

# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball at Stamford, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Rotan, 6:30 p.m.

### Free junior tennis league playing every Wednesday

A free junior tennis league will take place every Wednesday for several weeks from 4:45 to 5:45 beginning tomorrow.

Boys and girls of any skill level between ages 8-12 are welcome to attend. The league is being conducted by Big Spring tennis instructor Ted Oleson.

No sign up is required. Bring a racket or one will be provided while available.

For more information, call Oleson at (806)236-8901 or visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

### Baseball Booster Club meeting today at ATC

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are invited to attend and to meet new Head Coach Burt Otto.

For more information, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

### Chicano Golf Association meets at 6 p.m. today

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Monte Longo's Paint and Body Shop located at 1307 E. 3rd St., Suite A.

All members are encouraged to attend.

### Howard College presenting the Harlem Starz

The Howard College athletic department will present the Harlem Starz at 7:00 p.m. Jan. 28th at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is a fundraiser which will benefit the Howard College athletic program.

With names like Zig Zag, Hollywood, K-Money, Air Bama and Werm, fans will know they are not attending an ordinary basketball game. Almost every play will involve fancy dribbling, no look passes, amazing dunks and comedy.

In addition to the game, highlights will include a halftime

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## Coahoma squads remain perfect in district

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**  
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Colorado City's Wolves made the trip west on I-20 with one thought on their minds — to ruin the spotless district record of their longtime rival Coahoma Bulldogs.

For a quarter, the Wolves looked as if they were going to do just that, shutting down the Coahoma offense to fashion a 14-7 lead.

However, once the Bulldogs got on track there was simply no stopping them as the District 5-2A leaders showed why they are sitting on that lofty perch,

outscored the Wolves 39-14 over the next two periods and winning, 56-37.

"We came out a little tight," Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols said, "but we calmed down and played up to our capabilities."

Colter Morgan led the way scoring 14 points while Matthew Tatum added nine. Jovi Paniagua scored eight with his brother Josh joining Josh Jones and Mikey Mendoza with six.

Clint White led the Wolves with 10 while Nick Hart scored eight.

Colorado City 14 9 5 9-37  
Coahoma 7 23 16 10-56

Colorado City (11-12, 2-4): Hart 8, Espinoza 3, Reyna 6, White 10, Garza 6, Wilson 2, Higgins 2.

Coahoma (15-4, 6-0): Mikey Mendoza 6, Josh Paniagua 6, Josh Jones 6, Ray Gutierrez 3, Colter Morgan 14, Logan Stone 4, Matthew Tatum 9, Jovi Paniagua 8.

Coahoma 49  
Colorado City 13

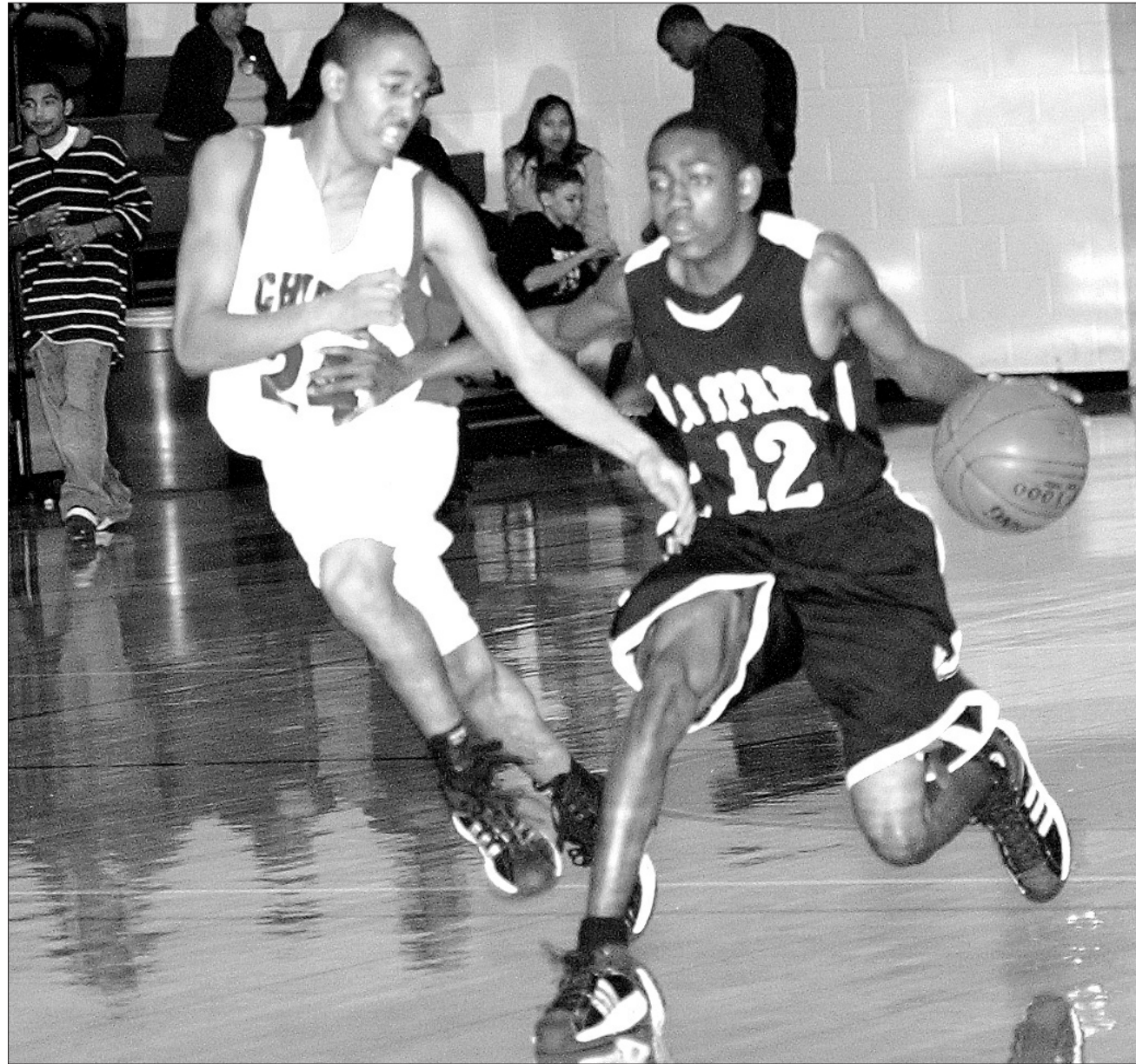
The Bulldogettes (8-0, 24-3) wasted little time showing the Lady Wolves why they are the ones to beat in District 5-2A, holding Colorado City to just one field goal in the first half and opening a 26-5 lead at halftime on their way to the 36-point win.

"I thought the girls did great tonight," Bulldogettes Head

Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We did a great job on the boards. We did a great job on defense. Our shot selection was awesome. We ended the night with 19 field goals and had 17 assists. There is nothing bad I can say about tonight."

"Janice did a great job tonight," Sumrall said about his senior guard Janice Gonzales. "She was perfect from the field, hit two 3-pointers and had seven assists. She really was the catalyst tonight."

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HERALD photo/Gary Don Hull  
Big Spring Steers point guard Jerrell Williams (12) fights off a San Angelo Lake View defender as he brings the ball up the court Tuesday night in San Angelo. The Steers fell to 0-2 in District 4-4A play, losing 80-70.

## Steers' rally comes up short again

By **JONATHAN HULL**  
Herald Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Habits can be easily formed. Big Spring's Steers have to hope that a habit isn't starting to form for them on the basketball court.

For the second straight game, Big Spring fought back from a double digit deficit, briefly took a lead and watched that advantage slip away in the fourth period. The Steers dropped to 0-2 in District 4-4A play Tuesday night in San Angelo as the Lake View Chiefs hit 11 3-pointers, sparking a 80-70 win.

"We knew they could shoot the basketball and we knew we

had to get a hand in their face," Morris said. "They made a shot any time we didn't, though. Give them credit. They're good."

It was obvious a high-scoring affair was in order after the first. Big Spring grabbed a 22-21 advantage at the end of the opening stanza, courtesy of a buzzer beating 3-point shot from senior Jason Walker.

However, the 3-ball was San Angelo's forte in this contest. Paul Mesta hit three long-range shots in the second period and five in the first half, allowing Lake View to take an 11-point lead into the locker room, 43-32. Not helping matters were the

six turnovers committed by Big Spring in the second period, giving Lake View several uncontested layups.

However, much like they did in the second half against Frenship in their district opener Friday night, the Steers had an answer to Lake View's big lead.

Big Spring trailed by 12 heading into the final frame, but quickly began cutting into Lake View's lead. The Steers did a better job of pressuring Lake View's shot attempts and kept the Chiefs off the offensive boards. Eventually, Big Spring

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## Lloyd shines, but Lady Steers fall to Maidens

By **JONATHAN HULL**  
Herald Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — When a girl's high school basketball team is winless at this point in the season, it's hard to find something positive happens for the squad to build on.

However, while the Big Spring Lady Steers may have failed to claim their first victory Tuesday night against San Angelo Lake View's Maidens, they played their most competitive game in weeks and received probably the top individual performance displayed by a Lady Steer this season.

Abbi Lloyd led Big Spring, posting the first double-double by any Lady Steer this year, with 11 points and 10 rebounds. However, Big Spring fell to the Maidens, 56-32.

The game featured a combined

62 turnovers with Big Spring committing 30 of them. Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, the Maidens showed the ability to convert those turnovers into points while Big Spring continued to struggle to find open shots.

"I think if we could ever learn to take care of the basketball, then we would at least have a chance to win," Lady Steers Head Coach Randal Petty said. "When you turn the ball over 30 or 40 times in a game, it becomes hard to compete. Bottom line is we've got to eliminate turnovers."

Big Spring made runs early in the second and fourth periods, but mishaps with the ball kept the Lady Steers from cutting into Lake View's lead.

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## Bufs, Lady Bufs falter in Roscoe

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

District 2-A-I tipped off Tuesday night for Forsan's girls' and boys' basketball team. However, it wasn't necessarily a pleasant opening.

What better way to open league play than for the two favorites to win the district title to face off.

It was a battle of state-ranked opponents with the No. 20 Roscoe Plowboys visiting the No. 15 Forsan Buffaloes. However, once the smoke cleared from the gym, it was the lower-seeded team still standing.

Roscoe showed no respect visiting Buffalo Gym as they were more energetic all night, defeating Forsan, 59-37.

The Plowboys started off hot, opening the game with an 11-2 run.

However, Forsan was not rattled that easily and ended the first frame with a 7-2 run of their own closing the gap, 16-9.

In the second period, neither team could find an edge with both scoring 15 points in the period and going in at the half, 31-26.

Unfortunately for Forsan, that was as close as the Bufs got as Roscoe took control of the tempo and the game in the third stanza, outscoring the Bufs 13-4 and extending its lead, 44-30.

Jacob and Jared Villanueva led the Plowboys charge all night, scoring 23 and 16 points, respectively.

