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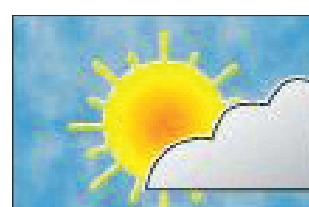


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Capitol highlights

By The Associated Press

Top 10 percent

Texas students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class would no longer be guaranteed admission to a public university under a bill that passed a Senate panel Wednesday.

The legislation would cap top 10 percent admissions to 50 percent of a school's entering freshman class.

The bill has strong backing from the University of Texas, where more than 80 percent of current freshmen gained admission through the automatic-entry guarantee.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, sponsor of the cap legislation, said talented musicians and would-be scientists are going elsewhere because they can't get into UT.

Career & technology

Career and technology training programs would be beefed up to help prepare Texas students to enter the workforce in specialized fields under a package of legislation filed Wednesday.

The proposal, filed by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, would reward school districts for enhancing vocational offerings. The proposal also would pay for students to be certified in high need occupations.

The package also addresses adult basic education, targeting high school dropouts and others.

Stimulus – roads

The Texas House aired displeasure with the Texas Department of Transportation Wednesday, but ultimately pulled down a harsh resolution criticizing the agency's operations.

"We have no confidence in TxDOT," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, who filed the resolution with a bipartisan group of lawmakers.

State transportation officials are set to decide on \$1.2 billion in stimulus road projects Thursday, after approving \$500 million in maintenance projects last week. Lawmakers have complained the agency has been moving too fast with too little public input on where best to use the federal stimulus money.

"Every member of this House is upset with the way TxDOT has run their business," Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, said. "Hopefully we have made our point ... there has to be discussion now and going forward."



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Law enforcement officials with the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety will take part in a statewide warrant roundup Saturday.

Warrant roundup prompts many to clear their fines, officials say

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With just days left until cities all over the Lone Star State kick a warrant roundup into gear, officials with the Big Spring Municipal Court say many area residents are rushing to take care of fines and warrants.

According to Municipal Judge Tim Green, his office has seen a tremendous influx of residents looking to

pay off old fines and take care of citations since city officials announced they would be conducting a one-day warrant roundup Saturday.

"The number of people coming in to take care of their business has increased tremendously over the past week," said Green. "It's been pretty much non-stop around here."

Green, who told members of the city council a week ago his office

had collected more than \$10,000 in fines since the roundup was announced, isn't the only municipal judge with a full slate this week, as cities all over the state get ready for the daylong effort.

"There is going to be a statewide warrant roundup. The unique thing about this is this roundup is going

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Road work

City, state getting ready for renovations to Gregg, Scurry and Main thoroughfares

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

No start date has been set on a 10-month project to resurface Gregg Street, while local officials are meeting with contractors today to firm up the schedule for renovation of three city streets.

Major road work is expected to start within the next few months as a result of state and bond-financed projects.

Gregg Street will be resurfaced as part of a \$5.8 million project overseen by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). At roughly

the same time, crews will be renovating sections of Lancaster, Scurry and Main streets in a \$6.15 million project financed by city taxpayers.

Roy Dill, area engineer for TxDOT, said he will be meeting with the project's contractor within the next week to get a firmer idea when work will begin on the north-south traffic artery.

Preliminary estimates had called for work to begin sometime this month, but that guess has been

pushed back. "Work would not be expected to begin until late April or early May at the soonest," Dill said.

The Gregg Street project, which is expected to last for about 10 months, will result in a complete resurfacing of Gregg from FM 700 north to Fourth Street. Work on the other streets, meanwhile, is expected to take approximately 13 months to complete, said Todd Darden, public works director for the city of Big Spring.

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Police officer suspended after being arrested at club

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

An officer with the Big Spring Police Department was placed on suspension Wednesday after being arrested at a local night club late Tuesday night on charges of public intoxication and assault.

Justin Terrazas, who has been with the BSPD since December of 2006, was

placed on paid leave after he was arrested at the Bar By The Spring at approximately 11:50 p.m. Tuesday night, according to BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith.

"Officers with the BSPD

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Spring forward

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Obituaries

Claudine McMurray



Claudine McMurray, 91, of Lake Leon, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, March 2, 2009, at a local care center, surrounded by her children.

Claudine was born on the "Clabber Hill" Ranch in Martin County Feb. 9, 1918. She was the daughter of William Robertson McCullough and Lena Evelyn Merrick. She attended school and spent all but two years of her life in Big Spring. She relocated to Lake Leon to be near her children, who all retired there.

Claudine married Ted McMurray Sept. 12, 1936, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a wonderful mother and wife. Everyone who knew her loved her. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Sis" to her many nieces and nephews.

She attended Airport Baptist Church for many years, and was a Christian who never spoke ill of anyone, and inspired all who knew her.

Claudine is survived by one son, Don (Butch) and Sherry McMurray; three daughters, Barbara Ringener, Norma and Preston Yarbrough, and Janet and John Lilley, all of Lake Leon; seven grandchildren, Trisha Hildebrand of San Angelo, Randy Murley of Big Spring, Scott McMurray of Corinth, Darren McMurray of Lewisville, Sharon Drain of Midlothian, Ted Ringener of The Colony, and Melissa Boucher of Richardson; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She also leaves behind two half-brothers, Paul Stuteville of Lake Champion, and Ben Stuteville, Jr. of Houghton, La.; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Ted, on March 30, 1976, two infant daughters, Linda and Tina; three brothers, John B. McCullough, Robert L. McCullough and Raleigh J. McCullough.; and her beloved mother and step-dad, Ben Stuteville.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Ted Ringener, Scott McMurray, Randy Murley, Darren McMurray, Thomas Hildebrand and Sean Drain.

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

Roger Foster



Roger L. Foster, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Markley Cemetery in Markley. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Friday.

He was born Sept. 11, 1934, in St. Joseph, Mo. He married Irelene Ledbetter May 25, 1957, in Markley. They moved to Big Spring in 1973. She preceded him in death Jan. 2, 2004. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam, having served in the Navy for eight years. He retired from the Air Force in 1975. He was a Baptist and a member of Staked Plains Lodge 598, A.F.&A.M.

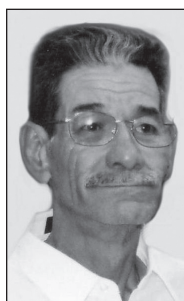
He is survived by two daughters, Leslie Imler and her husband K. W., and Ramona Mancha and her husband Ben, all of Big Spring; one son, R. Curtis Foster of Big Spring; one sister, Joanne Thomas of Pennsylvania; one brother, Herschel Foster of Alaska; six grandchildren; and a number of nieces

and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by seven sisters and brothers.

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

Federico Bustamante



Federico "Fred" Bustamante, 58, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 8, 1950, in Pecos. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in Germany and Korea. He was a longtime employee of Greg's Grill. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

He is survived by one daughter, Benita Bustamante of Midland; father, Gregorio Bustamante of Abilene; three brothers, Tony Bustamante and his wife Isabel of Abilene, Joe Manuel Bustamante and his wife Nora of Big Spring, and George Bustamante of Abilene; four sisters, Rosemary West of Big Spring, Emelia Paredez and her husband Ismael of Big Spring, Monica Rodriguez and her husband John of San Antonio, and Veronica DesCombes and her husband Chip of Tuttle, Okla.; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margarita Bustamante, in September 1998.

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

Bertilda Jackman

Bertilda "Betty" Jackman, 74, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 11, 1934, in Azores, Portugal. Betty had been a resident of Big Spring since 1976 and retired from the restaurant business.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Jackman of Big Spring, Buck Jackman of Abilene and Antonio Jackman of Palm Springs, Calif.; two daughters, Lourdes Joyce Jackman Caldwell of Monterey, Calif., and Anna Maria Jackman Gonzalez of North Andover, Mass.; three sisters, Rosa Maria Titus and Lourdes Walker both of Pennsylvania, and Armanda Blab of Alabama; four brothers, Hildebrando Rodrigues, Orlando João Rodrigues and Jorge deSousa, all of Massachusetts, and Carlos Alberto Rodrigues of Portugal; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eurico da Conceição Rodrigues and Rita Leontina deSousa Rodrigues; one daughter, Louisa Sellers, a granddaughter and four great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, P. O. Box 2094, Big Spring 79791-2094.

