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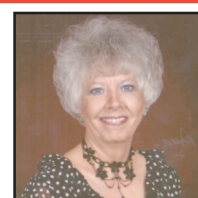
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School board filings increase

*Monday is the last day to file in districts across the area***By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

As the deadline for filing approaches, candidates for school trustee elections have started tossing their hats in the ring.

Unlike last week — when it appeared that some races wouldn't even attract candidates, filings have increased markedly, officials said.

Persons interested in running for area school board elections have until Monday afternoon to

announce their candidacies.

Howard College and area school districts, with the exception of Glasscock County and Grady, will hold trustee elections May 10.

Forsan ISD will elect three trustees in May. At-large seats

currently held by Beckie Wash, Marty Whetsel and Dale Humphreys will be decided.

Four candidates, including Wash, have announced their candidacies, Administration Secretary Judy Park said.

Wash will be joined on the

ballot by Timary Rosenbaum, an employee at CDR Properties, and brothers Tim and Courtney Ballard. Tim Ballard is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, while Courtney

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63,000 jobs slashed in February

By JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers slashed jobs by 63,000 in February, the most in five years, the starkest sign yet the country is heading dangerously toward recession or is in one already.

The Labor Department's report, released Friday, also showed that the nation's unemployment rate dipped to 4.8 percent as hundreds of thousands of people — perhaps discouraged by their prospects — left the civilian labor force. The jobless rate was 4.9 percent in January.

Job losses were widespread, with hefty cuts coming from construction, manufacturing, retailing, financial ser-

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HERALD file photo
People visit one of the more unique exhibits at the 2007 Health Fair. This year's event takes place April 12 and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is currently taking booth applications.

Health fair sponsors are needed

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Chamber of Commerce officials are actively seeking corporate sponsors for one of the area's most popular annual events.

The 26th Howard County Health Fair is scheduled for April 12 in Garrett Coliseum and Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said there is still plenty of room for vendors.

"We have the capacity for 65 booths and right

now, we're about half-way there," ValVerde said. "So there's still lots of space available."

Corporate sponsors secured for the event to date are Alon USA, H-E-B Food Stores, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Park-place Retirement/Park-view Nursing and Rehab, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic Center, West Texas Centers for MHMR and West Texas VA Health Care Systems.

"Our sponsors are the ones who allow us to have



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Executive
Director

Debbye

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Skywarn classes set Thursday, open to the public

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With spring right around the corner, the National Weather Service wants area residents to be prepared for stormy weather as they get ready to present a SkyWarn class in Big Spring

Thursday evening.

Slated for 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street, the class is an excellent way to check preparedness at the beginning of the severe weather season, according to local emergency

officials.

"The SkyWarn school is put on by the National Weather Service to train people in the community on how to look at the clouds and conditions and tell what's going on," said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "It's very

intense. It's very good training and it's only a two-hour class.

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

According to Warning

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

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TIME CHANGE COMING

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend, the second weekend in March, courtesy of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

That act changed the date last year, which in previous years had been the first weekend in April.

Officially, the time change still takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday.

It's much simpler, however, to set your clock an hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night (Spring forward, fall back).

Local firefighters are also reminding the public that this is also a good time to change batteries in home smoke detectors.

HIGH HEELS RACE

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Like a herd of antelope, jockeying and shoving for position, 150 young women raced down Amsterdam's most famed fashion street in stiletto heels Thursday, racing for a \$15,000 prize.

The race on the P.C. Hooft street called the "Stiletto Run" is only three years old but has quickly grown in popularity and spawned imitation races in Germany, Sweden, Poland and Russia.

The race's motto is "Shopping is a Sport" and friendly competition is encouraged — though not always observed.

Tamara Ruben, 25, from Veenendaal, claimed first prize in the 380-yard race.

CONFIDENCE WANES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confidence in the economy dropped to a new low as worries about a possible recession, persistent problems in the housing and credit markets and lofty energy prices put people in a more gloomy mind-set.

According to the RBC Cash Index, confidence sank to a mark of 33.1 in early March, down from 48.5 in February. The new reading was the worst since the index began in 2002 and surpassed the previous low reached in February.

"The U.S. consumer is definitely in full defensive mode," said T.J. Marta, a fixed-income strategist at RBC Capital Markets.



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Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

Howard College at Region V Tourney

Howard College's women open Region V tournament play today with McLennan Community College at 12:30 p.m. It is the first game of the day.

TODAY

Game 1, 12:30 p.m., McLennan Community College vs. Howard College

Game 2, 2:30 p.m., South Plains College vs. Collin County Comm. College

Game 3, 5:00 p.m., Midland College vs. Temple College

Game 4, 7:00 p.m., Weatherford College vs. Western Texas College

Local MMA fighter wins match in La. in 16 seconds

Big Spring's Nathan Torres trains with a local mixed martial arts gym in town called 5150 Big Spring MMA.

Torres recently took part in a match in Louisiana and used a rear naked choke hold, forcing his opponent into submission after 16 seconds.

Torres and his brothers Angel and Joe have matches scheduled for Saturday in Alabama.

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

TODAY - SAT.

Big Spring softball at Andrews, 5 p.m.

Big Spring boys golf at San Anelo.

Big Spring girls golf at Andrews.

Big Spring girls track at Snyder for Tiger Relays.

Big Spring boys track at Midland for Tall City Relays.

Big Spring tennis at Seminole tournament.

TUESDAY

Big Spring softball at Greenwood, TBA.

Big Spring baseball at Fort Stockton, 6 p.m.

Forsan baseball at McCamey, 5 p.m.

MARCH 13-15

Big Spring softball at San Marcos Tournament.

Big Spring baseball at Greenwood Tournament.

Forsan softball at Sonora, 6 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Haskell, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Haskell, 7 p.m.

MARCH 13-15

Big Spring softball at San Marcos Tournament.

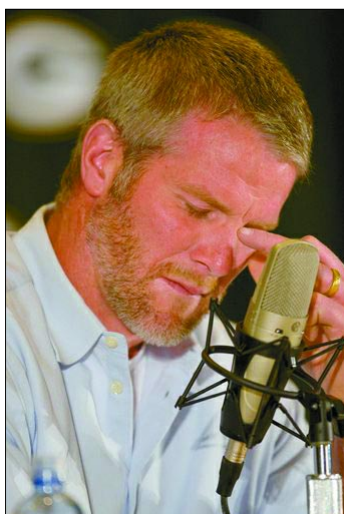
Big Spring baseball at Greenwood Tournament.

Big Spring Little League signups being held all week

Big Spring Little League baseball signups for the 2008 season are being held until Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration times are Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and then on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No regrets, no return: Favre leaving for good



AP photo/Mike Roemer
Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre gets choked up as he talks about his retirement during a news conference Thursday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis.

By CHRIS JENKINS

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Once again, Brett Favre tried to reach down deep for whatever it was that allowed him to put aside the pain and find his rightful place under center in 275 straight games for the Green Bay Packers.

It wasn't there any more.

So Favre put a strong arm around his tearful wife, Deanna, and walked off the stage — presumably for good.

Favre confirmed his retirement in a news conference at Lambeau Field on Thursday, choking on his emotions as he spoke.

"I've given everything I possibly could give to this organization, the game of football, and I don't think I've got anything left to give," Favre said, two days after the Packers announced his intention to

retire. "And that's it. I know I can play. But I don't think I want to."

Favre leaves the game with a Super Bowl victory, virtually every quarterback record worth having and the widespread admiration of his peers and fans.

He said he has no regrets and nothing left to prove, but did admit to having a "knot the size of a basketball" in his throat as he pondered his final day as a Packer.

Wearing an untucked, collared shirt, jeans and several days' worth of stubble, one of the toughest men in a tough man's business could only spit out a word or two at times before pausing to gather himself.

Although he spoke for a little more than an hour, Favre struggled just to get through the first minute of his opening statement, words he tried to piece together as he sat by himself on a plane ride from his home in Mississippi to Green Bay

that morning.

"I promised myself I wasn't going to get emotional," Favre said, taking a deep breath. "It's never easy."

But Favre also flashed his playful sense of humor, admitting that he spent part of Wednesday night watching his career highlights on television.

"I realized what it's like to die," Favre joked.

But he was dead serious about his decision: He's finished with football.

"It's been a great career for me," Favre said. "It's over. As hard as that is for me to say, it's over."

Favre is convinced he could still play on Sundays, but had lost his passion to practice and prepare the way he would need to lead the Packers to another Super Bowl. He insisted that, not a rift with

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Howard outlasts Temple, 73-71

Advance to face OC in tourney semifinal

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

BELTON — For a second consecutive year, the men's side of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region V basketball championship tournament on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor turned into a playoff between the top four teams from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Every WJCAC squad — Midland College, Odessa College, South Plains College and Howard College — defeated its adversary from the Northern Junior College Athletic Conference, advancing to the semifinals with the winner guaranteed a spot in the national tournament.

For Howard, advancement didn't come easy.

The Hawks witnessed a 17-point lead fade away and trailed Temple College by as many as six in the second half. However, crucial baskets by Denzel Barnes and Sean Watson in the last two minutes of regulation powered Howard to a 73-71 victory over the Leopards and sets up a third meeting between the Hawks and Odessa College in the semifinals.

"It came down to us having a very strong will to win the game," Hawks Head Coach Mark Adams said. "Temple is a championship caliber team. We knew they weren't going to give up."

The Hawks took com-

mand of the game early, starting on a 25-8 run in the first eight minutes of regulation. Barnes started the scoring, working his way through the lane and laying in a circus shot — a sign of things to come.

Corey Allmond then hit for three of his 16 first-half points and Watson added a layup in traffic and an emphatic dunk, putting the wraps on a quick 9-2 run and forcing Temple to use a timeout.

The Leopards finally started to click toward the end of the first half, chipping away slowly at the Hawks' lead. They cut Howard's lead to single digits by intermission, trailing 43-34.

The momentum stayed on Temple's half of the court for most of the second half. The Leopards ripped off a 14-0 run, holding the Hawks scoreless for more than six minutes. Temple took its first lead of the game with 7:01 left to play after Wes Dipprey laid in two points.

At the end of the run, Howard trailed 68-62, but it was the Hawks' turn to grab some of the momentum.

Down by six with 3:09 remaining, Watson connected on two free throws, scoring Howard's first points since the 9:26 mark in the second half. The charity shots proved to be important, as the Hawks used the opportunity to embark on a pivotal 8-1 run.