Albert Villa chipped in 10 points for Roscoe who closed out the game with a 15-1 run, leaving the Bufs with a lot to think about.

Adam Bailey led all Forsan scorers with 17 points on the night while grabbing 9 boards. Jeremy Robbins added 7 points and Cameron Parker scored five.

The Bufs head to Rotan Friday, looking for their first district win.

**Roscoe 41,  
Lady Bufs 33**

The Lady Bufs did not have much better luck than the boys, as the fell to the Lady Plowgirls, 41-33.

After taking a 10-9 lead in the

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton  
Big Spring's Abbi Lloyd (22) grabs a rebound before the ball goes out of bounds in the Lady Steers' 56-32 loss Tuesday night in San Angelo. Lloyd pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds and scored 11 points in the loss.

## Obituaries

### J. Wilson Money

J. Wilson Money, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Pearl Cotton

Pearl Cotton, 64, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Charles Dennard

Charles Dennard, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday at 3203 W. U.S. Highway 80. Everyone is invited. Serving will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$8 each.

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.

Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

## Weather

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Colder. Lows in the lower 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Highs in the mid 30s. NorthWinds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows around 20. Light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph after midnight.

Friday...Sunny. Not as cold. Highs in the upper 40s. West winds around 10 mph shifting to the northwest in the afternoon.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 20.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows 25 to 30.

Martin luther king jr day...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

## Police blotter

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

- **RUSSELL WAYNE CLAY**, 46, of 2400 Crescent Drive, was arrested Tuesday on two local citations.
- **MARIO FLORES-MORALES**, 27, of 200 Carey, was arrested Tuesday and held for immigration.
- **JUAN CHAVERA**, 28, of 1502 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday and held for immigration.
- **JAY L. BILLINGSLEY**, 42, of 1005 Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of 1308 College, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of Third Street.
- **ARSON** was reported:
  - in the 700 block of Creighton.
  - in the 800 block of Creighton.

## Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance and assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- **JULIE ANN MINCE**, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.
- **JOHN EDWARD DELANEY**, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.
- **CACEE DELANE CORBELL**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - blue warrant.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the 194 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Old Mill Road. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of E. 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Second Street and State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 5000 block of Dawson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3800 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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**TODAY**  
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

**THURSDAY**

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance to Midnight Express at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

**MONDAY**

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- 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 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- 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.

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## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 20-23-26-30-37.

Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-7-0. Sum It Up: 13.

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# Sparano hired as Dolphins' head coach



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Cowboys assistant head coach Tony Sparano instructs players during practice at the Cowboys' training facility in Irving, Jan. 10. Sparano was named head coach of the Miami Dolphins today.

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. — Tony Sparano is going to work for Bill Parcells again, this time as coach of the Miami Dolphins.

Sparano, who had been the Dallas Cowboys' assistant head coach, accepted a job offer Wednesday from new Miami boss Parcells. They worked together with the Cowboys when Parcells was head coach from 2003-06.

Sparano becomes the Dolphins' fifth head coach since 2004. Parcells was on the job for only a week before he fired Cam Cameron, who went 1-15 in his first year as an NFL head coach.

The 46-year-old Sparano became available when the Cowboys lost their playoff game Sunday to the New York Giants.

He has been the front-runner for the Dolphins job since the start of their search.

Sparano arrived at the team complex Wednesday morning wearing a suit and accompanied by new Miami general manager Jeff Ireland. Owner Wayne Huizenga soon joined them, then left about an hour later.

Ireland, who spent the past seven years in player personnel with the Cowboys, first interviewed Sparano in Dallas on Jan. 5.

The Dolphins also interviewed Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier, former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Rex Ryan and Tennessee Titans defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz. But none of them has direct ties to Ireland or Parcells, and Ireland has said it's important that he and Parcells be familiar with the new coach.

Sparano also interviewed for head jobs with the Ravens and Atlanta Falcons, but he had been widely expected to join the

Dolphins. The New Haven (Conn.) Register, citing an unidentified source, reported Jan. 5 that Sparano was offered the job and would accept it after the Cowboys' season.

Sparano is a native of New Haven, Conn. His only head coaching experience was at New Haven in 1994-98. His team was NCAA Division II runner-up in 1997.

The Dolphins have repeatedly tapped the Dallas pipeline since the arrival of Parcells. Former Cowboys assistant David Lee was hired as quarterbacks coach, and on Tuesday, Brian Gaine was hired as assistant director of player personnel after three years as the Cowboys' assistant director of pro scouting.

Sparano joined Parcells in Dallas in 2003 as tight ends coach, became offensive line coach in 2005 and called plays for Parcells in 2006. He was promoted to assistant head coach last February.

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first quarter, the Lady Buffs found themselves trailing Roscoe the rest of the way.

Roscoe, led by Mirella Solis' 10 points, managed to open a small lead by the half, 20-16, and continued to chip away at the Forsan defense in the second half.

Forsan was in the game all night, but could not find the range from outside and could not mount a comeback.

Amanda Longorio led the Lady Buffs with a double-double, scoring 12 points and collecting 12 rebounds. Sandi Golleher led all scorers with 15

points and grabbed three boards.

The ladies also travel to Rotan Friday.

**Notes:** Both Forsan JV boys and girls teams remained undefeated, taking easy wins against the Roscoe JV squads.

The boys extended their record to 12-0, tearing apart the Plowboys, 45-12, as Evan Burton scored 16 points.

Riley Wood netted 11 points, including three from behind the arch.

In ladies action, Forsan trounced the Plowgirls, 45-12, to improve their record to a perfect 17-0.

Kelsey Jones nailed three shots from downtown, scoring 16 points and Morgan Forshee scored nine points and

recorded five steals.

Brittney Roemer led the team with seven rebounds and also scored seven points.

The 8th grade boys' basketball team improved to 5-0 on the season, as they beat Hamlin 40-17. Ty Johnson led the team in scoring with 13, while Bryson Phillips and Patrick Robles each had

seven.

The score at half was 18-12, but the young Buffs played great defense the second half, allowing five points.

The JV boys' basketball team won the Forsan JV Tournament Saturday. They defeated Water Valley, Borden County and Miles, improving their record to 11-0.

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Was \$18,995 **NOW \$14,995**
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- MSRP \$15,995
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab Flareside XLT V6 - Red w/Gray Cloth, All Power, Like New, Only 37,000 Miles.  
Was \$16,995 **NOW \$15,995**
- 2007 Ford F150 Supercab Sport V6 - White w/Gray Cloth, 5-Speed, CD Player, Like New, Bedliner.  
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- 2005 Ford Expedition XLT 4X4 - Silver w/Gray Leather, All Power, One Owner, Nice, Low Miles.  
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- 2005 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT - Red w/Gray Cloth, CD Player, All Power, One Owner, Like New.  
Was \$19,995 **NOW \$17,995**
- 2004 Ford Explorer A?? - Silver w/Gray Cloth, 4-Dr., All Power, 4-Dr., One Owner, Only 23,000 Miles.  
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Was \$16,995 **NOW \$14,995**
- 2002 Ford Expedition XLT 4X4 - Tan/Black w/Tan Leather, Loaded, One Owner, Very Nice, SUV, Low Miles.  
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for the primaries.

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Bloom said voters planning to cast their ballot by mail need to request a ballot as soon as possible.

"The deadline to request a ballot by

mail is Feb. 26," said Bloom. "If they are over the age of 65, disabled, or will be out of the county at the time of the election, they can request a mail-in ballot, and we're accepting those requests right now."

With the primaries slated for March 4, area voters are going to be asked to decide a number of local races, including the race for Howard County sheriff.

Sheriff Dale Walker filed to run for re-election on the Republican ticket, bringing his eight-year run with the Democratic party to a close. Walker will face Charles Morgan and Stan Parker in the March contest, with former HCSO deputy Pat Carter the lone candidate on the Democratic ticket.

In the race for the Precinct 3 seat on the commissioner's court, nearly a half-

dozen hopefuls have thrown their hats into the ring. Dick Dubose, who ran for the seat four years ago, is the lone Democratic candidate, automatically earning him a place on the November ballot. However, Steve Gray, Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green will have to duke it out in March in hopes of winning the Republican nomination.

Incumbent William Crooker announced in late 2007 he would not seek re-election.

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

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

Howard County Constable Bill Holden will run for re-election on the Democratic ticket, and while he failed to draw a party opponent, Kneel B. Stallings has filed to challenge on the Republican card, forcing the contest to a November resolution.

County Attorney Mike Thomas will run for re-election with the Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who will run on the Republican ticket.

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**BSISD**

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Garrett Coliseum. Early voting will be held from April 28 to May 6 at the Howard County Courthouse, Bloom said. Persons may file their candi-

dacies from Feb. 11 until March 10 at the BSISD business office, located across the street from the high school on 11th Place.

In other election-related business, trustees are expected to name Business Manager Debbie Green secretary of elections for the district.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- A contract extension for Superintendent Michael Downes.

- Approval of bids for the sale of the old Runnels Junior High School property. Two bids have been received for the property,

Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner said.

- A review of past Big Spring Junior High School elevation surveys. Waggoner said the surveys indicate that the building's foundation has ceased settling.

- Reports from Technology

Director Corey Wood on the high school laptop program and the E-rate grant project.

- Personnel matters.

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**CISD**

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Johnson said several projects authorized in the 2006 bond election are proceeding accord-

ing to schedule.

The shell of the new athletic field house has been erected and work on the building's interior has commenced.

Elsewhere, workers have begun pouring the foundation for the new high school wing

and renovations to the high school band hall and auditorium are on schedule, Johnson said.

"We've had no major (disruption) problems at all," Johnson said. "I'm very pleased with the construction company and the

way things have gone."

- Trustee elections. The school board is to discuss preliminary actions that need to be performed prior to the May 10 elections.

Seats currently held by Dale Coates and Mike Blissard, as

well as the position vacated by John Wayne Metcalf, are up for election this year.

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**AUDIT**

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expenditures in the governmental fund for this year were \$11.6 million, with the prior year \$10.4 million. The excess of revenues over expenditures this year were \$68,854, with the prior year \$866,000."

Stephens said the county's largest source of revenue was taxes.

"Your major revenue items were property taxes at \$7.6 million, and last year's total was \$7 million," said Stephens. "Charges for services — and this would include fees, fines, licenses and permits — were a little over \$3 million this year,

and last year they were \$3.5 million.

"Of your major expenditures, in road and bridge you had \$1.9 million this year versus \$1.6 last year. In general government, the expenditures were \$4.4 million this year, and \$4.3 million last year. Your net assets at the end of the year — which is total assets, less the liabilities — were roughly \$7 million this year, and \$6.9 million last year. So, total assets were up about \$100,000."

Barr said he feels the county is on the right track, and with some careful planning can build up cash reserves to stave off any potential problems.

"I feel like there is a light at the end of this

tunnel, and we're moving forward to that. The commissioner's court has come together, and we all realize there are things that need to get done," said Barr. "We need to make some long-range plans so we can take care of some of these things that come up and you don't expect."

