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Council eyes May election

By THOMAS JENKINS

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The Big Spring City Council is expected to approve first reading of a ordinance calling for the May 11 municipal general election, as two seats on the council go up for grabs this election season.

The mayoral seat, along with the District 5 seat on the council, will be decided in the election.

Incumbent Mayor Tommy Duncan has indicated he will not seek a second term in the office, saying he never intended to serve more than one term in the position.

"When I ran for office, I was really reluctant to do so, but I was contacted by several people to step forward and serve the community, and that's what I did," Duncan said. "I never intended to serve more than

The seat has drawn a single political hopeful so far, as local businessman and former Big Spring Economic Development Corpo-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Visitors look at some of Bill Brooks' creations during the opening day of an exhibit of his work at Heritage Museum Saturday. The exhibit runs through Feb. 28.

Pope to resign Feb. 28



Pope Benedict XVI

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI said Monday he lacks the strength to fulfill his duties and on Feb. 28 will become the first pontiff in 600 years to resign. The announcement sets the stage for a conclave in March to elect a new leader for the world's 1

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billion Catholics.

The 85-year-old pope announced the bombshell in Latin during a meeting of Vatican cardinals, surprising even his closest collaborators, even though Benedict had made clear in the past he would step

down if he became too old or be observed. infirm to do the job.

Benedict called his choice "a decision of great importance for the life of the church."

Indeed, the move allows the Vatican to hold a conclave before Easter to elect a new pope, since the traditional mourning time that would follow the death of a pope doesn't have to

It will also allow Benedict to hold great sway over the choice of his successor. He has already hand-picked the bulk of the College of Cardinals the princes of the church who will elect the next pope — to guarantee his conservative

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Signing for a buddy

Kortney Moore, a sevenyear-old Big Spring native and Howard College hoops fan, gets an autograph from Howard College freshmen guard Alisha Spearman during the annual Wells Fargo sponsored Hawk Buddies event Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

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Obituaries

Repps Guitar Jr.



Repps Guitar Jr. 75, of Abilene passed away Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, in North's Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Bryans Fitzhugh officiating. The family will receive friends this evening from 5-7 p.m. in North's Memorial Chapel, 242 Orange St.

Mr. Guitar was born Aug. 14, 1937 in Big Spring. Texas to Repps and

Mary Elizabeth (Hurt) Guitar Sr.

He was one of the pioneer Guitar families in Abilene. He sold real estate in the Big Country for over twenty years. He was also self-employed as a rancher. He loved spending time with his family, children, grandchildren and his great-grandson. He enjoyed hunting and working with his dogs and various other farm and domestic animals. Repps was a member of the Episcopal Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son, John Guitar of Clyde; one daughter, Lesli Nichols and husband Martin of Big Spring, Texas; five grandchildren, Mary Guitar, Trisha Stannard and husband Justin of Sanderson, Texas, Steven Nichols of Big Spring, Texas, Garrett booked into the county detention center Friday by Nichols of Lubbock, Texas and Austin Nichols of Knott, Texas; one great-grandson, Jackson Stannard: one sister. Marilyn Galusha and husband Bill of Abilene; two brothers, Pressley Guitar of Abilene and Dr. David Guitar and wife Mitzi of Brownwood, Texas: and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

made to Ben Richev Boys Ranch 501 Ben Richev Dr. Abilene, Texas 79602.

Online condolences may be sent at www.northsfuneralhome.com

Paid obituary

Barbara Ann Eisler



Barbara Ann Eisler, 76, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Barbara was born Oct. 27, 1936, in

Hobbs, N.M., and married Gifford Robert "Bob" Eisler on June 27, 1953, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 20, 1980.

She was a broker for Marie Rowland Real Estate. When it closed, she went to Abilene Christian University and earned a bachelors degree in sociology. She then began working as the Texas State Region IV Volunteer Coordinator and helped nursing homes set up volunteer programs.

She was a member of 11th Street and Birdwell

Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Pam Hass and husband Larry; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

death by her parents, W.D. and Marie (Cates) Rowland; one daughter, Robbie Winn; one granddaughter; and one brother, Rufus Rowland.

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

Jimmy Garrard

Jimmy Garrard, 38, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Frank Lloyd Sickles

Frank Lloyd Sickles. 58. of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7

- ROY GUERRERO CERVANTES JR., 33, of 1304 Nolan, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public
- RUBEN RODRIQUEZ, 44, of 407 S. Young, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-
- JOSHUA LEE JUNKIN, 25, of 108 Wilson, was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts), speeding and driving while license invalid.
- PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 25, of 1600 S. Nolan, was arrested Sunday on warrants for burglary of a building (two counts).
- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Willia.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 80 inmates at the time of this

- TRUIT LEVI KOTHMAN, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-
- GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-
- EARL EUGENE HILL, 63, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Harris County warrant for viola-
- COMANECKI OLYN LOPER, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a chareg of hindering the apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.
- TOMMIE LEO FREEMAN, 58, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention and violation of parole.
- RAYMOND OVERTON JR., 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of theft - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 and theft - more than \$50 and less than \$500. • TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, was booked into the
- county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. • ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ, 44, was
- booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on motions to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and possession of a controlled substance. • ARSEILA CORTEZ HERNANDEZ, 60, was
- the BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$50 and less than \$500. • BERTHA HINOJOS S. GARCIA, 41, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - sec-
- BEN TORRES GONZALES, 42, was booked into In lieu of flowers the family request donations be the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous drug. · AREALLE ORTEGA, 22, was arrested Saturday
 - by the HCSO on a charge of speeding and a municipal warrant for failure to yield the right-of-way at a stop intersection. • HERIBERTO ZAMORA, 58, was arrested
 - Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
 - KALLINA DANELLE FLETCHER, 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • VICTORIA DIANE MENDEZ, 21, was booked
 - into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. • ROY G. CERVANTES, 33, was booked into the
 - county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • LUCIANO RUBEN RODRIQUEZ JR., 44, was
 - booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • BILLY LEE JOHNSON, 17, was arrested Sunday
 - by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. • JOSHUA LEE JUNKIN, 25, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and speeding.
- PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 25, was arrest-In addition to her husband, she was preceded in ed Sunday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a building (two counts).
 - DAVID EUGENE WILLIAMS, 46, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a Burleson County warrant for violation of probation – delivery of a controlled substance.
 - MICHAEL STEPHEN HANSON, 24, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - STEPHEN HEATH GREGORY, 29, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - BENJAMIN VASQUEZ, 21, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

