friday.

Instead they'll meet separately with Cohen is at the height of its See LABOR, Page 2B NFL retirees await benefits of CBA negotiations

Ditka can't see which play is coming.

Owners and players are wrangling over how to divide a \$9 billion pie, while guys who used to strap on helmets and pads are struggling to get proper medical treatment. The former Chicago Bears coach isn't sure how a new collective bargaining agreement will impact their benefits.

"I don't know all the consequences of it," Ditka said. "I think the people that are negotiating on both sides understand it better. I just think it's a tragedy. Football has grown into such a popular sport

The Associated Press and such a money-CHICAGO — Mike making sport. You're talking about basically a \$9 billion business, and I would hope that both sides would find a way to work it out. I think there are some things that need to be done."

> The league and playunion agreed Thursday to keep the collective bargaining agreement in place for another 24 hours and continue negotiations, but these are delicate times for the country's most popular sport.

> Allowing the CBA to expire could jeopardize the season, which doesn't start for another six months. Owners could lock out the

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Porsche Young goes for a layup during the Howard College Hawks' loss to Grayson in the first round of the Region V Tournament Thursday in Lubbock.

Howard women fall to Grayson in Region V Tournament, 69-50

LUBBOCK — The Howard College women's basketball team didn't last long in the Region V Tournament.

The Hawks' season ended with a 69-50 loss to Grayson Community College Thursday at the Rip Griffin Center on Lubbock Christian University's campus.

The return to the Region V Tournament was shortlived. The Howard women missed out on it last season. Meanwhile, Grayson goes on to face Odessa today at 2 p.m. The Hawks' season has been full of ups and downs, especially in the last few games.

Howard had to face New Mexico Junior College in a play-in game Monday just to get into the tournament. After the Hawks beat Frank Phillips College in the regular season finale and South Plains beat New Mexico Junior College, the Hawks thought they clinched the fourth and final spot for the Re-

gion V Tournament. However, a dispute in the points system went to the president's of each school in the conference, leading to the play-in game before Thursday's

matchup against Grayson. The Hawks finished the season with 22 wins and a 6-6 conference record. They'll lose key players such as Tasha Tubbs, Twyla Ards and Taniqua Ards. Tubbs — a University of Houston signee — was the Hawks go-to player this year. She was often solid from the 3-point line and hit big shots when the Hawks needed her to.

But Howard does have players such as Porsche Young, Leona Allen, Kali Jerrell and Zeslie Johnson. All of those players were key contributors to this year's squad.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Girls Softball Association

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will conduct sign-ups for girls ages 4 to 14 to play. Signups are each Saturday through March 12 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The registration fee is \$80 with no fundraiser. It will cover the full uniform.

Late registration after March 12 is \$10 extra. For more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 4663670.

Coahoma girls softball sign-ups

Sign-ups are March 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26. Times for those days are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and the locations are the same.

The fee is \$60, no fundraiser. Shirts and shorts will be provided. There will be a tournament hosted for every age group. Call Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more informa-

Chicano Golf Association

The association is hosting its individual tournament at 10 a.m. March 13 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The deadline to register is 9:30 a.m. that day. There is also a members meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Church Hall.









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Magic rally from 24 down to stun Heat 99-96

The Associated Press

MIAMI — This time, the Orlando Magic started their comeback in plenty of time to beat the Miami Heat.

Down by 24 in the third quarter, the Magic went on an unbelievable 40-9 run over the next 15 minutes and shocked the Heat 99-96 on Thursday night — Orlando's biggest comeback win of the season, by far.

Jason Richardson scored 24 points for Orlando, 11 of them to kickstart the epic burst. Jameer Nelson scored 12 of his 16 in the second half and Dwight Howard finished with 14 points and 18 rebounds for the Magic, who trailed 73-49 after a dunk by LeBron James with 8:57 remaining in the third quarter.

They outscored Miami 50-23 the rest of the way.

"Well, that defies explanation," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Orlando nearly rallied from a

23-point deficit in the final $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes when the teams last met early last month, missing a potential gametying shot in the final seconds that night on its home floor.

So on Thursday, the Magic started rallying much sooner. Miami missed 17 of 22 shots from the field — and an alarming 7 of 8 from the line — during Orlando's run, during which Richardson scored 17 points and made all five of his tries from 3-point range.