"We want to be able to say we can do this in five years, and with the wind turbines coming, that will greatly help our financial situation. And maybe we can pass that along to the taxpayers. We're also hoping the Alon USA situation gets settled by the appraisal board, and that will help greatly. That's been sort of a dark cloud hanging over all of the taxing entities in Howard

County. And I feel confident they will."

Barr said the report didn't hold any real surprises — good or bad — but does serve as a reminder how tight the government entity's budget is from year to year.

"What alarms me is it seems like we're always running by the skin of our teeth from October

until Feb. 1," said Barr. "If something came up right now, it would be hard for the county. We would have to go to a lender and borrow the money. Hopefully we can stave that off, and we're not in trouble there. I don't want to alarm anyone, but it seems like we're always just right there. I'd like to see it

where we had some reserves, where we wouldn't have to worry about that."

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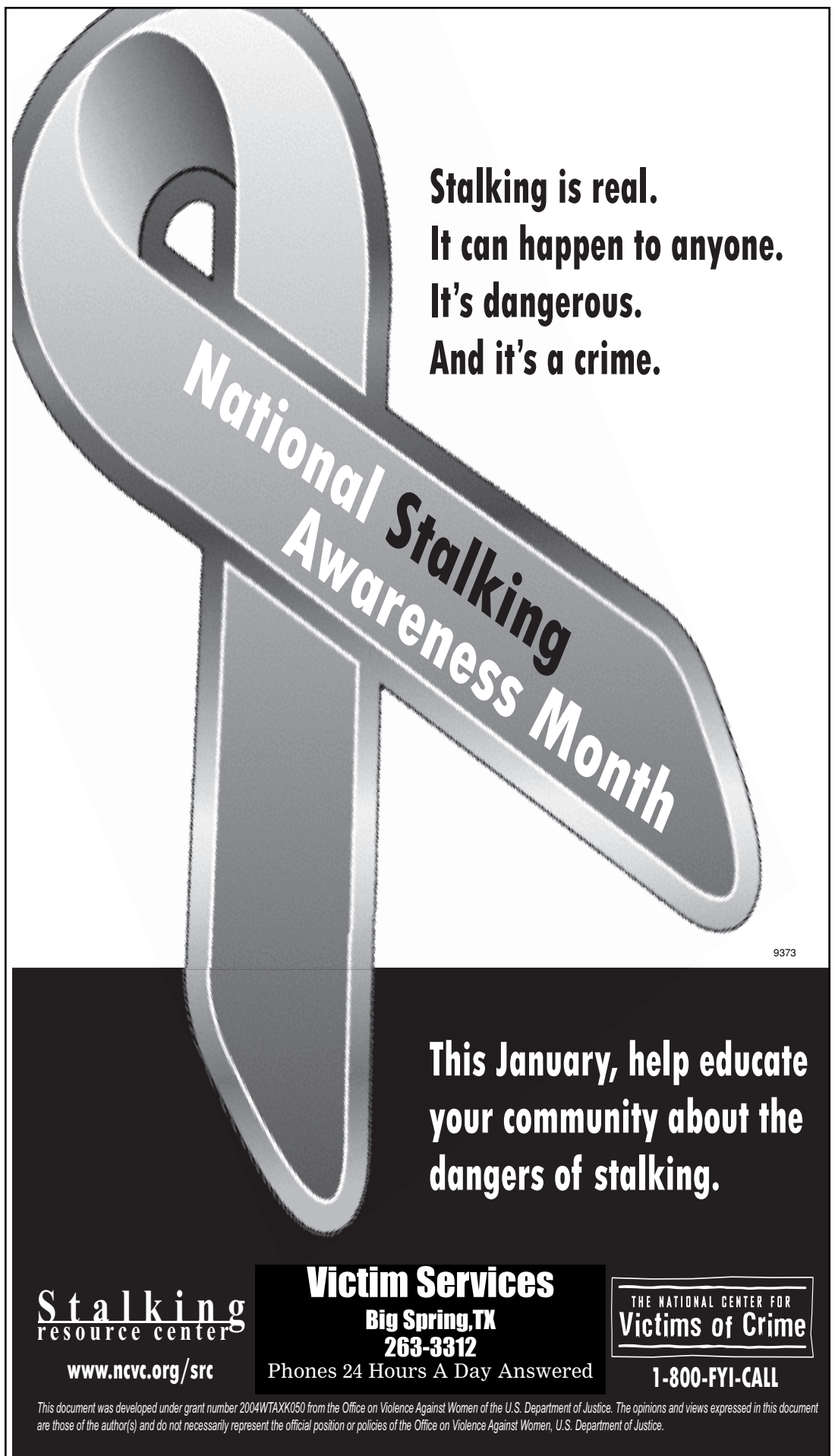
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# Garrett offered Ravens' head job

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator Jason Garrett spent more than six hours Tuesday interviewing for the head coaching job of the Baltimore Ravens, but left the team's training facility without filling the vacancy.

The 41-year-old Garrett was the first person to receive a second interview for the job, which became open when owner Steve Bisciotti fired Brian Billick on Dec. 31.

"I had a really productive day today," Garrett said. "I'm going to continue through this process I'm in right now and at some point we'll make some decisions on both sides."

Garrett met with Bisciotti, team president Dick Cass and general manager Ozzie

Newsome.

Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said, "We had a good day of interviews. It's the start of the second round. We have more interviews for the second round later on in the week."

Neither Garrett nor the Ravens said a contract had been placed on the table, or that the Cowboys had offered a counterproposal.

"It was a great day. I had a chance to start this process last week, and was excited to come back and visit again," Garrett said. "It's been an exciting time for me to be here."

Newsome declined comment, and Bisciotti was not made available.

Newsome will be out of town Wednesday, and interview sessions could resume as soon as Thursday.

Garrett has attracted interest

from the Ravens because of his success in Dallas.

In his first season as the architect of the Cowboys' offense, Garrett directed an attack that ranked second in the NFL with 455 points. Quarterback Tony Romo set franchise records with 36 touchdown passes and 4,211 yards passing.

The Ravens, meanwhile, are looking to cure a stagnant offense that this season ranked 22nd in total yardage and was 24th with 17.2 points per game. In nine years under Billick, the Ravens never ranked higher than 14th in total offense.

Dallas was third in total offense this season, averaging 365.7 yards per game. But the Cowboys averaged only 10.5 points in their final four games, including a 21-17 playoff loss to the New York Giants on

Sunday that took the luster off Dallas' 13-3 record during the regular season.

Garrett began his second interview with Baltimore on Monday night.

He arrived at the team's training complex Tuesday morning with his wife, Brill, and spent much of the day negotiating a deal.

Garrett has connections to members of the search committee.

He and Cass are Princeton graduates. And Garrett's father, Jim Garrett, coached vice president of football administration Pat Moriarty, when Moriarty was with the Cleveland Browns.

The Ravens are also interested in Philadelphia Eagles secondary coach John Harbaugh, who was a finalist for the UCLA job that went to former Ravens

offensive coordinator Rick Neuheisel.

The Ravens have also interviewed Indianapolis Colts assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell; Cowboys assistant head coach Tony Sparano, who is also a candidate for the Miami Dolphins' opening; former Ravens defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, who's a strong candidate for the Falcons' job and is expected to get a second interview with Atlanta; New York Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer and Harbaugh.

Garrett was a quarterbacks coach for two seasons with the Miami Dolphins before spending last season with Dallas.

He was hired by Cowboys owner Jerry Jones last year before the team hired Wade Phillips as head coach.

## STEERS

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worked its way into the lead, 65-64, with 3:26 left to play.

Unfortunately for the Steers, Mesta's presence behind the arch proved to be the difference.

Unable to get an open shot for most of the second half, Mesta found his way to the free throw line, hitting four of five from the charity stripe over the last three minutes of the game. In

all, Lake View was 13 of 14 from the free throw line in the fourth period.

"We dug ourselves a big hole. They made a lot of shots and played hard," Steers Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "It's hard to come back from that big of a deficit especially against a team that is shooting that well."

Mesta led Lake View with 26 points, ending the night with six treys. James Laulor chipped in 17 and Chris Blair had 14 point along with seven rebounds.

Terrance Clemons finished the night with 20 points and six rebounds.

Walker had 19 points and seven boards. Lance Gross added 11 points, including three treys, and four rebounds. Also playing well around the basket was sophomore Tyler Tannehill, who had six rebounds and four steals.

Morris notes that the Steers have a lot to overcome in order to make a playoff push.

"We're in a hole in district now, but we can't sit and pout about it," Morris said. "We've

got to start trying to dig ourselves out of it. We've got to keep playing hard, make some shots and do what it takes to win. It's still early in the district season, so our chances are still out there."

However, the hole could get a little deeper for the Steers when they host ninth-ranked Lubbock Estacado Friday night in Steer Gym.

"It's not going to get any easier," Morris noted. "I've seen Estacado on film and in person and they've got a good basketball team. We're going to be

challenged."

Big Spring 22 10 13 25-70  
Lake View 21 22 14 23-80

Big Spring (0-2, 10-11): Terrance Clemons 20, Lance Gross 11, Jerrell Williams 4, Tyrone Clemons 6, Jason Walker 19, Tyler Tannehill 2, Matt Ritchey 2, Darius McCallister 6.

Lake View (1-0, 11-13): Henry Munoz 6, Seth Riddle 2, James Laulor 17, Chris Blair 14, Matt Hummingbird 3, Michael Moses 8, Paul Mesta 26, Remington Garcia 4.

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## BSHS

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The main sound heard throughout the night was one of the three referee's blowing his or her whistle. Not only was there a massive amount of turnovers, but there was also 53 total fouls called.

However, Lake View found

their way to the free throw line more times, converting 23 of 35 attempts. Meanwhile, Big Spring was just 12 of 24 from the charity stripe.

Lloyd had eight boards in the first half. This is the third consecutive time she's been the game's top rebounder. She's averaging more than six rebounds a game in that span.

"Abbi is one of our better

players. She understands the game," Petty said. "She knows she has to put the ball on the floor and try to make something happen. She does a good job of blocking out and getting some rebounds. I thought she played well tonight."

Joining Lloyd in double digits in scoring was sophomore Linzee Yarbar, who had 10 points. Most of Yarbar's scoring

came from the free throw line where she converted six of eight shots.

Lake View was led by Ariel Najera's 17 points and Mitzi Salgado was perfect from the charity stripe for all 10 of her points.

Big Spring hosts Lubbock Estacado Friday in Steer Gym with tip off scheduled for 6 p.m.

Big Spring 5 12 3 12-32  
Lake View 11 17 11 17-56

Big Spring (0-19, 0-3): Kallina Fletcher 2, Abbi Lloyd 11, Kenzie Hunt 3, Katie Tompkins 1, Linzee Yarbar 10, Crystal Woodson 5.

Lake View (4-20, 1-2): Ariel Najera 17, Brianna Portillo 5, Christina Moses 5, Elayne Simpson 3, Jaelyn Williams 7, Mitzi Salgado 10, Tobi Carney 1.