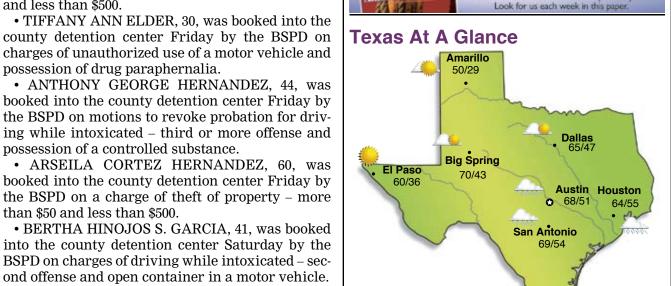
The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and S. Service Road. 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 2600 block of Ann. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of
- Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of
- Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to
- SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Grafa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Goliad and 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Madison. 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 2000 block of S. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
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of Washington. Fire was out on arrival.

Today's Weather Local 3-Day Forecast

70/43 Partly cloudy skies. High near 70F. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.	57/32 Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	63/37 Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise:	Sunrise:	Sunrise:
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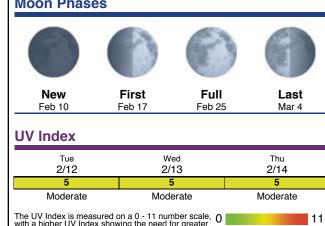


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ı	Boston	47	32	mixed	New York	47	35	rain
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ı	Dallas	65	47	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	42	sunny
ı	Denver	32	13	cloudy	Seattle	48	44	rain
ı	Houston	64	55	rain	St. Louis	47	30	sunny
ı	Los Angeles	62	41	sunny	Washington, DC	62	39	rain
ı	Miami	79	66	pt sunny				
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Support Groups

MONDAY

- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weighin starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- · Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship. located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.
- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

TUESDAY

· Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, con- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 500 block tact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

COUNCIL

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infrastructure.

ration board president Larry

McLellan recently filed to

McLellan said one of his

main areas of focus, if elect-

ed, will be the city's aging

"We have to stop talking

about the needs of our city's

infrastructure and start do-

ing something about it."

McLellan said firmly. "We've

seen steady increases in

sales tax revenues over the

past few years and we need

to begin using that money

to address our problems,

not pad our general fun. It's

good to have a healthy gen-

eral fund, however, there's

work that needs to be done.

Also up for grabs in the

May 11 election will be the

District 5 seat on the coun-

cil, currently held by Craig

Olson, who has also indicat-

ed he will not seek a second

"I will not seek re-election

for the District 5 seat on the

Big Spring City Council,"

Olson said. "One term is

enough. Ongoing business

commitments, as well as

recreational activities con-

tinue to require constant at-

tention. I know (the citizens)

The seat has yet to attract a

political hopeful, according

to officials with the city of

can begin picking up filing

packets from city hall — lo-

cated at 310 Nolan St. — un-

Filing for the election is

being handled by the city of

Big Spring Administration,

candidates

Big Spring administration.

will understand."

Prospective

til March 1.

It's time to take action."

run for the mayoral seat.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

once again be coordinated

by the Howard County Elections Administration Office.

For more information on fil-

ing to run in the May elec-

tion, contact Big Spring City

Also during Tuesday's

• Final reading of an ordi-

nance amending Chapter 9

of the Coad of Ordinances

entitled "Fire Prevention" to

adopt the 2012 edition of the

International Code Council

amendment to the 2012 an-

nual budget to provide for

the purchase of a fire truck

for the Big Spring Fire De-

partment through the city's

Award a bid for a pumper

· First reading of an ordi-

nance designating the place-

ment of stop signs at the

intersection of Settles and

Stadium in order to create a

• First reading of a resolu-

tion endorsing certain legis-

lative actions in the 83rd Tex-

as Legislature to enhance the

competitive electric market

and system reliability and to

protect the traditional role

of cities in the regulatory

The council is also ex-

pected to meet with the Big

Spring EDC board of direc-

tors during an executive ses-

Tuesday's meeting is ex-

pected to get under way at

5:30 p.m. in the City Council

Chambers, located at 307 E.

Fourth Street. Fore more in-

formation call 264-2401. Also,

a complete copy of the meet-

ing agenda can be found on-

line at www.mybigspring.

First reading of an

meeting, the council is ex-

Hall at 432-264-2513.

pected to consider:

Inc. Fire Code.

general fund.

four-way-stop.

process.

fire truck.

A Big Spring man was sentenced to more than seven years in federal prison after law enforcement officials seized approximately \$78,000 in drug trafficking proceeds and nearly 2.5 pounds of cocaine during a December 2011 search.

Gabriel Aguilar, 35, was sentenced to 87 months in a federal prison by U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings during proceedings Thursday in Lubbock. The Big Spring man pleaded guilty in October to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Aguilar, who had been out on bond, was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal's office following sentencing,

according to U.S. Attorney

Sarah R. Saldaña of the North-

ern District of Texas.

According to court records, investigators with the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Unit — assisted by the SORT (Special Operations Response Team) team — executed a search warrant at Aguilar's residence, located at 1612 Lark, on Dec. 13, 2011. During the search, Aguilar

advised officers there was approximately 15-19 ounces of cocaine in the house, along with \$60,000 in his closet. Aguilar told investigators

for the previous year to sup-

plement his salary, but that

he was down to his last "bird" or kilogram of cocaine. In the residence, law enforcement officials discovered approximately 2.49pounds of cocaine in kitchen cabinets and Aguilar's bedroom closet. A part of that amount was contained in 82 pre-measured, plastic bags that each contained seven

to court documents. In addition, officers located drug paraphernalia, such as plastic bags and digital scales, a 9mm semi-automatic pistol and \$78,319 in cash that was concealed in clothing in

grams of cocaine, according

Aguilar's closet. According to Sgt. Tony Ev-

cer with the BSPD, investigators also seized four vehicles as a result of the search. Also arrested during the search was Jessee Deleon, 43, of Big Spring, who was charged with possession of a he had been selling cocaine

erett, public information offi-

controlled substance. Everett said the search was the result of a year-long investigation into cocaine distribution in the Crossroads area. According to Saldaña, the case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Home-

land Security Investigations (HSI), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Big Spring Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin T. Cunningham was in charge of the prosecution.