One minute later,

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HERALD photo/Mitch Green
Howard College's Devon Baker drives to the basket for a layup during the Hawks' 73-71 win over Temple Junior College's Leopards during Thursday's opening round of the NJCAA Region V Men's Basketball Tournament in Belton.

McGrady, Alston power Rockets past Mavs

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — So what if the Dallas Mavericks were without Dirk Nowitzki? The Houston Rockets have been without Yao Ming for five games now and it hasn't slowed them down.

Tracy McGrady highlighted a 31-point, nine-assist performance with a dunk off a halfcourt pass from Rafer Alston early in the fourth quarter and the Rockets beat the Nowitzki-less Mavericks 113-98 Thursday night.

It extended Houston's franchise-record winning streak to 17 games and it was the fifth win since Yao was lost to a season-ending foot injury.

"Whoever we play, whoever's on the court, that's our task," McGrady said. "Last season he was out for 21 1/2 months, so now we're back to that same situation. We have to play more small

ball. Rick's offense really benefits the team we have without Yao."

In coach Rick Adelman's first year with the Rockets, he has already made a dent in the record books. This win streak matches the seventh-longest in NBA history.

Houston will try moving into a tie for fourth Saturday night at home against New Orleans, the next team they can catch for a top-tier seed in the Western Conference. The Rockets are 41-20, the Hornets 41-19.

"There is just a real confidence about the way (we're) playing," Adelman said. "There's a trust in each other and it's just a pleasure to see. As a coach, it's just fun to watch a group of guys come together like they have and maintain this over such a period of time."

In other NBA games Thursday, Chicago overcame 39 points from

LeBron James to beat Cleveland 107-96, and San Antonio won its 11th straight by beating Indiana 108-97.

Josh Howard scored 21 points and Terry had 17 for Dallas, which lost its third straight and fourth in five games. The Mavs also had won 12 straight at home — but this time they were without Nowitzki, who was serving a one-game suspension for a hard foul on Utah's Andrei Kirilenko.

"We definitely missed him," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "But no excuse for our performance tonight. We just had an awful, awful third quarter."

After consecutive long jumpers by Jason Kidd tied it at 55 early in the period, the Rockets answered with a 13-3 run and weren't challenged again. The Alston-to-McGrady alley-oop pushed Houston's lead to 19. A timeout followed and fans started leaving with 8:42 left.

"They just outworked us — to a man, every position," Mavericks guard Jason Terry said. "That's something we can't allow to happen. ... They're playing well together right now, but at the same time there's not a team we can't beat."

Dallas' offense was out of whack without Nowitzki, and his team-best 23.6 points and 8.7 rebounds. His absence was especially obvious during the third-quarter meltdown, when the Mavericks kept looking for someone to get the ball to but instead kept turning it over. Dallas had seven turnovers in the period, leading to 12 points for Houston.

The Rockets — who'd been 0-3 against the Mavs this season — won by sharing the ball and by protecting it. As of midway through the fourth quarter, when victory was secure, Houston had

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Obituaries

Allen ‘Al’ C. James



Allen “Al” C. James, 90, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ron Westbrook officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel. The family will receive friends Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 23, 1917, in Kopperl and married Jewel Kathleen Kennard in January 1947 in Tarrant County. She preceded him in death on Jan. 23, 1997.

Mr. James had lived in the Ackerly and Big Spring area since 1933. He had served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a radio/radar operator. He was a part of the Battle of the Bulge and landed on Normandy Beach three days after the invasion of Normandy. Al had obtained the rank of staff sergeant and was named Veteran of the Month by the Hanger 25 Air Museum in July, 2007. He began working in Fort Worth in 1947 and transfered to Big Spring in 1948 and worked 38 years at Cosden Refinery as an electrical engineer.

Al was a member of the Howard County Sherriff's Posse for 30 years, where he served as vice president for many years. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was always there for them. He was a Baptist and attended Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include his son, Fredrick T. “Rick” James and fiance Janice Schmidt of Big Spring; Ron and Jannette Westbrook of Big Spring; one step daughter, Beatrice Spruce of Austin; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Emma Jo James of Lillian and Archer F. and Frankie James of Cleburne; one sister and brother-in-law, Freda and Walter Hicks of Hico; two grandchildren, Raela Edwards and husband Justin and Chad Allen James; three step-grandchildren, Gary Burgess, Teresa Pendergrass and Randy Maynard; four great-grandchildren, Lane Allen White, Dylan Edwards, Mathew Edwards and Kelsey Westbrook; and several step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Monroe James.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Baptist Temple Church, 400 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Irma Correa Natividad



Irma Correa Natividad, 53, of Midland, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Interment is at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland.

Irma was born Jan. 22, 1955, in Big Spring and married Estanislado G. Natividad on Dec. 20, 1975, in Midland.

Irma grew up and attended schools in Big Spring. She worked at Trinity preschool for more than 12 years, taking care of and teaching children. She has lived in Midland since 1975.

Irma loved playing cards. She always gave of her time to everyone. She was very loving and generous. She provided for all of her family, no matter how she felt.

Survivors include husband, Estanislado of Midland; son, Catarino Natividad of Midland; son, Alberto Natividad of Midland; son, Manuel Natividad of Midland; daughter, Marisa Lopez of Midland; son, Fernando Guevara of Andrews; sister, Christina Rodriguez of Big Spring; sister, Maria Perez of Midland; sister, Noemi Vera of Fresno, Calif.; brother, David Correa of Big Spring; brother, Pete Correa of El Paso; and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Marcos Correa.

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

Paid obituary

Loretta Mindling

Loretta “Lori” Mindling, 72, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in a local hospital. A memorial gathering will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 16, 1935, in Wolverine, Ky., and married Thomas Mindling on Aug. 28, 1957, in Richmond, Ind.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1977.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Mindling of Big Spring; three sons, Christopher E. Mindling of Henderson, Nicholas Mindling of Monroe, La., and Michael Anthony Mindling of Big Spring; one daughter, Josie Mindling of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Bernice Gant of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Janice Young of Lebanon, Ohio; one brother, Michael Young of Ohio; and four grandchildren.

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Police blotter

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

- **CHRISTOPHER HAMBY**, 31, of Village Road, was arrested Thursday and held for U.S. Marshals.
- **JERRY STANHOPE**, 38, of 4106 Parkway, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **RANDY OLVERA**, 45, of 607 McEwen, was arrested Thursday and held for U.S. Marshals.
- **MICHAEL MENDEZ**, 31, of 1304 Runnels, was arrested Thursday on two local capias warrants.
- **PATRICIA HOWARD**, 37, of 303 Ramsey, was arrested Thursday and held for U.S. Marshals.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 39 inmates at the time of this report.
- **STEFEN DANIEL STONE**, 21, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - **JERRY THOMAS STANHOPE**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - **LOGAN WAYNE LLOYD**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
 - **JENNIFER DEANN CATE**, 25, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of unrestrained child under two years of age.
 - **ARNOLD LOUIS PEREA**, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels. Service refused.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-18-26-31-36
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize: \$27,703.
Winning ticket sold in: San Antonio.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-19-31. Bonus Ball: 28
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-3-4-8. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-9. Sum It Up: 16.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. West winds 10 to15 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. SoutheastWinds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southeast winds10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 60.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

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TODAY

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 263-1758 213-3598.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 1300 Gregg. Call 213-1599 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

Take Note

• A blood drive to benefit Sean Bailey will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Eastside Baptist Church in Big Spring. Bailey, 25, was injured in an oilfield accident Jan. 28. He is currently in Lubbock undergoing skin grafts while his wife, Tressa, is at home recovering from a torn ligament in her foot — an injury she suffered only recently, family members said. A fund has been established to help the family pay medical expenses. Monetary donations can be made at Citizens Federal Credit Union to account 930442 to help with expenses. Friends and family ask that everyone keep the couple in your prayers.

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is “Wildflowers of Texas.” All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

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

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

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FAVRE

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Packers management, was the reason he was hanging up his helmet.

Favre's agent, Bus Cook, hinted this week that Favre's decision might have been different if Packers general manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy had worked harder to talk him into coming back or had signed free agent wide receiver Randy Moss.

Favre went out of his

way to deflect blame from Thompson and McCarthy, both of whom attended the news conference and sat immediately to Favre's left along with his wife.

"None of those things have anything to do with me retiring," Favre said. "That's from the heart."

Instead, Favre thanked the Packers for letting him play.

"I hope that with every penny they've spent on me, they know it was money well spent," he said. "It wasn't about the money or fame or records. I hear people talk about

your accomplishments and things. It was never my accomplishments, it was our accomplishments."

Favre is the NFL's only three-time MVP, and leads the league with 442 touchdown passes, 61,655 yards passing and 160 career victories.

He started 253 consecutive regular-season games, more than any other quarterback in history. Including the playoffs, his streak stands at 275.

Favre also holds the more dubious mark of 288 interceptions — an indi-

cation of the wild streak that only made him more human to the fans who adored him.

The same was true of Favre's highly publicized struggles with an addiction to prescription painkillers, his support of his wife through a battle with breast cancer, and a memorable Monday night game against Oakland after he lost his father.

Favre said his regular-guy persona helped him build a bond with fans.

"I think people say, 'You know what? Death does happen to Brett Favre, and Deanna Favre.

Cancer does happen to them,'" Favre said. "It's not all about making a lot of money and being on TV all the time. There's more to it than that."

Favre's exit comes after a remarkable resurgence last season, but his final pass was one to forget: An interception in overtime of the NFC championship game against the New York Giants, a mistake that set up the field goal that sent the Packers home instead of to the Super Bowl.

Most folks figured Favre couldn't leave on such a sour note, especially

when he had at least one more good year left in him.

So his decision came as a surprise to executives, coaches and teammates. And it was a shock to fans who sat patiently, year after year, while Favre flirted openly with retirement — because, of course, he never really meant it.

Now, suddenly, he's gone.

"I'm going out on top," he said. "Believe me, I could care less what other people think. It's what I think, and I'm going out on top."

HAWKS

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Barnes haunted Temple with another circus shot that hung on the rim for a moment before finally falling through the net, pulling Howard within one, 69-68.

The Hawks retook the lead, 70-69, with 1:26 left, following a Watson steal at half court that he threw down with two hands at the other end. Temple regained the advantage, however, after Dipprey got free underneath the basket for an easy two points.