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## COAHOMA

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Heather Sheppard paced the Bulldogettes with 18 points while Laci Sterling added 13 with Gonzales ending the night with eight points.

Latesha Johnson scored four points to lead the Lady Wolves.

Colorado City 3 2 5 3-13  
Coahoma 14 12 17 6-49

Colorado City (17-9, 5-3): Johnson 4, McDuffie 3, Stewart 2, Guerra 2, Hicks 2.

Coahoma (22-4, 8-0): Berkeley Iden 1, Laci Sterling 13, Janice Gonzalez 8, KaySea Spiller 2,

Christie Rich 7, Heather Sheppard 18.

Notes: In JV action, it was the Bulldogs taking a 31-26 victory thanks in large part to an 11-2 third-quarter scoring margin.

Keaton Mamrtin and Jason Martinez scored seven each for the

Bulldogs while Isaac Arguello and Hunter Williams added five apiece.

The junior Bulldogettes had little trouble dispatching the Lady Wolves, blasting out to a 9-0 lead after one quarter of play on their way to an easy 50-26 win.

K'leigh Gee scored 10 while both Ashley and Jordan Martin and Kaley Fowler scored eight points apiece.

Coahoma will next be in

action as they travel to Stamford to take on the Bulldogs. JV action tips off at 4 p.m. with varsity action to follow immediately afterwards.

## BRIEFS

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By Steve Becker

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♥7  
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♣8 6 3

**WEST**  
♠A 7 5  
♥10 5 4 2  
♦10  
♣K J 9 7 4

**EAST**  
♠1 6 3  
♥9  
♦AK 8 7 6 4 3  
♣10 2

**SOUTH**  
♠Q 8 4  
♥AK Q J 8 6 3  
♦—  
♣A Q 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
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While deception may be frowned upon in everyday life, it has a very definite place in the game of bridge. Indeed, a player who succeeds in pulling the wool over the eyes of an opponent is often roundly congratulated, even by his victim.

Consider this deal from a pairs tournament, which places a premium on getting the maximum out of every deal. South leaped to four hearts after East's three-diamond opening, and West led his singleton diamond.

Declarer covered the ten with dummy's jack, ruffed East's king and drew four rounds of trumps, discarding a club and two diamonds from dummy. The queen of spades was

then led, and West took the ace and returned a spade.

South quite properly finessed the nine, realizing that even if this lost to the jack, the contract was safe, since he could later return to dummy with a spade to discard a club on the fourth spade. This plan would have worked perfectly except for one thing: When the nine was played from dummy, East followed smoothly with the six!

This development naturally convinced declarer that West had the jack of spades, giving him a chance to make two overtricks. So South next led the queen of diamonds from dummy, forcing East to cover with the ace and establishing dummy's nine. After ruffing, South then led his last spade and finessed dummy's ten, planning to discard one club on the king of spades and another on the nine of diamonds.

One can only imagine declarer's chagrin when East produced the jack of spades and returned the ten of clubs. It didn't matter what South did now — he could not avoid losing two clubs plus the two spades already lost, so he finished down one.

After recovering his composure, South did the only thing one can do in these circumstances: He congratulated East wholeheartedly for making such a fine deceptive play, while secretly wishing he'd had the opportunity to do the very same thing himself.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Get tickets for chamber banquet now

Have you gotten your tickets for this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet yet? Well, if you haven't, time's a wastin' because there are only a couple of days left to be sure you can join in the fun.

That's right, the deadline to purchase tickets for the banquet is Friday.

Clearly, the highlight of this year's banquet — as in years past — will be the naming of the Man and Woman of the Year recipients.

This year's banquet will feature a PowerPoint presentation celebrating the assets and accomplishments of Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Howard County. Emcees for the event will be television news anchors Jay Hendricks and Tatum Hubbard from KOSA-TV in Odessa.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A meal will be provided. Tickets are \$25 each and, we can't stress this strongly enough, will be available through Friday. No tickets will be sold after that and none will be available at the door.

Tickets are available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third or you can reserve a ticket by calling 263-7641.

Businesses can get involved by securing a table for \$125. Table sponsors can decorate their table and make it more interesting by offering giveaways (pens, pencils or whatever you like with the company logo on them). Then when individuals come into the coliseum that night, they'll be able to sit at your "sponsored" table and learn more about your company.

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We hope you will come out and join us as we not only salute the chamber of commerce and those staff members and officers, board members and volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a success, but celebrate our entire community's accomplishments of the past year.

As we noted a few days ago, this banquet promises to be both plenty of fun and educational.

We're looking forward to it and believe you'll be sorry if you miss it. So call and reserve those tickets today.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*When our plans dissolve, Lord, may we trust in You and not the world.*

Amen

# Sen. John McCain empowers Latinos

For the past few months, it seemed as if Latino voters had lost their leverage.

When the polls and the pundits gave Sen. John McCain of Arizona up for dead, when they said his presidential campaign was on life-support, Latinos lost their ability to threaten Democrats with a viable GOP alternative.

They could not tell Democrats that they had the option of voting for Republicans such as former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee or Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado because the Democrats know that Latinos are not masochistic. It would have been a joke.

After the way those candidates have pandered to conservative immigration extremists and promoted ethnic intolerance, no one expects them to get significant Latino support. And that includes former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who goes from compassionate to intolerant every other day, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who has turned his back on the illegal immigrants he once defended. Most Latinos would pick any Democrat over them.

Only McCain, with his admirable posture in support of tolerance for diversity and compassion for illegal immigrants, could win a significant portion of the Hispanic vote, especially in some large states that could swing the presidential election.

As long as McCain was down in the polls, the Democrats could afford to take the Latino vote for granted. They had to do absolutely nothing to earn it because it was coming to them by default. And thus, during the past few months as Latinos lost their McCain leverage, the issues that concern them became less visible, "amnesty" became a dirty word and even Democrats tried to pander to the extreme right. Before our very eyes in two separate debates, Sen. Hillary Clinton flipped from supporting to rejecting driver's licenses for illegal immigrants.

And she thought she could do that because she thought McCain was out of the picture. What were Latinos going to do, vote for an immigrant basher? Considering the leading GOP alternatives, she thought she could betray Latinos during the primaries and still get their support in the general election.

But that was before McCain won the New Hampshire GOP primary. Things are quite different now. "Mac is back," McCain supporters are chanting. But so is Latino leverage.

If McCain stays competitive, watch for the Democrats to become more responsive to Latinos and their interests. Perhaps they'll go beyond their usual lip service, especially now that the primaries will start moving through the states where Latinos live.

Democrats know that McCain is the only Republican who can draw enough Latino votes to neutralize what otherwise would be a formidable voting bloc for any Democrat.

But many conservative Republicans apparently refuse to see this.

At the risk of losing GOP control of the White House, they are willing to support candidates who bash illegal immigrants, even if those candidates are likely to lose in November.

Mind you, even McCain has hardened his position on illegal immigration. He says he now recognizes that the American public wants the borders secured before we grant some kind of legalization plan to the noncriminal illegal immigrants who are already here.

Yet because of his reputation as a man of integrity, even when he vows to shut down the borders first, many Latinos trust he is the one who can fix our broken immigration system with the only logical solution: comprehensive reform that stops future illegal immigration, but takes 12 million people out of the shadows.

Because McCain always has stood by his principles and refused to scapegoat immigrants, even in debates where most of his competitors were spreading xenophobia, many Latino voters trust him even more than the "promise anything-and-deliver-nothing"

Democrats.

In fact, Latino voters may make McCain president if he becomes the Republican nominee. And if another Republican gets the nod, so many Latinos will vote Democratic that records will be broken.

Amazingly, after spending months scapegoating Latino illegal immigrants, some GOP presidential hopefuls believe they still can appeal to legal immigrants in the Hispanic community because, as Huckabee put it in a recent debate, "I think there is a great misperception that Hispanic people in this country somehow are soft and weak on immigration; they are not. Those who have come here legally, who have stood in line, who have patiently waited to get in this country are some of the ones who insist that we enforce the law."

Nothing could be farther from the truth! It's not a question of being soft or weak, it's about having compassion for our friends and neighbors. In the Hispanic community, you don't hear people protesting about anyone cutting in front of the immigration line. That is a myth created by people who are against us and then have the gall to try to speak for us.

Sure, you'll find some Latino GOP party loyalists who always will put the interests of their party before those of their own community. And some of them still may be supporting candidates who clearly would be harmful to Latino interests. But to the overwhelming majority of Latinos, especially those who live in the major urban centers of this nation, illegal immigrants are not foreigners who represent some kind of threat; they are our friends and neighbors. Sometimes they are even our relatives.

Those who don't think we will vote to help them are sadly mistaken.

Ironically, from the barrios, Latino Americans who live next door to illegal immigrants may have enough votes to elect the next president. And in the end, immigration may swing this election, but in the opposite way than the conservative candidates expected.

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# Hillary, Bill lose their hold on black voters

As the Democrats barnstorm rough 'n' tumble South Carolina, Hillary Clinton is not so much conjuring a veil of tears as working the trail with honey and occasionally vinegar.

Up against Barack Obama, she is having trouble securing the enormous support her husband achieved among blacks.

The state where blacks constitute 50 percent of registered Democrats offers the first real test of Clinton's strength among black voters, and the primary will play out in the birthplace of her other key rival, Sen. John Edwards.

Both candidates got a snub from the '04 Democratic standard-bearer Sen. John Kerry, who last week threw his public support behind Obama.

Black elected officials, such as Rep. James Clyburn, one of the most influential politicians in South Carolina, have sought to remain neutral, despite growing constituent support for the black presidential candidate.

That became harder to do after a supporter introduced Sen. Clinton in Derry, N.H., and deflated comparisons of Obama to Martin Luther King by instructing that it was the white president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, "who actually" had gotten the civil rights legislation enacted.

"Dr. King's dream began to be realized when President Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act," said Clinton in a follow-up TV interview. "It took a president to get it

done." With Obama running for president, it is difficult to see Clinton's statement other than as a slap at him as a black man, as well as at King's life's work.

With the Clinton camp so controlled, some speculate that the King statement was calculated. Others count it as a Hillary gaffe and are puzzled that she has not cleared it away in recent days.

It might backfire among black Democrats who vote in the state primary Jan. 26. Civil rights veteran a Clyburn, a devotee of King, said that Clinton's statement might tilt him away from her candidacy.

The New York Times quoted the congressman as saying that he had been "bothered a great deal" by the New York senator's remarks and was rethinking his position.

Some speculate that the statement might have been aimed at reinforcing among black voters the notion that a black cannot be elected.

In the Clinton blood sport, we'll see more of this race card, and worse.

Clinton will likely look to her husband to bail her out with black voters. The Clintons work as a team, with Bill, as he did on recently on "Charlie Rose," sometimes taking to the back alley against the character and reputations of her opponents. (That's the show where he said an Obama presidency would be a roll of the dice.)

Bill Clinton's reservoir of good will, however, might not run as deep as some suspect in the black community, notwithstanding the presence of a strong challenge from Obama.

Concerns about Clinton's commitment stem back to the 1992 execution of Ricky Ray Rector, which smacked of political opportunism.