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

William Statham

William Statham, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Your Local Weather

Fri 3/6	Sat 3/7	Sun 3/8
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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• 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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church. 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 at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: 25-3-28-18-23-22.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-18-2-15-37. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-8-9. Sum It Up: 29.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-8. Sum It Up: 13.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

CHANGING DATES

• The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

Take Note

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Contact R.A. McKay at 432-553-8127.

• This is the 80th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring and the club will have its annual pancake supper Friday at the Howard College cafeteria. They will be serving pancakes, bacon and sausage from 4 p.m. thru 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person.

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Eddy Spurgin holds a tray of sausages while Ervin Fisher, left, prepares another one for a Big Spring Kiwanis Club's annual pancake supper. This year, the club will hold its supper from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in the Howard College cafeteria. The \$5 charge for supper includes pancakes, bacon, sausage and a drink.

More Capitol Highlights

Mental health rally

Mental health advocates gathered at the state Capitol Wednesday to throw their support behind legislation including \$88.3 million to fund community services for mental illness.

The funding would support crisis centers and help for people transitioning from inpatient care, said Robin Peyson, executive director of the National Alliance of Mental Illness Texas, which helped organize the event.

Speakers at the rally said there are 43,000 people with previous mental illnesses who ended up in Texas prisons because of inadequate services.

"I cannot begin to tell you how many prisons we could literally shut down because they're filled with people who have an illness. They did not have a crime record, they needed help and did not get it by the state of Texas," said Democratic Sen. John Whitmire of Houston.

The estimated crowd of more than 300 mental health practitioners, patients and activists from around the state shouted "recovery is possible" then set off through the Capitol to lobby their legislators.

Nurse ratio

Registered nurses from around Texas joined two state legislators in telling their tales of inadequate staffing that they say could be solved by mandatory nurse-to-

patient ratios.

Houston Democrats Rep. Senfronia Thompson and Sen. Mario Gallegos held a press conference Tuesday in support of their legislation establishing nurse ratios.

"We hope that this bill will go a long ways to help eliminate the nursing shortage, to produce better patient outcomes and increase the quality of care for all Texas citizens," Thompson said.

Supporters spoke out in favor of nursing ratios as the best way to improve patient care and retention of nurses.

"This is why nurses quit," said Bev Leonard, an Austin nurse. "They cannot tolerate going home at the end of the day and going, 'That kid had a 104.6, and I did nothing.'"

WARRANTS

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to be happening in just about every city in the state of Texas," Green said. "What we've initially done is send out letters. Wayne (Wright, BSPD officer) has been doing a lot of work with local companies and tried to give the public a heads up to what's going to happen."

Green said the effort will start early in the morning with a trio of local law enforcement offices ready to start knocking on doors.

"It's a collaboration between the Big Spring Police Department, the (Howard County) Sheriff's Office and possibly

the Department of Public Safety," said Green. "What they will do is start at about 7 a.m. that Saturday, and they will start hitting houses that morning. We'll break for lunch, and Wayne (Wright) will be debriefing everyone to see where we are at."

"After we get everything settled, we'll hit them again."

And while criminals and offenders may wince at the mention of the roundup, Green said some area businesses and groups are embracing the idea and offering their assistance.

"The local Emergency Services Chaplains, along with the Police Officers Association and Knights of Columbus, have actually pitched in to help feed our law enforcement officers

lunch that afternoon," said Green.

Green said the roundup represents a huge step forward for Texas law enforcement, bringing local and state agencies together.

"If you look at it on a state-wide scale — if you think of Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso — there are going to be a lot of houses hit that one day, and you're going to have a lot of law enforcement out there for that one day," he said. "This isn't something you see everyday, all of these agencies working together like this. It's very encouraging."

And while the roundup will only last one day this time around, Green said it could

have major repercussions in Big Spring and the Crossroads area.

"This is something we're wanting to be able to do quarterly," said Green. "The effects of the roundup will be felt for some time, and not just by the people we pick up. Throughout this process, our office has been looking at ways to improve the way we operate, and I can see some changes coming out of this."

For more information on the roundup, contact Municipal Court at 264-2531.

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

ROAD WORK

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Price Construction of Big Spring, which was awarded the contract to renovate Main, Scurry and Lancaster streets, is the apparent low bidder for the Gregg Street project.

Gregg Street work will be done in sections — FM 700 to 15th Street; and 15th northward to Fourth. Dill said it would be left to the contractor to determine which section will be worked first.

Three lanes will be worked on simultaneously, leaving drivers with three open lanes — one 11-

foot lane in each direction, plus a 13-foot turning lane, leaving a four-foot buffer between traffic and work crews. Workers will install ramps to allow traffic to access businesses adjacent to the work area.

Needless to say, some inconvenience is inevitable, Dill said.

"We know there's going to be some — there's no getting around it" he said. "But we're going to do everything we can to minimize those inconveniences."

Crews will resurface most of Gregg Street with "hot mix" coating, except at intersections with traffic signals (10th, 15th, 17th and 18th). At those sites, concrete will be used.

Sidewalks and driveways along the route also will be renovated as necessary to bring them into compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. In addition, street illumination will be upgraded.

Darden and other city officials are meeting with contractors today to firm up schedule estimates on the other street projects. Main Street from 18th to First Streets, Scurry Street from 25th to First and a portion of Lancaster street will be renovated.

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SUSPENDED

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and the Howard County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the bar, located at 3101 S. Highway 87, in reference to a fight involving a police officer," said Smith. "Upon arrival, law enforcement found that the officer was off-duty and intoxicated."

"Terrazas was arrested on

charges of public intoxication and assault. He's been placed on paid suspension from duty pending the outcome of an internal investigation."

Terrazas was taken into custody by deputies and booked into the Howard County Jail.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, the person Terrazas allegedly assaulted did not suffer any major injuries in the altercation.

Everett also confirmed there is no set timeframe for the internal investigation to be completed within.

According to officials with the Howard County Jail, Terrazas bonded out at approximately 11 a.m. Wednesday.

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BSHS band students qualify for state contest

To be held on UT campus in Austin June 1

The following Big Spring High School band students qualified for University Interscholastic League Texas Solo & Ensemble state competition.

The contest will be held on the University of Texas campus in Austin June 1.

Jacob Acosta, Logan Adams, Jerilyn Bermea, Mylia Black, James Bowen, Caitlin Carlisle, Deanna (Sajie) Clare, Andrea Claxton, Ivory Clements, Vicki Conner, Bernadette Cruz, Nicole Davidson, Sloan Davis, Taylor Digby, Anjelica Doporto, Jacie Durham, Gracie Enriquez and Brittany Farmer.

Belle Feaster, Andrew Fillingim, Paul Flores, Samone Foster, Antoinette Garica, Aaron Hanes, Joshua Har-

ris, Trey Harris, Patricia Hendricks, Sebastian Hernandez, Zachary Hernandez, Brandi Herrera, Troi Huddleston, Nick Islas, Jeremy Langford, Andrew Lewis and Courtney Long.

Hunter Mahaney, Gabriel Martinez, Tap McIntosh, Dennis Merworth, Matt Ryan Mier, Skyler Moore, Evan Nabors, Marissa Nieto, Alexandra Ortega, Kevin Osburn, El-exus Pacheco, Lauri Pineda, Bryan Raney, Jonathan Ray, Briana Rodriguez, Matthew Ryan, Daniel Segundo, Mal-lory Smith, Mariah Sparkman, Jennifer-Rae Vincent, Kelsey Weir, Sydney Winter, Jessica Womack, Jonathan Womack, Martin Yanez and Ethan Yeats.

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OTHER VIEWS

CHIP expansion something Texas really must do

In the category of statistics that bring shame, Texas leads the nation in the number of uninsured children an estimated 1.5 million. Like any other children, the uninsured ones get sick.

In fact because they generally lack preventive care, uninsured children get sick more often than insured children. And when they do become ill, they tend to become sicker than insured children.

Due to financial considerations, parents of uninsured children often avoid early treatment in the hope that an illness can be home medicated or will simply go away. If the condition becomes serious and parents have no choice, they seek medical care.

