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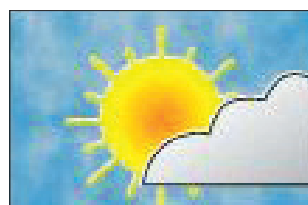


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Kids' Zone to benefit from fund-raiser

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Special to the Herald

Saturday, Big Spring residents will get their chance to not only be a "rock star," but to help out the community.

The Computer Store and Spanky's Coffeehouse have teamed up, along with many other local businesses, to put together a fund-raiser to help rebuild Kid's Zone.

Kid's Zone, located in Comanche Trail Park, was burned by vandals

last year.

Danny Perez and Jack Calk have been the leaders in putting together a RockBand2 Xbox 360 tournament — Rock Big Spring. They started their venture two months ago. In that time, they have put together a committee of about seven people and enlisted the help of numerous business owners.

"I read about the golf tournament fund-raiser that was being held, and I wanted to know what I could do," Jack Calk, owner of the Computer

Store, said.

He said that his children, now teenagers, have been going to the city park since they were toddlers and it is a special place for them to spend time with their grandfather when he visits. It's a place for many to spend time together as a family and let their children release their pent up energy.

To begin rebuilding Kid's Zone, the city has to come up with its \$25,000 deductible before the insurance will give them the money to rebuild, ac-

cording to Calk. Once repair of Kid's Zone is begun, not only will it be rebuilt, but it is planned to be expanded and improved.

Danny Perez and Calk previously had success in promoting their new businesses with a Rock Band Tournament. They decided that since it worked so well for them, it would fair equally well as a fund-raiser.

"Rock Band is a game that brings

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Council to handle routine agenda

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Routine items top the agenda for the Big Spring City Council going into Tuesday's meeting, as the council is expected to finalize funding for the inter-local grant writer and consider first reading of new stop signs on 14th Street.

The council gave the go-ahead several weeks ago for the city to join with several other local taxing entities to hire a grant writer, part of an inter-local agreement between the agencies.

In addition to the city, the project is being funded by Howard County, Big Spring Independent School District, Coahoma Independent School District, Forsan Independent School District, Howard College and the Big Spring Economic Development Board.

The agreement — which totals \$120,000 annually — calls for the city to fund \$20,000, with similar funds coming from Big Spring ISD, Howard County, Howard College and the Big Spring EDC, while Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD will donate \$10,000 each.

The city is expected to approve the \$13,333 amendment to its budget — the pro-rated amount that will carry the project through the end of the fiscal year in September —



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Ann Duncan takes her turn at the griddle during the Big Spring Kiwanis Club's annual pancake supper at the Howard College cafeteria Friday evening. Money raised from the supper will help finance club projects throughout the year.

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Tax Aide volunteers working hard

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents hoping to take advantage of the annual AARP Tax Aide program, as the government's April 15 deadline is just over the horizon.

Already in their second month of tax form preparations, AARP spokeswoman and program coordinator Gloria Hopkins said the volunteers with the program are working hard to make the annual effort a success.

"I just can't say enough about the men and women who volunteer each year," said Hopkins. "This year's volunteers have been terrific. They have come through in fine fashion.

"We began doing taxes the first part of February, and we'll continue each Monday from 8 a.m. until noon through the April tax deadline," she said. "For those that are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

Hopkins said area residents planning to use the service should be sure to gather up their financial information before heading to the Senior Center.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms," said Hopkins. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2008 earnings

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Obituaries

Columbo Manzanarez



Columbo Manzanarez, 71, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Regency Hospital in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 31, 1937, Ocotito, Guerrero, Mexico, to Prudencia and Rufino Manzanarez. He married Lucia Gonzales Nov. 4, 1965, in Santa Ana, Calif. They moved to Big Spring from Santa Ana in 1988. He worked most of his life in a boat manufacturing company. He retired in 1988. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Parish.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia Manzanarez of Big Spring; two daughters, Yolanda Martinez and her husband, Joe, and Veronica Romero and her husband, Edward, all of Big Spring; one son, Emilio Manzanarez of Riverside, Calif.; three sisters, Fulgencia Manzanarez and Simplicia Manzanarez, both of Ocotito, Guerrero, Mexico, and Sabina Manzanarez of Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico; 11 grandchildren, Mike Manzanarez and his wife, Juanita Arango, Ismael Vargas, Joseph Martinez Jr., Eric Martinez, Nicolas Romero and Laura Romero, all of Big Spring, and Emilio Manzanarez Jr., Miguel Manzanarez, Elizabeth Manzanarez, Edgar Manzanarez and Margarita Manzanarez, all of Riverside, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Ismael Manzanarez, Miguel Manzanarez and Ciriaco Manzanarez.

Pallbearers will be Mike Manzanarez, Ismael Vargas, Joseph Martinez Jr., Eric Martinez, Nicolas Romero, Tommy Billalba Jr., Gabriel Lopez and Mike Martinez.

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

Paid obituary

Sandra Jean Way

Sandra Jean Way, 64, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 8, 2009, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

John E. Gibbs

John E. Gibbs, 75, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, in Memphis, Tenn. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Willia. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported at the intersection of Third and Price. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Washington. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of E. Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2400 block of FM 700. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Elm. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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- LISA ANN OLIVAS, 33, 801 Willia, was arrested on charges of assault/family violence and no driver's license.
- JASON THREATS, 31, 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- BILLY ERVIN ROSE, 60, 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RONALD JONES, 54, 700 Pine, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- SAM S. WALKER, 50, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87, the 500 block of Westover and the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1200 block of Third.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 3600 block of Connally.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore.
- INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 3600 block of Connally.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place, the 300 block of Owens and the 1800 block of Gregg.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity (officials reported 56 prisoners in the county jail):

- FRANCISCO VILLEGAS, 48, was arrested on a fugitive warrant.
- JESSE ROGER HOLGUIN, 26, was arrested on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear, violating promise to appear and no driver's license.
- JACINTO ROSAS, 21, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ARTHUR ORTEGA, 45, was arrested on charges of issuance of a bad check and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.
- JESSICA SANFORD, 30, was arrested on warrants for contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.
- CHRISTIAN GOMEZ, 22, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- MARK RYERSON, 21, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation.
- ALEJANDRO FRANCO JR., 42, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation.
- EARL P. HANKE, 53, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON, 24, was arrested on a bondsman off bond warrant.
- JAMES CANTU, 38, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- DERRICK JOHNATHON COLEGROVE, 19, was arrested on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- RAUL CASTILLO, 36, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- BRENDA SUE RAMON, 24, was transferred after being arrested on a charge of theft.
- DENVER RAY HEFFINGTON, 23, was arrested on a parole violation warrant.
- EDUARD MELENDEZ-GERONIMO, 22, was arrested on a charge of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.
- KIMBERLY ANN MEANS, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOSHUA KEITH DELGADILLO, 17, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.
- TANDI JO BARBER, 26, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation.
- AMBER DAWN RUSSELL, 25, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Take Note

• Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating in May and have been accepted at Texas A&M for fall 2009. Students must be Howard County residents who plan to enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club Web site at <http://bondwebs.com>.

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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. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

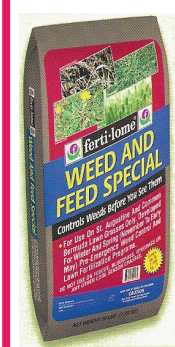
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society meets at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh St. at noon. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at (432) 264-7599.
- The 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- 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.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.



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Oil rises to near \$46 as investors eye OPEC cuts

By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press Writer

Oil prices rose to near \$46 a barrel Monday as investors anticipated another OPEC production cut will shrink global supplies. Gains were kept in check by the strengthening dollar, which drew investors away from commodities.

Benchmark crude for April delivery rose 25 cents to \$45.77 a barrel by midday in Europe on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil

prices rose \$1.91 on Friday to settle at \$45.52. The contract peaked at \$47.03 earlier in the session before retreating.

In London, Brent prices fell 87 cents to \$43.98 on the ICE Futures exchange.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries plans to meet March 15 in Vienna, and some of the group's leaders have said a production cut is likely.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Hossein Nozari was quoted by the official IRNA news agency Sunday saying OPEC members have "almost" completely complied with the 4.2 million barrels a day of output quota reductions announced since September.