However, Barnes had one last acrobatic lesson to teach, The 5-foot-7 point guard worked his way around two Temple

defenders and pump faked a third before banking in a layup, pushing Howard back in front, 72-71, with 40.9 seconds to play.

Barnes fouled out on Temple's next possession with 19.9 seconds left, but Temple's C.J. Richards was unable to take advantage of the free shots, going 0-for-2 at the line.

Forced to foul, Temple sent Markeys Deans to the line and the freshman forward sank one of two from the foul line, giving Howard a two-point advantage.

With 12.2 seconds to play, Temple couldn't get a good look at the basket as a double team from 6-foot-10 Cheick Kone and Devon Baker forced Richards to shoot a des-

peration three that banged off the backboard and clanged off the front of the rim. Watson secured the rebound, icing the 73-71 final.

"We knew Temple wasn't going to give up," Adams said. "We knew that when we got that big lead Temple was probably going to come back. I was so proud of our guys for overcoming the six-point deficit, not quitting and going on to win it."

Chris Ellis totaled nine of his 14 points for Temple in the second half to lead the Leopards in scoring. Dipprey added 11.

Allmond led all scorers with 19 points and Watson added 17 and a game-high seven boards. Deans chipped in 11.

NBA

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22 assists and four turnovers.

"The third quarter we were terrific, just controlled the tempo at both ends of the court," Adelman said. "We just have to continue on with the same attitude and same intensity."

Carl Landry scored 17 points, including 12 in the second quarter, and Luis Scola added 12 points and nine rebounds for Houston.

Jerry Stackhouse was the only other double-digit scorer for Dallas with 11. Kidd had seven points, six assists and six rebounds. Brandon Bass, who started for Nowitzki, had seven points.

Spurs 108,
Pacers 97

At San Antonio, Manu Ginobili scored 28 points to help San Antonio win its 11th straight.

Tony Parker added 19 points in the game, which wasn't close after half-time and saw Spurs coach Gregg Popovich get ejected in the second quarter.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today's Pisces new moon builds a spiritual homage to our infinite self, while Mars and Pluto doggedly arm wrestle for the remote control. Some of us discover that by walking



HOLIDAY MATHIS

away from conflict and carefully placing our self-interests aside, we find peace. The infinite self doesn't need validation or goodies to prove its almighty existence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your attitude and appearance create an air of calm confidence, even when that's not how you are feeling inside. So it's the perfect time to involve yourself in a game of poker or anything else that might require you to bluff.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Bust out your old diary, dust off that guitar in your closet, get into those boxed-away clothes. Memories inform you about who you are now. A sweet person from the past re-enters the scene.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may now be aware of traditions that are so much a part of

daily life, so deeply embedded in the subconscious, that you didn't even, until now, recognize them as being choices.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You take on subjects that others might consider to be complicated. Yet it all makes perfect sense to you. As long as you are interested in something, the whole scene will appear to be organized in a meaningful way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone dear to you has got himself or herself into a hot mess. If you choose to help, throw the rulebook out the window. Use your inner knowing to sort through and weigh the options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Opposites attract, great minds think alike, blah, blah, blah. When it comes to love, it's a free-for-all, and no single strategy works for everyone. So embrace differences, seek out similarities, and by all means have fun!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love sickness has been proven to be an actual physical phenomenon, not just something in your head. Are your relationships totally healthy? Do a kind of check up with your internal love doctor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You have a marvelous sense of purpose because one person is so prevalent now in your mind. The rest of the world fades into the background as this person attracts you and reigns you in like a homing pigeon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). So many people expect wonders from a relationship when the most wonderful thing of all might be just having a relationship in the first place. Embrace those cranky, crazy loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Mix, mingle, see, and be seen. You'll brush up against new ideas, ones that will cross-pollinate with what you already believe. Projects, work and relationship become richer for the influence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not a good day for multitasking. To avoid going into info-overload — a state that causes you to freeze up, no longer able to process reality while a little ball spins in your head — focus on one thing at a time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships are cyclical. You are coming into a cycle that features new, and perhaps very surprising information. As Warren Buffet once said, "Only when the tide

goes out do you discover who has been swimming naked."

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** We're all children at heart. Trust in the renewing power of innocence and joy. **TAURUS:** Listen to the person who has been there before. **GEMINI:** If your relationship is ripe for change, it's up to you to be the driving force behind it. Take the lead. **CANCER:** Your natural charisma is attracting more people than you realize. Let your inhibitions down and love comes to you. **LEO:** You entertain a very complimentary love interest and learn more about what's so appealing about you. **VIRGO:** Grace clears the decks, and a new window of opportunity opens in love. **LIBRA:** Your originality and daring stokes the passion of a new love or a current one. **SCORPIO:** You courageously persist in defining your heart's desire and become a hero in someone's eyes. **SAGITTARIUS:** The support of companions is unconditional and clear. **CAPRICORN:** By looking at the partnership changes you're experiencing as positive and necessary, you reach hopeful new

understanding. **AQUARIUS:** A partner encourages you to use your ingenuity and natural instinct to create more of what you have. **PISCES:** Formulate your desires and a wish comes true in a completely unexpected way.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Some Aquarius sun-sign people really do push the edge of convention, ruffling a more traditional Capricorn's feathers. But the water bearer's sparkling honesty loosens up a goat stuck on the past so she can truly release the way things were for the way things are. And that's why, for the Capricorn who always harbors a secret desire to break her parents rules, Aquarius couldn't be a better match!

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Annie's Mailbox ® : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: What do you think of an adult man — over 40 — playing hide-and-seek with small children? I have repeatedly told this man to stop, but he continues. He is a member of the family, so there is a lot of contact.

Last week at a family gathering, I found him in a bedroom with the door shut and the lights out, playing hide-and-seek with my 3-year-old grandchild. I have expressed my concerns to the child's parents (my son and daughter-in-law), but they think this man is "just a big kid."

Will you please write something on the actions of a pedophile? — Seattle Grandmother

Dear Seattle: Most adults who play with children are perfectly OK, but if this man is looking for ways to get your 3-year-old grandchild alone, it is cause for concern. Pedophiles usually seem normal, even respectable, but they often prefer the company of children and arrange to be near them — through work, activities or adult relationships that enable them to be around young children on a regular basis. They often "groom" the children by playing child-centered games, bringing them gifts, making them feel special and creating trust. (With older children, it can include arranging parties and outings.) Inappropriate physical contact happens gradually, and often parents are unaware anything is going on until it's too late. This is why it is so important to educate children about good and bad touching, and to make sure they tell their parents when anything happens or if they are uncomfortable with certain people.

Young children should not be left unsupervised with someone who arranges to get them alone in a dark room with the door closed. Talk to your son again and show him this letter. He needs to keep a closer eye on the situation.

Dear Annie: I am a 32-year-old gay male living with HIV. My mother

died last year and all I have left is my dad. He knows I'm gay and that I have HIV, but he chooses to keep his distance. He talks to me if I call or go see him, but I'm tired of making the first move. He visits other family members who live two blocks from me, but won't drop by here. I miss my mother and would love to have Dad in my life.

I've stopped calling and visiting in the hope that he will reach out to me. Is that the wrong way to handle it? Should I quit whining and just be content with a one-sided relationship? — Missing Dad in Kentucky

Dear Missing Dad: There is no right or wrong way. The question to ask is, "Do I want a relationship with Dad?" If so, the work will be on your shoulders. If you miss him and can learn to accept the little he offers, then continue calling and visiting. Over time, you might find that he's receptive to a closer relationship.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Mr. Mom," who is upset because his ex-wife never wants to see their 13-year-old daughter and he cannot find reliable babysitters so he can go out with his girlfriend.

Hello! Most babysitters begin sitting at 13 years old. I did, and so did my friends. His daughter is too old for a sitter, and if she went to her mom's house, she could certainly stay by herself. It's time for them to realize she is not a baby anymore. — Kim in Elkhart, Ind.

Dear Kim: It's true that many kids start working as babysitters when they are 13 and most are quite capable. However, states have different restrictions on leaving minor children home alone, depending on the maturity of the child, the length of time the child is left alone and at what time of day the parents are gone. Before assuming this particular 13-year-old girl can be left alone, the parents should check their local state guidelines.

Dear Annie: I am a



KATHY MITCHELL
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senior in high school and have been lucky enough to find myself in a relationship with a loving, caring and amazing young man.

I do not do drugs and plan to stay clean for the rest of my life. Unfortunately, "Kevin" often smokes marijuana with his friends. I don't think he smokes so much that it affects his life or his education, but it is an illegal drug and I am afraid of the consequences if he were to be arrested.

I have asked him to stop many times. While I know he respects my opinion, I don't think it's enough. I am trying to trust he will make the right choice. Yet whenever he goes out with his friends, I find myself constantly anxious about him. Annie, how do I ease my worried mind? — Layla

Dear Layla: You can't force Kevin to give up pot if he's unwilling. You also cannot protect him from being caught with an illegal substance. Either break up with him and find someone who shares your idea of clean living, or accept that whatever happens is of his own choosing and beyond your control. Worrying accomplishes nothing. Indifference can make the inevitable easier to endure.

Dear Annie: I have several friends who always say, "I can't afford that." What is a good response to this statement? — Like to Know

Dear Like to Know: It depends on the circumstances. If they say it when you have suggested going in on a

gift for a friend, the response should be, "Then we'll get something else." If they say it when you have just purchased a fancy stereo system, the response should be, "I feel very fortunate."

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Terribly Confused," who had fallen for her gay friend, "Geoff." Here's what this situation looks like from a gay man's perspective: Geoff, as is true of many gay men, probably likes women and enjoys having them as friends. If a gay man spends a lot of time with female friends, straight women sometimes interpret this as "confusion about their sexuality." Most often, that is just wishful thinking. Most men are not confused about their sexual orientation. Either men turn you on or women do.

Here's what's frustrating: Gay men often clearly tell women friends that we are gay, always have been gay, have never been turned on by women, but would like to be friends. The woman often says she understands, but acts otherwise.

I have one such friend now. I've told her parts of my gay history and joked with her like a woman would with a girlfriend when I see a guy in a restaurant I find attractive. It makes no difference. She incessantly calls me "Sweetie" or "Darling," is coy and seductive, and puts her hands on me in ways that make me cringe.