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

Take note • A continuing education class focusing on Knight. The event is free to the public, but res-

- computer education is set to begin Tuesday and run through the month. This is a fourweek course, with classes taking place 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration can be done through the continuing education department at Howard College and each student completing the course will receive a certificate of completion. To find out more information or to register, call Cris Cortez at 432-264-5077.
- · Healthy Woman is presenting a heart healthy affair "Be Aware of YOUR Heart" at noon Feb. 21 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Drs. Rudy and Chris Haddad will speak, along with a person story from Mitzi

ervations need to be made no later than Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. To reserve your spot, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721. · Big Spring State Hospital patients are in

need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

while the election itself will

POPE

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legacy and ensure an orthodox future for the church.

There are several papal contenders in the wings, but no obvious front-runner — the same situation when Benedict was elected pontiff in 2005 after the death of Pope John Paul II. The Vatican stressed

that no specific medical condition prompted Benedict's decision, but in recent years, the pope has slowed down significantly, cutting back his foreign travel and limiting his audiences. He now goes to and from the altar in St. Peter's Basilica on a moving platform, to spare him the long walk down the aisle. Occasionally he uses a cane.

His 89-year-old brother, Georg Ratzinger, said doctors had recently advised the pope not to take any more trans-Atlantic trips. "His age is weighing

on him," Ratzinger told the dpa news agency. "At this age my brother wants more rest." Benedict emphasized

that carrying out the duties of being pope — the leader of more than a billion Roman Catholics worldwide — requires "both strength of mind and body." "After having repeat-

edly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths due to an advanced age are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry," he told the cardinals.

"In order to govern the bark of St. Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary

strengths which in the last few months, have deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me," he said. Popes are allowed to

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resign; church law specifies only that the resignation be "freely made and properly manifested." But only a handful have done it. The last pope to resign

was Pope Gregory XII, who stepped down in 1415 in a deal to end the Great Western Schism among competing papal claimants. The most famous resignation was Pope Celestine V in 1294; Dante placed him in hell for it.

When Benedict was elected at age 78, he was the oldest pope chosen in nearly 300 years. At the time, he has already been planning to retire as the Vatican's chief orthodoxy watchdog to spend his final years writing in the "peace and quiet" of his native Bavaria. On Monday, Benedict

said he would serve the church for the remainder of his days "through a life dedicated to prayer." The Vatican said immediately after his resignation, Benedict would go to Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer retreat south of Rome, and then would live in a cloistered monastery. Contenders to be his

successor include Cardinal Angelo Scola, archbishop of Milan, Christoph Cardinal Schoenborn, the archbishop of Vienna, and Cardinal Marc Ouellet, the Canadian head of

the Vatican's office for bishops. Longshots include Cardinal Timothy Dolan

of New York. Although Dolan is popular and backs the pope's conservative line, the general thinking is that the Catholic Church doesn't need a pope from a "superpower."

Given half of the world's Catholics live in the global south, there will once again be arguments for a pope to come from the developing world. Cardinal Antonio Ta-

gle, the archbishop of Manila, has impressed many Vatican watchers, but at 56 and having only been named a cardinal last year, he is considered too young. Cardinal Peter Kodwo

Appiah Turkson of Ghana is one of the highestranking African cardinals at the Vatican, currently heading the Vatican's office for justice and peace, but he's something of a wild card.

All cardinals under age 80 are allowed to vote in the conclave, the secret meeting held in the Sistine Chapel where cardinals cast ballots to elect a new pope. As per tradition, the ballots are burned after each voting round; black smoke that snakes out of the chimney means no pope has been chosen, while white smoke means a pope has been elected. The pontiff had been

due to attend World Youth Day in July in Rio de Janeiro; by then his successor will have been named and will presumably make the trip. Benedict himself

raised the possibility of resigning if he were simply too old or sick to continue on, when he was interviewed in 2010 for the book "Light of the World."

"If a pope clearly real-

izes that he is no longer physically, psychologically and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office, then he has a right, and under some circumstances, also an obligation to resign," Benedict said.

The former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger had an intimate view as Pope John Paul II, with whom he had worked closely for nearly a quarter-century, suffered through the debilitating end of his papacy.

The announcement took the Vatican — and the rest of the world by surprise.

Several cardinals on Monday didn't even understand what Benedict had said during the consistory, said the Rev. Lombardi, Federico the Vatican spokesman said. Others who did were stunned. "All the cardinals re-

mained shocked and were looking at each other," said Monsignor Oscar Sanchez of Mexico who was in the room when Benedict made his announcement. Benedict was born

April 16, 1927 in Marktl Am Inn, in Bavaria, but his father, a policeman, moved frequently and the family left when he was 2. In his memoirs, Bene-

dict dealt what could have been a source of controversy had it been kept secret — that he was enlisted in the Nazi youthmovementagainst I COWBOYS STEAKHOUSE I

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his will when he was 14 in 1941, when membership was compulsory. He said he was soon let out because of his studies for the priesthood. Two years later he was drafted into a Nazi antiaircraft unit as a helper. He deserted the German army in April 1945, the waning days of the war.

He called it prophetic that a German followed a Polish pope — with both men coming from such different sides of World War II.

Benedict was dained, along with his brother, in 1951. After spending several years teaching theology in Germany, he was appointed bishop of Mu-

sudoku

ANSWERS

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nich in 1977 and ele-

vated to cardinal three

months later by Pope

John Paul named him

leader of the Congrega-

tion for the Doctrine of

the Faith in 1981 and he

took up his post a year

Following John Paul's

leath in 2005, he was

elected pope April 19 in

one of the fastest con-

claves in history, just

about 24 hours after the

Paul VI.

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Jimmy Garrard, 38, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dragon China Buffet, 1300 Gregg 268-8888 \$1.00_{Off Per Adult}

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Pope's mission to revive faith clouded by scandal

VATICAN CITY (AP) Benedict XVI always cast himself as the reluctant pope, a shy bookworm who ferred solitary walks in the Alps to the public glare and the majesty of Vatican pageantry. And on Monday, the Vatican announced that the leader of the world's billion Roman Catholics was stepping down the first pontiff to do so since 1415.