Nozari also said OPEC should coordinate supply policy with non-OPEC producers.

"Oil is rallying primarily due to the speculation that OPEC will cut production," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with consultancy Purvin & Gertz in

Singapore. "The market in the last week or two has paid more attention to supply because the OPEC cuts have shown up in the data."

The government said last week that U.S. crude inventories fell for a second week in three, halting a trend over the previous six weeks that saw inventories jump more than 30 million barrels.

Most analysts expect OPEC to announce a cut of at least 500,000 barrels a day, though the

cartel's biggest producer, Saudi Arabia, hasn't yet commented on the possibility of further output reductions.

"The Saudis are the most important voice," Shum said. "They typically don't say anything until the day before a meeting."

Analyst Olivier Jakob of Petromatrix in Switzerland said that a new OPEC cut of 800,000 barrels would take the total output cut to 5 million barrels a day since September, "probably all

that is required" to help the Nymex contract push above \$50.

Even so, the \$50 floor for oil prices was seen as hard to maintain.

"A sustained rally beyond there is unlikely given large scale risk aversion and concerns over the global economy," said Sucden Research in London.

The dollar rebounded Monday against other major currencies after falling Friday on back of the high U.S. unemployment figures.

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the family together. It's not about just one person, but a team. With this event we are trying to bring the community together and show that they care," Calk said.

A few of the local businesses that have donated gift certificates or other types of merchandise are Game Stop, Faye's Flowers, H-E-B, KTTK Recording Studio and Brenda's. The city of Big Spring is donating use of the Dora Roberts Community Center. The Big Spring's Sheriff Department will be providing security for the event.

National sponsors have even stepped in and shown support. Harmonix, the company that manufactures Rock Band, has donated a complete signed set of Rock Band equipment and rockpetal.com has donated after market pedals that will be raffled off.

The Dora Robert's Community Center has a occupancy level of 200

to 250 people. The competition can accommodate up to 25 bands.

There is a \$20 entry fee for all bands. Four members make up a band. The deadline for entering is March 13, the day before the competition.

"We are hoping that we can fill all 25 slots. If bands wants to show up on the day of the event, too, there is a possibility that we might be able to fit them into the competition," Calk said.

Judging will be based on the way the band interacts with the audience and the entertainment level they provide. Scoring will count, but will not be the basis of the judging. Each band will be allowed to pick their own song.

"The equipment is wireless so the bands will be able to move around in the audience if they want to. We are encouraging them to interact with the audience. The more involved they are, the more points they will earn," said Calk.

The competition will eliminate bands as the songs get harder. At the end of the first level, only 12 bands will ad-

vance and in the second round only five bands will advance. The top three bands will place. If for some reason a tie occurs, officials will pick a song that will serve as the tie-breaker.

The first-place band will receive a trophy, the signed set of Rock Band equipment, T-shirts and will be able to record their own demo at the KTTK Recording Studio in Big Spring. Second place will receive a trophy and merchandise from some of the sponsors. Third place will also receive a trophy.

According to Calk, the event is going to be set up like a concert, including not only a stage, but concert lighting, sound boards and a fog machine. There will be big screens that will be projected upon so that the audience can see from anywhere in the room.

Ray Delatour will be acting as the sound man. He will be controlling the sound levels during the performance of each band. He will also be announcing the bands and raffle winners. During the bands switching,

he will provide music to keep the momentum going.

The event is scheduled for 2 p.m. until midnight. Concession stands will be available. There will also be a donation box at the door. Admission to the event is free to the public, but donations are more than welcome. All proceeds will go to help rebuild Kid's Zone.

"We are welcoming any and all kinds of donations. If they want to donate a few cents we will take it; if they want to donate a large amount, then we will put them onstage and give them credit for their donation," Calk said.

The concession stand will have hot dogs, sodas and bags of chips available for \$3.50.

"We are trying to provide entertainment for the community while helping out. We want people to stick around for the entertainment," said Calk.

Those attending can also purchase tickets toward give-away items, such as gift certificates from Big Spring busi-

nesses, movie tickets, dinner for two from Brenda's, posters and T-shirts. Winners will be drawn at random and be announced throughout the night.

"We picked Rock Band because it's something that the youth can relate to, but it provides fun for everyone. We are encouraging everyone of every age to take part in this fund-raiser," said Calk.

So far, contestants range in age from 10 to 40 years old. The music selection ranges from classic to punk rock and country.

"This game gives people the chance to be the rock star they didn't have the chance to be, for whatever reason. It even helped my son learn to play the drums. It really brings out the inner musician in each of us," Calk said.

If time allows, Calk said the audience will be allowed to participate.

"This fund-raiser is all about community interest. Kid's Zone needs to be rebuilt for our youth. Our youth doesn't have a lot to do in this town,

and we need to give them something because in the end, it's our youth that is going to keep this city going," Calk said.

To add to the excitement, after the winner is announced, local artists and bands will perform. According to Perez, one of the local artists that will perform is Adrian Calvio.

Participants for the competition are still needed. If you are a local "rock star" and would like to show everyone your talent, stop by Spanky's or the Computer Store and register. If you feel the need to do your part, but are not into performing there are still ways that you can help.

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and their 2007 tax returns. We also need a Social Security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

And while this year's tax code seems to be unfolding without any major hitches, Hopkins said filers do seem to be running into a problem

concerning last year's tax rebate.

"They need to know how much their stimulus payment was last year," said Hopkins. "The Internal Revenue Service is supposed to be sending out statements with this information, and there's a number you can call to get it, but the wait is considerable to get through to someone."

I'd strongly suggest people contact their bank or go through their

records from last year to get the exact amount. If you provide the wrong amount when you e-file, the Internal Revenue Service won't accept the return. So it's very, very important people have that information before they come see us."

Hopkins said people that didn't receive a stimulus payment last year may qualify for one this tax season.

"For individuals that didn't receive a stimulus payment last year,

there's a chance they may be eligible to receive it now," she said. "That's something we just have to look at and see if they qualify."

Participants in the program will be able to e-file their tax returns at no charge, according to Hopkins.

The program will continue each Monday until April 13 at the Senior Center — located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark — from 8 a.m. until noon.

For more information, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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COUNCIL

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during the meeting.

Also on the agenda, the council is expected to discuss the addition of stop signs to 14th Street yielding to Nolan, creating a two-way stop intersection. The move was recently recommended by the city's traffic com-

mission.

The council is also expected to award the bid for rehabilitation of the city's final water clarifier and trickling filter during the meeting, as well as discuss possibly amending and extending the lease agreement between the municipality and AT&T for use of the Capeheart Water Tower.

Authorization to apply

for a Step Wave Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation by the Big Spring Police Department will also be considered.

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

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OTHER VIEWS

Arming profs, students not what's needed

State Rep. Joe Driver and Sen. Jeff Wentworth once again are pushing their gun agenda around the state Capitol, and it is time, once again, for them to be firmly rebuffed. They're introducing legislation to abolish the "gun-free" status of Texas universities so that students and professors can arm themselves on campus.

Like most Americans, the Garland representative and San Antonio senator were outraged by the massacres at Virginia Tech in 2007 and at Northern Illinois University last year. No one wants a repeat of those incidents. But arming students and professors is not the solution.

"At Virginia Tech (or) in Illinois, it's possible someone might have been able to stop that carnage," Driver says in defense of his proposal. But it's also possible that a well-intentioned gun-toting student or professor could make matters much worse. They could wind up being shot by police, mistaken as the gunman. They could shoot the wrong person.

The possibilities for problems and errors in judgment are enormous, and not worth the potential benefits of the "campus carry" proposal. The University of Texas student government and faculty advisory council oppose the idea. Only 11 universities in the country allow concealed weapons in classrooms, dorms and other facilities.

There are certain places in our communities where it's just better to rely on police and professional security personnel to do their jobs in emergency situations. State law already outlines places where civilian possession of handguns is prohibited, such as polling places, courtrooms and secured airport areas. Schools also are off limits unless the administration issues a written authorization allowing certain personnel to carry weapons.