Women should ask themselves: How many times have you told a guy you are just interested in being friends, only to have the guy constantly hit on you, touch you or eye you lasciviously? It feels like sexual harassment. And then he accuses you of "leading him on." Makes you want to scream, doesn't it? Often you have to end the friendship if he won't accept boundaries.

Most men are pretty direct, whether gay or straight. If Geoff wanted her, he would have made his move. She shouldn't

delude herself. You gave her good advice, Annie. If she can't accept Geoff as a friend, she should stop seeing him. Staying emotionally connected to a man she can't have may keep her from being hurt by someone else, but it also keeps her lonely. She deserves better. — Gay Shrink in Texas

Dear Texas: Too many women think all friendly men are flirting, and some women are challenged by the prospect of getting a gay man to be attracted to them. Thank you for spelling out the truth so clearly.

Dear Annie: I think you dropped the ball in your response to "Seattle Suburbs," the man whose wife has never been on time in 25 years.

I think such behavior is the height of arrogance and selfishness. I no longer invite people who are chronically late. Too much thought, time and planning goes into an event to put up with that. I think it is only polite and considerate, not to mention mannerly, to be punctual. Of course, there are occasionally legitimate excuses, but consistent tardiness for 25 years? I'm surprised they still receive invitations. — Sue

Dear Sue: We agree that people who are consistently and inconveniently tardy can lose their invitation privileges, but it's different when you are married to the person. You must deal with what you have.

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Logan Nyquist, top, and Alesha Yanez rehearse a scene from "The Diary of Anne Frank," a Howard College Theater Department production that debuts tonight. Show times are 8 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

FILING

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Ballard is a truck driver. Park said candidates may file at the administration building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Big Spring Independent School District will elect two trustees this year. The District 1 seat currently held by Irene Galan, and the District 3 seat held by Board President Alan Partee are up for election, BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said.

Galan and Partee have both filed for re-election. Both seats will be for three-year terms.

Candidates can file for the election from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday at the district business office on 11th Place.

All three incumbents have filed for re-election to the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees, officials said.

At-large seats currently held by Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Marie Ethridge are expected to be contested

this year. Warren, Freeman and Ethridge have filed for additional six-year terms, said Steve Smith, assistant to the college president.

Candidates for the HC board may file for the election between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the college president's office in the administration building.

In Coahoma, three at-large seats are up for election.

Three-year seats currently held by Dale Coates and Mike Blissard will be up for election. In addition, an election will be held to fill the unexpired term of the seat vacated by John Wayne Metcalf, who recently resigned.

Blissard has filed for re-election and has been joined on the ballot by Lori Martinez, an employee of First Bank of West Texas, Superintendent Jerry Johnson said.

No other candidates have filed as of this morning, but may do so from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday in the administration building.

Stanton ISD voters will elect three trustees this

spring — three-year terms in Districts 3 (currently held by Valerie Smith) and 4 (in which Todd Smith is the incumbent) and a one-year unexpired term in District 7, currently held by Reggie Franklin.

The two Smiths (who are not related) and Franklin have filed for election to their respective districts. Persons interested in the election may file between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the business office, Business Manager Brad Holland said.

Incumbents Robin Barraza and Martin Nichols are the only candidates to announce to date in the Sands Consolidated Independent School District trustee election, Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

Persons interested in running have until 4 p.m. Monday to file at the school office, Blount added.

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HEALTH

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

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

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

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

"It's excellent training for anyone to have. They

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

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JOBS

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vices and a variety of professional and business services. Those losses swamped gains elsewhere including education and health care, leisure and hospitality, and the government.

The latest snapshot of the nation's employment climate underscored the heavy toll of the housing and credit crises on companies, jobseekers and the overall economy.

To provide relief to persistent credit problems, the Federal Reserve announced Friday additional steps to inject cash into the nation's financial system to keep banks lending to customers.

The central bank will increase the amount of loans it will auction to

banks on March 10 and March 24 to \$50 billion each, up from the \$30 billion apiece originally planned.

The Fed also said that starting Friday it will enlarge another series of transactions, called repurchase agreements, so that they will pump a net total of \$100 billion into the financial system at any one time.

The Labor report also showed that the job losses suffered in January were worse than the government first reported. Employers cut 22,000 jobs, versus 17,000.

It was the first monthly back-to-back job losses since May and June 2003, when the job market was still struggling to recover from the blows of the 2001 recession.

The health of the nation's job market is a

critical factor shaping how the overall economy fares. If companies continue to cut back on hiring, that will spell more trouble.

"It certainly solidifies the notion that the economy has fallen into a recession," said Ken Mayland, economist at ClearView Economics.

Friday's report was much weaker than economists were expecting. They were forecasting employers to boost payrolls by around 25,000. However, they were expecting the jobless rate to edge up to 5 percent. The reason why the jobless rate went down, rather than up, is because so many people stopped looking for work and left the labor force.

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OUR VIEWS

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:

- Everyone connected with the Thanksgiving Miracle Service celebrating Alon employees, first responders and God, held in the aftermath of the explosion at the Big Spring Refinery. To all of you who took part, from the many volunteers who donated goods or helped serve food, cleaned up, counseled, sang in the choir, ushered or handled dozens of details, as well as those being honored and those showing their respect and giving their prayers — we say thank you and God bless.

- The Rev. Bernard L. Gully, Parochial Vicar Rev. Ariel Lagunilla, Deacon Juan Arguello III and Pastoral Coordinator Richard Light, M.Ed, MPS, who were installed to their positions Sunday in the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer. We look forward to your guidance as we live our lives day by day.

- The Big Spring Prospector's Club on another fun and educational Gem and Mineral Show. Great job, everyone!

- Area Scouts, for their Scouting For Food drive last Saturday. And hats off, too, to everyone who donated food to this worthy effort.

- Everyone who voted in Tuesday's primaries. Too many of us leave it to someone else, but when a race is decided by a mere 17 votes like one of Tuesday's races, it should be a reminder to everyone how important it is to cast a ballot. Congratulations to all of the primary winners. Now it's on to November and the general election.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You let the good feelings flow, Lord, may we learn to receive Your love.

Amen

The foundation of human dignity

On my birthday last year I received a copy of Susan Jacoby's history of the vital contribution of secular thought to the political, social and economic evolution of the British colonies in North America.

"Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism" makes the case that the United States was the first country to base the legitimacy of its government on the power of the process of human reason rather than on the power of a deity or the "mandate of heaven." In fact, many political scientists, historians and even politicians hold that the real genius of the Founding Fathers was their insistence on the separation of church and state. No, not to protect religion from an encroaching secular authority but to safeguard secular authority and education from the divisive dogmas of competing religions.

This tension between reason and religion was largely passed over when I studied U.S. history. As the first permanent English colony in North America, Jamestown, founded in 1607, holds a solid place in U.S. history. But from 1620, when the avowedly religious "Pilgrim Fathers" landed at Plymouth, through the early 18th century, the focus of those who chronicled the evolution of the 13 colonies into a cohesive nation was on the religious "Puritan experiment" in New England.

Influential Puritan divines domi-

nated the intellectual record of the northern colonies. Historians also found the inspiration for the very secular concept of "manifest destiny" in John Winthrop's 1631 comparison of the Massachusetts Bay colony to the biblical "city on the hill," the New Jerusalem that draws to itself all those whom God has destined for salvation.

Moreover, the quintessential U.S. national holiday is not the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence (July 4), a carefully reasoned exposition of the causes for severing the political ties between crown and colonies. Rather, the supremely "American" holiday is Thanksgiving, whose origin and tradition are intimately bound to Puritan life, work and belief that they were God's new chosen people.

But by the 1720s, Puritan ministers no longer dominated the colonial intellectual and literary record. Science and technology fostered a growing confidence in the power of human reason to devise ways to circumvent or otherwise surmount economic and political obstacles to the "good life."

In her latest book, "The Age of American Unreason," released this month, Jacoby presents what can best be described as the reversal — or attempted reversal — after more than 285 years, of America's unremitting reliance on the power of the human mind to solve political, economic and sociological challenges in the 21st century. The ferment of the 17th century involved integrating ideas of human dignity and individual freedom from multiple disciplines

to produce a holistic view of the universe. Jacoby sees the ferment of the 21st century going in the opposite direction, away from rational examination and analysis as a prelude to reconfiguring tour fraying national consensus, and toward sundering the broad view so as to pursue solutions for each part separately.

All this suggests that the next U.S. president's first actions must demand of the public that they discard the notion that the 30-second sound bite or the bumper-sticker level of knowledge constitutes "informed views" or "critical thinking."

She or he could do worse than study the Puritan divines who were powerful teachers of a message in which they believed passionately. They did not in the end prevail because their message of faith, as compelling as it was, could not stand against the more powerful message of hope and opportunity represented by the New World.

That secular message is not dead — yet. But Jacoby, if I understand her correctly, fears it is in danger. For too long the nation's political life has lacked impassioned men and women who believe in and trust the power of human dignity and human freedom to reinvigorate our country's faith in itself.

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Women: Political buyer beware

The media is awash in stories about how women (except for some of us old gals over 50) are flocking to Barack Obama in droves and away from Hillary Clinton.

Feminists are pitted against feminists as to which candidate, if elected, would be better for women and many younger women are arguing with their mothers and aunts.

But there's a much bigger division looming and it's not between the Obama and Clinton camps. What everybody ought to be looking closer at is that "if elected" part. Women have suffered incredible setbacks under the Bush administration and it is in their hands whether that path continues after November.

A lot of President Bush's damage to the country as a whole, like the war and the tanking economy, is front and center. But much of the damage to women has been under the radar. Presidential appointees can do tremendous harm, mostly out of the public eye. Take Wade Horn, one of Bush's Health and Human Services assistant secretaries. Horn founded the National Fatherhood Initiative to promote marriage as the solution to poverty, loudly touting his belief that "the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church." Then he gave the group \$12.38 million of the taxpayer's money to push marriage instead of funding job training and educational programs to get women off welfare. But the marriage money is peanuts compared to the megabucks Horn poured into abstinence-only sex education in the public schools. That tab

now comes to \$176 million per year, even though the government's own research shows the programs don't work and teenage pregnancy is up for the first time in 15 years.