The German theologian, whose mission was to reawaken Christianity in a secularized Europe, grew increasingly frail as he shouldered the monumental task of purging the Catholic world of a sex abuse scandal that festered under John Paul II and exploded during his reign into the church's biggest crisis in decades, if not centuries.

More recently, he bore the painful burden of betrayal by one of his closest aides: Benedict's own butler was convicted by a Vatican court of stealing the pontiff's personal papers and giving them to a journalist, one of the gravest breaches of papal security in modern times.

All the while, Benedict pursued his singleminded vision to rekindle faith in a world which, he frequently lamented, seemed to think it could do without God.

"In vast areas of the world today, there is a strange forgetfulness of God," he told 1 million young people gathered on a vast field for his first foreign trip as

in Cologne, Germany in 2005. "It seems as if everything would be just the same even without Him."

With some decisive, often controversial moves, Benedict tried to remind Europe of its Christian heritage and set the Catholic Church on a conservative, tradition-minded path that often alienated progressives and thrilled conservatives.

Yet his papacy will be forever intertwined with the sex abuse scandal.

Over the course of just a few months in 2010, thousands of people in Europe, Australia, South America and beyond came forward with reports of priests who raped and molested them as children, and bishops who covered up the crimes.

Documents revealed that the Vatican knew well of the problem yet turned a blind eye for decades, at times rebuffing bishops who tried to do the right thing.

Benedict had firsthand knowledge of the scope of the problem since his old office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith which he had headed since 1982, was responsible for dealing with abuse cases.

He met with victims across the globe, wept with them and prayed with them. He promised that the church must "doeverything possible" to ensure such crimes never happen again. The Vatican updated its legal code to extend the statute of limitations for

cases and told bishops' conferences around the world to come up with guidelines to prevent abuse.

But Benedict never admitted any personal or Vatican failure. Much to the dismay of victims, he never took action against bishops who ignored or covered up the abuse of their priests or moved known pedophiles to new posts where they abused again.

And hard as he tried to heal the church's wounds, Benedict's message was always clouded by his wooden personal style. No globetrotting showman or media darling like John Paul, Benedict was a teacher and academic to the core: quiet and pensive with a fierce mind. He spoke in paragraphs, not soundbites. In recent years, his declining health made him seem increasingly fragile and disengaged in public. And he was notoriously prone to gaffes.

Some of Benedict's most lasting initiatives as pope — the actions he will be remembered for — focused on restoring traditional Catholic practice and worship to 21st century Catholicism. It was all in a bid to correct what he considered the erroneous interpretation of the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65 meetings that brought the Catholic Church into the modern world.

His conservative vision is a direction his successor will likely continue given that the

bulk of the College of Cardinals — the princes of the church who will elect the next pope — was hand-picked by Benedict to guarantee his legacy and ensure an orthodox future for the church.

Benedict relaxed restrictions on celebrating the old, pre-Vatican II Latin Mass. He reached out to a group of traditionalist, schismatic Catholics in a bid to bring them back into Rome's fold. And he issued an unprecedented invitation to traditionalist Anglicans upset over women priests and gay bishops to join the Roman Catholic Church.

In doing so, he alienated many progressive Catholics who feared he was rolling back the clock on Vatican II. He also angered some Jews who equated the pre-Vatican II church with the time when Jews were still considered ripe for conversion and were held responsible collectively for the death of Christ.

Yet like John Paul, Benedict had made reaching out to Jews a hallmark of his papacy. His first official act as pope was a letter to Rome's Jewish community and he became the second pope in history, after John Paul, to enter a synagogue.

And in his 2011 book "Jesus of Nazareth" Benedict made a sweeping exoneration of the Jewish people for the death of Christ, explaining biblically and theologically why there was no basis in Scripture for the argument that the Jewish people as a whole were responsible for Jesus' death.

"It's very clear Benedict is a true friend of the Jewish people," said Rabbi David Rosen, who heads the interreligious relations office for the American Jewish Committee.

During his trip to Poland, Benedict prayed at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp — a visit heavy with significance for a German pope on Polish soil.

"In a place like this, words fail; in the end, there can be only a dread silence, a silence which itself is a heartfelt cry to God: Why, Lord, did you remain silent?" he asked.

His 2009 visit to Israel, however, drew a lukewarm response from officials at Jerusalem's national Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial who found Benedict's speech lacking. His call for a Palestinian state also put a damper on the visit.

Jews were also incensed at Benedict's constant promotion toward sainthood of Pope Pius XII, the World War II-era pope accused by some of having failed to sufficiently denounce the Holocaust. And they harshly criticized Benedict when he removed the excommunication of a traditionalist British bishop who had denied the Holocaust.

Benedict's relations with the Muslim world were also a mixed bag.

He riled the Muslim world with a speech in Regensburg, Germany in September 2006, five years after the terror attacks in the United States, in which he quoted a Byzantine emperor who characterized some of the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman," particularly "his command to spread by the sword the faith."

Much of the outrage that ensued from Benedict's interfaith missteps was due to the Holy See's communications problems: The Vatican under Benedict suffered notorious PR hiccups, constantly finding itself slow to react to news and then reacting with muddled messages that required two or three clarifications before getting it straight.

Sometimes Benedict himself was to blame.

In 2009, he enraged the United Nations and several European governments, when en route to Africa, he told reporters that the AIDS problem couldn't be resolved by distributing condoms. "On the contrary, it increases the problem,"

he said then.

A year later, he issued a revision that seemed to placate liberals while maintaining church teaching opposing contraception: In a booklength interview, he said that if a male prostitute were to use a condom to avoid passing on HIV to his partner, he might be taking a first step toward a more re-

sponsible sexuality.

It was a significant shift given the Vatican's repeated position that abstinence and marital fidelity were the only sure ways to stop the virus. Benedict repeated that line and stressed that sex outside marriage was immoral, but his comments nevertheless marked the first time a pope had even acknowledged that condoms had a role to play in stopping HIV.

When he was elected the 265th leader of the Church on April 19, 2005, Benedict, aged 78, was the oldest pope elected in 275 years and the first German one in nearly 1,000 years.

As John Paul's righthand man, he had been a favorite going into the vote and was selected in the fastest conclave in a century: Just about 24 hours after the voting began, white smoke curled from the Sistine Chapel chimney at 5:50 p.m. to announce "Habemus Papam!"