Have there been gun-related crises in those off-limits places? Certainly. Would the presence of armed civilians have reduced the danger? That's debatable.

We concede that only a tiny percentage of students would probably carry guns if allowed to do so. But universities are dedicated to the free flow of ideas, and they deserve to be in the special category as gun free. Students and professors should never feel inhibited by the fear that someone around them is packing heat.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we live on a prayer, Lord.

Amen

Had any 'Aha!' moments lately?

We've probably all experienced an "Aha!" moment at some point in our personal or professional lives.

I'm talking about one of those illuminating moments when someone suddenly turns the light on and you can see clearly for the first time in a long time. It's one of those times when whatever was puzzling you, now makes perfect sense — when confusion vanishes and understanding takes its place. It's when you realize you've just discovered something that is meaningful to you. An "Aha!" moment is a turning point — a landmark juncture — when you know your life is never going to be the same.

For Newton it was an apple falling on his head. For a young Albert Einstein, inspiration struck when he was handed a compass and realized that some unseen force in space was making it move. Have you heard the story of Archimedes? He discovered the principles of water displacement and buoyancy in the bathtub. His "Aha!" sent him leaping naked from the tub and running down the street shouting, "Eureka!" — the Greek word for "I found it."

"Aha!" moments often grow out of hours of thought and due diligence. Many times defining moments arrive unexpectedly. Regardless of when or how they come, an "Aha!" brings us clarity, inspiration, motivation, and

revelation.

Sometimes it just takes one "Aha!" moment to change you forever. Perhaps something you've experienced completely reverses the way you view life. Or something profound you've heard or read enlightens your consciousness and alters a long-held perspective.

O, the Oprah Magazine has been featuring a column on "Aha!" moments. Recently, Jill Scott, singer and star of "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" tells about one of her "Aha!" moments. Her aunt's untimely passing taught her a lesson about living life to the fullest.

We all have "Aha!" moments; no doubt we all need them. But once we get these insights, we need to seize them and utilize the newly discovered wisdom in order to reap the benefits they promise to provide.

Is it possible to be too busy to have time for the "Aha!" moment that has the potential to change your life?

I think so. Or at least I know that I've had days (or years) when my life felt consumed by trivial pursuits. In these times, I've often believed that I was missing something important. I've felt that some epiphany was just around the corner — if only I could shorten the list that was monopolizing my time, energy and thought.

But perhaps this acknowledgment is a Eureka moment in and of itself. Or for me, it is as if I can't help but make the necessary changes in my life — changes that make self-reflection and prayer a priority.

When an "Aha!" truly captures our attention, we know in our soul what we must do — there is

no going back. The "Aha!" is the realization that we already have been changed. An "Aha!" never leaves us where it found us. We will be pushed onward and forward, empowered, encouraged, strengthened and determined to use our newfound knowledge.

I have no doubt that anyone who heard Jesus preach had "Aha!" moments that transformed their lives, and they were never the same again. Multitudes were healed of their broken spirits and bodies.

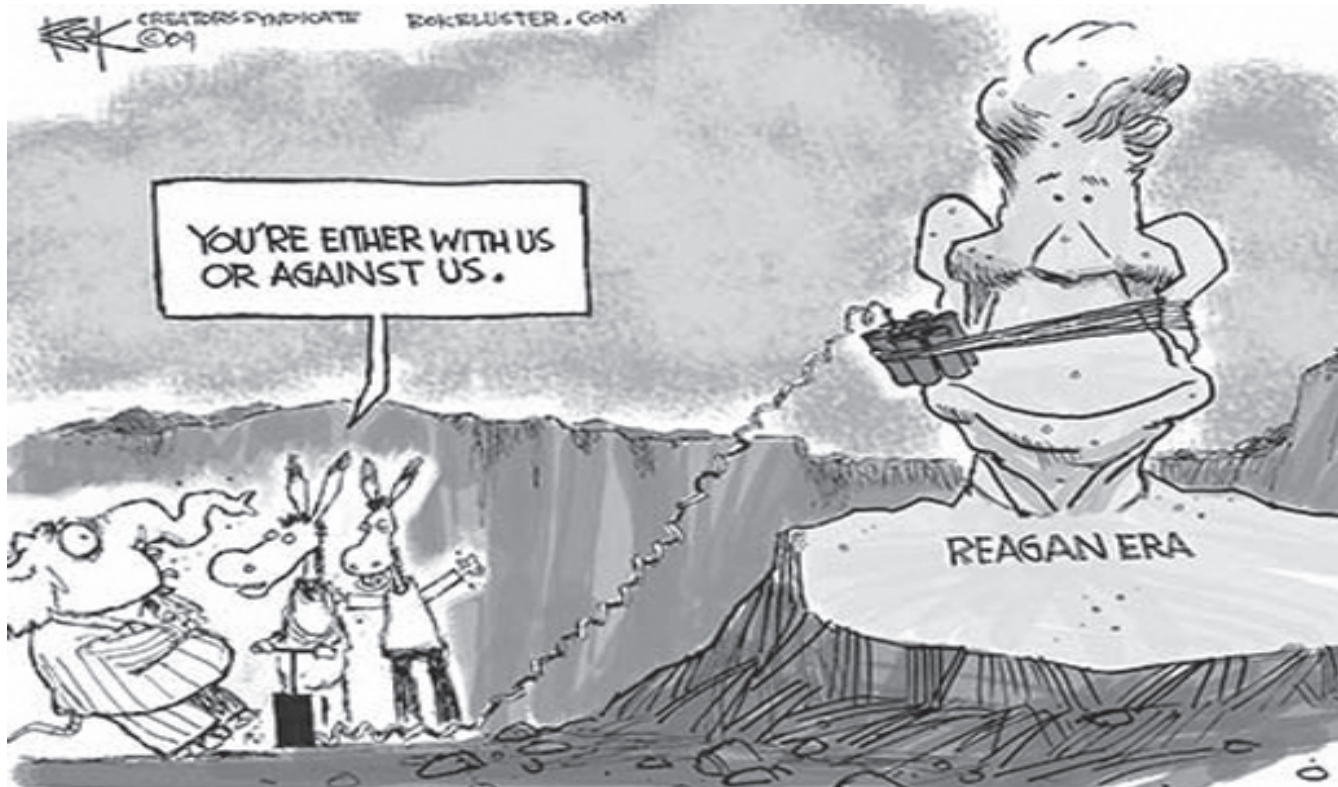
Again and again following a healing, Jesus confirmed "Thy faith hath made thee whole." (Matthew 9:22) I think when our hopes rest upon faith and expectation that God will and can help and heal us, we ready our thought for the divine "Aha!" that brings healing.

The ability to change and be healed is within our grasp. We can understand what we need to know. That new, big idea is attainable. The needed turnaround is achievable.

"Aha!" moments are not for a chosen few. God gives all His children infinite ideas, and these spiritual ideas lead us Godward until we reach the earthshaking understanding that changes our human sense of things to the divine. Then as Paul says, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" ... "we shall all be changed." (I Corinthians 15:51-52)

And so we are.

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Times misleads on drug abuse

No one likes drug abuse, but this shouldn't stop reporters from offering skeptical views of reports alleging to quantify the societal costs of drug use in America. "The New York Times" reported Feb. 4 on a study claiming to quantify the "societal cost of meth use," as the headline put it. Funny thing was, the article contained not a whisper of criticism of the study by the RAND Drug Policy Research Center, which tallied the expense of methamphetamine to be about \$23 billion.

That's a lot of money, but far less than the latest-available cost of alcohol abuse in America. That's \$148 billion, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse.

No mention of this, in the "Times" piece. But the truth is it's meaningless to throw out estimates about the cost of drug abuse, without comparing them to the cost of policies designed to solve the problem.

Jeffrey Miron, a senior lecturer at in the Department of Economics at Harvard University, says the \$23 billion figure has no economic meaning. He explains that a useful economic analysis by RAND would focus on a "prohibition regime in which there are very heavy penalties versus a prohibition regime in which there were lighter penal-

ties, including more treatment." A study like this would compare the current costs of methamphetamine with the costs of a specific policy that aims to reduce its use or the negative side effects, he says.