Not to be outdone, the Bush appointees over at the Department of Education have stayed busy dismantling Title IX, the law protecting girls from discrimination in educational programs including sports. For decades courts have upheld the Education Department's rigorous criteria for compliance as valid. But no matter. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings issued a Title IX "clarification," allowing schools to refuse to create additional sports opportunities for women based solely on e-mail interest surveys. Failure of female students to answer e-mail surveys is now routinely counted by colleges as a lack of interest in participating in sports. Neither the standard nor the e-mail survey method of limiting opportunities applies to male students.

Even the women holding up Bush's precious wars have not escaped. Almost one in seven members of the military serving on active duty are women and they make up a nearly identical percentage of National Guard and reserve units. Though the Air Force uncovered scores of rape accusations, a rising trend of reported abuses, and the most basic shortcomings in tracking the crime and attending to its victims in 2004, the Defense Department has been slow to pursue the allegations. And Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has yet to formulate a policy for dealing with contractors who commit rape.

The damage done by most political appointees can be undone by the next president or the next

Congress if they're so inclined. Not so with the Supreme Court, where judges sit for life. If the Republicans regain the White House — or even Senate — and continue down the Bush path, we can probably kiss reproductive rights goodbye and expect to lose any hope of redress in the courts for employment discrimination.

That's because the next president will likely make at least two Supreme Court appointments. Two is enough to do a lot of damage, as Bush lackeys John Roberts and Samuel Alito have shown. They've already tipped the balance, resulting in decisions upholding the first federal abortion procedure ban and the severe curtailment of women's ability to sue for discrimination at work. The court's only woman and strongest women's advocate, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, spoke out strongly in her dissent on both cases. She is 74 years old. Her colleague John Paul Stevens — another pro-woman vote — is 87.

So the real choice for women is not between race or gender, show horse or work horse.

It's between continuing the Bush policies or voting in November for a candidate that can and will turn those policies around, and get rid of the anti-woman poison in Washington.

Women are not a "special interest." They are the majority — of the population, of registered voters and of those that actually turn out. It's no wonder candidates are trying so hard to woo them.

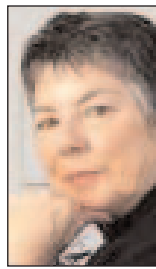
We've all heard the expression "buyer beware."

As political buyers this year, women must be warier than ever.

Martha Burk is the director for the Corporate Accountability Project for the National Council of Women's Organizations.



DANIEL SMITH



MARTHA BURK

► News at a glance

Police investigating letters sent to Capitol Hill regarding Times Square explosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capitol Hill offices received letters Thursday containing a photo of the Times Square military recruiting office before it was bombed and including the claim “We Did It.”

The manila envelopes contained a photo of a man standing in front of the recruiting station before it was bombed. The photo was the kind commonly sent as a holiday greeting card, according to a Democratic aide who spoke on condition of anonymity because the matter is under investigation.

The message on the card: “Happy New Year, We Did It.”

The envelope also contained a packet of approximately 10 sheets of paper that seemed to be a political manifesto railing against the Iraq war and a booklet. The aide didn’t know what the booklet was. A second aide, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said similar letters arrived in as many as 10 offices.

Capitol Police, FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection Service were investigating. In an e-mail to lawmakers, Capitol Police said the envelopes went through the standard security process. That process, which involves radiating incoming mail, can easily take a week or more, making it likely the letters were mailed well ahead of the bombing.

Notorious arms dealer suspect arrested in Thailand; US wants to extradite

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The U.S. is seeking the extradition of a suspected Russian arms dealer dubbed the “Merchant of Death,” but for now he will remain in Thailand, where authorities are investigating if he used the country as a base to negotiate a weapons deal with terrorists, officials said Friday.

Viktor Bout, a 41-year-old whose dealings reportedly inspired a 2005 movie about the illicit arms trade, is accused of running weapons to al-Qaida, the Taliban and parties involved in bloody conflicts across Africa. He was arrested at a Bangkok hotel after a four-month sting operation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Thai and U.S. authorities said.

“He is called the ‘Merchant of Death’ and ‘Man of War’ for a reason,” Thomas Pasquarello, regional director of the DEA, said in Bangkok.

American authorities intend to extradite Bout but the timing still has to be “worked out” between the two nations, Pasquarello said.

Thailand is investigating whether Bout was involved in “procuring weapons for terrorists and conspiring

with terrorists,” Lt. Gen. Adisorn Nontree said.

Commander says al-Qaida may be working harder to attack U.S., but no threat to elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida terrorists may be plotting more urgently to attack the United States to maintain their credibility and ability to recruit followers, the U.S. military commander in charge of domestic defense said Thursday.

Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, chief of the U.S. Northern Command, also told reporters he has not seen any direct threats tied to the U.S. presidential elections. But he said it would be rash to think that such threats are not there.

“We need only to look at Spain and see that they’re certainly willing to try to do something that is significant that could affect an election process,” Renuart said. “I think it would be imprudent of us to let down our guard believing that if there’s no credible threat that you know of today, there won’t be something tomorrow.”

While he said that U.S. authorities have thwarted attacks on a number of occasions, he said terrorist cells may be working harder than ever to plot high-impact events. He did not point to any specific intelligence that authorities have received but said the “chatter” they are hearing “gives me no reason to believe they’re going to slow down” in their efforts to target the U.S.

“If an organization like that is to maintain credibility and continue to grow more of its extremists, it has to show tangible results,” Renuart said. “So I think there may be a certain sense of urgency among that organization to have an effect. So it would tell me that they’re trying harder.”

Israelis mourn victims of gunman who killed 8 at Jewish seminary

JERUSALEM (AP) — Thousands of Israelis gathered outside a bullet-scarred Jerusalem rabbinical seminary on Friday to mourn eight students killed by a suspected Palestinian gunman, while an Israeli official said the country would not suspend peace talks.

A bearded rabbi recited Hebrew psalms line by line, the crowd repeating after him, in memory of the dead, one of whom was 26 and the rest between ages 15 and 19. People packed nearby balconies to observe the ceremony, after which the bodies were to be taken for burial.

Thursday’s shooting, which also left nine wounded, was the first major attack in Jerusalem in four years

and the deadliest in Israel since a suicide bomber killed 11 people in Tel Aviv on April 17, 2006.

It came on the heels of a surge in fighting between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza that has killed more than 120 Palestinians, further threatened already faltering peace talks.

The gunman, who was slain, opened fire in the seminary’s library. Students scrambled to flee, jumping out of windows. Holy books drenched in blood littered the floor.

Afterward, Jewish seminarians gathered outside the library and screamed for revenge, shouting, “Death to Arabs,” while in Hamas-controlled Gaza thousands of Palestinians celebrated in the streets.

University of North Carolina student body president fatally shot; killing said random

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The student body president at the University of North Carolina was last seen alive just hours before she was found shot to death on a street in what police said they believe was a random act.

Eve Marie Carson, a 22-year-old senior from Athens, Ga., had been shot several times, including at least once in the head, police said Thursday. Authorities said they had no suspects and no arrests had been made.

Carson was last seen alive at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, when she stayed home to do schoolwork while her roommates went out, authorities said. Officers found the body of a young woman about a mile from campus after neighbors reported hearing shots around 5 a.m.

“My information is she was an extraordinarily busy woman and it wasn’t unusual for her to go to the office in the middle of the night,” police Chief Brian Curran said. “But we don’t know that’s what she was doing.”

The medical examiner said there was no indication that Carson had been sexually assaulted.

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House group questions compensation for CEOs involved in mortgage crisis

By JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The heads of three companies implicated in the mortgage crisis have been asked to explain how they collectively received hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation while their companies were losing money.

Slated to appear Friday before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee were Angelo Mozilo of Countrywide Financial Corp., the nation’s largest mortgage lender; Stanley O’Neal, formerly of Merrill Lynch & Co.; and Charles Prince, formerly of Citigroup Inc.

The committee, chaired by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., has held several hearings on the issue of high executive compensation. Last December it looked at large, publicly traded companies that hire compensation consultants who are receiving millions of dollars from corporate executives whose compensation they were supposed to assess.

Republicans on the committee questioned the need for the hearing, saying it falls outside the panel’s primary role of investigating waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government.

“A sanctimonious search for scapegoats may feel good, but it benefits no one,” said Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, the top Republican on the committee. “It’s always easy to blame people with a lot of money,” said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., saying Waxman was “going to grind an old ax on an issue organized labor has pushed for years.”

Waxman’s committee also recently held a highly publicized hearing where lawmakers questioned pitcher Roger

Clemens, who denied charges from a former trainer who said he had injected the all-star with steroids and human growth hormones.

According to the committee, Mozilo received \$250 million in compensation from Countrywide from 1998, when he became CEO, through the end of last year.

It said that Countrywide announced a \$1.2 billion loss in the third quarter of 2007 and lost another \$422 million in the fourth quarter. By the end of the year the company stock had fallen 80 percent from

its five-year peak in February. During the same period, Mozilo received a \$1.9 million salary, received \$20 million in stock awards contingent upon performance and sold \$121 million in stock.

O’Neal received a retirement package of \$161 million when he departed last October. But the committee said that if Merrill Lynch had terminated O’Neal for cause rather than allowing him to retire, he would not have been entitled to \$131 million of that in unvested stock and options. During

2007 the firm reported \$18 billion in writedowns related to subprime and other risky mortgages.

Similarly, Prince received a bonus of \$10.4 million for the 2007 performance year and was allowed to retain almost \$28 million in unvested stock and stock options because Citigroup allowed him to retire rather than terminating him for cause.



By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Partner bids One Spade, next player passes, neither side vulnerable. What would you respond with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ J83 ♥ 9654 ♦ 75 ♣ AKJ3
2. ♠ Q953 ♥ AJ97 ♦ KQ8 ♣ 43
3. ♠ KJ764 ♥ 73 ♦ QJ652 ♣ 6
4. ♠ AQ75 ♥ KJ6 ♦ 4 ♣ KQJ82
5. ♠ Q76 ♥ AQ3 ♦ KJ9 ♣ AJ94

1. Two spades. The possible bids over one spade are one notrump, two clubs or two spades. One notrump (not forcing) would suppress your spade support, while you don’t have quite enough points to bid two clubs.

The most practical solution is to raise right away and let partner choose the next action. He will know you have six to 10 points, including trump support, and will be in good position to judge what, if anything, to do next.