Though clearly intending to carry on John Paul's legacy, Benedict didn't try to emulate his predecessor's popular acclaim. His foreign trips were short and focused. His Masses were solemn, his homilies dense and professorial.

And he wasn't afraid to challenge John Paul's legacy when he believed his predecessor had erred.

In one remarkable instance, he essentially took over the Legionaries of Christ, a conservative religious order held up as a model of orthodoxy by John Paul after it was revealed that its founder, the Rev. Marciel Maciel, sexually abused seminarians and fathered at least three

children.

Under John Paul, who had been a fierce supporter of Maciel, the Vatican's investigation into the Mexican priest had languished. But a year after Benedict became pope, Maciel was sentenced to a lifetime of penance and prayer, and in 2010 the order was essentially put under receivership by the Vatican because of a

host of problems.

He wrote three encyclicals, "God is Love" in 2006, "Saved by Hope" in 2007 and "Charity in Truth" in 2009.



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Hawk men, women, avenge losses to SPC

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Backed into a corner. That's how Howard College Head Coach Earl Diddle described the Lady Hawks, who have struggled to establish dominance since Western Junior College Athletic Conference play began.

However, on Saturday, HC may have found its rhythm against one of the best team in the conference, defeating South Plains College 54-52 in gritty fashion.

"I'm really proud of the way they came back," Diddle said. "They did a great job defensively, they rebounded the ball their spirit in the secon half was really good."

It was a tight game from the start, with the Lady Hawks down 25-24 at the half. Then, HC's offense sputtered a bit while the Lady Texans — who defeated

the Hawks in their first meeting of the year, 53-50 — appeared to be pulling away.

Oddly, the momentum began to shift in HC's favor when one of its integral players, point guard Marion Lemonnier went down with an injury.

It is unsure at this time how long Lemonnier — who suffered a pulled hamstring — will be out. Diddle is hoping it is no more than two or three weeks, but in the meantime, he plans on splitting the responsibilities at point guard between Sarah Stinnett and Destinee Thrash.

Brittany Aikens — who led HC with 14 points — sank a three-pointer to cut SPC's lead to six. With under seven minutes to go, Sundown native Anitria Flowers made a pair of baskets and the rally was on.

"(Aikens) had a great game for us," Diddle said. "We told her we needed her to respond and she did."

With 3:16 remaining on the clock, Aikens swished another three-point shot, giving the Lady Hawks their first lead of the half and then drew a foul on a shot and made both free throws to

put the HC up 54-51 with just over two minutes to go.

A foul on South Plains led to two free throws, but only one went in. Then, the Lady Texans committed a costly turnover when an errant pass went out of bounds.

The Hawks then turned the ball over and were charged with another foul, but SPC missed both shots. Lady Texans Coach Michelle Wyatt called a timeout with 10 seconds left on the clock, but time expired before they had a chance

The key to the victory, according to Diddle, was second half adjustments dealing with the post.

"South Plains was covering the post," Diddle explained. "They would get on one side and drop another player. We had to recognize it better. Our offensive players were psoting up am space, instead of posting up their man. We had to have better vision."

The Hawks (8-3) may have gone a long way to ensure themselves entry into the regional championship Saturday as they took care buisness against South Plains College, defeating the Texans 63-55 after a strong second half showing.

Down by eight points at the half, Howard College began to battle back, with sophomore Jacob Thomas leading the charge. With 15 minutes to go, he caught fire, scoring 13 points in under two minutes, including game-tying and go-ahead back-to-back three-point

By the time Thomas cooled off, the Hawks had built a 14-point lead.

Sharp shooting from the free throw line sealed the deal for the Hawks, as their final six points were scored on

Both Hawk teams will meet Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds Thursday.

Game time is set for 7:45 p.m.



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Howard College's Destinee Thrash attempts a jump shot during a game earlier in the season. The Lady Hawks defeated South Plains College on Saturday, 54-52 to improve to 5-5 in WJCAC play.

Paternos challenge Freeh report on scandal at PSU

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AP Sports Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. – Joe Paterno's family released its response to Penn State's report on the Jerry Sandusky scandal Sunday, attacking Louis Freeh's conclusion that the coach hid sex abuse allegations against his longtime assistant.0

In a report commissioned by the family, former U.S. Attorney General and Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh said the investigation by former FBI director Freeh resulted in a "rush to injustice." That report, authorized by the university, found that Paterno and three former administrators covered up child sexual abuse allegations against former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

were unsupported by the facts, said the family critique released.

"The lack of factual report for the ... inaccurate and unfounded findings related to Mr. Paterno, and its numerous process-oriented deficiencies, was a rush to injustice and calls into question the credibility of the entire Report," Thornburgh was quoted as saying in the family's analysis, posted on the website paterno.com.

Months in the making, the report was billed as an independent analysis of the work by Freeh, who defended his report Sunday.

"I stand by our conclusion that four of the most powerful people at Penn State failed to protect against a child sexual

Those findings last July predator harming children port, that indicates he was cealed critical facts relating for over a decade," he said in a statement issued through a spokesman.

The family's report concluded that observations related to Paterno in the Freeh report was unfounded, and were a disservice to Paterno, the university community and Sandusky's victims "and the critical mission of educating the public on the dangers of child sexual victimization."

The central claim that Paterno "was engaged in a conspiracy ... there's simply no basis anywhere in the report for that finding. That in my view renders the whole report of very little value," Thornburgh said in an interview with The Associated Press. "There's simply nothing in this record, in the Freeh reinvolved in any way.

Freeh's findings also implicated former administrators in university president Graham Spanier, athletic director Tim Curley and retired vice president Gary Schultz. Less than two weeks after the Freeh report was released in July, the NCAA acted with uncharacteristic speed in levying massive sanctions against the football program

for the scandal. "Taking into account the available witness statements and evidence, it is more reasonable to conclude that, in order to avoid the consequences of bad publicity, the most powerful leaders at Penn State University — Messrs. Spanier, Schultz, Paterno and Curley — repeatedly con-

to Sandusky's child abuse, Freeh wrote in releasing the

The former administrators have vehemently denied the allegations. So, too, has Paterno's family, though a detailed counter-offensive began in

earnest this weekend. The family's findings said that Paterno never asked or told anyone not to investigate or report an allegation made against Sandusky 12 years

ago, Saturday, Feb. 9, 2001. Paterno also never asked or told anyone not to discuss or hide information reported by graduate assistant Mike McQueary about the 2001 allegation, the critique said, followed university

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Spurs dominate in 2nd half, rout Nets

troit ended their 11-game win-

ning streak, the Spurs got back

on track quickly behind Parker,

who fell short of his third straight

30-point game only because he

BRIAN MAHONEY AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Tony Parker has been so outstanding lately that Spurs coach Gregg Popovich called it "beyond an All-Star lev-

Does that mean All-NBA? Maybe even MVP?