When they do, they go to the emergency room. And the costs for this unnecessarily expensive indigent treatment are passed on to taxpayers.

The Children's Health Insurance Program breaks this costly cycle. It covers children of working families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but who still cannot afford or who work for employers that do not provide dependant health coverage.

CHIP currently covers Texas children whose families have earnings up to 200 percent of the poverty level about \$44,000 for a family of four. Advocates want to expand eligibility to 300 percent of the poverty level on a sliding scale, with parents paying a rising proportion of the cost for coverage.

This is a plan that makes sense from savings in preventive care and averted emergency care alone. But when the federal government offers a significant match for every dollar Texas spends on CHIP coverage, it's foolhardy not to raise eligibility. Those are dollars from Washington that should be helping metropolitan health districts and taxpayers across the state.

Unfortunately, some GOP leaders, including Gov. Rick Perry, oppose raising CHIP eligibility. Perry believes the emphasis should be on achieving higher enrollment among children who are already eligible, though this isn't reflected in his budgetary priorities.

There's no reason why Texas can't do both try to increase enrollment of children currently eligible and expand eligibility. Covering more uninsured children with CHIP would improve public health and relieve a local tax burden. Not to do so may be politically penny-wise in Austin, but it is also pound-foolish.

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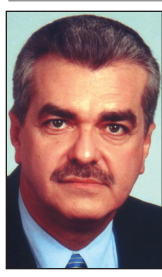
by K. Rae Anderson

May we not put off our prayers until tomorrow, Lord, but come to You daily with all our problems, hopes and dreams.

Amen

Our leaders have no shame

Just when we thought congressional earmarks were becoming an abomination, after a presidential campaign that led us to believe that pork spending would be abolished soon, at a time when Americans are facing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$410 billion omnibus spending bill that included nearly \$8 billion in porky pet projects.



MIGUEL PEREZ

They have no shame — Democrats and Republicans. All they care about is self-preservation. As long as they can take federal dollars to their home districts and they can tell their constituents that they are bringing home the bacon, the interests of the nation always will come second.

How else can anyone justify more than 8,500 pet projects to be funded by this bill? That's based on an analysis of the bill by Taxpayers for Common Sense, the watchdog group that concluded that these earmarks totaled \$7.7 billion.

But is it in the nation's best interest to be wasting borrowed money? Is this the right time to be spending millions to research honeybees in Texas, asparagus in Washington state, blueberries in Georgia, crickets in Utah, rodents in Hawaii, or wool in Montana, Texas and Wyoming? Is this the right time to spend \$1.8 million to study "swine odor and manure management" in Iowa, or is there a stronger stench coming from Capitol Hill that needs more immediate attention?

The House vote, 245-178, came only a week after President Barack Obama signed the \$787 billion stimulus package into law, one of the largest spending bills in U.S. history, and only two days after he held a White House forum with congressional leaders to begin promoting fiscal restraint.

What a joke! If it weren't so sad, it probably would be very funny!

Amazingly, although many Republicans voted against the bill and GOP leaders spoke out against it, about 40 percent of the pork reportedly was requested by Republicans.

Remember how Democrats kept claiming that they included no earmarks in the stimulus package although they really

did? Well, this time, neither Democrats nor Republicans are hiding it. And this is not a stimulus bill. This legislation, meant to keep the federal government operating through September, not only includes the \$7.7 billion in earmarks but also increases federal spending by \$31 billion more than was spent in the most recent fiscal year. At a time when they are telling the American people to be frugal, these hypocrites are spending our money as if there were no "manana."

Amazingly, some of them still are trying to justify this kind of reckless, wasteful spending, arguing that the earmarks represent only a small percentage of the \$410 billion as if \$7.7 billion were chump change!

Democrats say that because 40 percent of the earmarks belong to Republicans, somehow their 60 percent is justifiable. Republicans think that because many of them voted against the bill in the end, we should ignore the hypocrisy of those who asked for pork in the first place.

Inside the Washington Beltway, our leaders have been throwing so many billions of dollars around — as if they were playing with "Monopoly" money — that they have lost appreciation for the value of our money.

Some legislators argue that these pet projects should not be considered "wasteful spending," because they will fund programs that have some merit.

But even if that were true, at this time, they still would have to be considered "unnecessary spending." If we had a budget surplus, perhaps some of these expenses would be justifiable. But now?

Now they are obscene! Yet President Obama, who pledged to reduce earmark spending, especially while campaigning against pork-fighting Sen. John McCain, now is getting ready to sign this extremely wasteful bill.

And the president's excuse for condoning the pork he pledged to fight? White House press secretary Robert Gibbs simply calls it "last year's business."

Given that the bill's earmarks were introduced last year, at the White House press briefing Monday, Gibbs said, "The president is going to draw some very clear lines about what's going to happen (with earmarks) going forward," but he implied that we are going to have to live with the ones that were introduced before Obama became president.

Why? Reporters wanted to know. "There was a lot of other

leftover business that the president has reversed," one reporter noted. Seeing as Obama claims to be against earmarks, "Why not throw down the gauntlet on this one?" another reporter asked.

Yet Gibbs, representing the president who promised so much change, insisted that "old business" is a valid excuse.

Never mind the fact that the bill includes earmarks requested by people who are now high-ranking members of the Obama administration. Vice President Joe Biden, a former senator from Delaware, sought \$750,000 for the University of Delaware, and White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, a former congressman from Illinois, requested \$900,000 for a Chicago planetarium.

You would think that the president would ask his own people to lead by example and demonstrate the kind of fiscal responsibility that he has been preaching. You would think he would ask them to withdraw their earmarks from the bill, right? Wrong! Administration officials still are dismissing it as last year's "leftover business" — as if it were George W. Bush, not Obama, who is going to sign the bill.

If this is how Obama plans to gain credibility on fiscal restraint, he never will get it, and we are all in trouble.

"If it sounds like I'm angry, Mr. President, it's because I am," McCain said when the Senate debated the bill Monday. "The American people today want the Congress to act in a fiscally responsible manner, and they don't want us to continue this corrupting practice (of unnecessary spending). We're giving (the American people) a slap in the face, Mr. President. ... So much for the promise of change."

Passage of this bill, with this much pork at this time in history, is an insult to our intelligence by Congress and by the president. It's the kind of shameless behavior that makes many Americans disillusioned with the politicians we keep sending to Washington.

The time has come for the American people to make their representatives understand that we don't appreciate their regional pork projects and that fighting for our collective national interest is the only way they will earn our respect and our votes.

When they tell us they are bringing home the bacon, let's tell them it smells like pork.

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It's abuse, even if you're famous

By taking Chris Brown back after he allegedly beat her before the Grammys, pop-singer Rihanna sends a horrible message to women and girls everywhere. Abusive men don't change their ways just because they get caught and going back to a man who punches you simply continues the cycle of abuse.



DANIEL KLINE

Leaving a batterer can be difficult for women who are not pop stars with infinite financial resources. Escaping can often mean leaving home and possessions behind for an uncertain life where others may not support your decision.

Rihanna, however, had no such worries and she should not only leave Brown, but make sure he gets punished for what he allegedly did. If she stood up and said that no woman should ever stand for being beaten, she would give countless women the strength they need to leave their own abusers.

As a famous singer, Rihanna could have become a voice for battered women, speaking out across the media and giving abused women someone to look up to. Instead, if she has taken him back, she sends the clear message that it's okay to beat your girlfriend as long as you act really sorry and promise it won't happen again.

Women, it appears to me, like bad boys and too many ladies have the ridiculous idea that they can reform one. Unfortunately (I'm talking to you Rihanna), if he hits you once he's going to hit you again.

You can fix your man if he goes out a little too much with his friends or if he has bad table manners. You might even be able, with professional help, to reform a guy who yells at you or slams doors, but once he beats you to a pulp, there's no fixing only delaying the inevitable.

Punching a woman requires a level of deviance that few men could imagine approaching. From birth on, every guy gets it drilled into his head that you don't hit a "girl." Call it a basic rule of humanity, but even the most violent guys eager to fight other men over every minor

reason understand that you can't hit women.

It takes quite a bit of anger to pummel your significant other so badly she looks like she has gone a few rounds with Mike Tyson. Nobody accidentally beats their girlfriend so her face looks like hamburger. If you have that kind of rage in you, it's likely to come out again and when that happens all the talks with marriage counselor Sean "Puff Daddy/Puffy/Diddy" Combs won't help.