The Arkansas death row inmate had killed a cop in 1981 and turned the gun on himself, blowing away half his brain.

His mental state was so defective that upon being told to prepare for his walk to the death chamber, Rector set aside his dessert of the last meal for his return to the cell.

His death ended a 50-minute ordeal with extra orderlies rushed in to inject the poison into a medicated psychotic, as witnesses covered their ears against his sporadic yells and moaning.

The cruelty may have sated the ambitions of then-Gov. Clinton, who interrupted his '92 campaign to gloat at the execution as proof that he was a moderate Democrat "tough on crime."

However, among some black leaders, the Rector incident left a bad taste that flared occasionally with Clinton's treatment of more mainstream figures.

As with civil rights attorney Lani Guinier, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sister Souljah, and other blacks, Bill Clinton has displayed a mastery of exploiting those he professes to support — or in Hillary's case, to admire.

As the leading partner in Team Clinton's political ambitions, the senator will need all the help she can get from her spouse in South Carolina.

Les Payne is a columnist for *Newsday*.

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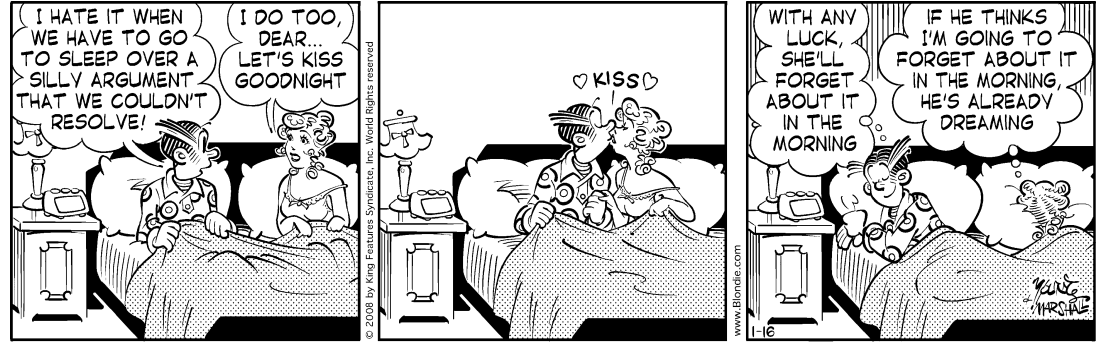


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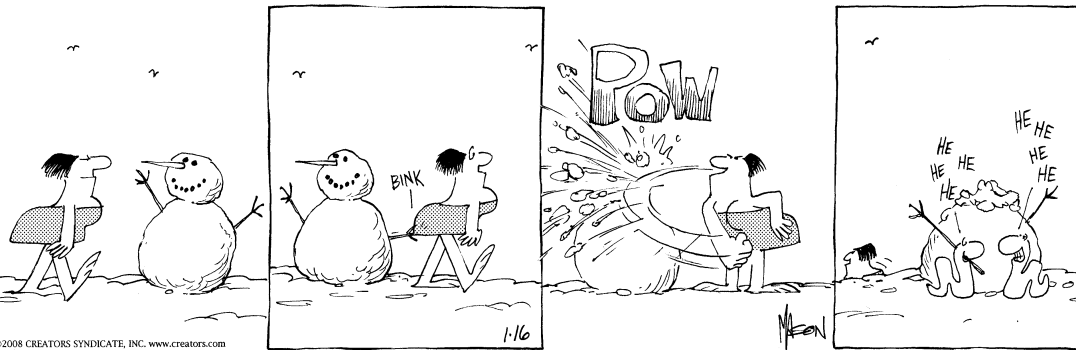
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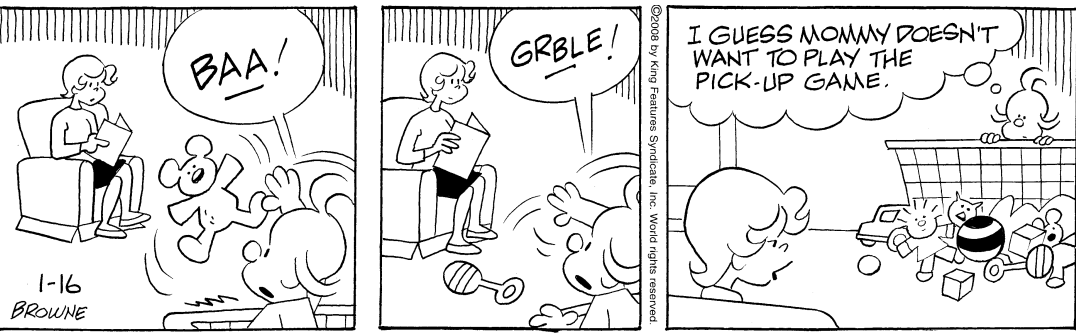
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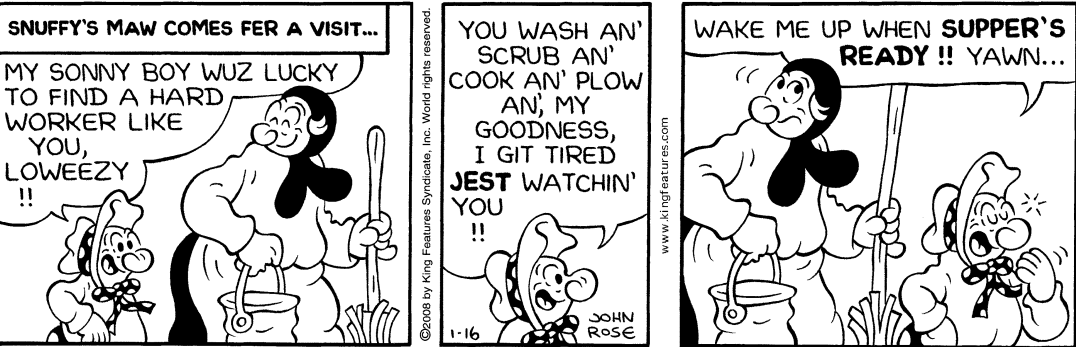
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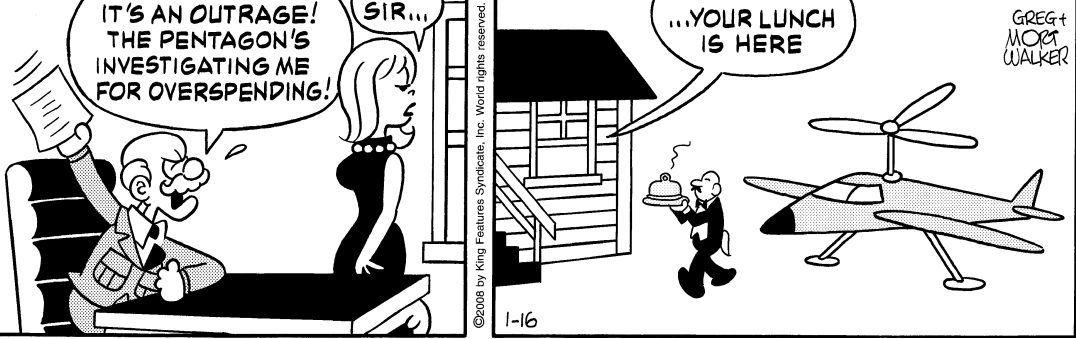
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

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In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London.

In 1957, three B-52's (accompanied at first by two spare aircraft) took off from

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In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first U.S. secretary of transportation.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space...

In 1988, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired as a CBS Sports commentator, one day after telling a Washington, D.C., TV station that, during the era of slavery, blacks had been bred to produce stronger offspring.

In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Kennedy is 80. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 78. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 74. Auto racer A.J. Foyt is 73.

Singer Barbara Lynn is 66. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 65. Country singer Jim Stafford is 64. Talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger is 61. Movie director John Carpenter is 60. Actress-dancer-choreographer Debbie Allen is 58. Singer Sade (shah-DAY) is 49. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxine Jones (En Vogue) is 42. Actor David Chokachi is 40. Actor Richard T. Jones is 36. Actress Josie Davis is 35. Model Kate Moss is 34. Rock musician Nick Valensi (The Strokes) is 27. Actress Yvonne Zima is 19.

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ON THE MOUND by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Italian wine spot, 5 Sponge opening, 9 Andrew of Melrose Place, 13 Not friendly, 14 Less eccentric, 15 Circle dance, 16 Point fingers, 19 Bard's "before", 20 Canyon edges, 21 Prone to fidgeting, 22 Soft seat, 23 Do lab work, 25 Call it quits, 32 Grow tiresome, 33 Sly as a fox, 34 Pub serving, 35 Nobelist Wiesel, 36 Pint-sized, 38 HS jr.'s exam, 39 Right-angle bend, 40 Mucky stuff, 41 "... Brute?", 42 Have a restless night, 47 Sciences' partner, 48 Real scream, 49 Pub serving, 52 Robin Williams role of '82, 53 Lobster Diavolo, 56 Go for ringers, 60 Garfield's pal, 61 Sign of spring, 62 Knock on the noggin, 63 Mrs. Dick Tracy, 64 Patch up, 65 Discontinued GM line, DOWN: 1 Need a rubdown, 2 Like a lemon, 3 Ran like heck, 4 "... bite!", 5 Classic arcade game, 6 Burden, 7 Hi-graphics, 8 Victorian, for one, 9 Japanese religion, 10 Holler's mate, 11 Java holders, 12 "No sweat!" for short, 14 Asimov genre, 17 In \_\_\_ (aligned), 18 Mouth-watering, 22 Ticked off, 23 Like dimes, 24 Hard to hold on to, 25 Canary call, 26 Welcoming word, 27 Racetrack borders, 28 12-year-old, 29 Fritter away, 30 Happify, 31 Abate, as rain, 36 Salon job, 37 Bow-toting god, 38 Hit with hailstones, 40 Jollity, 43 Pasta toppings, 44 Wiped clean, 45 Paddock parents, 46 Absorbs, with "up", 49 Catch a glimpse of, 50 It ebbs and flows, 51 Singer Redding, 52 Sheepish look, 53 April 1 victim, 54 Tear apart, 55 Shows curiosity, 57 Radio user, 58 Vein contents, 59 The Wire network

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You've an ethereal quality now that could prevent people from asking you to do practical tasks. If only you could get away with appearing otherworldly in front of the one who knows you so well.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You know better than to wait for a reason to reach out. Your self-esteem is anything but fragile now. You can bear your soul with no fear of how others will react.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Could you bend the rules, just this once? Well, anyone who asks you to won't ask you just this once. Consider strongly before you go back on the policies that have made your life go well so far.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll convince friends of beliefs they never even would have considered just last week.