"Otherwise, what are you studying?" he told me. "How much less expenditure would there be on methamphetamine if we could magically make it disappear from the planet? That's clearly not an option." "If we waved a wand and made meth disappear, then people would do something else with the money they were spending on meth," Miron told me. "Now, you hope they'd spend it on peanut butter cookies, but they're probably going to spend it on something that has similar properties to methamphetamine, because that's why they chose to spend it on meth in the first place."

Nancy Nicosia, one of the authors of the RAND report, agrees that her study doesn't help policymakers decide what to do about the meth problem, but she argues that her figure is nonetheless valid and useful in understanding the scope of the problem. But even if you accept Nicosia's view, there's a broader issue here, which also wasn't aired in "The New York Times" piece. That is, the study correlates social problems with meth use, but the problems could be driven by underlying social problems, not the drug.

"Drug misuse is a symptom of many things, not the cause," said Bill Piper, director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance. In fact, you don't have

to be much of a social scientist to get a laugh out of the RAND press release about its meth study. It states, "The RAND analysis found that nearly two-thirds of the economic costs caused by methamphetamine use resulted from the burden of addiction and an estimated 900 premature deaths among users in 2005. The burden of addiction was measured by quantifying the impact of the lower quality of life experienced by those addicted to the drug."

You might need to read that last paragraph twice to appreciate its full meaning, but in case you don't get it, let me translate. According to RAND, if you're addicted to meth, and you have a lower quality of life as a result, then you should blame the drug. Not yourself. Not your parents. Not the cycle of poverty. Not your crumbling public school or the fact you have no health insurance. None of it matters. Just the meth you've been doing lately.

That is, since you quit smoking crack cocaine.

You get my point, but I know it's not original or surprising. What's surprising is that "The New York Times," in reporting on the RAND meth study, decided to ignore all the huge issues that raise red flags about the legitimacy of the report's findings.

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HC women dominate Weatherford

Howard runs away with 77-44 victory at Region V

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – On paper, it looked as if the Howard College women's basketball team was at a disadvantage against Weatherford College.

Weatherford boasted 6-6 post Monica McGill, who was backed up by the more skilled 6-1, 240 pound Krystal Jefferson.

However, it was Weatherford at an obvious disadvantage for the entire 40 minutes of the Hawks' 77-44 victory Saturday in the first round of the Region V Tournament at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center.

"I don't think I could have asked for a better start to this tournament," said Howard College Head Coach Earl Diddle. "I was very happy with our tenacity and our concentration level was really good. We shot the ball very well."

The Hawks faced Collin County Community College at noon today in the semifinals of the regional. Collin County defeated South Plains College, 58-50, Saturday in the opening game of the tournament.

Howard was charged by the play of its bench throughout the contest. In the first half, it was the combined efforts of Danielle Cota, Clarissa Krum and NaTalia Smith, who combined for 18 points – six each – in the opening frame.

The trio was a big part of a 25-6 Howard run over the last 10 minutes of the first half that put the Hawks up, 41-15, at intermission.

Krum continued to provide a spark in the second half, sinking four 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 18-point performance. All of her points came from behind the arch.

"Of all the things that went right for us in this game, the one I'm most impressed by was the play of our bench," said Diddle. "Danielle has been playing well over the last couple of games. NaTalia Smith has been good for us. Then, all of a sudden you have Clarissa dropping threes in. We become really hard to guard when that happens."

Howard scored 20 of the first 23 points posted in the second half, leaving no doubt in the final outcome.

Miesha Blackshear scored 11 of her 17 points in the second half. Patricia Malouff finished with 11, while Cota posted 10.

Weatherford was led by Egidija Busaite's 20 points.

The Hawks scored 31 points off of 23 Weatherford turnovers. They also had 18 second-chance points as Howard outrebounded Weatherford, 48-31.

Instead of facing a familiar opponent in South Plains, the Hawks get a new one in Collin County (19-11).

For Diddle, it doesn't matter who the opponent is. The goal is always the same in a

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BSHS first at Wolfforth meet

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH – More notice was served by the Big Spring boys track team over the weekend at the City Bank Tiger Relays hosted by Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

Last week at the Lubbock Invitational, the Steers finished in second, seven points behind meet winner Frenship, despite not running in any of the relay races.

The Steers were able to edge Abilene Wylie, 151-148.5, for team gold in Wolfforth.

Big Spring was powered by first-place finishes from LaRay Woodard (110-hurdles, 300-hurdles and long jump), Tyron Clemons (high jump), Daniel Segundo (800), Shane Allen (3,200), Zack Saldivar (shot put) and in the distance medley.

Big Spring's Lady Steers placed

fourth in Frenship with 93 points, finishing behind meet winner Canyon (131), Abilene Wylie (127) and district-rival Frenship (116).

Freshman Bridgette Tuitt shined once again, winning the 100. Tuitt also placed second in the triple jump and third in the high jump.

Sophomore Desiree Anderson won the long jump and was just

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College point guard Denzel Barnes applies pressure on McLennan Community College's Edgar Segura in a Region V Tournament quarterfinal game played at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center. The Hawks ripped through McLennan, 78-61, setting up a semifinals matchup against rival Midland College.

Hawks rout MCC

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – By Howard Head Coach Mark Adams' own admission, great guard play can lead to a Region V Tournament basketball championship.

If that theory holds true, then the Howard College men are on their way to a title.

The Hawks picked up 64 points from their guards in a 78-61 win over McLennan Community College in the first round of the Region V Tournament at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center Sunday.

"We shot the ball really well and for us to have a chance to advance we're going to have to do that," said Adams. "Our defense is going to be consistent, but we've got to put the ball in the hole, too. We shot it as well as we have all year."

Howard shot 50 percent from the field, sinking 14 of 28 3-pointers in the process.

Devon Baker led the charge, going 6 of 11 from behind the arch as he scored a game-high 22 points. Four other Hawks also hit double digits scoring with Latrail McCoy, Dante Menter and Markeys Deans all scored 10 points, while Denzel Barnes added 13. Deans was the only

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Coahoma finishes San Angelo tournament undefeated

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO – Coahoma's Bulldogettes got back on task over the weekend at the San Angelo Umpires Association Softball Tournament.

The Bulldogettes went undefeated in the 3-day event, defeating Sonora, 4-2, for the title.

The Bulldogettes were tied with Sonora, 2-2, until the top of the sev-

enth inning when they were able to break through with two runs. Pitcher Heather Newton shut down Sonora in the bottom of the frame to seal the win.

Newton also had two RBI on three hits in the contest. Breanna Conner knocked in two runs as well.

Coahoma was challenged by two other opponents over the weekend, including cross-county rival Forsan

Friday morning.

Coahoma defeated Forsan, 2-1. The Bulldogettes got on the board first in the bottom of the opening inning. Forsan tied the game with an unearned run in the top of the fifth, courtesy of a base hit by Miranda Park.

The Bulldogettes immediately answered with another run, breaking the tie and simply held on for the vic-

tory.

In their first game Saturday, the Bulldogettes edged Wall, 1-0. Joanna Gonzales knocked in Berkley Iden in the bottom of the sixth inning for the game's only run.

The Bulldogettes play Big Spring at 6 p.m. today in Coahoma.

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Sports in brief

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.

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

The fee covers full uniform.

Late registration after Saturday 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 meet-

ing 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.

Bills icons Levy, Thomas shocked by Owens signing

BUFFALO (AP) — Marv Levy had just stepped off a plane in Chicago when a friend informed him that Terrell Owens had signed with the Buffalo Bills.

The Hall of Fame coach's first reaction was wondering if the person picking him up at the airport required a breathalyzer.

"I was surprised, naturally, like everybody else," the former Bills coach and general manager said by phone Sunday. "I verified it a little bit later that it was true, and that my friend hadn't been drinking."

T.O. in Buffalo certainly takes some getting used to. The Bills aren't the NFL's sexiest

destination, and they've traditionally operated on a low-profile, small-market scale, building mostly with draft picks and mid-range free agents. But the head-turning news of the receiver signing a one-year deal with the team Saturday is, in fact, for real.