Rihanna has a chance to stand up for battered women everywhere and say that it's okay to leave and move on with your life. She can show that some lines can't be uncrossed and that for some offenses an apology is simply not enough.

Perhaps Rihanna needs to look at the photo of herself after the beating to remember that no matter how charming Brown may be, he did something too terrible to forgive. It should be pretty simple: if he hits you, then he hits the curb. There might even be a song lyric in that.

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Nation, World Briefs

Obama to discuss goals for health overhaul with doctors, patients, insurers and business

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has invited to the White House more than 120 people who hold a wide range of views on how to fix the world's costliest health care system, one that still leaves millions uninsured.

A broad group of doctors, patients, business owners and insurers were to gather for a forum Thursday in hopes of building support for big changes in health care. Republicans are invited, and they're expected to speak up.

"The president wants to engage with Congress in a transparent and bipartisan fashion," said Melody Barnes, who heads White House domestic policy.

Among the invitees are some who helped kill the Clinton administration's health care overhaul in the 1990s. Everyone is supposed to be on his best behavior, but will that last?

"This is a different day," said Chip Kahn, a hospital lobbyist who opposed President Bill Clinton's plan and was to attend Thursday's gathering. "I think among most of the stakeholders, everyone wants to see this work. There is a tremendous feeling that it's time."

House to vote on Obama-backed measure to force mortgage workouts in bankruptcy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debt-strapped homeowners unable to afford their mortgages could get their monthly payments lowered in bankruptcy court under a controversial element of President Barack Obama's housing rescue plan.

The legislation is part of a broader housing package scheduled for a House vote Thursday. It's the toughest piece of Obama's efforts to prevent foreclosures — a stick to go with the many carrots he is offering the mortgage industry to help borrowers afford their home loans.

On Wednesday, Obama's team announced details of his broader \$75 billion housing plan, which features cash incentives for mortgage holders — known as loan servicers — who cut deals with borrowers for new, more affordable terms.

The legislation has been the subject of an intense lobbying campaign by the financial services industry, which has worked hard to kill it. It has exposed rifts among liberal Democrats who regard it as the only real way to help debt-strapped homeowners avoid foreclosures and moderates who want to give voluntary efforts a chance to work before resorting to the courts.

The same divisions are at work in the Senate, which is expected to consider its own version of the legislation in the coming weeks.

Former first lady Barbara Bush recovering after successful open heart surgery in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Former first lady Barbara Bush was recovering Thursday following 2½-hour heart surgery to replace her aortic valve, hospital officials said.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath said Bush was already up and talking Wednesday night in intensive care only hours after undergoing the procedure at The Methodist Hospital.

Former President George H.W. Bush was at the hospital with his wife, McGrath said. The hospital said the former first lady was expected to be released in seven to 10 days.

"I am very impressed with and grateful to the wonderful team of doctors and nurses at The Methodist Hospital who have helped Barbara," the former president said. "We have every confidence she is in the best hands."

The surgery was scheduled last week after Bush, 83, experienced a shortness of breath, McGrath said. He said doctors determined the aortic valve had started to harden.

15-pound golden eagle survives after smashing through windshield of tractor-trailer in Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The eagle has landed — with a thud — after crashing through the windshield of a tractor-trailer on a Nevada highway. State wildlife officials said Wednesday that a 15-pound golden eagle with a 7-foot wing span has a swollen head but otherwise appears unhurt after crashing into a Florida truck driver's big rig on Monday.

Matthew Roberto Gonzalez of Opa Locka, Fla., was driving on U.S. Interstate 80 in northeast Nevada near Wells, about 60 miles west of the Utah line, when the eagle came crashing into the cab of his truck.

"I heard a loud thump like a brick or something coming through the glass," said Daryl Young of Miami, the co-driver who was dozing in the sleeper berth when it happened. "I woke up, and the windshield was all over me. Next thing I know there was a big bird lying on the floor."

Joe Doucette, a spokesman for the Nevada Department of Wildlife, said it appears the eagle hit the windshield head first.

"One side of the head is swollen, but there does not appear to be any permanent damage," he said.

NATO alliance may be moving toward resuming ties with Moscow

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Seven months after breaking ties with Russia over its invasion of Georgia, the NATO alliance moved Thursday toward

resuming formal relations despite lingering concerns about Moscow's approach to reasserting its regional influence.

NATO foreign ministers opened a one-day meeting Thursday and appeared likely to decide the time is right to warm up to Russia. Such a move could boost President Barack Obama's efforts to build a stronger bond with the Russians after years of tensions during the Bush administration.

For U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who arrived here Wednesday night, the NATO meeting will be her first. She is at the midpoint of a weeklong trip that began in Egypt and took her to Israel on Tuesday and the West Bank on Wednesday. After the NATO session she is due to travel to Geneva on Friday to meet with her Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, and afterward she is to visit Ankara, Turkey.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said Clinton's presence was widely welcomed.

"We can assume there will be a new breeze going through NATO and a new mood of cooperation," he said. "We will need that because the challenges are not getting any easier."

Gay marriage advocates aim to make presence known as California court hears Prop. 8 challenges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Same-sex marriage advocates are pinning their hopes on California's highest court as it prepares to hear arguments on a trio of lawsuits seeking to overturn the state's voter-approved ban on gay unions.

Thursday's three-hour hearing was expected to draw an audience much larger than the California Supreme Court's courtroom can accommodate. Gay rights groups rented out a nearby auditorium and a big screen television for the outdoor plaza where a group of clergy scheduled a pre-argument prayer service.

"It's important to show the Supreme Court justices history is on our side," said Paul Sousa, 22, of Boston, who flew to San Francisco on Wednesday and planned to camp out by the courthouse overnight to be closer to the action. "Courts often can be a couple steps ahead of the curve on civil rights issues. We just have to help them get there."

The ballot initiative, which passed with 52 percent of the vote in November, changed the California Constitution to trump last year's 4-3 Supreme Court decision that held that denying same-sex couples the right to wed was an unconstitutional civil rights violation.

Sudan's president says tribunal's arrest warrant is a conspiracy to destabilize nation

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir said Thursday an international tribunal's decision to seek his arrest on war crimes charges is a conspiracy aimed at destabilizing the country and disrupting peace efforts in Darfur.

Speaking for the first time since he became wanted, al-Bashir told a Cabinet meeting that the court, the United Nations and international organizations operating in Sudan were "tools of the new colonialism" meant to bring Sudan and its resources under control.

"This is an attempt to get at Sudan," he said.

Al-Bashir's government retaliated immediately after the warrant was issued Wednesday, ordering the expulsion of 10 leading international humanitarian organizations from Darfur, including Oxfam, CARE and Save the Children.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called it "a serious setback to lifesaving operations in Darfur." Aid groups protested, saying they had no connection to the court and that their absence could lead to a crisis for more than 2 million war-weary Sudanese who need such basics as shelter, food and clean water.

Police blotter

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

- FERNANDO DIAZ FRANCO, 42, of 1105 W. Third St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

- DIANA DARDEN SANDERS, 48, of 1501 N. County Road 41, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- JUAN JOSE ACUNA JR., 25, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

- JOHN MANUEL SOLIS, 23, transient, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to appear (three counts), no driver's license (three counts), possession of a controlled substance (two counts), possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- THEFT was reported: in the 3600 block of Highway 80. in the 2300 block of Wasson.

- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont.

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Father Delaney.

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: in the 3100 block of Highway 87. in the 2000 block of Goliad.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

- KYLE LEE BROWNFIELD, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ MUNIZ, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — open container.

- VINCENT MENDEZ, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- GUADALUPE LARA PARADEZ JR., 58, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated — second offense and driving while license invalid.

- PATRICK KYLE HECKLER, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of no valid driver's license and issuance of a bad check.