"I think he should be in every conversation for any award that's going to be given," Popovich said. "I don't think that is really tough to see. I mean, there's a group of guys, but he should be in that group as one of the guys that's playing the best in the league."

Parker had 29 points and 11 assists in another brilliant performance without his two sidekicks,

and San Antonio dominated the second half to beat the Brooklyn Nets 111-86 on Sunday night. Two nights after a loss in De-

was so good that he sat out the final minutes of the rout. Danny Green added 14 points

and Tiago Splitter had 13 for the Spurs, who were again without Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili because of injuries as they beat the Nets for the fifth straight time and 19th in the last 20 meetings.

Parker, the Western Conference player of the month in January, may be appreciated more without them, but said he wants them on the floor with him.

"I don't care about getting my due and stuff like that. I'm in San Antonio, they always forget about me, so I get used to it," Parker said. "So I definitely prefer to

have Timmy and Manu because

that's how you win championships. You need more than one player to win championships. You need a whole team and I prefer winning championships than having my due."

Joe Johnson scored 19 points and Brook Lopez had 18 for the Nets, who were outscored 60-29 in the second half and lost for the sixth time in nine games. Deron Williams finished with 15 points, but was a distant No. 2 when it came to the best point guards on the floor.

"Their execution was excellent. Tony had a very, very good game. But offensively, the push wasn't there in the second half," Nets interim coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "A lot of the things that we did well, we stopped doing. We got very careless with the ball,

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Saturday, lost against Navarro, 6-4.

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Therefore, by invested in our council, we have declared these buildings unsafe, weeds and rubbish refuse a fire hazard and junk cars a public nuisance. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes and law.

You are hereby notified that the Coahoma City Council will meet on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 122 N. 1st, Coahoma, Texas, to determine whether the subject structure complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Council may in its Findings provide for any of the following:

1) Remedy, provide for removal or demolition buildings

2) Removal of trash, weeds and/or fire hazard materials

3) Removal of all junk vehicles Should you desire to make a presentation to the Council, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Coahoma City Council in original and six (6)

A) Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description.

B) A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant C) A statement identifying the

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E) The legal signature(s) appellant and their official mailing addresses Failure to appeal within 5 days or

15 days from the date of this letter shall constitute a waiver of all right to an administrative hearing. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, City of Coahoma #7658 February 10, 11 & 13, 2013

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Squares Saturn

To put it lightly, Venus in Aquarius isn't totally jibing with Saturn in Scorpio. Or, in a heavier sense, Venus is actually antagonizing the planet of lessons in a possibly incendiary manner. Usually when passions flare, it's a good thing, but today we might be about the passionate wrong things. Desire requires vigilant monitoring.

ARIES (March 21-19). April Sometimes it seems like you're doing the hard thing on purpose. Make conscious

easy

HOLIDAY effort to go **MATHIS** yourself

today. Life = doesn't have to be difficult and complicated. TAURUS (April 20-May

20). The insider view is always different from the view from the outside. But every single view there is will be different. Also, since reality is usually not what it seems to be, all views should be questioned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The time you spend imagining will be very productive, since reality usually chases your dreams around. It's not hard to be creative. Just make some blanks and then fill them in.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The emotions you go through today are so specific to you and your situation that you just don't see the point in trying to explain them to someone who couldn't possibly relate. But try. It will help both of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just as there are many factors impacting your notion of fairness, others have their own criteria for justice. Meeting in the middle may not be possible, but if you can hear each other out, you'll get closer to a resolution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are hungry to learn now. You have a way of pulling everything out of your teachers, and they are happy to give it to you. Also, you consider

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each person you meet to 4, 1, 24, 39 and 17. be one of your teachers.

particular moral viewpoint. You will perceive this scene in a nonjudgmental way, and because of this, vou'll see opportunities there that other people miss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. Sometimes vour world is made more beautiful by your habit of categorizing and labeling But too organization, and things quickly become sterile. So you'll enjoy today's creative little mess.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like a child with a new toy, you want to play with the tools you're given today, but you may not have a sufficient amount of free time to do so. Your mood will improve if you can can steal extra moments!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The funny thing about self-discipline is that often it doesn't really come from the "self" at Rather, it's byproduct of following someone wise who knows the ropes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The X-factor is hard to define, but you can always tell when someone has it or doesn't. You have it like crazy now, which is why you're so popular. Don't waste time trying to figure it out; just enjoy it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something you're not getting, and truthfully, because you are so thorough, it could take a while. But the good news is that when you learn something, you don't forget it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). The next five weeks bring a rite of passage. Your personal Lautner has life and social lineup undergo positive transformation through March and April. In May, you'll find happiness in nature and in the many ways you can experience planet Earth. July brings renovations and lifestyle upgrades. Sagittarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are:

LOVE AND THE AIR LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. SIGNS: Is your valentine 23). The plot thickens. an air sign? Gemini, Many will impose a Libra and Aquarius have approach an relationships that's all their own. These lovely intellectuals understand the magnificent role the mind plays in romance. The games of love are best won with mental strategies. Air signs will spend a great deal of time thinking about how to delight, challenge and learn about their love interest. They also love imagining different scenarios involving their love that may or may not be in the realm of reallife possibility. Their fantasy of love informs reality of the relationship regardless of how realistic fantasies may be.

> Even though air signs be wonderfully spontaneous and usually don't have a problem adapting to surprises or last-minute decisions and changes, one of the best gifts you could give your air-sign love is something to look forward to. A concert, trip or special night out that's a few weeks away will be fodder for your air sign's fantasy life. Your air sign will find almost as much pleasure in imagining how the upcoming event might unfold as he or she will in the actual event.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Taylor Lautner stole the hearts of women and wolves as Jacob Black, the most beloved werewolf of years. The recent Aquarian actor will visit the lighter side with his portrayal of frat boy Andy in Adam Sandler's new comedy "Grown Ups 2." Born under four Capricorn planets, serious business acumen. Perhaps he will follow in Sandler's footsteps and one day produce his own films.