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

It's not because you're so influential — rather it's that a new age is dawning and minds are opening to greet it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It's obvious who loves you. But it will be hard to see what's obvious if you are busy trying to be impressive. Relax. Know that you are great. Accept the attention that naturally comes to you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Eighty percent of your success in business depends on one simple skill, and that is the ability to get along with people. You're working well with others now — terrific! Otherwise, your talent and money would be wasted.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Asking too many questions or making too many comments creates problems where there were none. Keep it simple and mostly quiet. Say only what you need to say to solve the issue at hand.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your concepts of peace and equality apply not only to changing the world on a grand scale but also to keeping the peace among friends and family members. It's all in how you say what you say.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People around you have plenty to say, but you prefer to hang back and observe for now. You can command the moment without issuing an actual command. Your silent, strong presence will say it all.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). There is always more than one way to get the job done. Your creativity is strong now, and all synapses of your brain are on "go!" Concentrate your fine energy on the most important matters.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You give fully of yourself, opinions and all. But the key is that you add a lot of humor and charm to your interactions, so no one with an opposing view has a chance to take offense.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you've been worrying about a team project, you can stop now. You do not have to compromise in order to cooperate. Cooperation is mutual effort toward a common goal — not giving up your individuality.

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

Dear Annie: My 15-year-old niece is growing up too fast. "Margit" has been sexually active for at least two years and her mother says, "Everybody does it at that age." I've tried to give Margit friendly advice, suggesting she focus less on boys and more on her education, to no avail.

I live in another country and it's hard to be a major influence. Margit recently posted pictures on a website of a party her mother threw for her and it's obvious that alcohol is flowing freely. Margit's 11-year-old brother is in some of those pictures.

I am angry that my



KATHY MITCHELL  
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sister-in-law is so stupid and I worry Margit is headed for disaster. Should I report this to the police? Would it help straighten them out?

My family tells me to keep out of it and let them make their own mistakes. I just can't overlook the idiocy of their mother. What should I do? — Frantic Aunt

Dear Aunt: We assume Margit's father is your brother. If possible, please talk to him and explain how damaging it is to children when parents encourage promiscuity and drinking. Margit is too young to appreciate the ramifications, but her parents should put their child's interests above their own entertainment. If nothing changes, it would be completely understandable if you

reported the parents to the child welfare authorities so the situation could be looked into. Beyond that, there is nothing you can do but let your niece and nephew know you are just a phone call or e-mail away.

Dear Annie: Eighteen months ago, my husband made a career change that has severely affected our income. This is only temporary, however, as he is in training for a different, well-paying career. I am completely behind him on this.

We have made adjustments to accommodate our change in income level, and my in-laws have helped us because we decided to keep our children in a private Christian school.

Here is where I am baffled. My mom asked me to share in the cost of having a wooden play set built in her yard for my kids. She knows about our financial situation. When I told her we are still figuring out how to pay tuition for the school year, she said we could spare some dollars out of our next tax refund.

I'm really shocked at this request. She has never helped us financially, which I do not expect and absolutely harbor no resentment for because she helps us in other ways. However, I do think she assumes my in-laws will bail us out if we need them. This really bothers me. Am I being too sensitive? — Perplexed in Anytown, USA

Dear Perplexed: Not at all. Your mother should not be asking you to pay for a nice, but unnecessary, item at this time, and such a request indicates she is in denial about your situation. Simply tell her, "Sorry, Mom, we're in no position to add any expenses to our budget right now." If she keeps asking, keep repeating.

Dear Annie: I am a therapist with an interest in Asperger's relationships. It seems to me that "Frustrated Girl," with the "know-it-all" husband, may well be married to a man with Asperger's Syndrome (AS).

While AS is now being diagnosed in children, there are currently generations of adults with the condition who were never diagnosed. The dynamic described in the letter is known as "theory of mind," or mind blindness, in which a person is unable to conceptualize a way of looking at things other than his own.

You are correct that people like this are not apt to change. However, there is support available to their partners through FAAAS, Inc. (Families of Adults Affected by Asperger's Syndrome). — Harriet F. Simons, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Simons: Thank you for the diagnosis. Dozens of readers wrote to say that the Annoying Spouse was suffering from obsessive-compulsive disorder, obsessive-compulsive personality disorder, bipolar disorder, Asperger's, or was just plain mean. We appreciate all the efforts to help.

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# Why not check this out? At the county library

Yes, it is the middle of January and while books and other material will be a little bit slow in arriving, your very favorite librarian is here to tempt you with some new and maybe not-so-new books.

A great patron brought us four or five sacks of books she had purchased the last few months and we are adding quite a few to the collection. The patron loves mysteries and so that is what we received.

Now that I have gotten you all pumped up to come, I bring you a downer. The Library will be closed this Saturday and Monday for the Martin Luther King Day holiday. County offices will also be closed.



**HOLLIS McCRIGHT**

thrilled to be catering, not only a breakfast for the local library, but an elegant dinner for Hermie and Smithfield MacArthur, rich Southern transplants to Aspen Meadow.

But when the body of Drew Wellington, the disgraced former DA, turns up in the library, Goldy is once again forced to put her recipes on the back burner and find the murderer. Readers will happily sink their teeth into Goldy's latest case and come away hungry for more (and don't forget the recipes).

• **"To Trust a Stranger."** While the library had Karen Robard's book in the audio collection, we did not have it in a print edition. It is a bodice ripper at heart and is the equivalent of a box of junk candy. That being the case, for a cold winter's night it should warm you up.

The premise is: Julie Carlson, once a poor girl from the wrong side of the tracks but now the beautiful owner of a successful boutique in Charleston, S.C., seems to have it all. But is that true?

A hit man is circling her mansion and she is convinced that Sid is cheating on her.

Julie is able to slip out of the house before the hit man attacks and, and, and ... You have to read the book to find out how true love solves past mysteries.

• **"The Bone Garden."** Tess Gerritsen's book deftly weaves 19th and 21st century mysteries together. Oliver Wendell Holmes and modern day pathologist Maura Isles team (in a manner of speaking) to solve a mystery dating from 1830 to 2007. Booklist rates it as a passable thriller, but certainly not as good as Gerritsen's previous works.

• **"You've Been Warned."** James Patterson teams with Howard Roughan to write this thriller. Kristin Burns' photography is on display at a prominent Manhattan gallery, she has a great job and her dream man is almost hers. Then why does she have a recurring dream of four body bags being loaded out the home where she is the live-in nanny?

• **"The Chardonnay Charade"** In a review from Booklist, "The Chardonnay Charade" is the second Ellen Crosby's Wine Country mystery. Trying to make a go of the family's Virginia vineyard

after her father's death (see "The Merlot Murders;" the Library has it) is hard enough for amateur sleuth Lucie Montgomery, even without an occasional dead body turning up.

First, Georgia Greenwood, controversial aspiring politician, is found dead at the edge of the vineyard, disfigured by chemicals used on the vines; and then the young man alleged to be her lover disappears. Lucie finds motives abounding among the locals as she seeks the truth.

But she is also worried about losing the head winemaker, her sister's binge drinking, and Lucie is involved with a rich Brit who wants to buy a vineyard. This second entry in Crosby's series is a nicely plotted and well-paced mystery and stands out because of its Civil War-based local history and winemaking detail.

Other mysteries that have been processed are **"Unspeakable"** by Sandra Brown (published in 2001), Larry Burkett's **"The Thor Conspiracy"** (out in 1995) and **"Justice Denied"** (published in 2007) by J.A. Jance. Jance's book takes advantage of

today's new crime methods — it combines the DNA testing along with the automated finger print system and other forensic matters. It will sound very familiar to anyone who watches "CSI" or the "Forensic Files" on truTV (formerly Court TV).

**Oprah's Book Club**  
• **"Pillars of the Earth,"** an older Ken Follett book, has been acquired and is available for checkout. It is an Oprah's Book Club selection and one that I read back when it first came out in 1989. I remember being a little disappointed in it as it was such a departure from his political thrillers. The "sequel" is also available for checkout: "World Without End."

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### Mystery

• **"Sweet Revenge."** First off is No. 14 in the Diane Mott Davidson Goldy Schultz series. "Sweet Revenge" was published in late 2007. In a review from Amazon.Com, Goldy is



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# Turning illness into a fashion statement

By MEGAN K. SCOTT

Associated Press Writer

An arm sling covered with colorful flames. A T-shirt with "Cancer picked the wrong Diva!" splashed across the chest. A medical ID bracelet adorned with Swarovski crystals.

Call this fashionable sickness — turning a disease into a fashion and political statement.

Years ago people were reluctant to share their illnesses, and often went to great lengths to hide them. But today's patients are openly self-deprecating, with T-shirts proclaiming, "I have ADD" and bald heads painted with a favorite sports team logo. They are making their disabilities cool with hot pink walkers, canes with plastic daisies and cast covers imprinted with graffiti.

"Like the old adage says 'life happens,'" says Karen Larde, the Atlanta bureau chief for the fashioninsider.com. "Well so do illnesses. If we must at some point be ill, why not look good doing it?"

## NEW HONESTY

Experts aren't sure what to call this new open attitude about illness. But they credit television, the Internet, celebrities, and the need to raise money and awareness for diseases.

"Morning television and Oprah, settings where empathy existed, that really said, 'it's OK for me to have an illness,'" says Rich Hanley, director of graduate programs at Quinnipiac University's school of communications. "Pop culture has embraced personal narratives."

And whether it's Lance Armstrong fighting cancer or Brooke Shields and postpartum depression, celebrities show people that it's OK to tell the world what they are going through, says Rhoda Weiss, a national health care consultant in Santa Monica, Calif.

"The hipness is also indicative of a new freedom of expression that came out of the Internet," she says. "Being able to talk about your disease has a freeing-like affect on the victim both on the Net and in front of others."

Combine all of that with the sophisticated marketing of diseases — ribbons, awareness months, walks, and colors — and the illness becomes a pop culture statement, says Hanley.

## OWNING THE ILLNESS

People who broadcast their illnesses are not looking for pity and are not in denial about the seriousness of their disease, says breast oncologist Dr. Alejandra Perez, who sees patients wearing everything from slo-



AP Photo/Michelle Kirk  
**Collin Brady, 10, demonstrates the Sling Pop child's arm sling by Broken Beauties.**

nosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2006 that had spread to her liver and bones. She has weekly chemo treatments.

"You are giving affirmation to the fact that it does suck, and it's OK to suck but nonetheless you can look good and feel good," says Silverman, 38, mother of two. "It's my goal for people not to look at me and cry. Look at me and see that I am doing all the things you need to do to have a life."

## FEELING GOOD CAN LOOK GOOD

"Medical fashion accessories" can actually look good, too.

Lorry Gregory wasn't too thrilled with the canes she found when a fall a decade ago triggered a case of arthritis. So the former tennis pro and part-time Naples, Fla., resident began making and selling her own canes.

"It picks their spirits up like it picked up mine," says Gregory, who is known as the Cane Lady. "Oh thank goodness, I don't have to use that ugly cane."

Gregory has bedecked canes with butterflies, cows, pigs, footballs and feathers. She has holiday-themed

gated T-shirts to pink wigs to no wig at all.

"For our patients it is very, very important to show the world that even though they have cancer, they are fighters," says Perez, co-director for the Memorial Regional Hospital Breast Cancer Center in Hollywood, Fla. "They are not victims."