- ANSELMO HILARIO JR., 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of S. Main Street. Service refused.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of N. Highway 87 and FM 846. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Cypress. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

	4		7					8
6	1							
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5								1
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3					8			4

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Upping the Percentages

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 9 8 5
♥ A J 6
♦ 9 3
♣ 9 7 4

WEST

♠ 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ K 3 2

EAST

♠ 7
♥ K Q 5 4 2
♦ J 7 6
♣ J 10 8 6

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 6 2
♥ 7
♦ A K 8 4
♣ A Q 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♠			

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Whenever declarer is faced with a situation where the success of the contract depends upon winning a finesse, he should first seek some alternative method of play by which the finesse can be avoided. The number of cases where a finesse can be eliminated in favor of a superior line of play occurs far more often than is generally realized.

For example, take this hand where making six spades superficially appears to depend on a successful finesse in clubs. But if declarer relies

the club king, he will suffer a one-trick defeat. While there is a 50 percent chance that East has dealt the king of clubs, this does not necessarily mean that there is only a 50 percent chance to make the contract.

South's chance of bringing in the slam is considerably greater than 50 percent, provided he takes the preparatory steps necessary to increase his chances. With correct play, South can elevate his probability of success to better than 70 percent.

After winning the ace of hearts, he draws two rounds of trumps and ruffs a heart. The A-K of diamonds are cashed and a diamond is ruffed. Dummy's last heart is trumped, and the eight of diamonds is led. When West produces the queen, the slam becomes a certainty. Instead of ruffing, declarer allows West to win the trick, and a club is discarded from dummy!

Whatever West returns, the contract is made. If West leads a club, South scores the queen, while if a heart is led, dummy discards a second club as declarer ruffs in his hand.

Note that at no point during the play does declarer relinquish his chance of making the contract via a club finesse. But by eliminating the red suits first, he also eliminates the need for the finesse whenever West started with the majority of the nine

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Team Member 2: _____ phone: _____

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Cowboys cut ties with embattled T.O.

IRVING (AP) — Terrell Owens' days in Dallas are done, according to ESPN.

ESPN cited anonymous sources Wednesday in saying that the Cowboys have decided to cut the receiver, ridding them of a big locker-room distraction but also absorbing a big hit on their salary cap.

The team did not immediately have a comment. A spokesman for Owens said he hadn't heard the news, and that Owens was traveling and could not immediately be reached. His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, also did not immediately return a call.

Just a few weeks ago, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones indicated that T.O.

was staying when he said, "You and I both know that the one that you're asking about all the time, if I gave you the answer that you want to hear, then the answer that you had it. So the fact you don't have it ought to tell you something. It really should."

Jones seemed to enjoy the publicity Owens stirred up as much as the touchdowns he scored. However, there were several in-house issues involving Owens that may have ultimately prompted Jones to decide the receiver wasn't worth the trouble he caused.

Owens will count about \$9 million against the cap. His absence means one less high-profile player to open

the Cowboys' new, \$1.1 billion stadium, and fewer No. 81 jerseys to sell.

While Tony Romo also will be without the recipient of most his touchdown passes, he also will no longer have to make sure T.O. has enough passes his way to make him happy. Whether that was perception or reality will no longer matter either.

The Cowboys went 31-17 in Owens' three seasons, but 0-2 in the playoffs.

Jones essentially forced Owens on then-coach Bill Parcells, a relationship underscored by Parcells referring to Owens as "the player." Owens drew attention to himself during training camp by dressing up as a pro cyclist while riding a stationary bike,

then had an accidental overdose early that season.

Yet when Parcells turned to unproven Romo midway through that season, Owens sparkled. They kept it up the next season, leading the Cowboys to all sorts of club records on their way to a 13-3 season and a division title. The Cowboys lost their first playoff game, days after Romo and others went on a trip to Mexico, and Owens tearfully defended Romo, saying, "That's my quarterback."

Owens got a new contract last summer, a four-year, \$34 million deal that included a \$12 million bonus.

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Bound for regionals

Forsan tops Sudan, faces Gruver in Region I tourney

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — Another round, another win for the Forsan Buffaloes basketball team.

The Buffs placed themselves into the Class A, Region I Tournament with a 54-46 win over Sudan Wednesday at Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

Forsan plays Gruver (22-8) in the regional semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Friday at South Plains College in Levelland. Gruver defeated Boys Ranch Wednesday, 53-37.

It's the Buffs first trip to the regional tournament in more than 30 years.

Forsan led by 3 after the first period, 13-10, but struggled to put the ball in the basket in the second.

Fortunately, so did Sudan.

B.J. Davis, Sudan's leading scorer this season, sank a free throw early in the second period. That was the only point scored in the frame until 42 seconds were left before halftime.

At that point, a long rebound bounced to Forsan's Tristian Clay and he nailed a 3-pointer to give the Buffs a 16-11 lead at the break.

Clay was just getting started.

With Sudan focused on shutting down Forsan's top scorer Jeremy Robbins, Clay stepped up, hitting three of his six 3-pointers on the night in the third period.

Forsan clamped down enough defen-



Forsan's Tristian Clay (24) and Evan Burton (32) trap a Sudan player in action from a Class A regional quarterfinal playoff game played at the Tiger Pit in Wolfforth Wednesday. Clay had 24 points to lead the Buffs to a 56-48 victory and a berth into the Region I Tournament, beginning Friday.

sively in the third, holding Sudan to just six points, which gave the Buffs a 33-17 heading into the final frame.

"There's only been a couple of games this season when Jeremy hasn't scored in double digits. Every time it happens someone steps up," said Forsan Head Coach Terry McDonald. "It was Tristian's turn last night. He hit the open shots. It wasn't there for Jeremy,

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Local boys basketball playoff schedule

Friday
Forsan vs. Gruver, 2:30 p.m. Friday at South Plains College in Levelland.

Sands vs. Ira, 1 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University.

Texas Tech stuns No. 9 Jayhawks, 84-65

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech coaches noticed a bounce in Alan Voskuil's step as the senior warmed up before Wednesday night's game against No. 9 Kansas.

Voskuil, playing in his final home game, was 9-of-14 from 3-point range and scored a career-high 35 points to lead the Red Raiders to an 84-65 upset of

the Jayhawks to end a six-game losing streak.

"It's something I'm never going to forget," said Voskuil. "I mean (a) new career-high, most threes I've hit in a game."

He hit the last two shots of the game, both 3s from well beyond the arc and near the bench, as fans cheered him and chanted his name.

"I wasn't missing," he said. "Might as well throw them up there. Guess they

went in."

Pat Knight, who sat beside his famously temperamental father as an associate head coach the last two times Tech beat Kansas in Lubbock, said Voskuil was hot in warmups. One of his assistants remarked to him that Voskuil could have a great last home game.

Texas Tech (13-17, 3-12 Big 12) never trailed and fended off several comebacks by the Jayhawks, who got as close as 43-41 in the second half.

Sports in brief

Early dismissal at Forsan Friday for Region I Tournament

All Forsan ISD students will have a noon dismissal Friday at both the junior high/high school and Elbow Elementary campuses.

The Forsan boys basketball team is playing the Region I Tournament held at South Plains College in Levelland at 2:30 p.m. Friday. The Buffs will take on Gruver's Greyhounds. They will play at 2 p.m. Saturday if they win.

BSGSA registration continues Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding sign-ups for the 2009 season continues at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign up date is the following Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Girls ages 4-14 are eligible to play with a registration fee of \$65.

The fee covers full uniform. Late registration after March 14 will include a \$10 extra charge.

For more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Lady Steers boosters meeting March 16 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:45 p.m. March 16 in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high or high school are encouraged to attend.

Moss Creek hosting ATV and side-by-side races

The Texas Crossroads Racing Circuit is having an event hosted by Moss Creek Lake March 22.

Events feature a variety of ATV and side-by-side vehicles.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the first races taking place at 8 a.m. A required \$15 for TCRC membership will be charged along with entrance fees for each individual race.

For more information or directions to to event, visit www.texasrcr.net.

BSCC hosting 3-person scramble April 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble tournament April 4-5 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course April 4 and practice rounds the day before.

Field will be flighted by first round score with number of flights being determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Buff fall to C-City, 17-10

Herald Staff Report

COLORADO CITY — Forsan's Buffaloes found defense a bit tricky on the diamond Tuesday in a 17-10 loss to Colorado City.

The Buffs committed eight errors in the game as pitchers Dylan Lowery and Payton Parker combined to give up seven earned runs, meaning the Wolves scored 10 unearned.

