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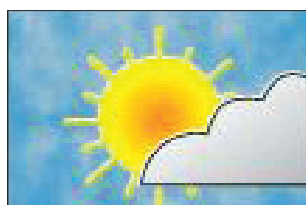
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Bond projects focus for city

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Bond projects will be the topic of choice Tuesday night when the Big Spring City Council meets. Butch Davis, engineer with

Parkhill Smith & Cooper and coordinator for the city's ongoing bond projects, will update the council on the projects approved by voters in 2006. The most pressing related

business will most likely be the award of bid for the contractor to handle the street bond project, which aims to renovate many of the downtown area's roadways. "This will be the final proj-

ect from the 2006 bond election the citizens approved. In this project we plan to repave about 42 blocks of city streets, along Main Street, Scurry Street and the downtown area," Davis told the council

during his last meeting with the group. "With that project we'll be doing various sidewalk improvements, as well as ADA curb ramps, and See **CITY**, Page 3



AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File

Jeff Kindler, chairman and CEO of Pfizer, speaks at the World Business Forum in New York. Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc. is buying rival drug-maker Wyeth in a \$68 billion cash-and-stock deal that could reshape the drug development industry.

Pfizer to purchase Wyeth for \$68 billion Will cut more than 8,000 jobs

By **LINDA A. JOHNSON**
and **DAMIAN J. TROISE**

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc. is buying rival drugmaker Wyeth in a \$68 billion deal that will increase its revenue by 50 percent, solidify its No. 1 rank in the troubled industry and transform it from a pure pharmaceutical company into a diversified health care giant.

At the same time, Pfizer announced cost cuts that include slashing more than 8,000 jobs as it prepares for an expected revenue crash when its cholesterol drug Lipitor — the world's top-selling medicine and source of one-quarter of Pfizer's revenue — loses pat-

ent protection in November 2011.

The cash-and-stock deal, expected to close at the end of the third quarter or in the fourth quarter, comes as Pfizer's profit takes a brutal hit from a \$2.3 billion legal settlement over allegations it marketed certain products for indications that have not been approved. The New York-based company is also cutting 10 percent of its work force of 81,900, slashing its dividend, and reducing the number of manufacturing sites from 46 to 41. Those closures, and reducing its facilities square footage by about 15 percent, will cost about

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Relay For Life teams continue to get ready

By **NANCY KOGER**

Special to the Herald

Are you ready to Relay? Although the annual Relay For Life event isn't until May 15-16, the activities that have made Howard/Glasscock County Relay one of the top dollars per capita events in

the nation have already begun.

At the January meeting of the Relay event committee, Co-chair Jenny Sayles received a banner from Regional Community Manager Emery Blanton designating the local relay in the top 10

percent (per capita donations) in the United States. She mentioned that she uses the Big Spring event as an example of how to organize and run a Relay when she speaks to other communities.

Prior to the committee meeting, Team Recruitment Chair

Howard Stewart met with captains and prospective captains of Relay teams, the driving force of every Relay. Stewart spoke to committee members, saying that he hopes to have exciting speakers for each month's team captain meeting.

"For the February 10 meeting, we're going to have our regional Heroes of Hope, Rebecca Sorola and Sue Sorrels, from San Angelo. We want anyone thinking of starting a team or who wants to be on

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Impeachment trial to proceed without Ill. Gov. Blagojevich

By **CHRISTOPHER WILLS**

Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich, taking his defense to television rather than his impeachment trial, lashed out at his accusers Monday and revealed he had considered naming Oprah Winfrey to the U.S. Senate.

The embattled governor told ABC's "Good Morning America" that the idea of nominating the talk show host came to him as he explored potential candidates for the job that federal prosecutors allege he tried to sell to the highest bidder.

"She seemed to be someone who would help Barack Obama in a sig-

nificant way become president," he said. "She was obviously someone with a much broader bully pulpit than other senators."

The governor worried, though, that the appointment of Winfrey might come across as a gimmick and that the talk show host was unlikely to accept.

In the end, Blagojevich appointed former Illinois attorney general Roland Burris to the vacant seat.

The revelation that Winfrey was considered came just hours before his impeachment trial was set to get under way in Springfield. The

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AP Photo/Paul Beaty

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich leaves his home in Chicago, Sunday, carrying a biography of Winston Churchill before flying to New York to appear on national television shows.

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COMPLETE STORY

Obituaries

Teddy Molina Jr.



Teddy Molina Jr., 55, of Big Spring passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness. Vigil Services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Teddy was born June 19, 1953, to Tereso R. and Lupe V. Molina. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and Holy Trinity Church, and he was a Cursillista.

Teddy was a veteran of the Armed Forces, having served in the U.S. Army. His former employers were Shroyer Motor Company, Gamco, Veterans Administration Medical Center and Cunningham Oil Company.

Teddy is survived by his mother, Lupe V. Molina of Big Spring; three sons, Teddy Molina III and wife Belinda, Thomas Molina and wife Brandy, all of Big Spring, and Sgt. Tobias Molina and wife Robin of Ft. Hood; grandchildren, Jonathan, Rian, Levi, Christopher, Breezy, Bailee, Mathew, Teodora and Izaia; six sisters, Virginia Rodriguez and husband Pano, Mary T. Montana, Rita Franco and husband Ramon, Janie Porras and husband Pascual Jr., Louise Ann Molina and Rocky Torres, and Amy Baeza and husband Sonny, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Joseph Molina and wife Sarah, and Mark Molina and wife Debra, all of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was also survived by the love of his life, Dianna Valdez, and her children, Juanita, Anita and Jesus; and his good friends Ann Cunningham and Elmus Hill.

Teddy was preceded in death by his father, Tereso R. Molina; grandparents, Jesus and Nicholasa Molina, and Virginia Valverde and Jose Salazar.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Molina, Pascual Porras Jr., Richard Gomez, Val Macias, Israel Martinez Jr. and Sonny Baeza. Honorary pallbearers will be Sergio and Mark Anthony Molina.

Teddy was an avid fisherman and a talented musician. He loved to cook for his family. His generosity was enormous and his love for his children, grandchildren and family was unyielding. Teddy will be greatly missed.

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

Paid obituary

Michael D. 'Smitty' Smith



Michael D. "Smitty" Smith, 51, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at his residence. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at 800 Tonn Rd., 15 miles south on U.S. 87, three miles past the Forsan turn-off. Turn left on Allen Rd., then right on Tonn Road. The house has a red roof.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1958, in Lubbock. Michael had served in the United States Army for two years and then served in the Texas National Guard. He worked at Big Spring FCI for more than 20 years, most recently as a counselor.

Survivors include two sons, Jason Smith of Midland and Dustin Smith of Lubbock; his mother, Linda Mitchell; one sister, Cynthia Smith; and two brothers, Lennie D. Smith and Rodney D. Smith, all of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Smiley Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Order of Eagles Michael D. Smith Fund, 2719 Long Grove Dr., Marietta, Ga. 30062.

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

Paid obituary

Johnanna Crow

Johnanna Crow, 78, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Class of 2010 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the high school library to discuss the prom. For more information, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

• The Howard County Pachyderm Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 29, at noon at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road. Lunch may be purchased for a nominal fee. Come and join us. Contact Melanie Gambrell for more information at (432) 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

Police blotter

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

- **TRAVIS TROY CALLAWAY**, 21, of 1321 Elm, was arrested Saturday on charges of speeding and failure to appear.
- **UT VAN NGUYEN**, 40, of McKinney, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PAULA SUE BAKER**, 49, transient, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 29, of 807 Avenue I, was arrested Sunday on an Austin parole warrant.
- **JUAN ORTIZ JR.**, 28, of 1407 Virginia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 300 block of Owens.
 - in the 1800 block of Fifth Street.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 3700 block of Hamilton.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd. Police officials say the shooting was not gang related.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad.
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - in the 700 block of 15th Street.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RUBEN AGUIRRE DOMINGUEZ**, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — second offense.
- **ANDREA LEEANN HILARIO**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid — enhanced.
- **JONATHAN CORTEZ**, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated — open container and charges of driving while intoxicated — second offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- **FRANKIE JUAREZ**, 39, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- **PRISCELLA LOPEZ RODRIGUEZ**, 53, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid — enhanced.
- **ARMANDO LOPEZ**, 38, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying an expired inspection certificate.
- **BOBBY SHAWN REID**, 28, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.
- **JESSIE DELGADO JR.**, 23, as arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ**, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense and driving while license invalid.
- **RAYMOND OVERTON JR.**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole.
- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ**, 46, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Main Street. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2100 block of Callinhan. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Carol. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Colgate. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Presidio. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported approximately seven miles north on FM 820. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2700 block of E. 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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News briefs

Obama to order review that could give states power over car emission standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plunging into energy policy, President Barack Obama is poised to give states a freer hand in curbing emissions from cars, and to get his government moving on fuel-efficiency standards that could remake the auto industry.