Ryan Anderson scored 15 and Gilbert Arenas added 11, including a pair of big 3-pointers in the fourth.

James scored 29 and Dwyane Wade had 28 for Miami, which trailed 97-96 with 9.6 seconds left. J.J. Redick pushed the lead to three with a pair of free throws, and Chris Bosh — who was not the primary option on the play — and James missed 3-point attempts in the final seconds.

Mike Miller made a 70-footer for

Miami moments after the halftime buzzer, something that looked inconsequential when the Heat were leading by 18 at the time.

The final margin? Three points.

And given how the first half went, the loss was nothing short of stun-

"We need to keep on pushing through," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "There's no other way to say it. ... The tide turned."

The game was significant in the standings.

Miami is now two games behind Boston — three in the loss column — for the best record in the Eastern Conference. And Orlando, which has very quietly won four straight, is now just 3½ games behind Miami in the Southeast Division.

Orlando closed the third quarter on a 22-7 run, pulling to a very manageable 80-71 going into the fourth. The

Magic made four 3-pointers in the final 8:40 of the period, three of those by Richardson.

He and the Magic were just getting started, ripping off an 18-2 burst to open the fourth.

In all, over a 15-minute stretch, the Magic made twice as many 3-pointers (8) than the Heat had field goals of any sort (4). And the Heat, who made their first 17 foul shots of the night, then couldn't get anything to go down.

James made his first 11 shots when the teams last met in Orlando a month ago, so the Magic were quite possibly relieved when his first attempt Thursday bounced harmlessly away.

Ah, a mere temporary blip for the two-time MVP.

James and Wade could have played 2-on-5 in the first half, and it might not have mattered. The score after 24 minutes: Miami's two biggest stars 47, Magic 45.

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to hash out whether to prolong the extension and if so, for how many days.

"We had a long day. I think it was a day full of hard work, a lot of good discussion and exchanges," Pash said.

Asked how much progress was made, Pash said: "You can't measure it like that. ... It's not like a stock that you could chart on an hour-by-hour basis. There are a lot of issues, it's complicated. People are working hard, and I think we're just going to have to keep at it."

They were at it for about eight hours with federal mediator George Cohen. The CBA was set to expire at midnight as Thursday became Friday, which would likely have prompted the first work stoppage since 1987 for a league that rakes in \$9 billion

Said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell as he left: "We are working as hard as we can."

Washington Redskins player representative Vonnie Holliday cautioned that the two sides are "still apart" on a pact to replace the current CBA. "I don't see how we can be that close right now unless somebody is going to pull a rabbit out of the hat," he said. "I just don't see it."

While the league and players' union met for a 10th day with Cohen, even President Barack Obama weighed in when asked if he would intervene in

"I'm a big football fan," Obama said, "but I also think that for an industry that's making \$9 billion a year in revenue, they can figure out how to divide it up in a sensible way and be true to their fans. who are the ones who obviously allow for all the money that they're making. So my expectation and hope is that they will resolve it without me intervening, because it turns out I've got a lot of other stuff to do."

Besides Goodell, also on hand for the NFL were Pash, outside counsel Bob Batterman, New York Giants owner John Mara, Green Bay Packers president Mark Murphy, Washington Redskins general manager Bruce Allen and several other league executives. Mara and Murphy are members of the league's labor committee, which has the authority to call for a lockout if a new agreement isn't reached.

The biggest sticking point all along has been how to divide the league's revenues, including what cut team owners should get up front to help cover certain costs, such as stadium construction. Under the old deal, owners received about \$1 billion off the top. They entered these negotiations seeking to add another \$1 billion to that.

Among the other significant topics: a rookie wage

scale; the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games; and benefits for retired players.

Since the 1987 players' strike that shortened the

season to 15 games — with three of those games featuring nonunion replacement players — there has been labor peace in the NFL. The foundation of the current CBA was reached in 1993 by then-Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and union chief Gene Upshaw. It has been extended five times as revenues soared, the league expanded to 32 profitable teams, and new stadiums were built across America to house them.