2. Three spades. The jump-raise to three announces a game in the combined hands regardless of opener’s actual strength. It is a forcing bid and promises at least four trumps and 13 to 15 points in high cards and distribution. Those who play that a three-spade bid in this situation would promise only 11 or 12 points (a “limit raise”) would have to make whatever forcing bid their methods called for with this type of hand.

3. Four spades. The triple raise

shows much less in high cards than the double raise, but more in the way of distribution. It is primarily a pre-emptive bid aimed at disrupting the opponents’ bidding, and there is normally no assurance the contract will be made. Typically, if partner cannot make four spades, it will be found that the opponents can often make a game — and sometimes even slam — in their own long suit.

4. Three clubs. This hand has decided slam possibilities, and it is best to alert partner immediately to this fact via a jump-shift. You intend to support partner’s spades at your next opportunity.

The jump-shift is seldom made with hands of less than 17 points, and also implies either a fit for opener’s suit or a self-sufficient suit. It strongly suggests a potential slam but does not commit the partnership to reaching one.

5. Three notrump. A response of two notrump would show 13 to 15 points, balanced distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits.

A response of three notrump sends the same message, except that the point count is 16 or 17. The distribution is almost invariably 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2. The jump to three notrump invites opener to move toward a slam if he has values that could produce a slam opposite a hand of this type.

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News in brief

Texas gasoline prices reach record heights

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices reached record heights in Texas this week, according to the weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Friday.

The survey showed regular self-serve averaged \$3.10 per gallon across the state, 3 cents higher than last week. Nationally, the average was \$3.19 per gallon, 2 cents higher than last week.

“Record crude oil prices continue to push retail gasoline prices to new record highs,” said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. “AAA is encouraging consumers to conserve by doing such things as consolidating trips and errands and to stick to a routine maintenance schedule to ensure your vehicle achieves maximum fuel efficiency.”

The lowest local average in Texas was in San Antonio, where it increased 4 cents to a record of \$3.07 per gallon. The highest average was in Texarkana, where the price rose 4 cents to a record \$3.17 per gallon.

Light snow falls in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A light snow fell across parts of North Texas on Friday morning, a day after a storm system left as much as 9 inches of snow on northern parts of the state and brought a tornado to South Texas.

No one was injured by a twister packing 95 to 105 mph winds in Corpus Christi on Thursday afternoon, but trees were snapped and several homes were damaged, said Roger Gass, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Corpus Christi.

Meanwhile, motorists found icy conditions on some North Texas roads for the morning commute as 1 to 3 inches of snow was expected Friday morning, said Jessica Schultz, National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth. Temperatures were expected to hover around freezing before warming to at least the 40s in many parts of the region later in the day, she said.

At Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, officials

said that by Friday morning the runways were clear and dry. But they expected to have at least 60 more departures canceled Friday morning because of Thursday’s storm, mainly because many aircraft were out of position. As a result of 1 inch of snow falling Thursday afternoon, 500 departures were canceled at the airport and thousands of passengers stranded.

Snow accumulations Thursday ranged from a trace in Dallas to up to 9 inches in Cooke County on the Red River.

Houston district expects to pay millions under ‘Robin Hood’

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston school district expects that for the first time, it will have to pay several million dollars to the state under the so-called “Robin Hood” funding system.

Melinda Garrett, the Houston school district’s chief financial officer, said during a school board workshop Thursday that the district will owe an estimated \$3.7 million to the state next year.

That is only a small portion of the district’s about \$1.5 billion budget, but school leaders said the funding system is flawed when a big-city district that serves mostly low-income children is forced to give up money.

“It will start getting worse every year,” Garrett told the board.

She said that the Houston school district is jumping into the wealthy category because property values in the city are rising, but student enrollment is declining. The combination of those two factors has boosted the district’s property value per student, the measure that the state uses to determine which districts must share their money.

Kaufman man defends shooting that started tragic chain of events

KAUFMAN (AP) — A Kaufman man who shot a 15-year-old boy in the arm who was near his front window last weekend says he feared the teen and his friend would break into his house.

“I don’t think I had really much choice,” W.C. Frosch, 74, said Thursday. “I think I was justified in what I done.”

The shooting set off a tragic chain of events which ended when the friend’s mother was killed in a traffic accident while taking the two teens to the hospital Saturday night.

The teen who was shot, Brandon Robinson, has said that he and 16-year-old Devin Nalls were innocently cutting across the property of Frosch, who is Nalls’ next door neighbor. Robinson has said they were on their way to check out a party down the street.

But Frosch said Thursday that he still believes the teens planned to break into his house.

The Kaufman County sheriff’s office has said the boys were not committing a crime when Frosch shot Robinson under the left arm. Frosch has not been charged with a crime.

Devin’s mother, June Nalls, died while rushing her son and his injured friend to a hospital. A driver who police say had been drinking drove into Nalls’ lane, striking her pickup head on.

Blockbuster profit climbs fourfold in 4th-qtr

DALLAS (AP) — Blockbuster Inc., the movie rental company, said Thursday its fourth-quarter profit more than quadrupled as it cut costs and adjusted prices for its online subscription service.

The Dallas-based company also said it would restate financial results over the past three years — relatively minor adjustments in the few millions.

Overall, 2007 was a money-losing year marked by a summer retreat in its online service that competes with Netflix Inc. But Blockbuster said it would return to profitability this year and earn \$5 million to \$25 million.



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Club News

Retired teachers to meet

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building. Members will share a Dutch treat lunch before the meeting.

Guest speakers will be the Forsan and Coahoma school superintendents. They will update the RTA on recent developments in education. Members will have a report on our Book Project. Our goal is to present a book to every first grader in Howard County and Garden City. The books are being ordered and will be presented in early May.

Our meetings are always open to any interested person. Retired school employees are invited to visit and learn what we are about. The meetings are short, infor-

mative and interesting.

Plans are also being finalized for the State Retired Teachers Association Convention to be held in El Paso set for April 15-17.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met in the Cactus Room at Howard College Monday, March 3. President Debbie Wegman called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and called on Fran Emerson to give the invocation. After minutes were corrected and financials approved, committee reports were heard.

Walter Ward explained that the courthouse plantings would begin in April and asked for a \$300 allowance to purchase plants for the pocket park revitalization, which was approved.

Pat Simmons, clean up

chairman, reminded us of the Trash-Off to be held April 5. Crews will pick up trash bags at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday before the clean up. Lunch will be at the Old Settlers Pavilion, provided by Rotarians and the Chamber.

Simmons said she still needs volunteers to help put out notices of rules about placing dumpsters back out of sight after trash collection.

Fund-raising member Jan Hansen discussed our upcoming golf tournament to be held April 19 at the Big Spring Country Club. Sponsors for holes are needed.

Public awareness chairman Ron Midkiff elaborated on several methods planned to keep our projects in the public eye. Loyce Phillips reported on skits to be performed in the schools at times that will not interfere

with studying for TAKS testing.

Steve Campbell of the law enforcement committee plans to send letters of concern where litter is evident in a neighborhood. He will work closely with city code enforcement.

Please note that aluminum cans can now be deposited in the bin on the south end of the Goliad Intermediate School campus.

Our next meeting will be at noon April 7 in the Cactus Room.

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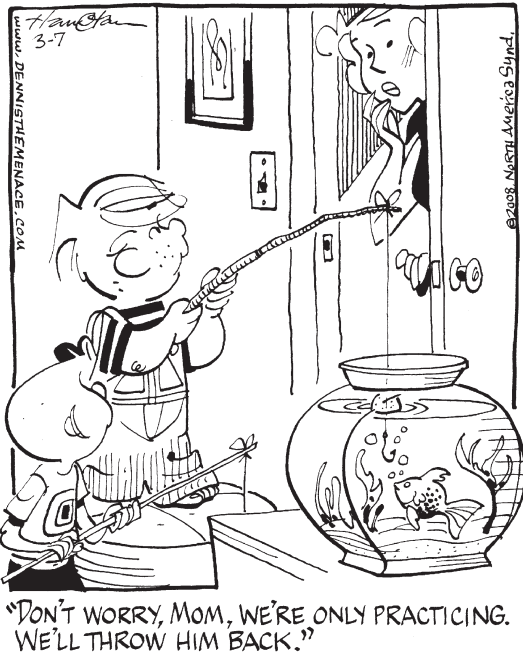
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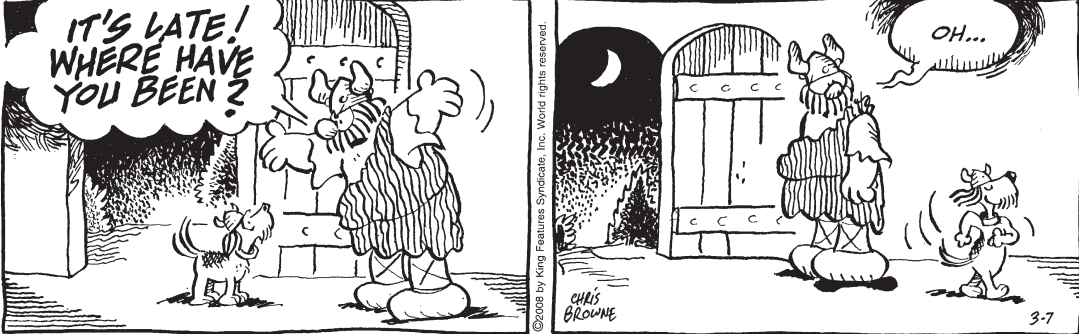
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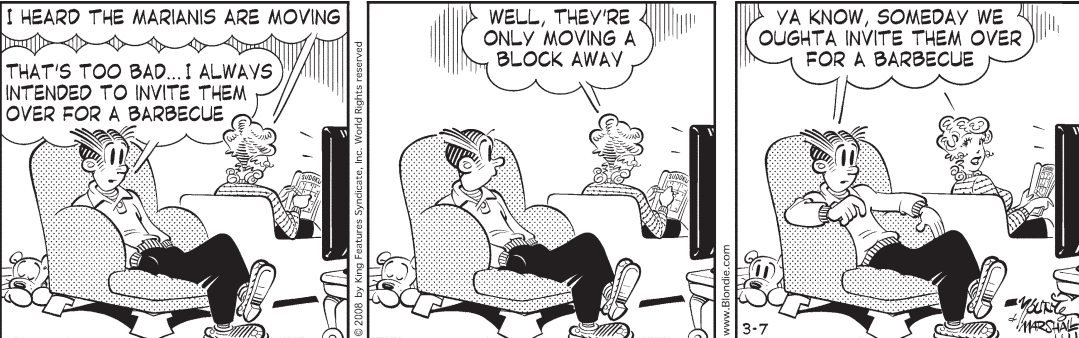
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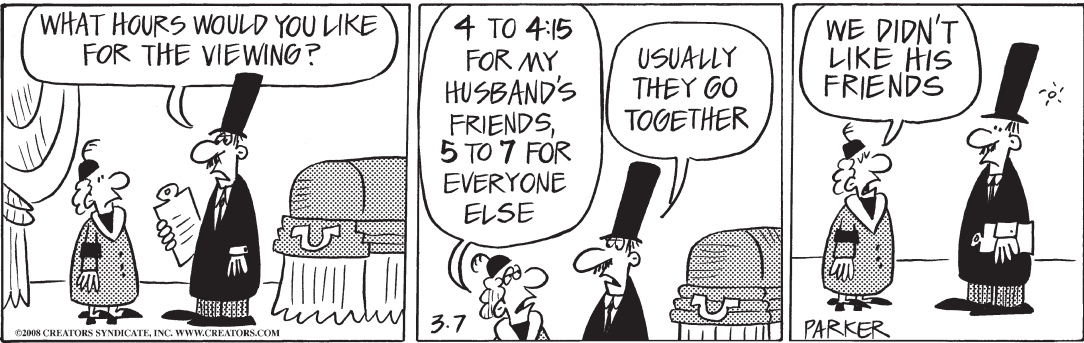
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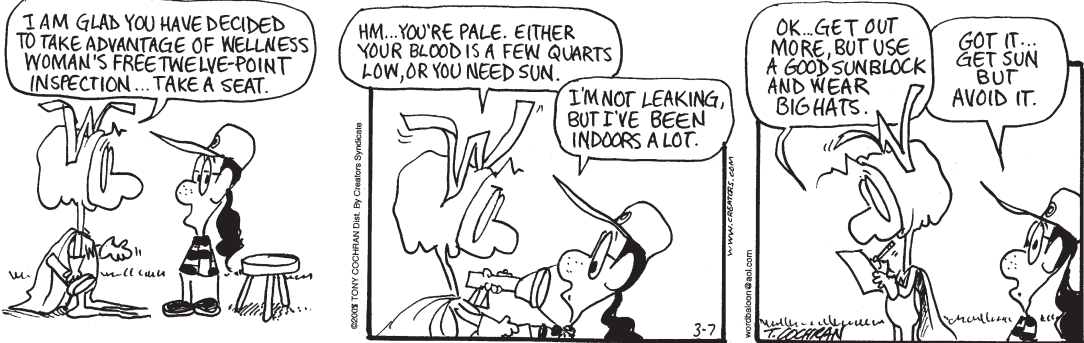
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 7, the 67th day of 2008. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