Obama will announce his plans Monday at the White House, according to officials familiar with the details who spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid pre-empting the president.

The attention to energy comes as Obama heads into his first full week as president, with an agenda dominated by economic woes and a push to get a

huge stimulus plan through Congress.

In one key move, Obama is aiming toward letting California and other states set their own tailpipe emission standards, a tool for reducing the gases that contribute to global warming.

And in the other, Obama will order the Transportation Department to enact short-term rules on how automakers can improve fuel efficiency of their new models based on a 2007 law.

Congress takes up nominee, economic stimulus package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is set to tackle the economy this week by considering President Barack Obama's choice to head the Treasury De-

partment and by acting on legislation to spur economic growth.

The Senate could confirm Timothy Geithner as Treasury secretary as early as Monday, after delaying a vote because Geithner failed to pay some of his federal taxes earlier this decade. Geithner settled his delinquent taxes shortly before Obama nominated him, and senators from both parties have said they expect him to be confirmed. Geithner would oversee the financial industry bailout approved by Congress.

Senate committees are to take up the economic stimulus package Tuesday and the full House is to vote on its version of the \$825 billion plan Wednesday. The packages dedicate about two-thirds to new government spending and the rest to tax cuts.

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if we're able to do all of the curb ramps we have in this project, it will be right at 100 ramps that will be installed. It also includes street-scape improvements, at least as much as the budget will allow."

Davis said the effort has been broken up into several alternative projects, allowing the city to take the bond project as far as its budget will carry it.

"We anticipate having about \$7.6 million available for construction," said Davis. "We're hoping that will give us enough to do all the items in the bid pack-

age. We've broken it into several alternatives we'll be able to award as the budget allows."

And while improvements to the rough and aging roadways in downtown Big Spring will certainly be embraced by local motorists, Davis said the project has the potential to be a pain-in-the-neck to residents during its 13-month construction time.

"Construction is expected to take approximately 13 months, so we're targeting April 1, 2010, as our completion date. This is probably going to be the most visible of the bond projects, and probably cause the most public inconvenience, so it could become the most vocal and most

controversial. However, it's a project that's very much needed."

Davis is also to discuss other ongoing bond projects, including the construction of the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, repairs to the Northside Elevated Reservoir and construction of an annex for the municipal animal control facility.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is to consider joining a community wide, multi-agency project that would hire a grant writer to serve many of the local government entities.

The plan currently being considered by local agencies, according to County Judge Mark Barr, would call for the Big Spring Independent

School District, Howard College, Howard County, the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring EDC to donate \$20,000, and Coahoma ISD and For-san ISD will donate \$10,000 each.

Several other local agencies, including Howard County and Big Spring ISD, have recently shown their support for the position.

Barr said the grant writer would work for the agencies through the Texas Workforce Network, but would be dedicated to the agencies that are funding the endeavor.

"There are a lot of grants for education," said Barr. "The education system in Texas is aimed at kids that are going to be going to col-

lege. As we all know, not everyone goes to college. There are things out there that people that don't go to college can do very successfully. One of the things the grant writer would be looking at is developing a program for these drop outs to learn a trade, like electricity and welding, or plumbing. We would work in conjunction with Howard College on this.

"The grant writer would be working for the Workforce (Network). They would have their office here in Big Spring and would exclusively be working for Howard County entities. We (the entities) would pay for her salary and for the office."

The meeting will get

under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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

PFIZER

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\$6 billion before taxes, of which \$1.5 billion has been incurred, Pfizer said.

The company did not specify which plants it would close.

Job cuts at Pfizer will begin in the first quarter and are to be complete by 2011, according to company spokesman Ray Kerins. Cuts will include most departments, from administration in sales to manufacturing and research.

"It will be done in a methodical way," Kerins said. "We will continue to look

at the staffing needs of the company and make decisions based on those needs."

Pfizer said it anticipates the new cost-cutting program will reduce spending by about \$3 billion, \$1 billion of which will be reinvested in the business. That's on top of an existing cost-cutting program that has produced about \$2.8 billion in annual savings, compared with 2006 levels.

Like Pfizer, Wyeth — the maker of blockbuster antidepressant Effexor and children's vaccine Prevnar — has its own cost-cutting program in place, dubbed Project Impact.

"No specific decisions have yet been made about job reductions (at Wyeth) in

connection with the transaction," said company spokesman Doug Petkus.

Early Monday, Pfizer, the maker of Lipitor and impotence pill Viagra, said it will pay \$50.19 per share under for Wyeth, valuing Madison, N.J.-based Wyeth at a 14.7 percent premium to the company's closing price of \$43.74 Friday.

Both companies' boards of directors approved the deal but Wyeth shareholders must do so, antitrust regulators must review the deal and a consortium of banks lending the companies \$22.5 billion must complete the financing.

The deal is being financed by five banks, according to Kerins.

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a team to come to the meeting, and bring a friend," said Stewart.

Some teams conduct fundraisers year 'round; others have already set up special projects. One team has an in-

teresting local sports tie-in.

Mothers' Day Out team from First Baptist Church was given a special set of women's golf clubs, called the "Believe" clubs, made by Founder's Club. This set of clubs was designed by Big Spring native Bruce Carroll, former Big Spring High School and city champion golfer. Anyone interested

in the "Believe" clubs may call 264-7640.

The Yellow Dogs, perennial tireless fund-raisers, are having a Valentine cake sale. The Citizens Cancer Kickers have put together a Super Bowl Party Tub full of snacks, little footballs, pom-poms — all sorts of interesting things for a Super Bowl party.

The Feb. 10 meeting of Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life team captains is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, to be followed by the event committee meeting at 7 p.m. Persons interested in starting or joining a team are invited to the meeting, or they may call Howard Stewart at 935-0582.

TRIAL

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Democratic governor is refusing to take part, arguing that the rules are so biased that he can't possibly get a fair hearing.

"The fix is in," he said on ABC.

"I'm talking to Americans to let them know what's happening in the land of Lincoln," he added. "If they can do it to a governor, they can do it to you."

In addition to the appearance on ABC, Blagojevich also was scheduled to appear on "The View" and "Larry King Live." An interview he did with NBC's "Today" show also aired Monday morning.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin said Sunday that Blagojevich should be defending himself at the trial. "Barbara Walters is not on his jury," the Illinois Democrat said, referring to the "View" co-host.

Blagojevich is accused of abusing his power by scheming to benefit from the Senate appointment, circumventing hiring laws and defying

decisions by the General Assembly.

He reiterated his innocence Monday, telling ABC that "I did nothing wrong. And if I did something wrong, I would have resigned."

He called the impeachment trial unconstitutional, saying it "denies me the right to call witnesses to defend myself." At another point he said: "Whatever happened to the presumption of innocence?"

Addressing the federal wiretaps in which Blagojevich is heard talking about selling or trading the U.S. Senate appointment, the governor said his comments

were snippets of conversations that were "completely out of context."

"When the whole story comes out, you'll see that the effort was to work to have a senator who can best represent Illinois and one that can help us create jobs and provide health care."

His Dec. 9 arrest was the final straw for lawmakers, who had spent six years butting heads with Blagojevich. The House quickly voted 114-1 for impeaching the governor. That sent the case to the Senate, where it would take a two-thirds majority to convict Blagojevich and throw him out of office.

Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn would replace him, becoming Illinois' 41st governor.

Whatever the Senate decides, the criminal case against Blagojevich, 52, won't be affected.

In recent days, Blagojevich has compared himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and a cowboy being lynched for a crime he didn't commit. He said that when he was arrested on federal corruption charges, he took solace from thinking of other jailed leaders — Nelson Mandela, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi.

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Beatrice Banks, 70, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church.
Johnanna Crow, 78, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OTHER VIEWS

Steroid testing in high schools waste of money

Along with voter fraud, another non-existent problem the state Legislature has focused time and money on is steroid use by high school athletes. Texas spent \$6 million to discover that few high school athletes abuse steroids, drugs that build muscles and enhance athletic performance.

After more than 10,000 student athletes around the state had been tested for steroid use, only four came up positive. There were a handful of ambiguous results and refusals, but the outcome was far less than predicted.

When the testing, pushed by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, was approved by the Legislature in 2007, it was thought that 1 percent would test positive. That would be 100 student athletes testing positive in the first round of tests, not the four that actually were found to have used steroids.

Texas has the largest steroid testing program in the country, and it's expensive, costing about \$122 per test. Surely there is a better use for that money in our schools.

Lawmakers should abandon or severely cut back on this expensive program. Even Gov. Rick Perry, who signed the bill into law, says the testing proves Texas doesn't have a serious steroid problem in its high schools and the project should be adjusted.

Texas pays the National Center for Drug Free Sport to criss-cross the state testing high school athletes in 12 different sports for steroid use. Athletes were tested at 195 schools, with football players (3,380) and girl volleyball players (835) tested the most.