The contract extension reached in 2006 was the final major act for Tagliabue, who then retired, succeeded by Goodell. An opt-out clause for each side was included in that deal, and the owners exercised it in May 2008 — three months before Upshaw

Smith replaced Upshaw in March 2009.

Joining Smith at the mediation session Thursday were union president Kevin Mawae, New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday, Pittsburgh Steelers backup quarterback Charlie Batch and several others, including current and former players.

More than a dozen TV cameras and twice as many reporters waited on the sidewalk outside the mediation headquarters. They were even joined by a few fans.

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players, and the players could decertify prevent that, an ugly staredown coming at a time when revenue is soaring.

At the core of the debate is how to divide the money, but it's not the only issue on the table.

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increase the regularseason schedule to 18 games while reducing the preseason slate to two. A rookie salary scale is being discussed, and so are the benefits to the retired players.

That's been a sore spot who can't afford treatment for injuries and illnesses brought on by the physical contact of the game during their

playing days. Their complaints with the union have centered on pensions that they believe are too small and a disability system they believe is inefficient and

Outside groups profor years for old-timers vide some help. The Gridiron Greats a nonprofit that has raised more than \$1.75 million to provide financial grants and pro bono medical care for retir-

> "I don't think anybody's trying to do the wrong thing," said Ditka, Gridiron Greats' board of directors chairman. "I'm just not sure that anybody understands what it's going to take. Saying it and doing it are two different things."



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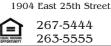
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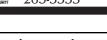
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MATHIS

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"It Pays To Read **Big Spring Herald** Classifieds"

you'll broaden your circle of influence and earn the trust and respect of your

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything you do for others today is a casual choice — no pressure. You make it easy to be your friend. You don't want or need anything from those around you, and that's half the battle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You refuse to lean on others, preferring to lift them up instead. If you find that you cannot do this, then the next best thing is to lift up yourself. Your happiness will be contagious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your good ideas bear repeating. If you've shared your ideas before but didn't get much of a response, now is the time to mention them again. some ways, general public is still catching up with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is not enough for you to add value to someone's life. You want to multiply the good fortune of those around you. You'll find a way to do this, too — it has to do with spreading a positive message to a large number of people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a talent for above rising petty concerns, and you'll have a very good reason to use it. You'll get outside yourself so that you can see things from another person's point of view.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone has memorized a pitch and will deliver it with great skill. That doesn't go over too well with you, though, as you prefer that people communicate from the heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21) generous heart makes it easy for you to be open and encouraging, even with your competitors. Perhaps you realize that only competition is yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You sometimes give people more credit than they deserve. But you'd rather err on the side of generosity than fail to appreciate the ones

who really contribute.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be even committed enriching the lives of others than you usually are. You will notice those in need. You won't be able to help them all at once, but you will make a difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though most people put on a good face, you'll look deeper and realize that many are hurting. This will change the way you interact. manner of dealing with others is both careful and kind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4). You'll develop the skills to conduct the relationship of your dreams. Continue strive for stellar communication in all areas of life, and you'll increasingly comfortable asking for what you need. roadblock to financial good fortune will be lifted in April. June brings an educational opportunity. You have a special connection with Cancer and Scorpio people. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 22, 43 and 56.

WEEKEND FORECAST: ARIES: You will have a connection with someone — this is worth pursuing. TAURUS: You'll give your respect, and this is taken as a sign of affection and love. GEMINI: You're prepared to do whatever it takes to make your loved one CANCER: happy. Everyone shows love differently. Find out what makes another person feel loved, and show your affection in that preferred method. LEO: Your encouragement means the world to a loved one. VIRGO: Make changes to necessary vour domestic environment to attract love. Apply the principles of feng shui. LIBRA: Pinpoint what's missing from a relationship, and provide it. SCORPIO: You will put your creativity to the task of making love exciting and new. SAGITTARIUS: It's easier for you to meet another person's needs when you know what they are. Ask! CAPRICORN: Because a harmonious relationship is important to you, you'll be willing to adjust

thinking. AQUARIUS: With every bit of your being, you want to be in love. But it has to feel real for you, or it doesn't count. PISCES: You'll have that "meant to be" feeling.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone: North 2 ♦ ** Pass West South Pass

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strong, artificial ** waiting What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ A ♥ AKQ83 ♠ AQJ984 ♣ 7

2. ♠ 10 ♥ AK95 ♦ AKQJ7 ♣ AK6 3. ♠ AK ♥ KQJ4 ♦ AKQJ62 ♣ 3 4. ♠ AK ♥ AK32 ♦ KQJ103 ♣ AK

1. Four hearts. By bidding four hearts, you imply a five-card heart suit, since it would make no sense to introduce a four-card suit at this

At the same time, the heart rebid identifies a holding of at least six diamonds, since if your two suits were equal in length, you would have bid hearts rather than diamonds at your second turn.