On this date:

In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1850, in a 3-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march

into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Alan Sues is 82. Photographer Lord Snowdon is 78. TV personality Willard Scott is 74. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 70. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 68. Former Walt Disney Co. chief executive officer Michael Eisner is 66. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 62. Actor John Heard is 62. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 62. Rock musician Matthew

Fisher (Procol Harum) is 62. Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris is 58. Football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 56. Actor Bryan Cranston is 52. Actress Donna Murphy is 49. Actor Nick Searcy is 49. Tennis Hall of Famer Ivan Lendl is 48. Actor Bill Brochtrup is 45. Opera singer Denyce Graves is 44. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 44. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 43. Rock musician Randy Guss (Toad the Wet Sprocket) is 41. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 37. Actress Rachel Weisz is 37.

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- 1 Legree creator
- 6 Push (down)
- 10 Don Juan's mother
- 14 Russian saint
- 15 Five-star name
- 16 Sitar music
- 17 Susann novel
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- 23 IOU
- 24 Diamond stats
- 27 Brit. mil. award
- 29 Munchkin official
- 33 Calendar abbr.
- 34 Daytime TV fare
- 36 More reasonable
- 38 Where to "see a fine lady"
- 41 Ceremonial meal
- 42 Nash creature
- 43 Yang's opposite
- 44 Go after
- 46 Mikado closer
- 47 Proclivity
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- 62 Ashcroft predecessor
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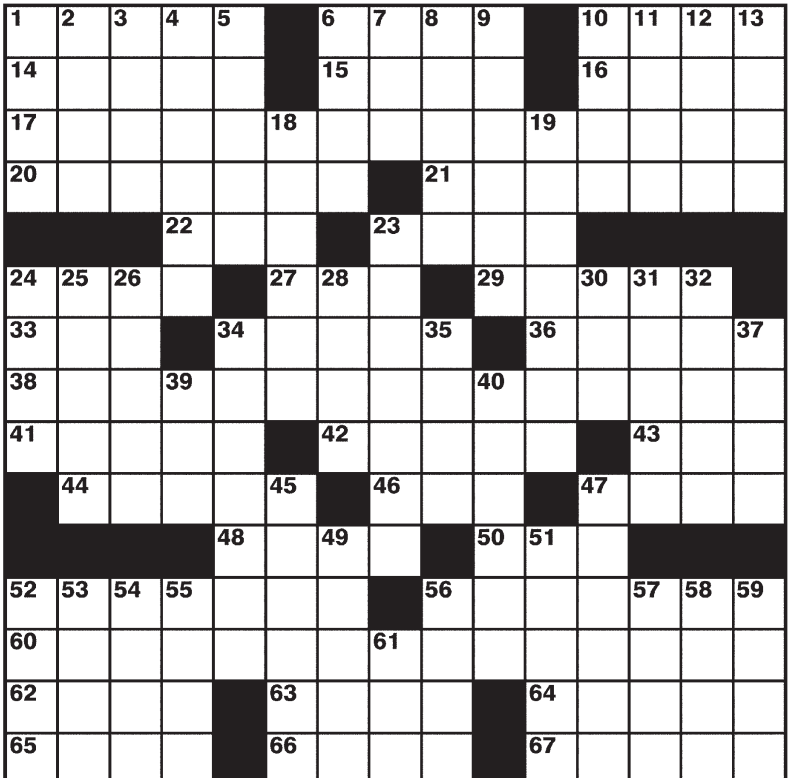
- 65 Lobbyist's org.
- 66 Gives the once-over
- 67 Organ controls

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- 6 For the A-list
- 7 Latin lover's word
- 8 Agree completely
- 9 Main-event precursor
- 10 Monopoly token
- 11 Maritime: Abbr.
- 12 Kellogg's brand
- 13 Former CNN anchor
- 18 Follow closely
- 19 Bullwinkle foe
- 23 One of an air pair
- 24 Ostrich kin
- 25 Some gym equipment
- 26 Battery part
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- 31 Place for pastrami
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- 34 Cake name
- 35 Wild guess
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39 30 Down's target

- 40 Rap star
- 45 Walk lightly
- 47 Clever remark
- 49 Impassive
- 51 Salad ingredient
- 52 Attorney's aide, informally
- 53 AAA offerings
- 54 Drei less zwei
- 55 Informal encouragement
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- 57 River of Spain
- 58 Permeate
- 59 Slips some
- 61 Street, to Magritte



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Church News

First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma

The congregation appreciated the choral solo by Sarah Petty of Westbrook at the worship service last Sunday.

The Session met for its regular monthly meeting at 5:57 p.m. Thursday in the church social hall.

Plans are under way for Easter week services in Coahoma. The men of the church will prepare breakfast Saturday, March 22. There will be a sunrise service Easter Sunday, March 23.

During Holy Week, First Presbyterian in Big Spring invites the Coahoma congregation to a Maundy Thursday service in the chapel March 20 and a Good Friday service March 21. Both of these services will be led by the Rev. Bill Henning, former pastor at Big Spring.

The lectionary for March 9, the fifth Sunday in Lent, is Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; and John 11:1-45.

Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m., which will be an hour earlier this Sunday because of the onset of Daylight Saving Time.

Please remember to set your clock forward one hour before you retire Saturday.

First United Methodist Church

Lenten services will continue this Sunday at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship.

During the Sunday school hour, beginning at 9:30 a.m., there will be a come-and-go welcoming baby shower honoring

Brent and Amy Williams, Kendra, Benjamin, Hannah and their brand new baby girl, Hallie. Help us welcome our youth director and his sweet family to our congregation with a showering of items for their new home and children.

Remember to order your Easter lilies as soon as possible. Order blanks will be inserted into Sunday's bulletin and you may also order by calling Nell in the church office.

March 16 is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week at our church. There will be services Monday through Friday during the noon hour with a light lunch served prior to worship. There will also be a special service on Maundy Thursday in the evening. All this leads up to a glorious Easter morning on March 23 — the very earliest date we will ever see Easter.

Thanks to those from our congregation who helped prepare and serve the meal for the Alon Thanksgiving Service last Sunday at First Baptist Church. Thanks also to our noon cooks and members of the mission committee who will prepare and deliver meals to the Alon Refinery workers this Saturday evening.

And lest we forget, in order that you will be on time for services where ever you choose to worship this Sunday, remember to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Come visit us at First Methodist. Our buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Church Women will have their meeting at 11:45 a.m. this Sunday in the library. All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the library.

We have one more Lenten potluck supper at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Following the meal, we will have a brief service of Compline and some special music. Be sure to join us for this time of parish fellowship and worship.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Change your clocks. Daylight Saving Time is here.

Worship services are at 9 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible classes at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday evening worship is from 6:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday Lenten service at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars. Next week is Holy Week. There will be Maundy Thursday services and Bible study classes continue during the week.

March Ongoing Support items are: Black and white tube socks, Gold

Bond foot powder, Sweet Tarts, Starbursts and Life Savers. Make your donations to the AT&T phone card fund so our soldiers can call home.

Come one and all to our services. We want to worship the Lord with you!

First Presbyterian Church

The Working Women's Bible study group meets on the second Tuesday, March 11, at 6 p.m.

Weekly Bible study was at 5:17 p.m., youth group at 6 p.m. and choir practice at 7 p.m. Wednesday, as usual.

The youth are selling Easter lilies to be placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday. These may be designated in honor or in memory of loved ones. There will be order forms in each Sunday bulletin or you may call the church office at 263-4211.

"The Other" Sunday school class for adults invites everyone to join them for their current study, authored by Ray Van der Laan, "Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah." He calls it "The Bible's timeless call to impact cultures."