It isn't just the results from Texas that show steroids aren't a serious problem in high school sports. Other states that have testing procedures or have done pilot testing programs came to the same conclusion. Florida abandoned its \$100,000 testing program after finding only one student using steroids among the 600 tested.

Texas has more than 750,000 high school students playing sports each year, and to continue the testing is money spent unwisely. It makes more sense to test student athletes who show signs of steroid abuse than random testing of kids running cross country and playing team tennis.

The millions spent on steroid testing could be put to better use helping teens stay away from alcohol and recreational drugs, which are far more prevalent in Texas high schools and ruin far more lives than steroids.

Legislators are facing a \$9 billion revenue drop over the next couple of years and are looking for places to save millions of dollars. The steroid testing program is an easy place to start cutting costs.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we keep the lines of communication wide open with You, Lord.

Amen

The new era of responsibility

Keep waiting for that moment when Barack Obama — President Obama — tells the American people that there is a price to be paid for the many proposals he has offered. That moment has yet to come.

Obama's inaugural speech did tell America that it is time to set aside childish things, that greatness must be earned, and Obama bristled at the notion that "the next generation must lower its sights." But as usual, he failed to tell voters anything they might not want to hear.

So began the "new era of responsibility." You can counter that most inaugural speeches don't say much. Fair enough. You also could say that the very fact that an African-American became this country's 44th president is moment enough. For the first time, some minority voters felt part of the American family on Inauguration Day. That in itself is moving.

Back to this new era of responsibility. About an hour after the inauguration, I went to the new whitehouse.gov website. Obama's five-point plan to restore fiscal discipline starts with items that already are history — the bad way.

Reinstate PAYGO rules. Fine,

except the new \$825 billion stimulus package goes around pay-as-you-go rules. And while the PAYGO rules remain, they're so bendable that Congress bypassed PAYGO for the \$810 billion bailout, the Alternative Minimum Tax tweak, the energy bill, the pork-fest farm bill and more.

Reverse tax cuts for the wealthy. Yes, Obama campaigned on a platform of ending Bush tax cuts for Americans earning more than \$250,000, but now his economic team is talking about letting those tax cuts expire in 2010. Don't get me wrong. Obamaland is right to put off raising taxes during a recession. But why is a discarded pledge item No. 2?

Cut pork-barrel spending. OK, credit Obama with instituting a pay freeze for senior White House staff on his first full day in office. A politician, who can't even make symbolic cuts, will never cut any spending. So that was a start, and in keeping with the last two items, Make government spending more accountable and efficient, and End wasteful government spending.

Problem: It's hard to look at an \$825 billion stimulus package — which consists of a \$550 spending bill and \$275 billion in unfunded tax cuts — and believe that there will be less pork, more efficiency and less waste.

It's not clear that the package will stimulate the economy. The \$168 billion Bush stimulus plan — that sent rebate checks of \$600 to working individuals

and \$1,200 to couples — didn't do what it was supposed to do. So the Obama plan looks like burning more money Washington does not have on a plan that may not work.

Only a few months ago, Obama was proposing a \$60 billion-stimulus package. But his plan keeps on growing, even though Congress just authorized the release of the second \$350 billion of the Bush bailout.

This month, the fiscal watchdog group The Concord Coalition warned that the first-ever annual deficit projected to exceed \$1 trillion will hit a post-World-War-II high of 8.3 percent of GDP. And that number doesn't include the proposed stimulus package.

In his inaugural address, Obama referred to the "the winter of our hardship" — as if these days are among the hardest that an America, which survived the Civil War, two world wars and a depression, has seen. It isn't a winter of hardship when you're throwing around so much money that no one knows when to stop.

Although, if Washington keeps opting for the easy choices, while extolling an era of responsibility, it could be a bitter winter of hardship for those left with the tab when there's no running away from the bill.

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At a time for new ... more old blood

The press, always a loyal supporter of corporate interests, has unveiled some new terminology to defend the Obama team's array of tired old appointees. Liberals, who presumably would try to unleash some real changes in public policy, are now called "ideological" (bad). Conservatives in turn, who presumably would prefer to limit such change to a bit of tweaking, are now termed "pragmatic" (good). Labeling your foes in a negative way is one of the fundamental goals of politics.

But it turns out that the conservative/pragmatic/corporate establishment, which has controlled U.S. policy throughout most of living memory, really had little to worry about in this election anyway, even from a silver-tongued champion of change. President Barack Obama has in fact appointed "pragmatists" to nearly all the salient federal policy positions. Even the American Enterprise Institute, prominent defender of everything corporate, is pleased.

Thus our national economy will remain largely in the hands of leaders who have long promoted financial deregulation. Many have been resurrected from the Clinton administration and boast deep roots in both Wall Street and the Democratic Leadership Council. Editorial pages have charitably described them

as "experienced."

"Culpable" might be equally descriptive.

Meanwhile, those economists who accurately foresaw the coming collapse of the real estate bubble have not been invited to the party. No wet blankets need apply.

Likewise with our new international leadership team. It's cut from similar cloth. Despite Mr. Obama's occasional claims of opposing war, he has chiefly appointed officials who favor it. The Defense Department understandably sees military solutions to all our international challenges, and the State Department seems destined to propose standard hard-line Clintonesque policies as well. Although it has been rumored that one individual on the White House policy team has a peace orientation, that person has yet to be publicly outed. Plainly no expert from America's rich array of peace scholars has been summoned.

Elsewhere the new administration has appointed a corn-ethanol maven (and thus a friend of agribusiness) to run the Agriculture Department, and a rancher to head Interior. Energy got someone steeped in nuclear experience and Commerce (briefly) was to be led by a champion of free trade. That corporate proclivity also matches the philosophy of our new trade representative. In other words, there appears to be little top-level interest in slowing our country's "race to the bottom" in terms of worker pay and employment.

Conversely, the new Labor secretary seems strong enough, but is likely to be marginalized

on the big issues as was Robert Reich in the Clinton administration.

And keep your fingers crossed at Justice. Plainly the new attorney general is another Good Old Boy. No doubt he will end torture...but eavesdropping? Will he pursue the St. Paul police for their egregious attacks on protesters at the Republican National Convention? Don't bet on it.

So what we have is a new president with awesome rhetorical skills but few demonstrated values. Surely we'll enjoy his obvious promised changes from President George W. Bush: Guantanamo is toast, torture is dead, birth control gag rules will disappear, National Forest giveaways will stop, and a few other notorious Bush/Cheney rules will soon be rightfully returned to the scrap heap.

But what about national direction? Will Wall Street stay in charge of our economy; must Afghanistan become our next Vietnam; will the poor continue to get poorer and the rich richer; will American jobs continue to flood abroad; will we keep on insulting Arabs and Muslims, thus fostering further terrorist networks?

Mr. Obama may indeed, as some apologists promise, override the natural bent of his new staffers and tell them to implement fundamental change. But that would surely be a curious way to run a government.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.



DEBRA SAUNDERS



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

Scenic Mountain Medical Center adds high tech lithotripsy service

Scenic Mountain Medical Center recently upgraded its urological services by acquiring an on-site lithotripter to quickly and safely treat kidney stones. The Medispec E3000 lithotripter will enable Big Spring area residents who suffer from kidney stones to receive virtually immediate treatment for their stones.

The Medispec E3000 lithotripter was chosen after Dr. Rudy Haddad, board-certified urologist on the medical staff at SMMC, conducted an extensive review of lithotripters currently on the market. This is the same machine used in some of the top hospitals and stone centers in the world. "The Medispec unit offers Scenic Mountain Medical Center top-of-the-line technology at a very reasonable cost and enables us to offer our patients a better quality of care," said Dr. Haddad.

Through scientific advancement and redefining technology, the treatment of stone disease has achieved new standards. This equipment al-



Dr. Haddad

lows for excellent stone clearance rates, requires general anesthesia and is an outpatient procedure. It can be performed in 15 to 30 minutes, requires no incisions, causes only minor discomfort and allows the patient to return to normal activities quickly.

Dr. Haddad explains, "The pain of kidney stones is very significant and relief, through lithotripsy, is almost immediate. This particular lithotripsy unit works by emitting an electrical spark that vaporizes water, transmitting a shock wave. X-ray technology aids in the visualizations of the stone and focuses the shock wave directly onto the calculus (kidney stone).

"After the procedure is completed the patient stays in the recovery room for 30 to 60 minutes and, when stable, is discharged home. This new equipment has a greater than 90 percent stone free rate which is, without a doubt, the best in the industry."

Board certified urologist Dr. Rudy Haddad has served as a member of the medical staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for nearly 30 years.

His office is located on the first floor of the Malone & Hogan Clinic. Dr. Haddad and his wife Maureen reside and have raised three children in Big Spring and are very active in the community. For more information about lithotripsy treatment for kidney stones, or any of the other urological service Dr. Haddad provides, call 714-4600.