Although your hand is very promising for slam purposes, you cannot safely bid more than four hearts. The impetus must come from your partner, whose responses so far have promised nothing.

2. Pass. It may seem dangerous to

pass with a singleton spade, but it would be even more dangerous to bid again. Introducing your four-card heart suit on the four-level is chancier than hoping partner has sufficient length and/or strength in spades to stop the opponents from taking the first five tricks. Your best shot is to rely on the nine tricks in notrump you already have right in the palm of your hand. 3. Five diamonds. There is no

need to risk notrump with this layout you have only eight certain tricks at notrump — when you are virtually assured of 11 tricks in diamonds. Just about all you need from partner to make five diamonds is the ten of

It would be wrong to bid four hearts; if partner has only three hearts and three or fewer diamonds he might elect to pass and leave you in a contract that is not as good as five diamonds would be.

4. Four notrump. This is not Blackwood but rather a raise in notrump asking partner to keep on bidding if he has any values at all. Four notrump is a powerful bid, since it indicates a holding of 10 tricks even if partner has nothing. Obviously, he is permitted to pass.

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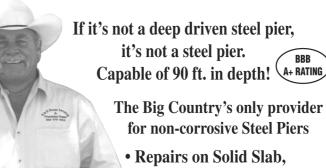
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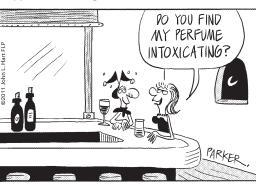
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2011. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights History:

On March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. The U.S. Government Printing Office began operation. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original version of the Stars and Bars (not to be confused with the more familiar Confederate Battle Flag).

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.) In 1791, Vermont became the

14th state

In 1811, the first Bank of the United States ceased operations as its charter expired.

In 1858, Sen. James Henry

declared "Cotton is king" in a speech to the U.S. Senate. In 1908, a fire at Lake View

School in Collinwood, Ohio, claimed the lives of 172 children and three adults. In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its

In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was established.

In 1977, some 1,500 people

were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and east-

City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist, of violating the civil rights of two black men who'd been shot to death Today's Birthdays: Actress

director Adrian Lyne is 70. Singer Bobby Womack is 67. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 63. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 63. Author James Ellroy is 63. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is 61. Singer Chris Rea is 60. Actor Ronn Moss is 59.

Actress Kay Lenz is 58. Musician Emilio Estefan is 58. Movie director Scott Hicks is 58. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 57. Actor Mykelti (MY'-kul-tee) Williamson is 54. Actress Patricia Heaton is 53. Actor Steven Weber is 50. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 48. Actress Stacy Edwards is 46. Rapper Grand Puba is 45. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 45. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 44. Actress Patsy Kensit is 43. Gay rights activist Chaz Bono is 42. Actor Nick Stabile (stah-BEEL') is 41. Rock musician FergalLawler(TheCranberries) is 40. Country singer Jason Sellers is 40. Jazz musician

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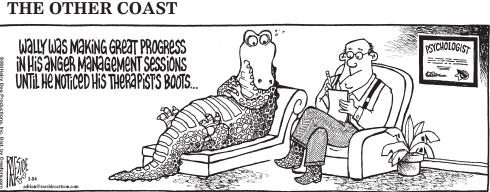


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namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge

In 1960, an explosives-laden French freighter, La Coubre, exploded in Havana's harbor, killing at least 75 people.

ern Europe. In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake

Paula Prentiss is 73. Movie

Jason Marsalis is 34. © 2011 The Associated Press. Answer to previous puzzle FRILLWOWS ROAM

Newsday Crossword

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