"Our defense has been inconsistent. It was great in the Big Spring Tournament and we went undefeated there," noted Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "I think our nerves got to us Tuesday. Our defense killed us in this game. I tried to tell Dylan it looked worse than it was. I thought he had his best outing of the season, but he had nothing backing him up. If we play better defense, we win that game."

Lowery pitched four innings, giving up 12 runs — just three earned — on five hits and two walks, while striking out six batters.

Parker relieved him in the fifth, pitching the final two frames. He gave up six runs — four earned — on four hits and three walks, striking out two batters.

Parker went 4 for 4 at the plate, though, driving in three runs. Foster Burtchett, Zane Herrin and Patrick Robles all hit triples for the Buffs.

Forsan plays in a eight-team tournament in Ralls, beginning Thursday. The Buffs open with Friona at noon. With a win, they'll play again at 5 p.m. A loss means they'll turn around and play at 2:30 p.m.

"This tournament features all Class A varsity teams," said Phillips. "I really wanted in this tournament because it's going to be teams we could see in the playoffs. It's better for us than playing Class 4A and 3A junior varsity squads."

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Help for the Sandwich Generation

(Family Features) Twenty million American adults are caring for aging parents at the same time they're raising young children. Known as the Sandwich Generation, they are feeling the stress.

A recent study of "sandwichers" reports that:

- 53 percent feel forced to choose between caring for their children or caring for their parents at least once a week
- 20 percent feel they must choose to care for one or the other every day of the week

The American Psychological Association's 2007 Stress in America survey found that mothers in the sandwich generation, ages 35 - 54, feel more stress than any other age group as they try to manage caring for growing children and aging parents.

The pressures of taking care of family members, as well as the worry over parents' health, putting children through college and saving for retirement takes a big toll. So what's a sandwicher to do?

Involve the whole family

It's common for one family member to assume responsibility for older parents. But even the most take-charge, organized person will need help.

Getting siblings and other immediate family involved lightens the burden for everyone, and gives them a chance to show their love for parents, too.

Establish regular family meetings for those involved in providing care. Those that can't be there in person can participate by phone or Webcam.

• Keep a list of updates and concerns about health, finances, legal or housing issues.

• Talk about problems that may have come up with giving or getting help. Discussing such issues helps avoid hurt feelings and gets problems solved.

• Focus on the task of caring for the parent, not dealing with old family hurts.

Find a job for everyone. A brother who lives far away can still help with paying bills, researching

agencies, or just calling regularly. A sister who lives nearby but who can't give regular care may be the designated back-up for the primary care giver.

It's important to get your spouse and children involved, too.

• Be specific about how your spouse can help, and make sure that you ask for help, not demand it.

• Check in with your spouse about his or her feelings and encourage them to talk.

• Be honest with your children about the situation. Answer their questions.

• Ask them how they'd like to help out. Perhaps they'd like to make cards or show off their newest treasures.

Get outside help

• Community groups and churches often have volunteers who can help with home repair, transportation, meals and companionship.

• Talk to those who see your parents regularly - delivery people, beauticians, barbers or neighbors — and ask them to call you if anything seems out of the ordinary.

• Look to professional care services when your parent's physical needs are too much for you to handle.



It's also important to take care of yourself. Make time to rest, eat right and relax. You're no good to anyone in your family if you're exhausted and stressed out.

Caring for two generations at the same time isn't easy, but it can be managed — if you get some help.

Annie's Mailbox [®]

Dear Annie: I just moved to a very nice community five months ago. The people are so friendly, warm and helpful. My house is located not far from the ocean on a very secluded cul-de-sac. I have a 12-month lease and pay rent monthly.

It has come to my notice in recent weeks that my landlord is exceptionally nosy. I see him around on a regular basis, not doing anything but driving around in circles, especially in the late evenings.

One evening, I was taking out my trash and noticed him leering into the window of the young couple that lives down the block. This is simply wrong, not to mention a total invasion of their privacy. Should I report him to the police? Should I say something to him directly? Or should I just mind my own business?

So far I have caught him doing this four times. He's sort of creepy. — *Elderly Lady in Her 70s*

Dear Lady: There's no way to know if your landlord suspects the couple of doing something illegal or if he's just trying to catch a glimpse of them having sex.

Do not confront your landlord. Either call the police and report what you saw, allowing them to handle it, or go to the young couple and inform them they ought to close their blinds.

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Annabelle," is single and will be 50 next month. She is the youngest of my six children, all of whom are happily married with children of their own.

While my other sons and daughters settled down quite early in life, Annabelle did not. She is a trained psychologist, loves her work and is adamant that she enjoys being single. Even though she has always had plenty of male friends, she has said she will never give up her precious freedom for any man.

I do have to admit, even as a child, Annabelle was always fiercely independent, but so were two of my sons who both now have grown children. How can one child out of six choose to be so different? — *J.*

Dear J.: There are dozens of reasons why some people choose the single life, and one may be that she

truly prefers her privacy and enjoys the solitude. Marriage is not for everyone and there is no crime in that. In fact, too many people marry for the wrong reasons and are worse off for it. If Annabelle is happy, please try to be happy for her.

Dear Annie: Awhile ago, you printed a letter from "Dying of Loneliness in Oregon," a widow who was an only child with distant relatives she had not contacted in ages.

I am a very young-looking 65-year-old widow and an only child. My husband was also an only child. My parents are dead. I have no nieces or nephews, and my aunts and uncles are all dead, except one uncle by marriage who is 97 and lives in another state.

Is there a support group for people who are all alone in the world? Living without family is the most horrible existence there is,

especially when your health is not good. Friends are not the same. You still have to go home to an empty house. — *Lonely in Michigan*

Dear Lonely: Unless family members live with you, it's still an empty house.

If you're looking for company on a daily basis, consider moving to a retirement or over-55 living community. Aside from the welcoming communal areas, the available activities will keep you busy and allow you to meet others with similar interests. Also check out AARP (aarp.org or 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277)) and the Red Hat Society (redhatsociety.com). You might not be able to create more family members, but you can make a family out of your friends.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

There are things you know that are hard to prove. Maybe they don't even make logical sense; still, there's no doubt in your mind they are true. Such beliefs are highlighted as Mercury lines up with mystical Neptune in a rare conjunction. You may be compelled to share your faith, though don't feel you have to justify it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're on the job you will enjoy collaboration, even when it's not going so smoothly. Sometimes the more raucous collaborations produce the most impressive results. You work it through with your eye on the end result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As it was with the turtle and the hare, getting to the finish line first isn't always about moving fast. A slow and steady pace will increase your chances of winning, as well as your enjoyment of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not afraid to disagree with those in charge. However, you wisely choose the best time to do this — not today. Gather your thoughts, as well as the evidence that there might be a better way to proceed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The creativity is definitely flowing now. If you share your fantasies, they will be taken seriously. This can be positive or negative, depending on what you've been imagining and whom you tell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Playing hard to get is so against your nature when you really want the other person (or job or other situation) enough to chase after it. Luckily you have the confidence not to pursue. Let life come to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's so lucky that people come to you with problems now. Your service and expertise is needed. You could make some money with this and there's nothing stopping you from doing so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sweetness is not only appreciated, it's needed. Someone with a demanding career will rely on you for a feeling of home and family. Your brand of comfort will favorably affect this person's health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not enough to know that all things are connected. You want to feel it. That's why you're on the hunt for a sign that you are in the right place at the right time. Synchronistic events will delight you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are times to be tenacious and this isn't one of them. When you feel resistance, back off. Reconsider the people involved. Ask more questions about what others want and need

from a situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Part of the reason people gravitate toward you is that you are a source of interest and fun for them. Remember this when you're with your inner circle of comfortable people. Make an effort, even for family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who exhibit some kind of creative talent will catch your eye. Not because they can do something special, but because they make you feel a certain way. You'll be inspired to develop your own talents, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no reason to desire what you already have. That may be why you subconsciously create some distance in relationships. A loved one senses you are not so easily won and will work to gain your favorable attention.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS: On this day in 1979, Voyager I flew past Jupiter and caught spectacular photographs of its moons. Being the planet of abundance, it just wouldn't seem right if Jupiter had only one or two moons. In Mac Daddy style, Jupiter has at least 62 moons, four of them being particularly of interest for their size, beauty and mythology: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Calisto. All four of these names represent mythological creatures who were in one way or another involved with Zeus, the Greek ruler of the gods. And yes, Zeus's Roman counterpart was Jupiter.