Caring for pets during a disaster

While chatting with a friend from California,

I realized just how lucky we are to live in West Texas. She was reviewing her pet disaster kit and planning for the new year. We don't really have the natural disasters, such as wildfire, hurricanes, earth quakes and floods that much of the country has.

Perhaps we should give some thought to what we would do if for some reason we had to deal with a disaster in our area. What would happen to our pets? Are we prepared to care for them, if we should have to evacuate the area? With a little planning and preparation we can help our pets survive a disaster safely and with a minimum of trauma.

The first step is to have a pet disaster kit, which should include:

- Proper identification, including shot records, ID tags and collar and MicroChip number.
- Adequate supply of pet food for several days for each pet.
- Drinkable water, preferably stored in plastic bottles.
- Mechanical or hand can opener for canned food.
- Pet medications and medical records in a waterproof container.
- Sturdy leashes and collars, crates or pet carriers so you can move pets safely so they can't escape.

Remember, they may become frightened and act different than usual.

- Current photos, in case your pet gets lost or separated from you.
- Pet beds and toys, if you have room.
- Your veterinarian's name and contact information.

Also, contact your veterinarian and local animal control or humane society for information about a community disaster plan in your

Animal Control by Trellis Lucas

area. Where can animals be boarded? Is there a facility to set up temporary housing for pets?

Now is the time to prepare for a disaster. Is your pet kennel or crate trained? If not, now is a good time to start teaching it to use a crate or kennel.

As you plan your evacuation strategy, don't forget your pet. Specialized pet shelters, animal control shelters, veterinary clinics and friends or relatives located out of harm's way are all potential refuges for your pet during a disaster. Don't forget to contact the shelter or refuge ahead of time and be sure all parties agree on the care of your pet if you must leave it with some one.

During a disaster, animals brought to a pet shelter are required to have proper identification, including collar ID and rabies tag, identification on all belongings, a crate, a leash, food and water dishes and an ample supply of food. Also be sure to include a supply of any

necessary medications with specific care instructions.

If you are keeping your pet with you, make sure it is securely confined in a crate or carrier, or on a leash. Keep it inside with you. Do not expect your pet to react in a normal way during such a stressful time. Take precautions to keep it calm and safe.

After a disaster and you have returned home, walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home as often familiar scents and land marks may be altered and pets can be confused and get lost. Also be aware of any downed power lines, loose reptiles, broken glass and dam-

aged structures, all of which can pose as a threat or danger to animals after a disaster.

If your pet should become lost, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring a current picture of your pet if possible and chip number.

Animals that have been through a stressful situation can become aggressive or defensive, so monitor their behavior and provide them with a calm stress free area to relax in.

If you have any questions about pets or animal regulations in Big Spring, Contact Animal Control at ac@big-springpd.net

And remember, stop those litters, spay those critters.

Trellis Lucas is a Big Spring dog trainer.

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Q: Can you help me plan a balanced meal with choices from a salad bar?

A: Salad bars are a terrific way to help people make vegetables and fruits a large part of meals, a practice recommended by organizations like the American Institute for Cancer Research. Whether or not salad bars can supply a nutritionally complete meal depends on how they are stocked. Besides vegetables and fruits, salad bars usually offer rolls, breadsticks or crackers for complex carbohydrates; choose whole-grain versions when available. Also make sure to include enough protein. Good sources include any one of the following (or smaller portions of several): a half-cup of kidney or garbanzo beans, turkey, tuna, chopped hardboiled egg



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or meat; one-third cup of nuts or sunflower seeds; or a cup of bean or lentil soup. If you are eating at the salad bar as a strategy to control weight, a note of caution: Not everything on a salad bar is low-calorie.

The fat and calories from regular salad dressing and deli-style salads loaded with mayonnaise or oily marinades can add up quickly.

Q: I read that phosphorus works together with calcium to make strong bones. What should I eat to make sure I get enough phosphorus?

A: Phosphorus is a mineral essential not only for bone structure, but also for cell structure and proper function of essential enzymes.

It is widely distributed in many foods, especially dairy products, fish, meat, poultry, eggs, nuts, whole grains and legumes.

Food additives in soft drinks and bakery products add even more. So don't worry about getting enough - phosphorus is so widespread

in our food supply that a deficiency is very unusual.

Q: Is bladder cancer related to diet?

A: According to the latest major report on diet and cancer risk from the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), neither food nor physical activity are significant factors in the development of bladder cancer.

Smoking tobacco is one of the major causes and, in northern Africa and parts of Asia, a common parasitic disease is a significant cause. Carcinogens from diet, tobacco smoke, industrial chemicals and other environmental sources, are often excreted in the urine, which exposes the bladder lining to these toxins.

According to the AICR report, limited evidence suggests that arsenic in drinking water may increase risk of this cancer and that milk may protect against it, but we need more research to clarify these effects. Mutations of certain genes may be related to a significant share of bladder cancers.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

	3	5	6	4				
		3						5
	5		7				1	
2			6	8	3			
	7						9	
		6	9	5				1
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 7
♥ J 8 6
♦ Q 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 9 5 4

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ 9 5 3
♦ A J 4
♣ A Q 10 6 2

EAST
♠ Q J 8 4 2
♥ 2
♦ K 7 2
♣ J 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 6 3
♥ A K Q 10 7 4
♦ 9
♣ K

The bidding:
East 2♣ South 4♥ West All Pass North
Opening lead — king of spades.

This deal from the 1988 Vanderbilt Teams features excellent defensive play by Peter Boyd, a Virginian who has won several national and international titles over the past three decades.

Boyd held the West hand and wound up defending against four hearts after his partner had opened with an unorthodox weak two-spade bid. South won the opening spade lead with the ace and ran the diamond nine to East's king. East returned a low club, and, after taking the king with the ace, Boyd stopped

to think things over.

He judged that declarer might well be in position to score 10 tricks on a crossruff, trumping three spades in dummy to add to the ace of spades and at least six heart tricks in his hand. Accordingly, Boyd made the first of two key plays by shifting to a low trump. This was taken by dummy's six as East followed with the deuce and South the four.

Since only nine tricks were now available on a crossruff, declarer's only remaining hope was to establish dummy's diamonds. So he ruffed a diamond with the queen of hearts and then led the heart seven toward dummy's J-8.

Had Boyd mechanically followed low, South would have gotten home safely by finessing dummy's eight, ruffing another diamond high and then leading the ten of hearts to the jack. This would have yielded 10 tricks: six hearts, a spade and three diamonds.

But Boyd had carefully kept track of all the heart spots played to this point. When the seven of hearts was led, he foiled declarer's plan by playing the nine! This deprived South of the extra entry needed to set up and run the diamonds, so he finished down two, thwarted by the combination of Boyd's heart shift at trick four and his entry-denying play of the heart nine two tricks later.

Tomorrow: A sensational one-act play.

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Big Spring's Catherine Leubner (left center) signs a letter of intent Monday morning to compete in cross country and track for Wayland Baptist University at the Athletic Training Center on the campus of Big Spring High School. Wayland Baptist cross country coach Brian Whitlock (left) and Leubner's parents, Ruth and John, look on.

BSHS' Leubner inks with WBU

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School's Catherine Leubner has had some memorable runs in her senior year. Now, she's got the opportunity to have a few more at the next level.

Leubner signed a letter of intent Monday to run both cross country and track at Wayland Baptist University.

She joins an established program. Wayland has won three NAIA indoor

track national titles, including one in 2008, and has been runner-up twice. The university has also produced 71 individual national champions and 397 NAIA All-Americans. The cross country team has won 15 NAIA District 8 championships.

Those accomplishments alone were enough to sway Leubner to choose WBU.

"I visited the school and loved it academically and

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Lakers breeze by San Antonio

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — After a month of playing short-handed, the Los Angeles Lakers are back to full strength. If Sunday is an accurate indication, that means trouble for every other NBA team.