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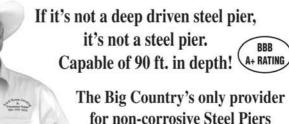
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2013. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Feb. 11, 1963, American author and poet Sylvia Plath was found dead in her London flat, a suicide; she was 30.

On this date:

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a re-districting law favoring his Democratic-Republican Party giving rise to the term "gerrymandering." In 1858, a French girl,

Bernadette Soubirous (soo-bee-ROO'), reported the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary.) In 1862, the Civil War Battle

of Fort Donelson began in Tennessee. (Union forces led by Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant captured the fort five days

Newsday Crossword

59 Cincinnati's

state

60 Suffix for

kitchen

61 National bird

62 A single time

63 Underground

plant part

64 Weight-loss

plans

65 Tot's "little

piggies"

DOWN

1 Process flour

2 Opera solo

3 Wine-bottle

4 Calf-covering

5 Type of bank

charge, briefly

stopper

legwear

6 Thief

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a six-week-old sit-

down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union. In 1945, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt, British Prime

Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II. In 1960, "Tonight Show" host Jack Paar walked off the pro-

gram in a censorship dispute with NBC. (Despite his very public resignation, returned to the Tonight Show less than a month later.) McGraw-Hill 1972, Publishing Co. and Life maga-

what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes. In 1975, Margaret Thatcher

zine canceled plans to publish

was elected leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party. In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'-

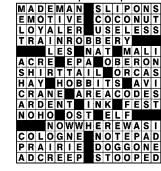
nee) seized power in Iran. In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivi-In 1993, President Bill Clinton

announced his choice of Miami prosecutor Janet Reno to be the nation's first female attorney general, after two earlier candidates stumbled because they'd hired illegal aliens. Today's Birthdays: Actor

Conrad Janis is 85. Actress Tina Louise is 79. Actor Burt Reynolds is 77. Songwriter Gerry Goffin is 74. Actor Sonny Landham is 72. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 72. Actor Philip Anglim is 61. Actress Catherine Hickland is 57. Rock musician David Uosikkinen (aw-SIHK'-keh-nihn) (The Hooters) is 57. Actress Carey Lowell is 52.

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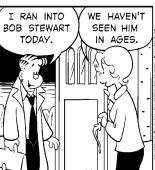
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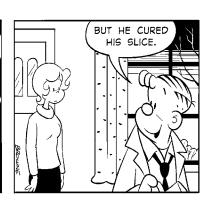


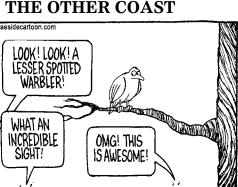


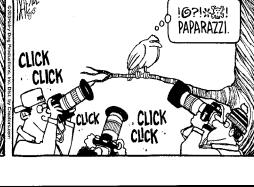
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ROUT

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turning it over, getting stripped, not finishing."

Duncan missed his third straight game due to a sore left knee, while Ginobili was out for the fourth consecutive game with tightness in his left hamstring.

Popovich said he would be cautious with the two stars, knowing he needs them later this season.

They're not missing them now thanks to Parker, who had no turnovers in 35 minutes.

"He's carrying the whole team, especially when Tim and Manu are out. He's doing everything on the court," teammate and fellow Frenchman Boris Diaw said.

Parker had 10 points and four assists in the third quarter, when San Antonio outscored Brooklyn 30-14 to turn a six-point halftime deficit into an 81-71 advantage.

He'd had 31 points and eight assists in both of the previous two games, and just missed a fourth 30-point game in his last six.

Getting into the lane with ease and knocking down consecutive jumpers at one point when he didn't, he was 5 of 6 from the floor in the quarter, making any Nets defender look completely overmatched.

The Spurs then put it away early in the fourth. Parker returned from a rest with San Antonio leading by 10 and helped the Spurs run off 10 straight points. Matt Bonner and Diaw made consecutive 3-pointers, Parker added another basket, and Stephen Jackson drove for a layup that made it 95-75 and had the Nets hearing boos in their new home for one of the few times this season.

"I mean, (we) deserve it," Williams said. "These people pay money to come see us play and play better than that. You can't ever be mad at that."

Johnson said the Nets have a problem responding lately when teams seize the momentum.

"I don't know what it is, but you know, it just seems when a team makes a run on us, man it just takes the air out of us," he said. "It shouldn't be that way. We should be able to respond, especially on our floor, but it hasn't been the case."

Carlesimo said his team was lacking the same enthusiasm and confidence it had when he first took over. The Nets got off to a fast start Sunday, but another bad third quarter — though not as bad as the 30-5 whipping the Spurs put on them in San Antonio on New Year's Eve — ruined all they had done well in the first half.

Lopez capped a 10-point first quarter with a jumper with 2.9 seconds left, and the Nets shot 64 percent in the period for a 35-25 lead. The Spurs tightened things up in the

second, cutting it to 57-51 at halftime — when Diaw said they got a scolding from Popovich — then surged ahead behind Parker's mastery. The Spurs improved to 2-1 on their

nine-game rodeo road trip, which ties the longest in franchise history.

SCANDAL

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protocol in reporting information to superiors and left it to them to "to investigate and report as appropriate."

Thornburgh he found the report at points to be inaccurate, speculative and fundamentally flawed about the role — if any played by Paterno.

Appearing on ESPN's "Outside the Lines" program Sunday, Paterno family attorney Wick Sollers said it was too early to talk about legal action, though they were "evaluating all the legal options at this stage of the game."

Paterno's widow, Sue Paterno wrote in a letter Friday to former players that she sought a "full record of what happened."

The treatment of Pa-

terno — fired over a late-night telephone call — as well as the handling of the Freeh report and the resulting NCAA sanctions by university leadership remain sensitive topics with some unhappy groups of alumni, ex-players and

community residents.

Penn State said Sunday that Freeh was brought in to conduct an independent investigation of the school's response to the allegations, and not actions of entities unrelated to Penn State. Freeh offered 119 recommendations to strengthen governance and compliance, the majority of which have been implemented, the school said.