"Wow," said Bills Hall of Fame running back Thurman Thomas. "I said it at the end of last year that the Bills have to make a big splash. This is a bigger splash than I thought the Bills organization would ever make."

Something this big hasn't splashed in Buffalo since they started construction on the Erie Canal in the 1800s.

And move aside, chicken wings, Owens might be on the short end of his career in entering his 15th NFL season, but he can still draw attention that's as hot as an Anchor Bar drumstick.

Though Buffalo has been home to numerous high-profile athletes, including Thomas, Jim Kelly, Bruce Smith, O.J. Simpson and hockey's Dominik Hasek and Gilbert Perreault, all of them were either developed in Buffalo or arrived early in their careers.

Owens' situation is far different.

Here's a bona fide A-list athlete, capable of commanding the modern-day electronic,

24-hour news cycle with a rare combination of great skill and high-maintenance personality, landing in a blue-collar town that former Bills running back Willis McGahee once complained lacked any semblance of a nightlife beyond Applebee's.

Even Owens, after stints in San Francisco, Philadelphia and Dallas, acknowledged how this might initially seem a fish-out-of-water fit.

"This may not be the most ideal place for a lot of people, but I'm the guy," Owens said. "I beat to my own beat sometimes, my own thinking, my own intuition. For me, this is an opportunity. It's an interesting situation."

What's also clear is that the Bills needed the type of dramatic boost — on offense and in marketing — that Owens can immediately provide.

As a receiver, he's among the NFL's most prolific and capable of providing the Bills' pop-gun passing attack a much-needed 1-2 punch opposite Lee Evans.

Owens' 25 touchdowns receiving over the past two years are one fewer than Buffalo has produced as a team over that span.

Marketing also plays a factor.

This is a team that hasn't made the playoffs in nine years and was coming off three consecutive 7-9 finishes under

coach Dick Jauron. And the Bills did need to do something big to counter the negative backlash and threats of a fan revolt that came at the end of last season when owner Ralph Wilson announced he would retain Jauron after his contract expired.

It's no coincidence that shortly after Owens was signed that the Bills unveiled an Owens No. 1 team jersey and text-messaged fans to announce that their ticket office would be open Sunday morning.

Suddenly a few more prime-time network games aren't out of the question, and don't forget the team's annual regular-season game in Toronto.

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player of that group not to hit a three.

The Hawks face rival Midland College at 7 p.m. today in the semifinals. Midland (28-3) — ranked sixth in the country — defeated Temple in the opening round Sunday, 91-69.

The Hawks quickly built a 13-point lead, 27-14, in the first half, but saw McLennan fight its way back into the game with a 10-2 run, cutting the deficit to 29-24.

Howard had an answer, finishing the first half on an 18-4 run, taking a 47-28 advantage into the locker room

at intermission.

Howard's lead ballooned to as much as 28 points in the second half. The Highlanders put together a small run at the end of the game, placing the final deficit at 17.

McLennan got 21 points from Orren Tims and 12 from Jordan Glynn. However, coming into the game, Adams mentioned he was wary of the Highlanders' guard play, particularly the team's season leading scorer Maurice Steen.

Howard shut down Steen, though, holding him to a mere three points and no field goals.

"We put a lot of pressure on them. I think this is just a great credit to the conference we play in," said Adams.

"We play in a competitive confer-

ence, where we see physical play night in and night out. I don't know that McLennan has seen the type of pressure we put on them today."

Howard split with Midland this season with each team winning on its home court. Howard handed the Chaps their first conference loss of the season the last time these two teams met.

"Midland is the best team in the conference. They're very well coached, have great players and are very physical," said Adams. "We're going to have to be ready for a battle."

Men's bracket schedule
Sunday's results
Howard 78, McLennan 61
Midland 91, Temple 69
South Plains 86, Hill 54
Collin County 73, Western Texas 64

Today
South Plains vs. Collin County
Howard vs. Midland
Tuesday
Championship game
7:30 p.m. - SPC/CCCC winner vs. HC/MC winner

Howard College (23-7) 78,
McLennan College (25-5) 61
McLennan (61)
Orren Tims 7-11 7-9 21, Jordan Glynn 5-8 1-1 12,
Maurice Steen 0-2 3-6 3, Ricky Simon 2-6 0-1 4, Kerri Hagood 1-8 2-4 5, Tralyn Harden 0-8 0-0 0, T.J. Johnson 1-4 0-2 2, Vincent Cavalier 1-2 0-0 2, Edgar Segura 3-4 0-0 8, Theo Ard 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 22-56 13-23 61.
Howard (78)
Devon Baker 6-13 4-4 22, Denzel Barnes 5-9 1-3 13,
Joshua Watkins 3-5 0-0 6, Markeys Deans 4-6 2-2 10,
Vladimir Gavranic 0-1 4-4 4, Latrail McCoy 3-5 1-2 10,
Dante Menter 3-7 2-4 10, Ricardo Zanini 1-3 0-0 3, Shaad O'Garro 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-50 14-19 78.
Halftime: HC 47, MC 28. 3-point goals: MC 4-22
(Segura 2-3, Hagood 1-7, Glynn 1-2, Harden 0-4, Johnson 0-1, Cavalier 0-1, Simon 0-1, Steen 0-2, Tims 0-1), HC 14-28 (Baker 6-11, McCoy 3-5, Barnes 2-4, Menter 2-5, Zanini 1-3). Rebounds: MC 35 (Harden 7), HC 33 (Deans 6). Assists: MC 9 (Simon 4), HC 16 (Barnes 7). Steals: MC 10 (Glynn 4), HC 10 (Barnes 5). Turnovers: MC 18, HC 18. Total fouls: MC 14, HC 22. Fouled out: None.

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tournament.

"It's all about surviving and advancing. It doesn't really matter who we face," said Diddle. "Obviously, we know South Plains a little better, but we've looked at Collin County. They're a talented team and will

present us with some challenges, particularly with their depth."

Women's bracket schedule
Saturday
Howard 77, Weatherford 44
Odessa 71, Hill 59
Collin County 58, South Plains 50
Midland 84, Grayson 53
Today
Noon — Howard vs. Collin County
2 p.m. — Odessa vs. Midland
Tuesday
Championship game
5 p.m. — HC/CCCC winner vs. OC/MC winner
Howard College (24-7) 77,
Weatherford College (19-12) 44

Weatherford (44)
April Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Monique Burnham 1-7 3-4 5, Saule Kontautaitė 1-4 0-0 3, Egidija Busaitė 5-7 0-0 12, Monica McGill 2-8 1-3 5, Krystal Jefferson 2-6 1-2 5, Kasandra Foreman 2-4 2-3 6, Trisha Tuck 0-1 0-0 0, Kayla Guidry 0-4 1-2 1, Brittani Wilkins 1-4 1-1 3, Melissa Vilalobos 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 16-50 9-15 44.
Howard (77)
Miesha Blackshear 5-14 7-9 17, Patricia Malouff 5-11 0-0 11, Rachael Dryver 3-4 0-0 6, Chassidy Cole 1-6 0-0 3, Deandra Thomas 1-7 1-2 3, NaTalia Smith 3-4 2-3 8, Danielle Cota 5-8 0-1 10, Valerie Wood 0-2 1-2 1, Clarissa Krum 6-12 0-0 18. Totals 29-68 11-17 77.
Halftime: HC 41, WC 15. 3-point goals: WC 3-10 (Busaitė 2-4, Kontautaitė 1-3, Wilkins 0-2, Vilalobos 0-1), HC 8-22 (Krum 6-12, Malouff 1-4, Cole 1-4, Blackshear 0-1, Smith 0-1). Rebounds: WC 31 (Burnham 6), HC 48 (Smith 8). Assists: WC 11 (Davis 4), HC 18 (Blackshear 5). Steals: WC 7 (Vilalobos 3), HC 15 (Dryver 3, Cota 3, Cole 3). Turnovers: WC 23, HC 18. Total fouls: WC 13, HC 13. Fouled out: Burnham.

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Forsan falls short in Ralls

RALLS — The Forsan Buffaloes played their best game of the season Saturday, according to Head coach Jason Phillips, and they lost.

The Buffs fell to host Ralls, 6-4, in the championship game of an 8-team tournament.