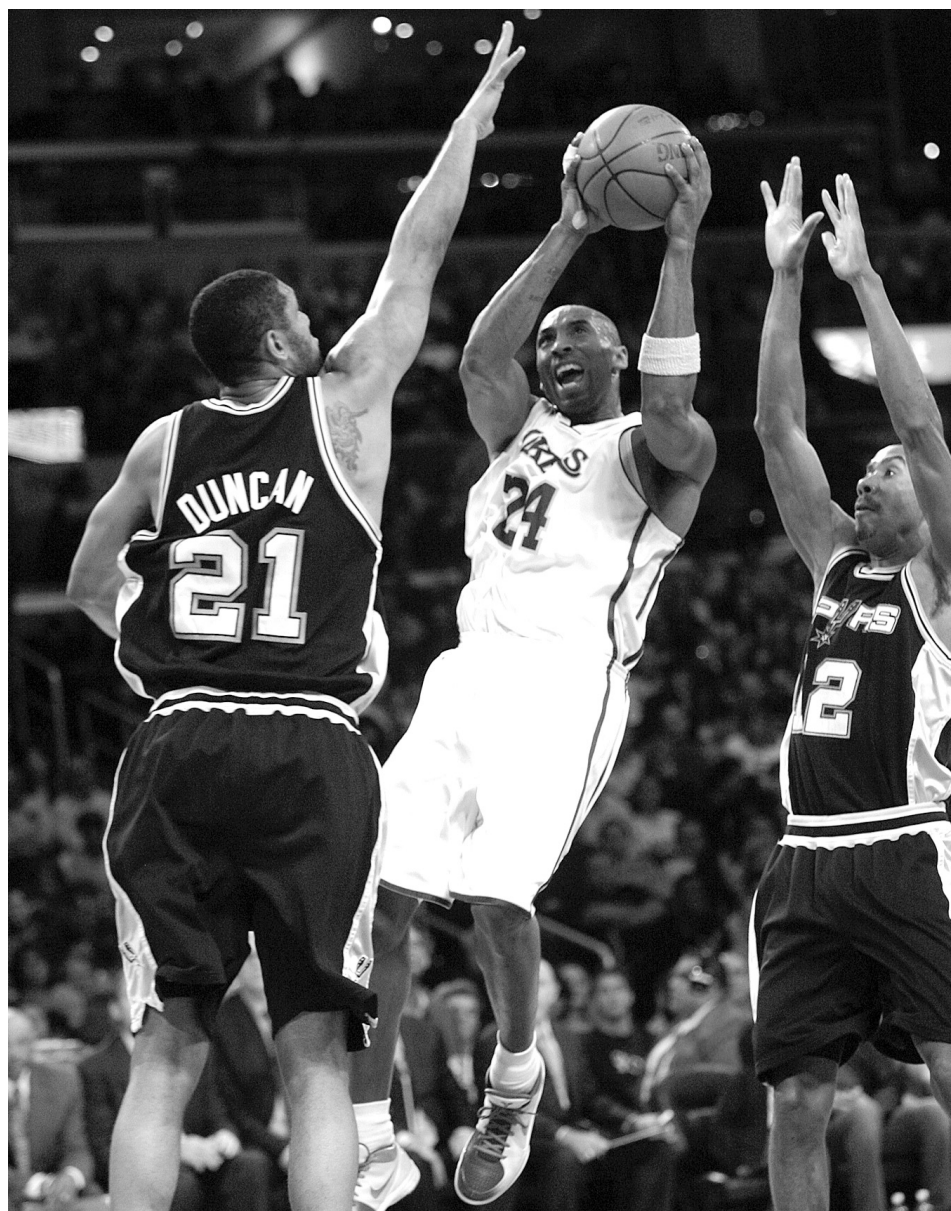
Kobe Bryant scored 22 points before sitting out the fourth quarter, Pau Gasol added 16 points, five rebounds and four assists, and the Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs 99-85 in a matchup of the Western Conference's best teams that turned out to be a mismatch.

The win was the fourth straight and 14th in 17 games for the Lakers (35-8), whose .814 winning percentage is the best in the NBA although the defending champion Boston Celtics (37-9) lead them by a half-game in the overall standings by virtue of their 124-100 victory over Dallas earlier Sunday.

Backup point guard Jordan Farmar returned after missing 18 games because of an injured left knee, and scored 14 points. Luke Walton played in his third game after missing nine with an injured foot, and Lamar Odom (knee) and Sasha Vujacic (back spasms) were also sidelined for brief periods.

"We missed him a lot. He makes our second unit go, he's the motor," Bryant said of Farmar, who shot 5-of-7 including 2-of-3 from 3-point range. "Now that he's back, everybody falls into their natural positions and

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AP photo/Ric Francis

Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, center, drives between San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) and Bruce Bowen in the first half of an NBA game Sunday in Los Angeles. The Lakers cruised to a 99-85 victory.

Car-Pitts merger made memories, not victories

By BEN WALKER

AP National Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — They wore hand-me-down jerseys, the little rips and tears widening with every loss. The holes at quarterback and kicker were more obvious.

The brief World War II merger of the Steelers and Cardinals may have helped the NFL. It sure didn't benefit anyone who spent that season shuttling to home games in Pittsburgh and Chicago.

"We were terrible," 91-year-old former lineman Chet Bulger said. "You'd get beat so bad, you'd cry."

Long, long before the franchises reached this year's Super Bowl, they teamed together in 1944 to create a much different legacy.

At 0-10, the ragtag outfit got touchdowns by an average of three touchdowns per game; threw a record 41 interceptions; and set a league mark that still stands for the worst punting.

Their nickname seemed inevitable: the Car-Pitts. As in, everybody walked right over them.

"That was true," recalled Vince Banonis, who played two games while on weekend furlough as a Navy lieutenant. "We got massacred every week."

Beset by fights, fines and suspensions in a rough-and-tumble era, there was hardly a Ben Roethlisberger or Larry Fitzgerald among them. Their lone ace, Johnny Grigas, threw away his leather helmet and skipped town before it was over.

About an hour before the wrap-up, a 49-7 rout by the Bears at Forbes Field, the Car-Pitts discovered Grigas already was on a train.

The former Holy Cross star left a note for his hotel roommate. "This is the end," Grigas wrote, saying he didn't care to finish up on a frozen field.

"I thought he'd gone to become a priest," Bulger said. "He'd had enough."

So had many of the guys. Most of them came from the Chicago Cardinals — they were in the midst of a 29-game losing streak, and only the merger kept them out of the record book for consecutive defeats by a single franchise.

A few guys straggled over from the Steelers. They'd joined Philadelphia in 1943 as the "Steagles" after military service left both teams short-handed, but the sides broke apart when the season ended.

"They were at each other's throats, the way I heard it," Banonis said.

In April 1944, the NFL suddenly found itself with 11 teams when the Cleveland Rams rejoined the league and the Boston Yanks entered. That caused scheduling problems, so commissioner Elmer Layden,

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Celtics dominate inconsistent Mavs

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Paul Pierce reached over and gave Kevin Garnett a hearty slap on the back as they laughed off the suggestion that now, with virtually everything going right, would be a good time to buy a lottery ticket.

"I've got a lottery ticket already," Pierce said after watching Garnett score 23 points and help shut down Dirk Nowitzki to lead Boston to its eighth straight win, 124-100 over the Dallas Mavericks. "That's my man. I knew him when he had a jean jacket."

Reserve Eddie House also scored 23 — including seven 3-pointers — and Ray Allen scored 20 of his 23 points in the first half as the Celtics opened a 27-point lead and coasted to their sixth straight double-digit victory.

Since a 2-7 slump that was the worst of the new Big Three era, the defending NBA champions have won eight in a row by an average of 16.2 points — almost two points a game better than their margin of victory in the franchise-record 19-game winning streak earlier this season.

"I just think we're playing together," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "In the 19-game winning streak, we were winning games but in my opinion we weren't playing Celtics basketball the way we established last year."

Jason Terry scored 27 for the Mavericks, who have won just three of their last nine games. Nowitzki had 18, but the Dallas 7-footer shot 4-for-17 from the field and had the ignominy of having his shot blocked by the 6-foot-1 House in the second quarter.

House made seven of his first nine tries from 3-point range and finished 7-for-11, prompting his teammates to campaign for him to be invited to

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Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki reacts to a foul during the second half of their 124-100 loss to the Boston Celtics in an NBA game in Boston Sunday.

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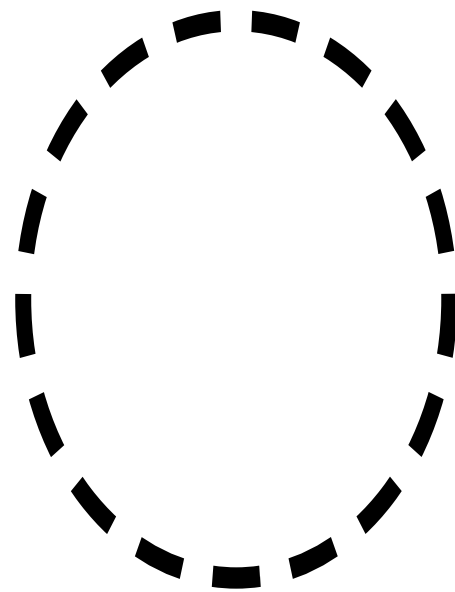
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The Chinese New Year of the earth ox commences, which comes along only once every 60 years.

Industry and hard work are indicated by this symbol. The last earth ox period was 1949, the year when the minimum wage bill was passed in the United States.