Her patient Suzie Silverman says that is the message she wants to convey when she wears her 'cancer sucks' tank top. She was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2006 that had spread to her liver and bones. She has weekly chemo treatments.

canes, such as red, white and blue with stars and flags for the Fourth of July and red, green and gold with Santa Claus figures for Christmas. She even has a cane with toy money and dice for Las Vegas. People can order custom canes as well, she says.

Stylish bracelets, necklaces and a watch from CreativeMedicalID.com changed Renee Rhoades attitude about having to wear a medical ID bracelet. She was worried about being branded as a sick person.

"I feel like a diva when I wear them," says Rhoades, who lives in Richmond and has diabetes. "I went from feeling self-conscious about being tagged with something for the rest of my life to 'So, what bracelet do I get to wear today?'"

There are dozens of fashionable medical ID bracelets; 14K gold-filled with sterling silver beads, braided leather with sterling silver clasps, sterling silver watches with Bali beads. The actual Medical ID Tag is stainless steel and goes on the inside of the wrist. The tags can be engraved with any medical condition, whether it's diabetes or peanut allergy.

For children, the bracelets are a self-esteem booster, says Denise Gaskill, co-founder of Lauren's Hope, which sells fashionable medical ID bracelets.

"A lot of the other kids will say, 'what a pretty bracelet' instead of 'what's wrong with you?'" she says.

## FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

Some diseases, such as sexually transmitted ones, still remain deeply personal.

But a positive attitude, whether private or public, can go a long way in dealing with illness, oncologist Perez says.

That's what got Taylor Dettore, 17, through 18 months of chemo at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She did things like paint her head and draw a smile on her distended belly.

"I wanted to have fun with it, and I wanted to make other children laugh, and say that you can have a good time even if you are going through a bad one," she says.

Silverman says her cancer gear shows her resolve to fight.

"I could crawl into my bed and put the covers over my head and die," she says. "Or I could live. I need to live."

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# BABY BOOMLET

## More U.S. babies born, fertility rate up, defying low-birth trend in Europe

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — Bucking the trend in many other wealthy industrialized nations, the United States seems to be experiencing a baby boomlet, reporting the largest number of children born in 45 years. The nearly 4.3 million births in 2006 were mostly due to a bigger population, especially a growing number of Hispanics. That group accounted for nearly one-quarter of all U.S. births. But non-Hispanic white women and other racial and ethnic groups were having more babies, too.

An Associated Press review of birth numbers dating to 1909 found the total number of U.S. births was the highest since 1961, near the end of the baby boom. An examination of global data also shows that the United States has a higher fertility rate than every country in continental Europe, as well as Australia, Canada

and Japan. Fertility levels in those countries have been lower than the U.S. rate for several years, although some are on the rise, most notably in France.

Experts believe there is a mix of reasons: a decline in contraceptive use, a drop in access to abortion, poor education and poverty.

**"Americans like children. We are the only people who respond to prosperity by saying, 'Let's have another kid.'"**

There are cultural reasons as well. Hispanics as a group have higher fertility rates — about 40 percent higher than the

U.S. overall. And experts say Americans, especially those in middle America, view children more favorably than people in many other Westernized countries.

"Americans like children. We are the only people who respond to prosperity by saying, 'Let's have another kid,'" said Nan Marie Astone, associate professor of population, family and reproductive health at Johns Hopkins University.

Demographers say it is too soon to know if the sudden increase in births is the start of a trend.

"We have to wait and see. For now, I would call it a noticeable blip," said Brady Hamilton, a statistician with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Demographers often use the word boomlet for a small and brief baby boom.

To many economists and policymakers, the increase in births is good news. The U.S. fertility

rate — the number of children a woman is expected to have in her lifetime — reached 2.1. That's the "magic number" required for a population to replace itself.

Countries with much lower rates — such as Japan and Italy, both with a rate of 1.3 — face future labor shortages and eroding tax bases as they fail to reproduce enough to take care of

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**BABIES**

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their aging elders. But the higher fertility rate isn't all good. Last month, the CDC reported that America's teen birth rate rose for the first time in 15 years.

The same report also showed births becoming more common in nearly every age and racial or ethnic group. Birth rates increased for women in their 20s, 30s and early 40s, not just teens. They rose for whites, blacks, Hispanics, American Indians and Alaska Natives. The rate for Asian women stayed about the same.

Total births jumped 3 percent in 2006, the largest single-year increase since 1989, according to the CDC's preliminary data.

Clearly, U.S. birth rates are not what they were in the 1950s and early 1960s, when they were nearly twice as high and large families were much more common. The recent birth numbers are more a result of many women having a couple of kids each, rather than a smaller number of mothers, each bearing several children, Astone said.

Demographers say there has been at least one boomlet before, around 1990, when annual U.S. births broke 4.1 million for two straight years before dropping to about 3.9 million in the mid-1990s. Adolescent child-bearing was up at the time, but so were births among other groups, and experts aren't sure what explained that bump.

The 2006 fertility rate of 2.1 children is the highest level since 1971. To be sure, the fertility rate among Hispanics — 3 children per woman — has been a major contributor. That's the highest rate for any group. In 2006, for the first time, Hispanics accounted for more than 1 million births.

The high rate probably reflects cultural attitudes toward childbirth developed in other countries, experts said. Fertility rates average 2.7 in Central America and 2.4 in South America.

Fertility rates often rise among immigrants who leave their homelands for a better life. For example, the rate among Mexican-born women in the U.S. is 3.2, but the overall rate for Mexico is just 2.4, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a Washington-based research organization.

"They're more opti-

**Man charged with DWI on a mower**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A New Zealand man has been charged with driving a lawn mower while drunk, police said Tuesday.

Richard Gunn, 52, was driving the lawn mower down a street in the northern New Zealand town of Dargaville late Monday evening when police stopped him, police spokeswoman Sarah Kennett said.

Gunn's breath alcohol level was at more than twice the legal limit for drivers, police said, and he previously had lost his driver's license.

Gunn said he has been using the lawn mower to get around town since losing his license.

"I thought I was safe," he told TV One News.

Even bicycles went faster than the lawn mower's 5 mph, he said. "I've watched them go past me."

Police impounded the lawn mower for 28 days.

mistic about their future here," said Jeff Passel, a Pew Center demographer. Some complain that many illegal immigrants come here purposely to have children.

"The child is an automatic American citizen, thus entitled to all benefits of American citizens. This gives a certain financial incentive for people coming from other countries illegally to have children here," said John Vinson, president of the Virginia-based American Immigration Control Foundation.

Fertility rates were also relatively high for other racial and ethnic groups. The rate rose to 2.1 for blacks and nearly 1.9 for non-Hispanic whites in 2006, according to the CDC.

Fertility levels tend to decline as women become better educated and gain career opportunities, and as they postpone child-birth until they are older. Experts say those factors, along with the legalization of abortion and the expansion of contraception options, explain why the U.S. fertility rate dropped to its lowest point — about 1.7 — in 1976.

But while fertility declines persisted in many other developed nations, the United States saw the reverse: The fertility rate climbed to 2 in 1989 and has hovered around that mark since then, according to federal birth data.

Kohler and others say the difference has more to do with culture than race.

For example, white American women have more children than white European — even though many nations in Europe have more family-friendly government policies on parental leave and child care.

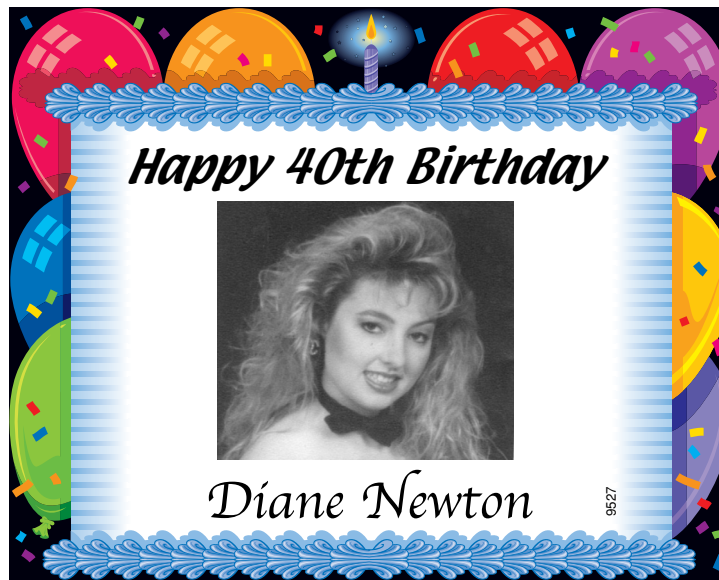
But such policies are just one factor in creating a society that produces lots of babies, said Duke University's S. Philip Morgan, a leading fertility researcher.

Other factors include recent declines in contraceptive use here; limited access to abortion in some states; and a 24/7 economy that provides opportunities for mothers to return to work, he said.

Also, it is more common for American women to have babies out of wedlock and more common for couples here to go forward with unwanted pregnancies. And, compared with nations like Italy and Japan, it's more common for American husbands to help out with chores and child care.

There are regional variations in the United States. New England's fertility rates are more like Northern Europe's. American women in the Midwest, South and certain mountain states tend to have more children.

The influence of certain religions in those latter regions is an important factor, said Ron Lesthaeghe, a Belgian demographer who is a visiting professor at the University of Michigan. "Evangelical Protestantism and Mormons," he said.



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## News briefs

### Romney scores convincing Michigan GOP victory

DETROIT (AP) — Mitt Romney scored his first major primary victory Tuesday, a desperately needed win in his native Michigan that gave his weakened presidential candidacy new life. It set the stage for a wide-open Republican showdown in South Carolina in just four days.

Three GOP candidates now have won in the first four states to vote in the 2008 primary season, roiling a nomination fight that lacks a clear favorite as the race moves south for the first time.

The former Massachusetts governor defeated John McCain, the Arizona senator who was hoping that independents and Democrats would join Republicans to help him repeat his 2000 triumph here. Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, trailed in third, and former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson is making a last stand in South Carolina.

"It's a victory of optimism over Washington-style pessimism," Romney said in an Associated Press telephone interview from Southfield, Mich., echoing his campaign speeches and taking a poke at McCain, the four-term senator he beat. "Now on to South Carolina, Nevada, Florida."

Minimizing the significance of Tuesday's vote, McCain said he had called Romney to congratulate him "that Michigan welcomed their native son with their support."

### Capitol Hill food fight threatens emergency aid for millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is fighting congressional efforts to slash the amount of emergency food aid the United States provides around the world, saying the cuts could hurt as many as 8 million people in dire need.

Members of Congress argue that the reductions in aid, which are included in both the House-passed and Senate-passed versions of a new five-year farm bill, are necessary to ensure there are enough dollars for longer-term projects that they say are equally, if not more, important because they can prevent drought,

famine and other catastrophes in developing countries.

But the administration says they would hamstring the U.S. humanitarian response to global crises and the U.S. ability to reduce suffering among the world's most impoverished people.