Jupiter entered Aquarius on Jan. 5 of this year and will be exploring the constellation until Jan. 18, 2010. We're already two months into this exciting transit and this is the perfect time to check in and determine how it's going for you. Have you upgraded your technology or made any smart moves to help you stay connected with others? And how are you contributing to the solution of planetary issues? You might be inspired to ramp up your contribution to society or approach things with an increasingly global outlook. Jupiter in Aquarius reminds us this existence can be abundant and within each person is the astounding power to make a difference.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lovely Pisces actress Eva Mendes lights up the big screen, as well as the fashion magazines, as her put-together personal style makes her a photographer's favorite. Pisces fashionistas are all about the feel, fit and flow of clothing. From casual to formal, the fish find a fluid way to express their true selves. Mendes has her emotional moon in show-stopping Leo, which lends a flair for drama, too.

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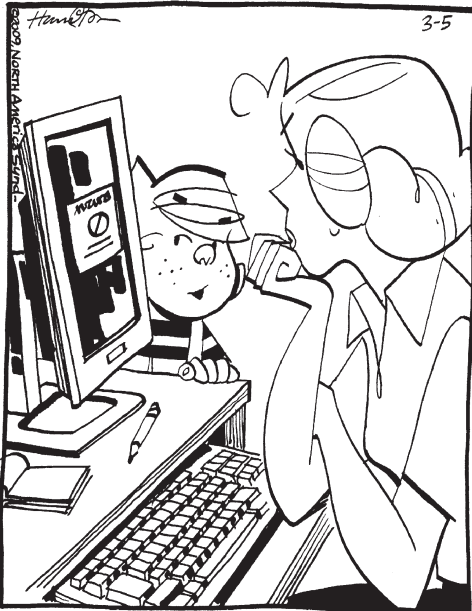
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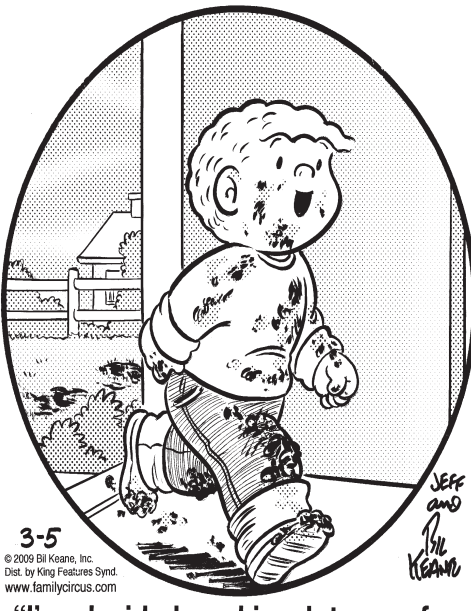
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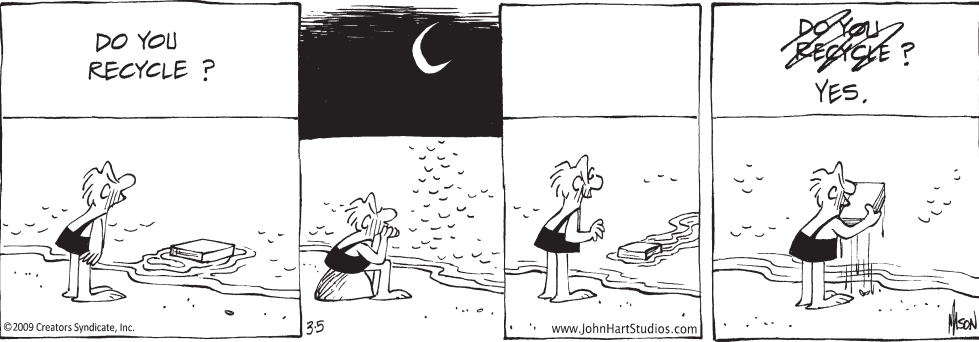
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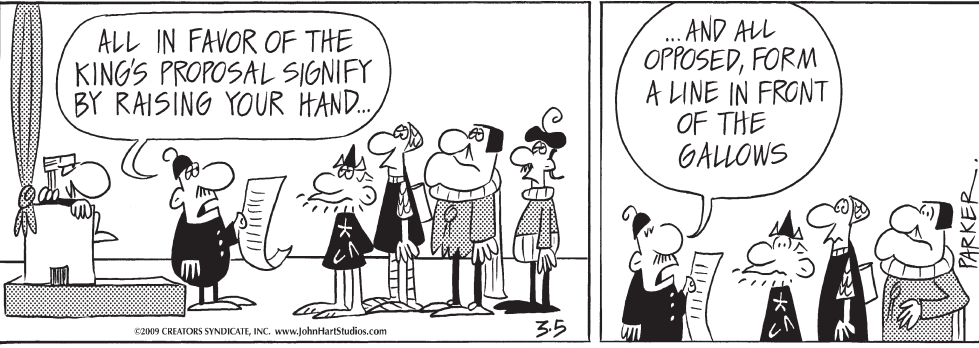
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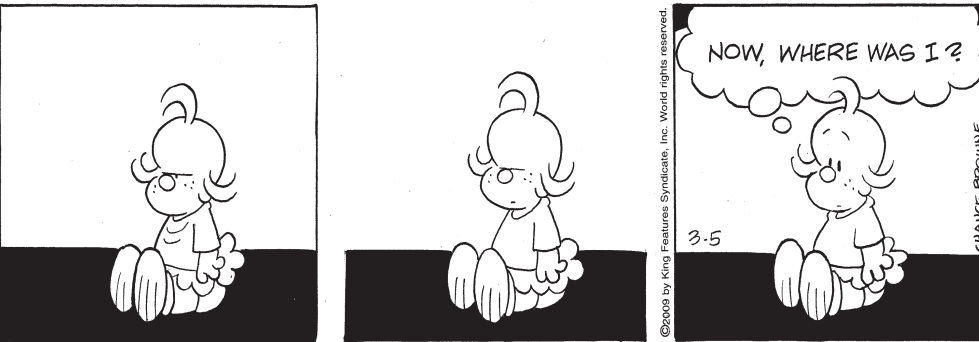
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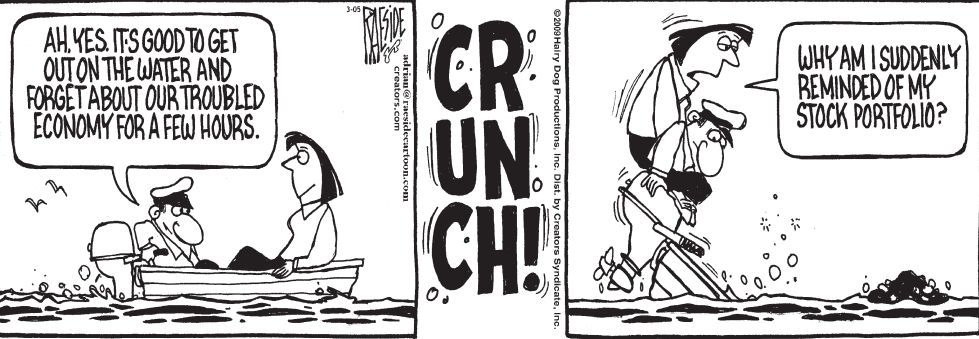
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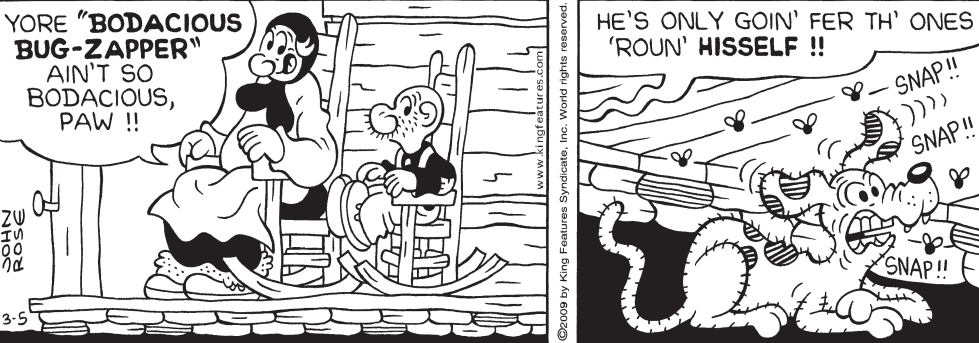
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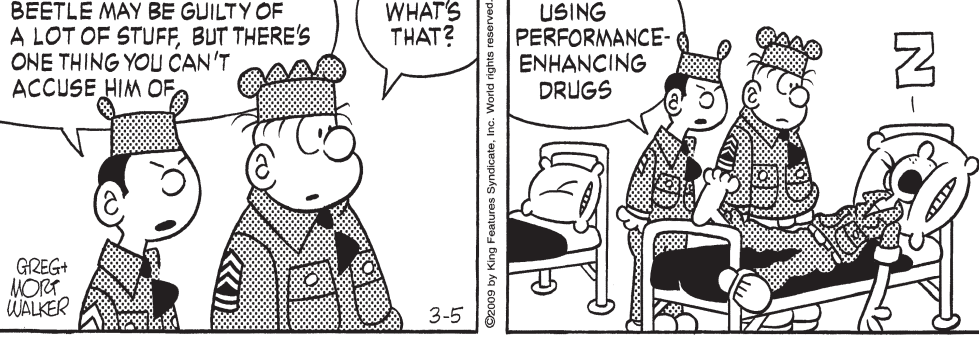
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 5, the 64th day of 2009. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 5, 1959, a fire at the Negro Boys Industrial School in Wrightsville, Ark., claimed the lives of 21 teenagers trapped inside a locked dormitory room. (Four dozen other boys managed to escape).