The omens suggest that honest and diligent efforts will eventually be rewarded.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are a firecracker of sorts, an attention getter. When you feel a negative situation developing, speak up. Others around you might be clueless and you could very well save the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Many are amazed at how you successfully find just what you need, just when you need it. You are lucky, perhaps, but you've also done a lot of personal work to put yourself in a receptive state.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the voice of reason for loved ones who might otherwise fall prey to negative influence. Look out for leaders who use rhetoric that calls poverty a blessing, while encouraging you to give them your money.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Extravagant people attempt to impress you. Material wealth might be interesting to you for a moment, but it isn't the way to your heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People can change. Someone finally realizes that he or she has wronged you. You will likely receive an apology, but do not let your guard down entirely, as this person may soon forget their lesson.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're helping a healing process. Give from your heart, but be

careful not to empathize too much. It is your tremendous strength that will help others overcome their ailment. Staying strong ensures health all around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You insist on trying every new gadget and even every fun new ice cream flavor. Look back at your track record. Many of your "discoveries" are now household names. Find a way to capitalize on your research.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fool's gold comes in many different forms. During the bountiful days ahead stay grounded by avoiding metaphoric shiny objects. Trade nothing; what you have is near perfection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Over- expectation is a danger. Accept results at face value. You will find it liberating to say iGood enough is good enough. And you might be surprised at the greatness you and others will achieve when the pressure is off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Rule follower, it is time to ignore the directions on shampoo bottles and defy recipes by doing your own thing. Can you eat a grape before you get to the checkout counter without turning red?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may appear the new person in your life does not give the promised amount, but rest assured this person is doing his or her best. Be a loyal friend anyway. Stick with it and things will get better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's better to let others need you than to need them. Be strong in who you are even though you've probably been less than satisfied with yourself lately. Take a look around and you'll see that you're not so bad after all.

COSMIC CAREER SPECIAL: AQUARIUS AT WORK: Every day Aquarius sets off to work with the same goal — to save the world. And if you Aquarians don't believe that your work benefits humanity in

some small or major way, it's a short-lived job for you.

That's not to say that every Aquarius labors for the Peace Corps or a nonprofit organization. Aquarians in every line of work can find the higher purpose of their job. Waiter? You feed the hungry.

Insurance salesperson? You provide the means by which those in dire straights can be rescued. Computer technician? You keep people from going stark-raving mad.

You enter into each employment endeavor with the highest hopes for employment nirvana. When it turns out your boss is a real person and not the guru you thought, you're understandably disappointed.

However, don't give up hope. There are moments of career heaven in every job you'll do. Aquarius is especially suited for utilizing technical tools to help people connect. Aquarius can text like the wind, automate the inanimate and your cell phone seems to always have at least two bars. Every office needs at least one of you!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Early in her comedy career Ellen Degeneres won a contest sponsored by Showtime that named her as the funniest person in America and she's been holding up the title ever since.

Her natal sun and Venus in Aquarius indicate the ability to create instant rapport with others, a skill she's used to charm her interviewees and audiences daily on her Emmy Award-winning talk show.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 42-year-old woman and have never had a normal relationship with my mother. She says every time she looks at me I bring out the bad in her.

I have been hit and called names. She made it clear that she never loved me.

My younger sister had a baby three years ago, and I have not yet seen him or received a picture. The reason? My mother told my sister I said the baby was ugly and my sister believed her.

My father is the only person who accepts the truth, and it hurts him that I am treated this way.

For three years, I have been alone for Christmas. My siblings draw names for gifts, but don't include mine. I buy a present only for my father, and he gets one for me.

I have never been invited to join them for



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

the holidays. I'm so blessed to have my dad, but what am I supposed to do about the rest of my family? Why do they treat me like this? — *Another Sad Christmas*

Dear Sad: It sounds like there's more to this story, but even so, if Dad is on your side, he should intervene on your behalf.

And if Mom has been telling lies, you need to set the record straight. Contact your siblings individually, apologize for any misunderstandings and ask for a fresh start.

If they still treat you with such neglect, we hope you can find good friends who will fill the place of the family that has abandoned you.

Dear Annie: Four months ago, I attended my cousin's wedding and had a great time. I drove the few hours there and

back because I couldn't afford a hotel room. Because of my financial status, I also had no money for a wedding gift.

Recently my mother told me that the bride's parents said they hadn't received a gift from me or my sister. When I mentioned this to my sister, she reminded me that none of our cousins had sent her a wedding gift, although their parents did.

My parents said the subject won't be brought up again, but I feel irritated.

I wanted to share their event with them, but should I have just stayed home because I couldn't afford a gift? — *Broke Cousin*

Dear Broke: A gift is customary and appropriate, but it is not mandatory. Unmarried cousins, even adults, are often included in the gift from the aunts and uncles, which might explain why your sister didn't receive one from your not-yet-married cousin.

However, once children are adults and living independently, they are responsible for their own presents. If you could not afford a gift, it would have been proper to send a card with your best wishes.

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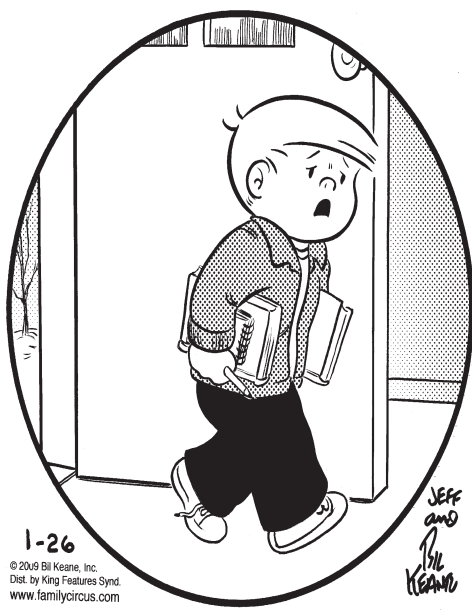
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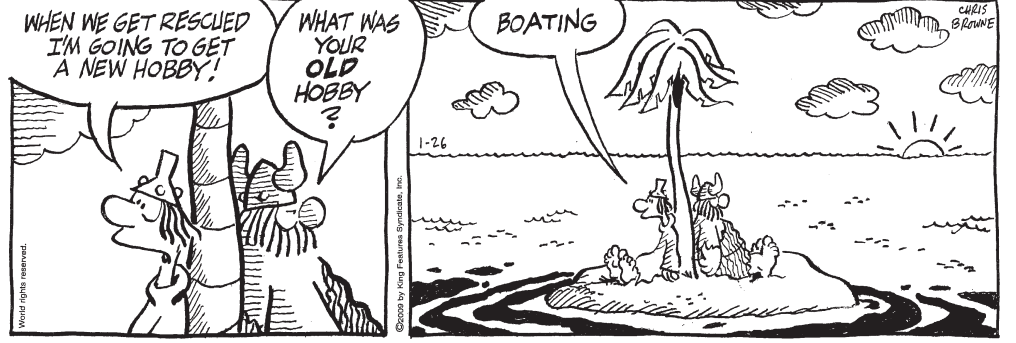
"I usually charge a quarter, but you can ride for free."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

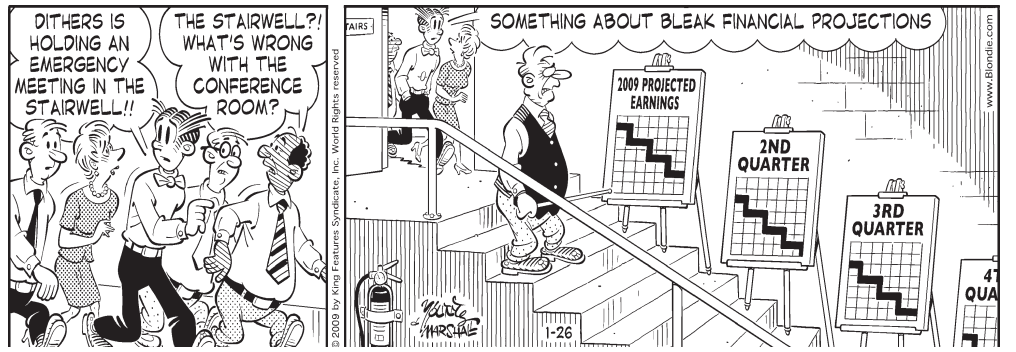


"Boy, I spent the whole day learning from my mistakes."