Ralls got up on the Buffs, 2-0, scoring a run in the first two innings. Forsan scored once in the top of the third, but found Ralls had a response in the bottom of the frame to keep the deficit at two runs.

Heading into the seventh inning, Ralls led 6-2, but the Buffs were able to rally and score two runs. Unfortunately, they couldn't muster anything else.

Dylan Lowery took the loss for Forsan, striking out eight batters of six innings.

Tye Johnson, Jake Rhoton, Foster Burchett and Patrick Robles each had a RBI.

"It was our best all-around game this season

against a very good team," said Phillips. "Ralls is a playoff caliber opponent. It was a good game to have heading into district."

The Buffs open district play against Ira at 5 p.m.

Tuesday in Forsan.

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beat out at the finish line in the 200.

Tahlea Green brought home silver in the discus. Both the Steers and Lady Steers will compete in the West Texas Relays in Odessa starting Friday.

Girls Team totals: 1. Canyon, 131; 2. Abilene Wylie, 127; 3. Frenship, 116; 4. Big Spring, 93; 5. Hereford, 70; 6. Estacado, 64; 7. Plainview, 35; 8. Dumas, 22; 9. Sweetwater, 16; 10. Ruidoso, N.M., 8

400 relay: 1. Abilene Wylie, 50.36; 2. Big Spring, 50.37; 3. Estacado, 50.67

100 hurdles: 1. Katie Grimes, Canyon, 14.67; 2. Abbie Flores, Estacado, 16.02; 3. Kailey Moorhead, Frenship, 16.40

100: 1. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 12.69; 2. TaSheena Moore, Frenship, 12.98; 3. Candice Phillips, Estacado, 13.25

800 relay: 1. Abilene Wylie, 1:45.91; 2. Frenship, 1:47.65; 3. Estacado, 1:48.62

400: 1. Sandra Deleagarza, Plainview, 1:02.13; 2. C.J. Frizzell, Canyon, 1:02.16; 3. Amber Gardner, Ruidoso, 1:02.39

300 hurdles: 1. Katie Grimes, Canyon, 45.06; 2. Morgan Shelton, Sweetwater, 47.83; 3. Abbie Flores, Estacado, 48.67

200: 1. Bessie Edwards, Abilene Wylie, 26.95; 2. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 26.95; 3. Candice Phillips, Estacado, 27.06

800: 1. Kryssalee Saucedo, Hereford, 2:25.49; 2. Olivia Martinez, Canyon, 2:25.87; 3. Brieana Garcia, Canyon, 2:27.96

1,600: 1. Alyssa Diaz, Hereford, 5:25.26; 2. Aries Bazaldua, Canyon, 5:26.04; 3. Brieana Garcia, 5:37.48

3,200: 1. Alyssa Diaz, Hereford, 11:38.78; 2. Aries Bazaldua, Canyon, 11:52.26; 3. Ana Lopez, Hereford, 12:09.70

1,600 relay: 1. Canyon, 3:59.38; 2. Abilene Wylie, 4:04.54; 3. Frenship, 4:08.87

Distance medley: 1. Hereford, 13:22.00; 2. Abilene Wylie,

14:04.22; 3. Big Spring, 14:24.14

Long jump: 1. Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 17-0; 2. Bessie Edwards, Abilene Wylie, 16-10; 3. Morgan Shelton, Sweetwater, 16-7 1/2

High jump: 1. TaSheena Moore, Frenship, 5-0; 2. Christen Brandt, Canyon, 4-11; 3. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 4-11

Triple jump: 1. Katie Grimes, Canyon, 36-21 1/2; 2. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 35-11 3/4; 3. Bessie Edwards, Abilene Wylie, 35-7 3/4

Discus: 1. Brittney Smith, Frenship, 102-71 1/2; 2. Tahlea Green, Big Spring, 98-71 1/4; 3. Kenzie Roberts, Frenship, 93-31 1/2

Shot put: 1. Audrey Sheffield, Frenship, 37-3; 2. Laura Moore, Dumas, 34-7; 3. Akura Thomas, Frenship, 33-2

Pole vault: 1. Ashley Lance, Dumas, 8-6; 2. Meagan Morrison, Frenship, 7-6; 3. Gwen Anderson, Canyon, 7-6

Boys Team totals: 1. Big Spring, 151; 2. Abilene Wylie, 148 1/2; 3. Frenship, 129; 4. Dumas, 125; 5. Estacado, 69; 6. Plainview, 42; 7. Ruidoso, 81 1/2; 8. Sweetwater, 3

400 relay: 1. Estacado, 43.73; 2. Frenship, 43.92; 3. Abilene Wylie, 44.20

110 hurdles: 1. LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 15.44; 2. Ed Ned, Dumas, 15.49; 3. Quinten Patterson, Estacado, 16.32

800 relay: 1. Frenship, 1:31.46; 2. Estacado, 1:31.92; 3. Abilene Wylie, 1:32.44

400: 1. Mason Bray, Dumas, 50.90; 2. Marcial Ruiaz, Frenship, 51.04; 3. Austin Gomez, Abilene Wylie, 51.06

300 hurdles: 1. LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 40.39; 2. Francisco Casanova, Dumas, 40.55; 3. Carlton Petterson, Abilene Wylie, 42.24

200: 1. Daniel Ibarra, Frenship, 22.67; 2. Eric Whitfield, Dumas, 22.72; 3. Kaegan Hembree, Plainview, 23.06

800: 1. Daniel Segundo, Big Spring, 2:02.94; 2. Prince Dawkins, Plainview, 2:03.46; 3. Ryan Lopez, Dumas, 2:03.47

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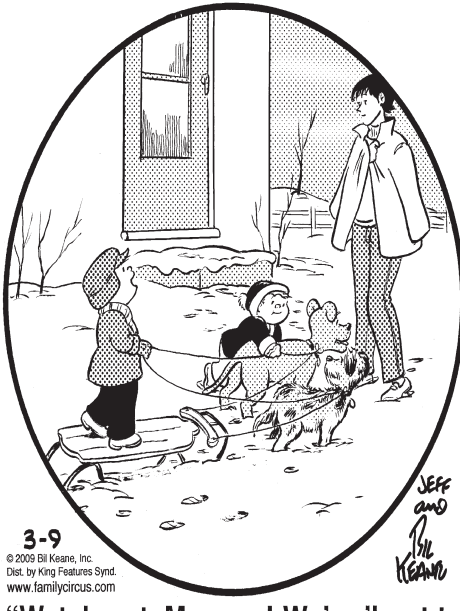
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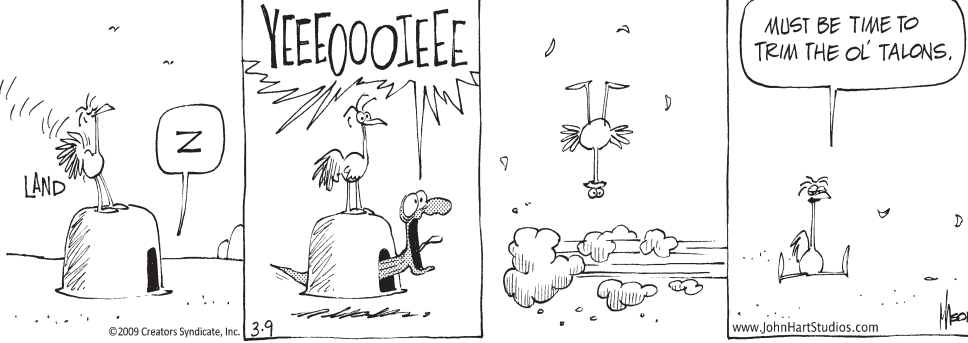
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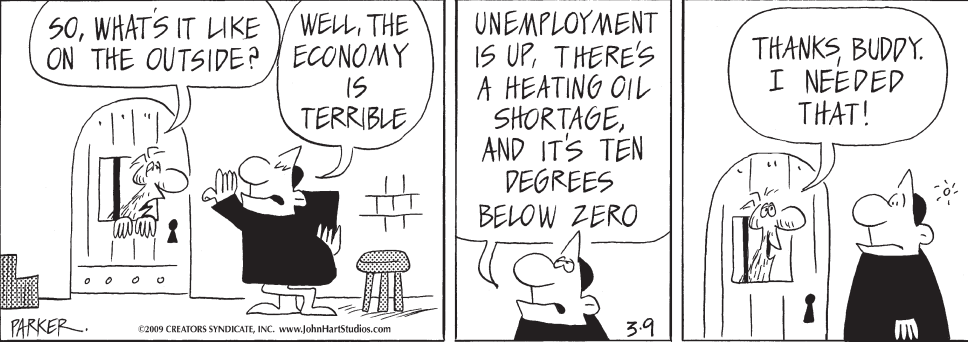