On this date: In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

In 1849, Zachary Taylor was inaugurated as the 12th president of the United States. (The swearing-in was delayed by a day because March 4, 1849, fell on a Sunday.)

In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also claimed the life of pilot Randy Hughes, Cline's manager.

In 1970, a nuclear non-proliferation treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1979, NASA's Voyager 1 space probe flew past Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood, Calif. He was 33.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 87. Actor James B. Sikking is 75. Actor Dean Stockwell is 73. Actor Fred

Williamson is 71. Actor Michael Warren is 63. Actor Eddie Hodges is 62. Singer Eddy Grant is 61. Violinist Eugene Fodor is 59. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 57. Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 55. Magician Penn Jillette is 54. Actress Adriana Barraza is 53. Pop singer Teena Marie is 53. Rock singers Charlie and Craig Reid (The Proclaimers) are 47. Rock musician John Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 39. Singer Rome is 39. Actor Kevin Connolly is 35. Actress Jill Ritchie is 35. Actress Jolene Blalock is 34. Actress Eva Mendes is 34. Model Niki Taylor is 34. Actor Jake Lloyd is 20.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 15 Not seasoned
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- 17 Hardly any time at all
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- 27 Sandpiper relatives
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- 36 Shade sources
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- 41 Scoop out
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- 48 One in charge
- 49 Kid's curfew, maybe
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but he did a great job of getting his teammates involved. When he tried to drive the lane, Sudan collapsed on him and it gave Tristian some open looks he took advantage of."

Sudan made a late push with Crager Swarb carrying the load, swishing four 3-pointers in the final stanza. However, the closest Sudan got was within 9, 49-40, as Forsan made just enough free throws down the stretch to win the game.

McDonald knew Sudan was going to be a test for the Buffs.

"We had a 5-point lead at the half and we were glad to have it," he said. "We knew if we could hit a couple of buckets early in the third and get the lead to double digits, then we could start to press them hard. Their zone defense was giving us a lot of trouble. Jeremy couldn't penetrate it. When Tristian started to hit those threes, Sudan was forced out of its zone. Then

we started finding advantages with Jeremy and Evan (Burton).

"We also did a great job on the defensive boards," McDonald continued, "and of getting the ball quickly up the floor. They had a lot of height inside, so getting on the boards was big."

McDonald also praised the defensive efforts of Nathan Atkerson, who drew the responsibility of guarding Davis in the post. Davis averaged a double-double this season with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Atkerson held him to half his scoring average with eight.

Clay ended up with a game-high 24 points, scoring 11 in the third period alone. Burton was good for 14, while Robbins scored some big buckets late to post nine.

Sudan was led by Swarb's 18, while Jay Koontz added 13.

McDonald didn't have a lot of information on Gruver, but he was confident in Forsan's ability to compete for a regional title.

"I haven't looked at Gruver specifically, but with just talking to other coaches who have seen them, they think

we can match up well. I do know they're a fundamentally sound team that doesn't make a lot of mistakes," said McDonald. "We're just taking it one game at a time right now. This time of year, we're not putting on much new stuff. We add a wrinkle or two depending on what a team does. Gruver is in the same boat we are. We both have one day to prepare. We've got close to 30 games under our belt and should be ready to go. Hopefully, we can go out and win this one then come back Saturday."

The winner plays either Anton or No. 2 Plains in the finals at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Forsan 13 3 17 21-54
Sudan 10 1 6 30-46

Forsan (24-3): Tristian Clay 24, Evan Burton 14, Jeremy Robbins 9, Nathan Atkerson 5, Alex Huckabee 2.
Sudan (20-13): Craiger Swarb 18, Jay Koontz 13, B.J. Davis 8, Brock Steinbach 3, Chance Dory 2, Raymond Perez 2, Derick Wood 1.
3-point goals: FHS 6 (Clay 6), SHS 9 (Swarb 6, Koontz 3). Free throws: FHS 14-29, SHS 6-12. Total fouls: FHS 14, SHS 16. Fouled out: None.

Sands headed to ACU for regional tournament

SLATON — Forsan isn't the only Crossroads area boys basketball team making an

appearance at a regional tournament.

The Sands Mustangs clinched a berth in the Class A, Division II, Region II tournament with a 68-57 victory over Turkey Valley Wednesday in Slaton.

The Mustangs face No. 5 Ira at 1 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University.

Sands and Ira met earlier this season at the Coahoma Invitational in December. Ira used a dominant third period to edge the Mustangs, 52-45, claiming third place at the tournament.

Kylor Fine led Ira with 21 points in the game, while Sands got a game-high 22 from Seth Fry.

The winner moves on to the regional finals to face either No. 2 Paducah or No. 16 Lipan at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at ACU.

Paducah ends Grady's season

JAYTON — An impressive run through the postseason came to an end for the Grady Wildcats Wednesday night as second-ranked Paducah overcame a 4-point halftime deficit to pull out a 53-46 victory. Paducah moves on to play

No. 16 Lipan in the regional semifinals Friday at Abilene Christian University.

Grady had a 17-13 lead after the first period and the 4-point advantage held through the second stanza.

However, Paducah came out of the locker room strong, outscoring the Wildcats, 17-7, in the third frame. The rally gave the Dragons a 42-36 advantage heading into the final period.

Grady closed the deficit to 3 in the fourth, but couldn't hit key shots down the stretch, while Paducah forced several turnovers to seal the game.

Grady, which finished the season with a 23-6 record, was led by Dylan Cox's game-high 21 points. Jacob Ramirez added 12.

Paducah got 16 points from David Smart with Maurice Hurd adding 10.

Grady 17 12 7 10-46
Paducah 13 12 17 11-53
Grady (23-6): Shane Teague 3, Dylan Cox 21, Tyler Matthews 1, Joe Cook 5, Geoffrey Schuette 4, Jacob Ramirez 12.

Paducah: Jamal Brisco 9, Andrew Hastings 2, Lonnie Hurd 3, Maurice Hurd 10, Rico Pina 3, David Smart 16, Trey McGruder 10.

3-point goals: Grady 2 (Teague, Cox), Paducah 0. Free throws: Grady 14-18, Paducah 9-13.

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The best news for Owens would be if the cameras were rolling for the new reality TV show he has in the works when he got the news from the Cowboys.

Where might he end up next?

That's sure to be the next drama, and perhaps more great fodder for his TV show.

He's not likely to return to San Francisco or Philadelphia, the other places he wore out his welcome.

Then again, it seemed unlikely he would come to Dallas after having offended Cowboys fans by celebrating on the team's star logo while playing for the 49ers.

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