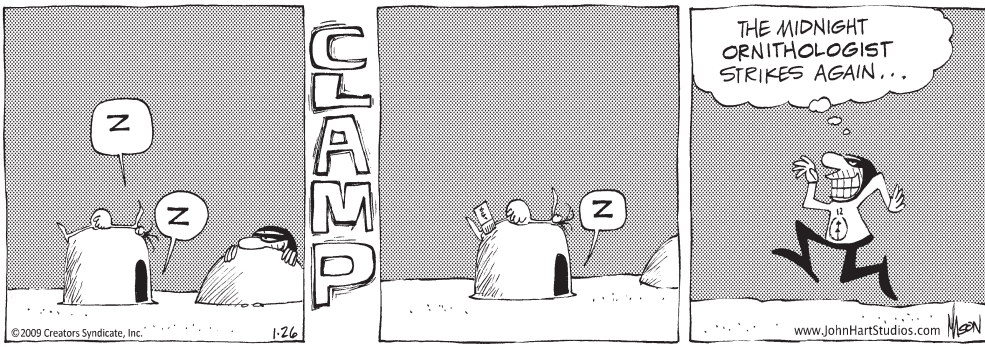
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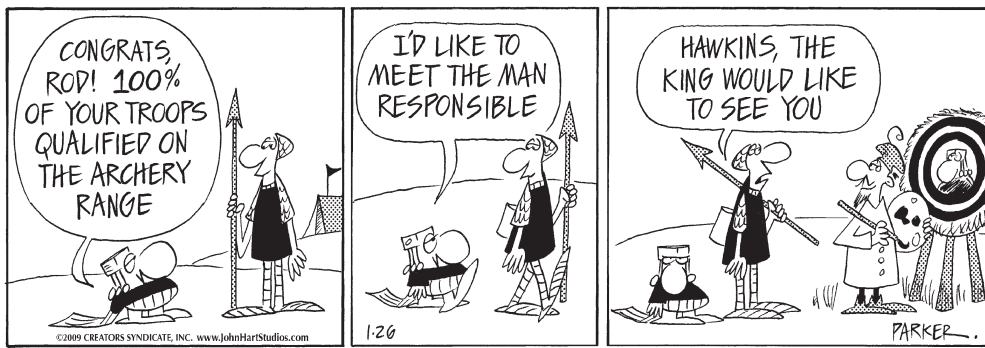
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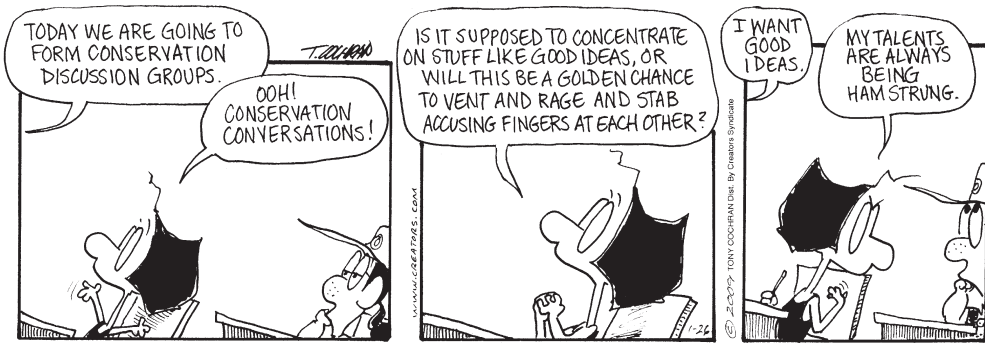
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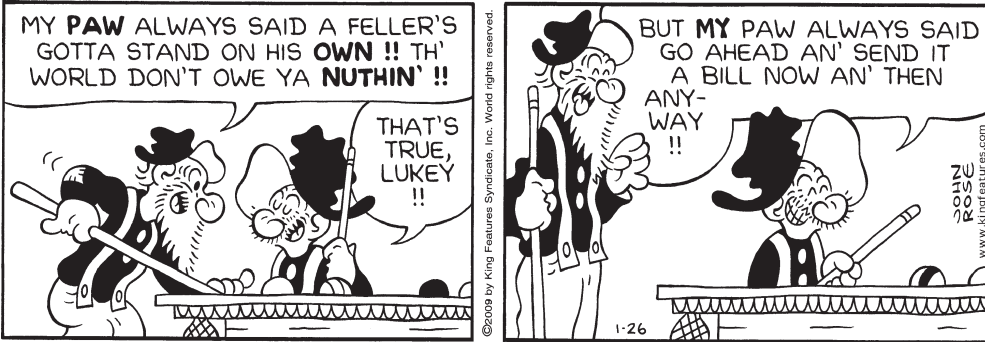
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2009. There are 339 days left in the year. This is the Lunar New Year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

On this date: In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to

Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe missed its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1969, former Vice President Nixon declared a federal disaster in California in the wake of major flooding.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

One year ago: Barack Obama routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the South Carolina primary.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 86. Actress Joan Leslie is 84. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 80. Sports-caster-actor Bob Uecker is 74. Actor Scott Glenn is 70. Singer Jean Knight is 66. Activist Angela Davis is 65. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 61. Actor David Strathairn is 60. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 56. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 54. Reggae musician

Norman Hasson (UB40) is 51. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 51. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Wayne Gretzky is 48. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazmine B. (Soul II Soul) is 46. Actor Paul Johansson is 45. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 39. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 36. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoo-bastank) is 35. Actress Sarah Rue is 31. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 26.

Thought for Today: "Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking." — Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 66 Rooters | 11 Boise's state | (singly) |
| 1 Bowl of greens | 67 Roof overhang | 12 Fix computer problems | 47 Convertible couch |
| 6 Prepare, as laundry | 68 The U of UV | 13 Foe | 49 Toward the mountain's peak |
| 10 Not narrow | 70 Prepares | 21 Do without | 50 Office crew |
| 14 "Cool!" | 71 Start to blossom | 22 High awards | 51 Reef material |
| 15 Quaker's pronoun | | 26 Suburban front yard | 52 "Laughing" beast |
| 16 Biblical garden | | 27 Sighs of relief | 53 Pass-the-baton race |
| 17 Hunter constellation | | 28 Make a trade | 55 Scour thoroughly |
| 18 "No ifs, ___ or buts!" | | 29 Mexican coin | 58 Sheltered harbor |
| 19 Like a ___ in the woods | | 31 Real-estate documents | 59 Analogy phrase |
| 20 Informal oral communication | | 34 Reduced for clearance | 60 Infamous Roman emperor |
| 23 Sing without words | | 36 Advertising sign | 61 Metric weight |
| 24 Tiny bit of water | | 37 Poke fun at gas | 63 Inquire |
| 25 Earth science | | 38 Norway's capital | |
| 27 Nile vipers | | 40 Prefix meaning "air" | |
| 30 Stop-sign color | | 41 Very good poker hand | |
| 32 Genetic initials | | 42 ___ a time | |
| 33 Sense of wonder | | | |
| 34 Fairy-tale monster | | | |
| 35 Confess | | | |
| 39 Is well suited to be a reporter | | | |
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LEUBNER

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they're really good athletically," she said. "My parents and I loved it and that's where I decided I want to go.

"They're a three-time NAIA national champion, so that is a team goal to

be a part of," Leubner said. "My individual goal is to work hard and get into the top five runners so I can compete."

Leubner won an individual District 4-4A championship in 2007 and finished in the top 15 at the Region I, Class 4A meet.

Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey hopes Leubner's example can

inspire younger Lady Steers.

"We want the younger girls on the track team to see this," Ritchey said. "We want them to see what hard work athletically and academically can get you and that's a scholarship to compete in college. We're proud of Catherine. She represents Big Spring well. Wayland Baptist is lucky to have someone of her caliber to be

joining their program. We wish her all the best."

Leubner will run track this spring for the Lady Steers with the season beginning Feb. 28.

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MAVS

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the 3-point shooting contest at the All-Star game.

"I think he needs to go," Pierce said, though Allen was 4-for-5 from 3-point range and is second in the league with 112 3-pointers made. "He (House) is one of the quickest triggers in the league, as well as one of the most accurate. It would be nice to have a representative of the team, if Ray doesn't do it."

Rajon Rondo had 13 points and 14 assists for the Celtics, who shot 65

percent in the first half; their 74 first-half points were a season high for them and the most allowed in any half for Dallas. The Mavericks were wrapping up a four-game, seven-day road trip with a matinee against the defending champs, and they looked like it.

"I don't know if that's the toughest scenario you could have, but it's close," Rivers said. "And we were just making everything."

But coach Rick Carlisle said he thought his players were ready.

"I thought they were really looking forward to the game," he said. "Boston was great, and we needed to be better. We haven't come across a team that plays this effective defensively."

Boston led by 15 after one quarter by 12 with 9:10 left in the second before scoring 15 straight points — and 21 of 26 — to take a 64-33 lead.

Dallas cut the deficit back to 27 points and Nowitzki was going up for a layup when House stripped him of the ball under the basket and started a fast break that ended with Allen feeding Garnett for a crowd-pleasing alley-oop.

The Celtics hit 100 points with 50 seconds left in the third quarter. Garnett and Paul Pierce, who scored eight points, came out with 3:17 left in the third quarter, and all of the Boston starters sat out the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter got chippy with

one double-technical on Leon Powe and James Singleton, and another that was called on the Mavericks bench. Although TV cameras focused on owner Mark Cuban, who was complaining, the technical was apparently against assistant coach Mario Elie.

Notes: Dallas had beaten the Celtics in 13 out of 14 before Garnett and Allen joined Pierce in Boston, and now the Mavericks have lost three in a row to the Celtics. ... Former Red Sox SS Nomar Garciaparra watched the game from a courtside seat, as did Patriots RB Kevin Faulk and former infielder Lou Merloni. ... Allen also had six assists in the first half.