The debate cuts to the heart of philosophical differences over foreign aid and, for some, touches on the age-old question of whether it is better to give a man a fish to feed himself immediately or teach a man to fish so he can eat for years to come.

At issue are provisions in both versions of the farm bill that would set strict limits on the amount the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development can spend on "emergency" and "non-emergency" food assistance overseas.

### Caller pleaded with dispatcher for help during tiger attack

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — "It's a matter of life and death!" the caller screamed, but a 911 dispatcher said there was a delay: Paramedics needed to make sure the tiger loose in the San Francisco Zoo wasn't going to attack them.

Either Paul or Kulbir Dhaliwal made the 911 call from outside a zoo cafe on Dec. 25, asking that a helicopter be brought in to rescue his brother, according to a recording of the call released Tuesday.

By the time the call heard on the nearly seven-minute recording ends, the escaped Siberian tiger already had killed the Dhaliwals' friend, 17-year-old Carlos Sousa Jr., outside the ani-

mal's enclosure and was creeping closer to the cafe.

"At the cafe, we have the tiger!" an officer shouts into his radio just after 5:27 p.m., according to a recording of police dispatch traffic, about four minutes after the call between the brother and the 911 dispatcher ends. "We have the tiger attacking the victim!"

Less than a minute later, another call comes over the radio to stop shooting.

"We have the cat. We shot the cat," an officer says. "The victim is being attended to."

### Apple takes foothold in online movie rentals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple Inc. has redoubled its effort to distribute movies online, gaining a foothold in a promising but unproven business that could eventually bolster its other core products.

The tech giant launched a movie rental service at its online iTunes Store Tuesday and won the alliances of all six major movie studios to supply content.

Under terms similar to those at other online movie providers, rental prices range from \$2.99 for library titles, \$3.99 for new releases, and \$1 extra for high-definition versions. The movies are ready to watch almost instantly over a high-speed Internet connection, and users have a 24-hour period to watch each movie once they start it.

The service, which launched in the U.S. on Tuesday and will roll out internationally later this year, will work on Macs, Windows-based machines, iPhones, iPods

or the Apple TV set-top box.

### Troubled actor Brad Renfro found dead in his Los Angeles home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Brad Renfro, whose career began promisingly with a childhood role in "The Client" but rapidly faded as he struggled with drugs and alcohol, was found dead in his home. He was 25.

Paramedics pronounced him dead at 9 a.m. Tuesday, said Craig Harvey, chief investigator for the Los Angeles County coroner's office. The cause of death was not immediately determined, Harvey said, but an autopsy could be conducted as early as Wednesday.

Renfro had reportedly been drinking with friends the evening before his death, Harvey said.

### Mother, boyfriend charged in infant's bathtub drowning

TYLER (AP) — A mother and her boyfriend have been charged with manslaughter after the woman's 9-month-old son drowned when he was left unattended in a bathtub,

police said.

Elizabeth Marie McMurray, 21, and Robert Ray Kassube, 46, are accused of placing Joshua Michael McMurray and his 19-month-old brother in a bathtub and then leaving the room on Saturday.

The couple called for help after discovering Joshua face down in the water and not breathing. He was pronounced dead at East Texas Medical Center, Tyler police said in a news release.

"We had enough probable cause from their statements to believe they were reckless in their manner, which caused the death of the infant," Officer Don Martin said.

Child Protective Services took custody of the 19-month-old boy on Saturday, police said.

While investigating the couple's apartment, police found numerous types of pills in plastic bags. The pills were later identified as different types of prescription pills, including pain killers, anxiety medications and muscle relaxers, police said.

In addition to manslaughter, McMurray and Kassube were charged with endangering a child and three counts of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance.

The two were being held at the Smith County jail with bond set at \$2.3 million each, police said.

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# Area roundup: Garden City, Grady sweeping through district

By EVAN JANSA

Special to the Herald

## GARDEN CITY

Garden City's Lady Bearkats justified their No. 16 ranking Tuesday night with a resilient 48-28 victory over the visiting Water Valley Lady Wildcats. The win improved Garden City's district record to 3-1.

Garden City quickly erased an 8-7 deficit at the onset of the second quarter with superior sharpshooting from its guards. Junior Macy Schwartz scored the first two baskets for the Lady Kats, hitting two consecutive 3-pointers and giving Garden City the lead.

A few possessions later sophomore Paige Niehues added another long range basket making the score 18-12. It was a lead the Lady Kats would not relinquish.

The second quarter scoring outburst was welcomed by Garden City Head Coach Brent Kirkland after a dismal first quarter performance.

"We played better defense and it always helps to make some outside shots," Kirkland said.

The Lady Kats' attack was bolstered by the solid play of senior point guard Lyza Lopez, who had a

game-high 12 points. Brittney Chudej and Schwartz each added nine apiece.

The Lady Kats return to action in Sterling City Friday night.

**Garden City** 7 17 10 14—48

**Water Valley** 8 10 6 4—28

**Garden City (17-5, 3-1):** Lyza Lopez 12, Brittney Chudej 9, Macy Schwartz 9, Morgan Schwartz 8, Paige Niehues 5, Whitney Kellermeier 4.

**Water Valley:** Ham 10, Hutchins 10, Rogers 3, Brown 2, McCain 2, Bain 1.

## Bearkats 51, Water Valley 39

Behind a 17-point effort from senior Eric Hirt, the Garden City Bearkats defeated the Water Valley Wildcats 51-39 Tuesday night. The Bearkats now have a stranglehold on the District 11-A lead, possessing the only undefeated record in the six-team district at 3-0.

After a Hirt basket gave the Kats their first basket in the third quarter and a 29-24 lead at the 2:30 mark, Garden City ratcheted up the intensity with full-court pressure and never looked back.

"We decided to run because sitting back and controlling the tempo was obviously not working," Garden City Head Coach Koby Abney said.

Holding a 32-27 lead at the beginning of the final frame, the Kats' offense

exploded for 19 points with senior Bo Eggemeyer closing out the game with clutch free throws and timely baskets in the final two minutes.

Joining Hirt in double digits was Eggemeyer with 12 points and Wade Jansa with 11.

The Bearkats will take their show on the road Friday in Sterling City.

**Garden City** 17 10 5 19—51

**Water Valley** 11 9 7 12—39

**Garden City:** Eric Hirt 17, Bo Eggemeyer 12, Wade Jansa 11, Jake Schwartz 6, Brett Chudej 3, Jesse Montes 2.

**Water Valley:** Smith 19, Goonhonguer 10, Flores 5, Doss 3, Franke 2.

## Grady 43, Sands 24

In a battle of state-ranked girls basketball teams Tuesday night in Lenorah, the No. 19 Grady Lady Wildcats remained perfect in Class A Division II, District 8 play, defeating the No. 20 Sands Lady Mustangs, 43-24.

Grady led by a mere 2 points at halftime after overcoming a 1-point first-period deficit. However, the Lady Wildcats came out of the locker room firing on all cylinders, outscoring Sands 12-2.

Eva Dyck put up a game-high 16 points and Linsey Chavez scored 12.

Only three Lady Mustangs found their way into the scorebook. Brittini Blagrove led Sands with 10 points.

Grady continues its pursuit of a perfect district season Thursday with a visit to Wellman-Union.

**Sands** 9 7 2 6—24

**Grady** 7 11 12 13—43

**Sands (18-5, 2-2):** Stockton 5, Brittini Blagrove 10, Ruiz 9.

**Grady (18-6, 4-0):** Eva Dyck 16, Linsey Chavez 12, Kandace Schuelke 1, Sam Rodriguez 5, Kenzie Madison 9.

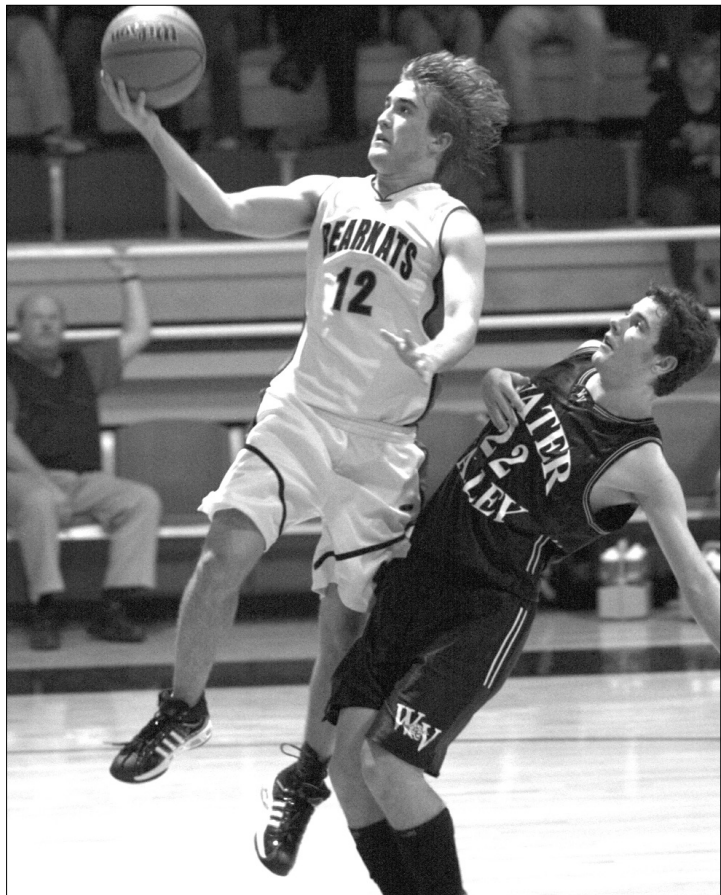
## Wildcats 55, Mustangs 38

Grady's Wildcats keep ascending up the Class A, Division II boys' basketball state polls. This past week, they jumped from the eighth-ranked squad to sixth and there's no sign of the Wildcats' rise to the top coming to an end any time soon.

However, Grady hasn't had to ascend to the top of the District 8 standings this season. The Wildcats have held command of the league from the start. They furthered their dictatorship Tuesday night, remaining undefeated in district play, 55-38.

Leading 28-20 at the intermission, Grady outscored Sands 14-6 in the third period, giving the Wildcats a 16-point lead and assurance of

another victory.



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz  
Garden City's Bo Eggemeyer (12) draws contact from a Water Valley defender as he goes up for a layup in the Bearkats' 51-39 win Tuesday in Water Valley.

Wellman.

Justin Tubb led all scorers with 19 points. Jacob Rodriguez chipped in 14 and Dylan Cox added 11.

For Sands, Seth Fry led with 11 points. Ethan Zant contributed 10 and Johnny Rogers had nine.

Grady faces Wellman-Union Thursday in

**Sands** 8 12 6 12—38

**Grady** 10 18 14 13—55

**Sands (15-4, 2-2):** Johnny Rogers 9, Xavier Elizondo 4, Seth Fry 11, Mason Parker 4, Ethan Zant 10.

**Grady (13-1, 4-0):** Tommylee Rivas 6, Dylan Cox 11, Justin Tubb 19, Jacob Rodriguez 14, Leighton Fields 3, Lane Shands 2.

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