Alan Byars, elder at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland, will preach for us on the fifth Sunday in Lent. The choir will present the Lenten anthem "Out of the Depths" by Paul Manz. For the offertory anthem, the choir offers Livingston Gearhart's arrangement of "Dry Bones," which has become a favorite of the congregation.

Lectionary for Sunday is Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; and John 11:1-45.

A reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, so set your clock forward one hour or you'll be late to church!

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Children's church is during Sunday morning worship for ages four through nine years old.

Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The ladies will meet Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon to discuss the Mother-Daughter banquet. For more information or for a ride to church, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

College Baptist Church

A number of CBC members have signed up for the mission trip to New Orleans. They will leave Saturday, March 15, for a week of work and witnessing.

A major emphasis will See **CHURCH**, Page 9A

be construction. The trip is under the auspices of Operation Noah — A North American Mission Board program.

Important dates for coming activities include Three G's, March 13, and Serendipity, March 24. On Easter Sunday, the church choir, under the direction of music minister Jamie Scott, will present the cantata, "Lamb of God" by Russell Mauldin.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

Angel Food orders for March 29 delivery will be taken 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Orders will also be taken March 14-15 at the same hours as above.

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We commend our clients who were so patient Saturday for the February pick up when the truck was so late arriving from Georgia. We hope the many phone calls we made to you helped. Bless you all!

Birdwell Church, as all other churches in town, has had its share of members sick and in the hospital. We wish a speedy recovery to you all.

We were privileged to have Allen Welch as our speaker this past Sunday. He delivered a very spiritual message and we thank him. He and his wife, Sheila also joined us for Sunday school.

North Birdwell United Methodist meets for worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and Sunday school immediately following worship. Evening worship is at 5 p.m.

Bible study meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the church and United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Madeline Boadle, 503 E. 16th.

The congregation of North Birdwell United Methodist is a loving and caring congregation and all persons wishing to share in this Christian love are welcome to come and participate, not only in worship, but in any program offered.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer and the priests of the Diocese of San Angelo will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 13, at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart, San Angelo.

At the Chrism Mass, the bishop comes together with the diocese to celebrate, worship and consecrate the holy oils used in

all the parishes of the diocese in the coming year. The oils that will be blessed are the Oil of Chrism, from which the mass gets its name; the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. The Sacred Chrism is used to anoint people in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy orders. It is also used in the dedication and consecration of church buildings and altars. The Oil of the Sick is used for the blessing, strengthening and healing of those who are sick or advanced in age, and the Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint catechumens and infants about to be baptized.

The bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism. This mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. Although he is not able to baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, he will be symbolically present in the chrism which the priests and deacons will use.

The Chrism Mass also celebrates the unity between the bishop and the priests of the diocese. The priests of the diocese, in the presence of and in union with their bishop, renew their commitment to priestly service. It is highly significant and deeply moving for the bishop and priests to recall the promises made at their ordination as they renew their dedication to prayer, service and celibate chastity.

Bishop Pfeifer has extended an invitation to all Catholics to join him and the priests of the Diocese of San Angelo for this mass.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Women's Seminar, "Heart Call" will be held March 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Registration is \$20. Lunch will be provided. Mothers and their teenage daughters are welcome. Registrations needs to be

turned in as soon as possible to the church office, 410 E. Third St., Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 267-2291.

The church choir, directed by Joe Whitten, is preparing for their Easter presentation of "Jesus Shall Reign!" a service of song and celebration for our risen Lord. The cantata will be March 16 at 11 a.m. We invite you to come and be a part of this wonderful time of worship.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday evening activities begin at 5 p.m. with Mission classes, followed by worship at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, adult prayer meeting, youth Bible study/music and children's Bible study/music (for ages 6 to 12) all begin at 7 p.m. Men's Bible study group meets at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek Fellowship is a loving church that is anxious to connect with you. We have a place for everyone in your family where they will be welcomed and made to feel at home.

Sunday mornings begin at 9 a.m. with a meet and greet time in our fellowship building. Join us for coffee, juice and donuts and we will help you find the right connection group Sunday school class. Our worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and is a blessed time of wonderful music led by our worship pastor, Stan Hanes. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, opens God's Word every Sunday in the morning and evening services.

This Sunday Pastor Teeters will begin preaching sermons to prepare for Easter. The sermon for this week is "Pilate's Predicament," found in Mark 15:1-15.

Come join us in our worship services for a special time of prayer, music and fellowship with the Lord and each other. We have Bible studies for

adults, youth choir for the teens and AWANAs for the kids. Our kids from three years up to sixth grade challenge us all with their memorization of scripture they are achieving in AWANAs.

Join us Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for a free fellowship meal and Bible study. We praise God for His blessings and the land that He has given us on FM 700 and the work being done.

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Chapel of Faith

Pastor Joel Miller and the congregation of Chapel of Faith invite you to worship with us as we prepare for Easter when the greatest sacrifice was given for all of us. Jesus went to the cross so we may have everlasting life in heaven by accepting God's love. We worship together at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at 14th and Goliad. We are an interdenominational group and all are welcome.

Chapel of Faith is living proof of God wanting to give gifts to his children. He has said "ask in faith and it shall be given." We have asked for his help in making his sanctuary more 'people friendly' and he, through the people of Big Spring, has answered our prayers.

We have been given so many gifts of labor as well as material items. And it is all thanks to God taking care of us. This is not only true for our church, but look what he has done for our community! God loves Chapel of Faith and Big Spring! How can we deny him after all he has done for us?

With God's help, we will continue to work each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the church. There is still work to be done and anyone who would like to help paint, clean, trim shrubs or come just to share in God's

community, please do so. For more information, please call 267-4082.

Remember to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night before going to bed. Daylight savings time starts early this year!

Briefs

Pope Benedict to meet with religious leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Representatives of five non-Christian faiths will meet with Pope Benedict XVI during his first U.S. visit as pontiff next month.

The 45-minute event on April 17 at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington will include a papal address, greetings from the faith leaders and a presentation of gifts symbolic of each tradition by young members of the respective communities.

There will be no formal dialogue among participants because of time constraints on the pope's schedule, said Sister Mary Ann Walsh, spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Benedict's April 15-20 visit to New York and Washington includes an address to the United Nations, a visit to ground zero, two outdoor masses at baseball stadiums and a meeting with President Bush.

The interfaith gathering includes 200 invited guests, and Benedict is scheduled to meet personally with three Jewish leaders, three Muslim leaders, two Buddhist leaders, a Hindu leader and Jain leader.

That group includes Rabbi Gilbert S. Rosenthal of the National Council of Synagogues; Rabbi Joel Myers of the New York-based Rabbinical Assembly; Sayyid M. Syeed of the Islamic Society of North America and Imam Hassan Al-Qazwini of the Islamic Center of America.

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The Pinkerton Law Firm, PLLC is *hosting* an informal public meeting for individuals wanting to learn more about their rights regarding the explosion that occurred at the ALON Energy Refinery. If you were injured in any way, you need to be at this meeting. Injuries may range from physical trauma to mental anguish to property damage.

Mr. Pinkerton will speak briefly and answer any questions or concerns you may have about this incident. This will be followed by an opportunity for guests to meet one-on-one with an attorney.

IMPORTANT MEETING DETAILS

Dates: *Saturday, March 8th from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.*
Friday, March 14th from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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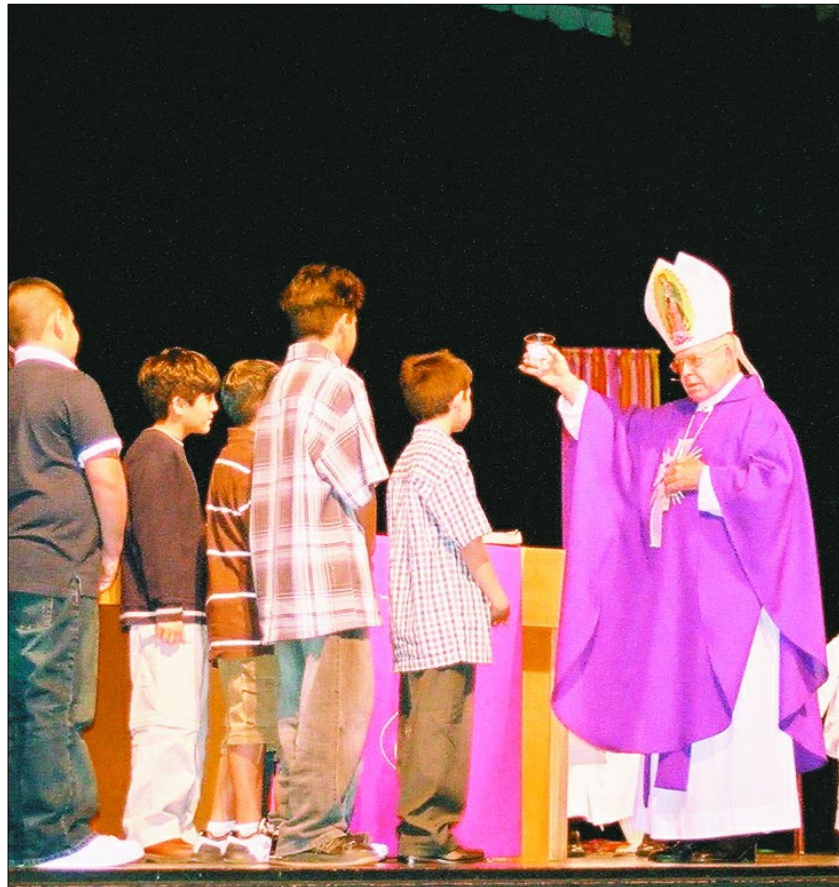
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Holy Trinity installation ceremony

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, DD, center, conducts an installation mass Sunday for the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Pictured from left are Dr. Richard Light, pastoral coordinator; Bishop Pfeifer; the Rev. Bernard L. Gully, pastor; the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla, parochial vicar; and Juan Arguello III, deacon. In the back are members of the pastoral council. The Holy Trinity Parish combines the four Catholic churches in Howard County. Above, Bishop Pfeifer holds a half-full cup of water up to children of the parish and tells them they are the future of the Catholic church and he wants them to complete filling the glass through their ministries. At left, Father Gully signs installation papers as The Most Reverend Pfeifer looks on.

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