"It is understandable and appreciated that people will draw their own conclusions and opinions from the facts uncovered in the Freeh report," the school said.

Freeh, in his report,

said his team conducted 430 interviews and analyzed over 3.5 million emails and documents. The former federal judge said evidence showed Paterno was involved in an "active agreement to conceal" and his report cited email exchanges, which referenced Paterno, between administrators about allegations against Sandusky

in 1998 and 2001. According to Thornburgh's findings, Freeh's report relied primarily on about 30 documents, including three notes authored by Paterno, and 17 emails. Four emails referenced Paterno — none sent the octogenarian coach who notoriously shunned modern electronic technology.

Sandusky, 69, was sentenced to at least 30 years in prison in October after being convicted last summer of 45 criminal counts. Prosecutors said assaults occurred off and on campus, including the football building.

His arrest in November 2011 triggered the turmoil that led to Paterno's firing days later. Under pressure, Spanier left as president the same day. Curley was

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in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. The

event was won by a young squad from the host country, who defeated

an equally young group of Americans by 45 IMPs in the 128-board

The U.S got off to a fast start in the early going, leading by 21 IMPs after the first quarter, with this deal

accounting for about half that mar-

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the Dutch pair of Bauke Muller,

North, and Simon de Wijs, South,

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placed on administrative leave, while Schultz retired.

Spanier, Curley and Schultz are awaiting trial on obstruction and conspiracy, among other charges. They have maintained their innocence.

Critics have said that Freeh's team didn't speak with key figures including Curley, Schultz and Paterno, who died in January 2012 at age 85. Spanier spoke to Freeh six days before the report was released July 12.

Freeh said he respected the family's right to conduct a campaign to "shape the legacy of Joe Paterno," but called the critique self-serving. Paterno's attorney was contacted for an interview with the coach, he said, and Paterno spoke with a reporter and biographer before his death but not Freeh's team. Paterno's attorney did provide documents.

Curley and Schultz declined numerous requests for interviews, Freeh said. They have been facing criminal charges since November 2011.

Freeh on Sunday cited grand jury testimony by Paterno in 2011 in which Paterno said McQueary relayed to him the 2001 allegation against Sandusky of a "sexual nature" with a child.

He referred to a key point in the July report in which he said the administrators drew up a plan that called for reporting Sandusky to state public welfare officials in 2001.

Curley later write in an email that he changed his mind "after giving it more thought and talking it over with Joe," according to Freeh's find-

Said Freeh on Sunday: "These men exhibited a striking lack of empathy for Sandusky's victims by failing to inquire as to their safety and wellbeing, especially by not even attempting to determine the identity of the child" in the 2001 allegation.

The Paterno family report said Freeh chose not to present alternative and "more plausible" conclusions about Paterno's actions. Their attorney, Wick Sollers, responded Sunday that Freeh didn't take the time to read the family's critique, or address accusations of procedural shortcomings.

Sollers said he met with Freeh's team and pledged full cooperation. Joe Paterno's cancer diagnosis prevented he coach from being interviewed, but son and former assistant coach Jay Paterno spoke with Freeh's group.

"A failure to consider the facts carefully is exactly the problem our expert analysis highlights," Sollers said. "Everyone, including Mr. Freeh, should take the time to study this report."

Besides Thornburgh, Sollers also brought in former FBI profiler and special agent Jim Clemente, described as a child molestation and behavioral expert; and

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Dr. Fred Berlin, a psychologist from Johns Hopkins Hospital whose profile lists him as the founder of the institution's Sexual Disorders Clinic. The analysis included information from lawyers for the former school administra-

Freeh's report ignored decades of research and behavioral analysis over how to understand and investigate child victimization cases, the critique said, and expert analysis showed Sandusky "fooled qualified child welfare professionals and law enforcement, as well as laymen inexperienced and untrained in child sexual victimization like Joe

Paterno." According to the family review, Paterno's last written words before his death focused on Sandusky's victims.

"Good side of scandal - it has brought about more enlightenment of a situation (sexual abuse of young people) in the country," the Paterno family report said.

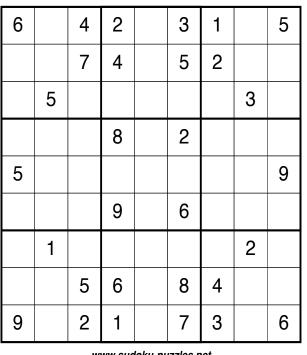
The NCAA improperly relied on the report and never identified a rules infraction based on Sandusky's crime, let alone NCAA jurisdiction over ensuring competitive balance, the family analysis said. An NCAA spokeswoman said the organization stood by its previous statements and declined comment

Sunday. A four-year bowl ban and steep scholarship were included among the sanctions, while 111 wins between 1998 and 2011 under Paterno were vacated. It meant Paterno no longer holds the record for most wins by a major college coach.

Sudoku Answers on Page 3

sudoku

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



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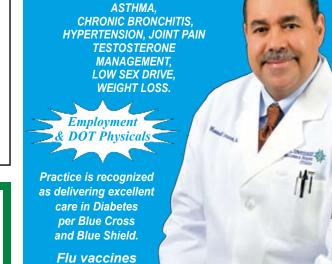
the auction shown. After South's weak two opening, West's three-spade bid showed hearts and a minor, whereupon North ventured a conservative raise to four spades. East's four notrump asked West to clarify his hand, and when South intervened with five spades, West doubled, thinking he would settle for a "sure" plus score. Wijs had no problem making the doubled contract with an overtrick, losing only a diamond for a score of +1050. Considering that six spades was virtually laydown, this impressive-sounding result was not as good as it might at Sure enough, at the other table, where Justin Lall and Joe Grue were

North-South for the U.S., Lall leaped directly to the spade slam at his first turn after the bidding started the same way. Lall knew his side had no spade or club losers, and that the king of hearts was almost surely onside, so he was gambling only that the opponents could not cash the first two diamond tricks. If South had the ace or king of diamonds, or a singleton or void in the suit, or if West did not lead a diamond initially, the slam was just about certain to come home.

Plus 1430 for North-South

yielded a 9-IMP gain for the Interestingly, if North had redoubled five spades at the first table - cera reasonable action — his side would have been +1600 and would have gained 5 IMPs on the deal. Tomorrow: Death of a monarch.

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