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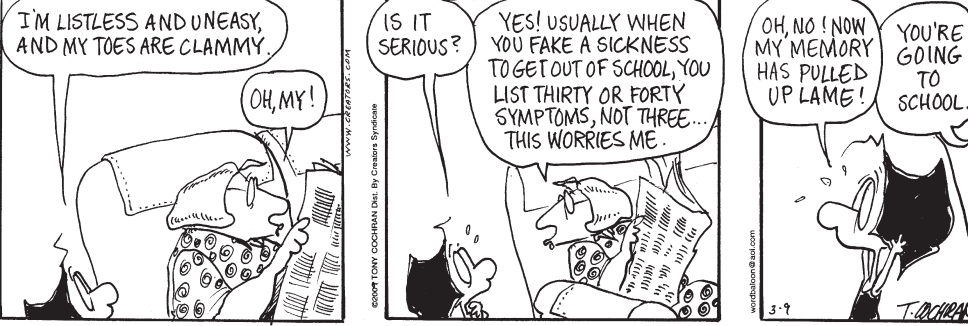
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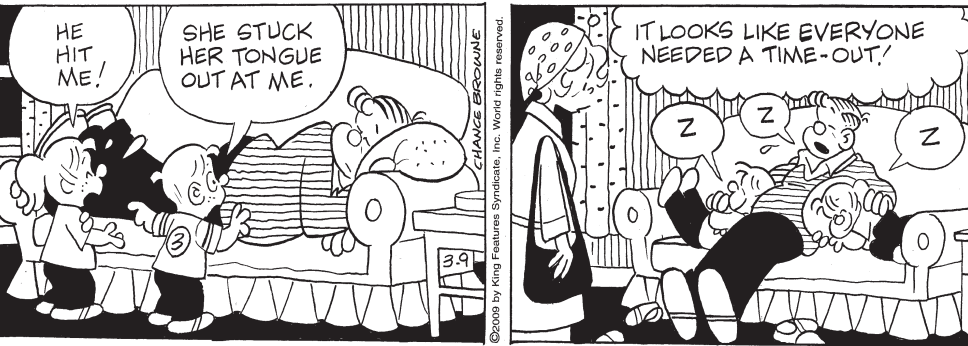
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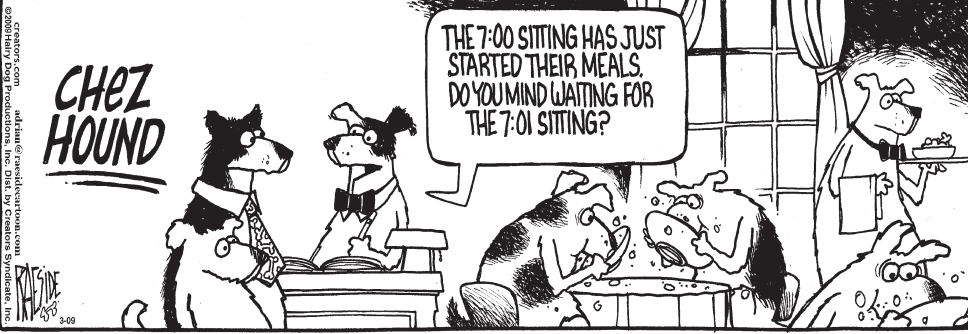
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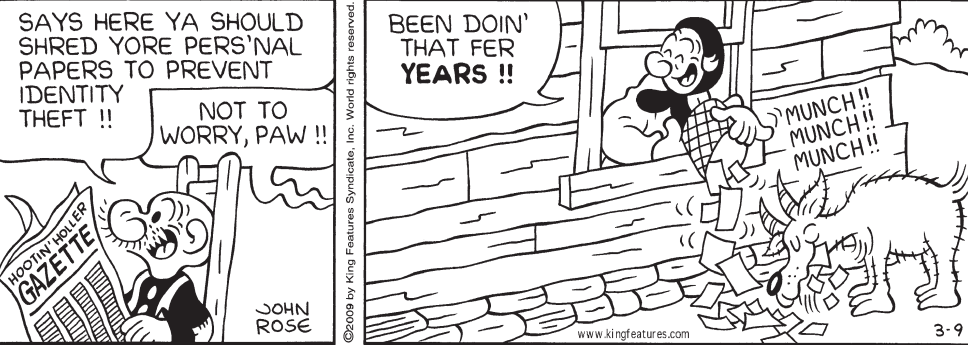
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 9, the 68th day of 2009. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

On this date: In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais (boh-ahr-NAY). (The couple divorced in 1809.)

In 1907, Indiana's General Assembly passed America's first involuntary sterilization law, one aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles, and rapists" in state custody. (This law was struck down in 1921 by the Indiana Supreme Court, but a new law was passed in 1927 that was repealed in 1974.)

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked

Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1959, Mattel's Barbie doll, created by Ruth Handler, made its public debut at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, ruled that public officials who charged they'd been libeled by news reports could not recover damages unless they proved actual malice on the part of the news organization.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1989, the Senate rejected

President George H.W. Bush's nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary by a vote of 53-47. (The next day, Bush tapped Wyoming Rep. Dick Cheney, who went on to win unanimous Senate approval.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer-actress Keely Smith is 77. Singer Lloyd Price is 76. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 75. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 73. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 73. Actress Trish Van Devere is 68. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 67. ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 66. Rock musician Robin Trower is 64. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 61. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 61.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HOLEY QUARTET by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Farther down
- 6 First-place medal
- 10 Practice boxing
- 14 San Antonio landmark
- 15 Fencing weapon
- 16 Walking stick
- 17 Ship's carrying capacity
- 19 Religious ceremony
- 20 Small speck
- 21 Postal delivery
- 22 Greeted rudely
- 24 Taunts
- 25 Pub beverage
- 26 Entraps
- 29 Parallel-bars user
- 33 ___ bear (Arctic beast)
- 34 Gets a glimpse of
- 36 Location
- 37 Tremendously
- 38 Cereal grain
- 39 "How sad!"
- 40 Teaming (with)
- 41 Yours and mine
- 42 Keep from happening
- 43 Burger topper
- 45 Stockholm natives
- 46 Fresh from the oven
- 47 Late-blooming flower
- 49 Uses a broom
- 52 Sheep sounds
- 53 Likely
- 56 Become weary
- 57 Internet surfer's need
- 60 With no warranty
- 61 Military no-show, briefly
- 62 New Hampshire neighbor
- 63 "Of ___ I sing"
- 64 Dole (out)
- 65 Wipe the chalk from
- DOWN
- 1 Touch down on the runway
- 2 Butter stand-in
- 3 Light-bulb unit
- 4 CPR pro
- 5 More spacious
- 6 Aladdin's magical friend
- 7 Milky gems
- 8 Chair part
- 9 Record spinners
- 10 Idle-computer monitor display
- 11 Twosome
- 12 Poker player's payment
- 13 Marsh plant
- 18 Catches, as a crook
- 23 Shade tree
- 24 Prepare Parmesan, perhaps
- 26 Fire starter
- 27 "That's the truth!"
- 28 Up in the air
- 29 Obtains
- 30 Was under the weather
- 31 Fixed gaze
- 32 Finals and midterms
- 34 Minstrel, for one
- 35 Corn portion
- 41 Defeated in a pool race
- 42 "Very cool!"
- 44 Move like a rabbit
- 45 Top-billed actor
- 47 Monastery leader
- 48 Pricey fur
- 49 Numerical fact, for short
- 50 6 Down offering
- 51 One of the Great Lakes
- 53 Largest continent
- 54 Farm enclosures
- 55 Birch or beech
- 58 Lamb's mom
- 59 Armed conflict

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Mickey Mouse helps sets rosy tone at French fashion show

PARIS (AP) — Fashion designer Jeremy Scott has just the antidote for crisis-induced malaise: The world's favorite optimist, Mickey Mouse!