CAR-PITTS

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one of the original "Four Horsemen of Notre Dame," asked Steelers owner Art Rooney and Cardinals boss Charles Bidwell if they'd be interested in a merger.

The patriarchs of the families that still own the franchises agreed. A few months later, the combined club went off to training camp in Waukesha, Wis.

"We were all sitting there on the porch the first day," Bulger said. "We're all just looking at each other. These were guys you'd tried to beat up before. Finally, one of the co-owners, Bert Bell, says, 'You're going to have to get together.'"

Finding a nickname for the team was a little more challenging. At the outset, there were several: the Chi-Pitts, the Card-Pitts and Cardinals-Pitt, among them.

A 3-0 loss to Sammy Baugh and the Washington Redskins in an exhibition game gave them hope. They lost

the opener to the Rams 30-28 on a late TD, then actually won a week later — too bad for them, the 17-16 victory over the New York Giants came in an exhibition game, a frequent occurrence during the war.

From there, it got real bad in a hurry.

Team management fined three players for "indifferent play" after a 34-7 loss to the defending champion Bears.

None of their quarterbacks could run the popular T-formation, and the famed "Notre Dame box" didn't work, either. Military commitments caused chaos with the roster, and replacements signed off the sandlots showed up in Pittsburgh for practice.

"It was an odd year," Bulger said. "We got all mixed up."

Especially when it came to kicking. They averaged only 32.7 yards per boot.

"Everybody tried to punt. We all tried in practice," Bulger said. "We couldn't find anyone."

Co-coaches Phil Handler of the Cardinals and Walt Kiesling of the Steelers were at a loss. Kiesling had been a Hall of Fame lineman, but

wasn't nearly so successful as a coach. Many years later in Steelers camp, he cut a young quarterback named Johnny Unitas.

Art Rooney also thought Kiesling spent too much time around the horse tracks in Chicago. "He studies the Racing Form more than he does the playbook," Rooney once said.

The next week, after the Giants whacked them 23-0, it was clear this merged team was brutal.

"The Card-Pitts played the role of a red plush rug this afternoon as the undefeated Giants paraded over and past them," the Chicago Tribune reported.

Then came a wild brawl with the Redskins, with Gil "Cactus Face" Duggan among the players ejected once police restored order. There were two losses at their other home field, Comiskey Park in Chicago, and that final rout by the Bears.

Overall, they were outscored 328-108.

For Bulger and Banonis, the good times came later. The rugged two-way linemen played together in 1947 on the last Cardinals team to win the NFL championship, and Banonis won

a pair of titles with Detroit in the early 1950s. Bell also made out well, later becoming commissioner.

Banonis, now 87 and in a wheelchair, will be rooting for the Cardinals in the Super Bowl. During a telephone interview from his home in Southfield, Mich., he began singing the team fight song from long ago.

"Hail Chicago Cardinals, crimson and white," he belted.

Told of Banonis' performance, Bulger laughed.

"He was always singing these Lithuanian songs," Bulger said. "Oh, what a football player he was."

After nine years in the NFL, Bulger coached and taught for 30-plus years at De La Salle Institute in Chicago. The school named its main athletic field for him, and he continues to help with its fundraising efforts.

And he keeps rooting for his old team.

"I'm still a Cardinal, always a Cardinal," he said. "I can't see too well anymore, but I'm going to get up real close to the TV to watch that game. Maybe we'll win that Super Bowl. Wouldn't that be something?"

SPURS

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we are back clicking on all cylinders."

Reserve Trevor Ariza scored 17 points to match his season high and Andrew Bynum had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers. Gasol was the only Los Angeles starter to play in the final period.

"A lot. Big," coach Phil Jackson replied when asked how important Farmar's return was to the Lakers. "It helps us a lot. Jordan obviously has attributes — the speed and the quickness. Those are things that we missed, that tempo change in our game."

Farmar wasn't expected to play until Tuesday night against Charlotte or during the Lakers' upcoming five-game road trip that begins Friday in Minnesota.

"I've been feeling better for about a week now," he said. "I still had to go through a process to make sure I was OK. No pain, no swelling — it felt normal. I have been watching these guys play and I expect to be playing like this all the time. That's how I am; I work hard and I'm disappointed when it doesn't happen."

Jackson said before the game that Farmar was on the active list, but he wasn't sure he'd play the third-year pro.

"I was in his ear the

whole time on the bench," Farmar said with a smile. "He would have had to deal with that the whole game."

Farmar entered the game late in the first quarter and played almost seven minutes in his first action since Dec. 19. He returned late in the third period and played another 10½ minutes.

Tony Parker had 19 points and six assists and Tim Duncan added 15 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs (29-14), who lost for just the fourth time in 18 games. Neither played in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't play very smart in the first half, gave them 15 minutes of bonus and ended up being down six," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That was the tale

of the first half: just too many mental mistakes, foul-wise. In the second half, we spotted them two quick 3s with bad rotations and never caught up after that. The game was over at that point."

Bryant and Derek Fisher made 3-pointers and Bynum added two free throws to begin the third quarter, giving the Lakers a 59-45 lead, and a three-point play by Gasol made it 68-53. It was 79-66 entering the final period.

The Lakers outscored San Antonio 10-2 to start the fourth quarter for an 89-68 lead, and the Spurs didn't pose a serious threat after that.

"We ended the half poorly and they got that six-point lead," Duncan said. "Then they came out in the second half

and hit two quick 3s, and it seemed to go downhill from there. I thought the effort was OK, defensively. But we had a couple of lapses that turned right into points and gave them a lead that we couldn't get back from."

Notes: Jackson taped an interview Friday with Magic Johnson, a part-owner of the team, that was shown at half-time on TV. Before the game, the 63-year-old coach cleared up confusion stemming from the interview that next season would be his final one, saying: "Everything's the same as it always was." Jackson has often said he's going year-to-year without a definitive retirement plan. ... The Lakers and Spurs have combined to win seven

of the past 10 NBA championships. "We've had a long rivalry with these guys," Popovich said. "We've beaten them up at times, they've beaten us up at times." ... The Lakers have played an NBA-high 26 home games and a league-low 17 road games. After

entertaining Charlotte on Tuesday night, they'll play 23 of 31 games on the road. ... The Spurs have played 24 home games and 19 road games. This game marked the beginning of a stretch where they play 11 of 12 on the road.

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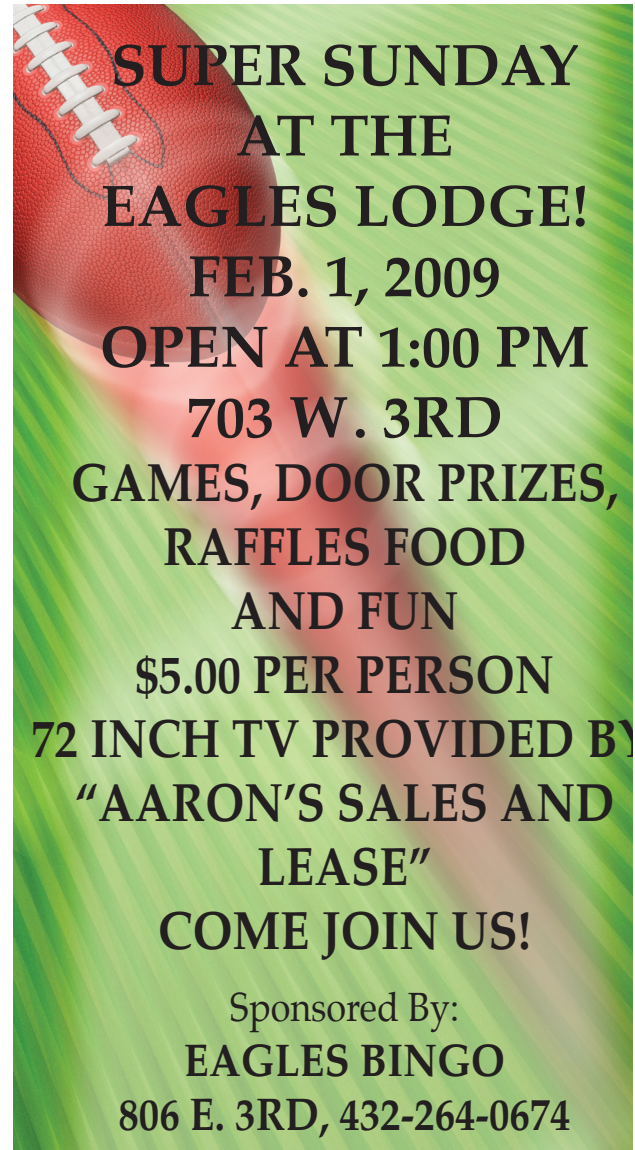
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