The American-born designer, whose pop-culture-inspired prints have won him a cult following among fashionistas and celebrities, sent out his winter 2010 pret-a-porter collection Saturday inspired by the beloved cartoon character.

"When he came in 1930, in the middle of the Depression and all of those horrible things, he brought so much joy," Scott told reporters backstage. "And I thought, 'That's kind of where we are now. Why not Mickey Mouse?'"

He adopted Mickey's colors, black, white, red and a splash of yellow, for his palette, sending out graphic sweater dresses in black, little red dresses covered with Mickey's iconic profile and a skirt emblazoned with oversized telephone keys in canary yellow.

A bulky scarf and coat were made from white gloves with black piping that looked like Mickey had just slipped them off.

Other standout pieces included a bustier, dress and coat covered with bright, plastic buttons and a simple, swingy yellow coat that

proved Scott can do normal, if he tries.

Scott's use of kitschy, pop-culture icons helped forge his reputation as a master of low-meet-high art, and Saturday's show didn't disappoint. Beyond Mickey, there were dresses covered in black telephones, their coiled cords tracing a messy web across the red background.

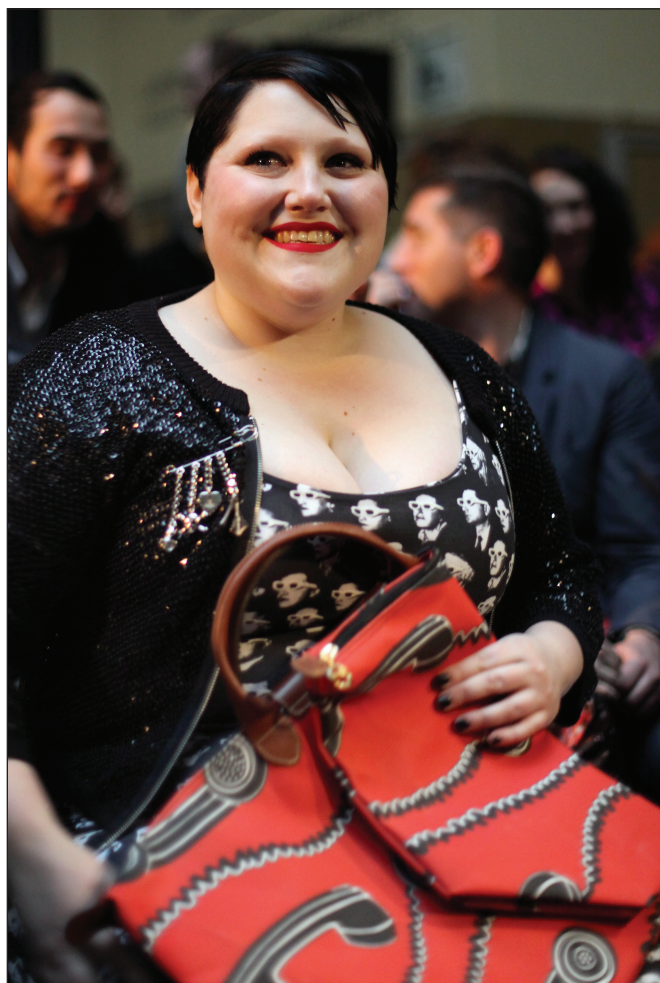
Rap superstar Kanye West praised the show as great.

"I love the colors," West said. He was dressed for the occasion in a sweater with an oversized pink poodle — signed Jeremy Scott, of course.

Other front row guests at the show — held in a gloomy hall in a Paris medical school — included Peaches Geldof, daughter of activist-rockstar Bob Geldof, and singer Beth Ditto.



AP Photos/Thibault Camus
Models wear creations by U.S. fashion designer Jeremy Scott as part of his Fall-Winter 2009-2010 ready-to-wear collection in Paris. Pictures in the middle, U.S. singer Beth Ditto holds a bag designed by Scott.



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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.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Remember the story about the man who gets three wishes? There are many versions, but the outcome is usually the same: The man makes his first two wishes in haste and must use the last one to return his world to the place he was where he started. Now is the time to consider carefully what you'll wish for on tomorrow's full moon.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will be coaxed to span a distance. Friends may ask you to meet them several

miles away, and maybe even across the globe. Or perhaps the distance is emotional. Either way, you will be able to close the gap.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are up against a difficult task. There is no way to do it perfectly. The closest thing to perfect would be to forgive yourself when you make a mistake and then get right back to it. Each new start is a victory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a gift of lightening up the room. People will relax around you. Everyone can use a few laughs and you'll tease them out with your clever, humorous take on the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The muses are trying to speak to you. Turn down the volume of your mental chatter and you will hear their loving suggestions. A vigorous run, brisk walk, or writing in your journal will all work to quiet your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are responsible for many outcomes that happen within the span of the next three days. The stress is beneficial if you don't let it get out of control. The adrenaline rush will help you finish with time to spare.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your thoughts are racing toward the future. You know what you want, but you still might be afraid to ask for it. Ask yourself why. When you try and work through it logically you will see that your logic is flawed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be inclined to protect those you care about, including the ones who don't think they need protection. You will be especially helpful to children and animals. It's safe to give assistance before you are asked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Others need to see and feel your respect. You will be expressing your concerns. First, talk about what is going well. Carefully select the right wording and attitude before you launch into this sensitive communication.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It has taken longer than you hoped it would, but you really believe in yourself and your project now. Whom do you need to know to make this happen? You have helpful people around you. Ask to be connected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your schooling comes from life. You habitually put yourself in a position to soak up the expertise of a master. The small increments of progress are hard to detect, but you are definitely growing in skill.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). At times it seems that very few people know the real you. Right now you prefer things this way. You don't need to draw attention to yourself because your heart is so fulfilled in your own private world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will encounter those who can woo you with only a few words and a lot of charm. You are enamored of people with that talent, largely because it's a talent you possess, too.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K 8 5 4
♥ Q J 10 2
♦ Q 5
♣ 10 3

WEST
♠ 10 6
♥ 7 6 5
♦ A K 7 3
♣ A 7 6 4

EAST
♠ Q 9 7 3 2
♥ A K 9 8 4
♦ 2
♣ J 9

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ 3
♦ J 10 9 8 6 4
♣ K Q 8 5 2

The bidding:
East South West North
2 NT Pass 3♥ Pass
Pass 3 NT Dble Pass
Pass Redble All Pass!
Opening lead — five of hearts.

You'd never think such a thing could happen in a world championship. Those who witnessed it could not recollect ever having seen anything like it before. Those who heard about it afterward could only shake their heads in wonderment.

But happen it did at the 1987 world team championship, in the semifinal-round match between England and Sweden. The bidding shown took place at the table where Tony Forrester and John Armstrong were East-West for Great Britain, playing against Magnus Lindkvist and Bjorn Fallenius of Sweden.

In the English pair's methods, East's opening two-notrump bid showed two unspecified five-card suits and seven to 10 high-card points. The trouble for North-South started when Lindkvist, South, balanced with three notrump over West's three-heart bid. The notrump bid in this situation was intended as unusual, showing both minors. West doubled for penalties, and it was then North's turn to act.

With no real preference for either minor, Fallenius passed the double around to his partner, expecting him to choose his better suit. But when Lindkvist redoubled instead — which he apparently thought would force North to make the final choice — Fallenius had second thoughts about the meaning of the three-notrump bid. Eventually he decided that South had a strong, balanced hand, so he passed, and three notrump redoubled became the final contract!

The defense was relentlessly accurate, limiting declarer to only four tricks — two spades, a heart and a club. This amounted to down five for a penalty of 2,800 points, thought to be the biggest in the history of the Bermuda Bowl competition. Together with the 110 points scored by their teammates at the other table for making three diamonds, the British scored 2,910 points on the deal for a gain of 21 International Match Points, and went on to earn a place in the final.

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