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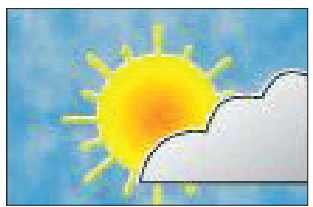


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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A pair of horses, apparently oblivious to the dust storm raging around them, munch on a bale of hay near Davis Road north of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon.

BLACKOUT PREVENTION

Council OKs program to benefit city, state's electrical customers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's participation in a program designed to help manage possible electrical blackouts caused by high energy consumption could eventually pay for emergency generators at the municipality's water treatment plant.

The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of an agreement with Enernoc Inc. Tuesday night that Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said will benefit both the city and the state's electrical customers.

"It's part of the response system by ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of

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KEEP YOUR EYES TOWARD THE SKY IN DOWNTOWN BIG SPRING FOR A HOLIDAY SURPRISE.

Tour of Homes tickets on sale Benefits symphony

The Annual Tour of Homes hosted by the Symphony Guild and benefiting the Big Spring Symphony will be Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, the *Big Spring Herald*, Heritage Museum, KBST Radio, and any branch of Western Bank. Tickets will also be available at the door of each home.

The \$10 ticket purchases admission to the four homes and one office location on the tour this year. Hosts include Joan Beil, Ricki and Leah Hughes, Burt and Cathy Sheppard, Vince and Shawn Hatfield, and Eddie Vandewalker.

After the tour a reception will be held at First Presbyterian Church in the parlor, along with a free concert in the sanctuary.

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McCasland book signing set Saturday at museum

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
Managing Editor

A book signing and educational program has been scheduled for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum in conjunction with the debut of Big Spring resident Bebe McCasland's new book, "The Scoop from 'Bird Poop,'" published by Bright Sky Press.

The book is a compilation of 84 stories that have appeared in her "Bird Poop" column, which is published weekly in the *Big Spring Herald*.

While the new author will be on hand to autograph copies of the books, which will be on sale during the event, the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, which works with McCasland in rehabilitating injured animals, will conduct an environmental education program that will feature several birds of prey, including a barn owl, Swainson's hawk, peregrine falcon and red-tailed hawk.

"I'm really excited about this and looking forward to it," McCasland said. "At first it looked as if the books wouldn't be arriving from the printers until later this month and we thought it would probably

be January before we could hold this. As it is, though, we'll be able to hold it before Christmas, and this is definitely the kind of 'coffee table book' you could give as a Christmas present."



McCasland is state and federally licensed to rehabilitate wild birds, and has been helping them for 35 years. Earlier this year, she was honored with the DAR National Conservation Award.

McCasland, the retired principal of the old St. Mary's Episcopal School, was somewhat stunned when former *Big Spring Herald* Publisher Suzanne Reed asked her to begin writing her column. In fact, she agreed that she could

write a column, but told Reed she would write one or two and see if it was something the *Herald* "really wanted to publish."

The first column was simply entitled "Bird Poop" — a title some questioned, but Reed liked. So did many of the newspaper's readers. They also liked the stories of Bebe's experiences in rescuing birds.

"People kept telling me, 'You've got to put those in a book,' and eventually I got convinced that was something I was interested in doing," McCasland explained.

While several proposals to publishers were turned down, Bebe came across Bright Sky Press, headquartered in Albany, Texas, which specializes in publishing nationally marketable Texana, which liked the book proposal and lined up artist Don Collins, who provided the drawings.

Proceeds from all sales of the book, McCasland said, go to the rescue and rehabilitation of birds. "Birds helping birds," as she put it.

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Compassionate Friends to hold candle lighting Sunday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Area residents who have lost children are expected to join their brethren in the United States and other countries Sunday for the 13th annual Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting.

Compassionate Friends is a self-help bereavement organi-

zation for families grieving the death of a child. It has more than 600 chapters in the United States, including one in Big Spring.

"We've all lost children and we all share things that helped us deal with those losses," said Darla Swindell. "When you

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Lady Steers down Pecos for win 3 of season

Herald Staff Report

PECOS — The Big Spring Lady Steers earned their second win in three games Tuesday night as they took down Pecos 55-25.

Ten of the 11 Lady Steers scored in the game, led by Bridgette Tuitt with 13 and Linzee Yarbar with 10. Pecos scored only nine points in the first half as Big Spring took at 14-point lead into the locker room.

"We jumped all over them in the

first half," head coach Mike Warren said. "We really did a good job, we substituted a lot, and everybody got in and got some experience."

Logan Yarbar and Lauren Porras scored seven apiece, Valerie Ross made two three-pointers for her six points, Taryn Kennedy scored four, Charlee Fletcher and Taylor Seaton scored three and Diamond Mayes and Cerbi Ritchey each had two points for the Lady Steers.

Warren said he liked the way his

defense played.

"We forced a lot of turnovers, we pressed and we turned a lot of those into points off of steals," he said. "And we got to the free throw line and made a lot of free throws."

With the two recent wins, Warren said he likes the Lady Steers' chances this week at the Monahans Tournament. The Lady Steers are now 3-7 on the season.

"They're excited," he said of the Lady Steers. "We play Andrews

Tuesday, they usually have a pretty good team and we think we can go compete with them."

Tipoff in Monahans is Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Big Spring 55, Pecos 25

BS 12 11 16 18 -- 55

Pecos 4 5 9 7 -- 25

Big Spring- Tuitt 13, Li. Yarbar 10, Lo. Yarbar 7, Porras 7, V. Ross 6, Fletcher 3, Seaton 3, Kennedy 4, Mayes 2, Ritchey 2

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HERALD PHOTO/ Joe Zigtema

Forsan's Brittany Roemer shoots in the first quarter Tuesday against Borden County in Gail. The Lady Buffs fell for the first time this season 51-36. Roemer scored seven points in the game.

Borden County drops Lady Buffs

By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

GAIL — Like all good things, streaks must come to an end.

That's what happened to the Forsan Lady Buffs' six-game win streak Tuesday against Borden County in a 51-36 loss in Gail.

The Lady Buffs managed just 12 points in the first half and shot nine of 21 from the free throw line in the game. Meanwhile, Borden County's Taylor Richey dropped 27 points on Forsan to hand the team its first loss of the season. The Buffs scored 16 for the Lady Coyotes as well.

"We needed to play a pretty good team to see what we're made of," head coach Robert Hillger said. "Now we know what we need to work on, and it's progress from here."

Kelsey Jones' 10 points paced the Lady Buffs, followed by

Miranda Park with nine points. Brittany Roemer scored seven.

The Lady Buffs were in foul trouble for most of the game, with three fouling out in the fourth quarter.

"It's been the story of our lives this season, getting into foul trouble," Hillger said. "I want us to be an aggressive man-to-man team, but sometimes it gets us into trouble because we're not disciplined enough."

Forsan held a 9-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Buffs went through an eight-minute scoreless stretch that allowed the Lady Coyotes to mount an 11-0 run late into the second quarter.

"We couldn't score," Hillger said, "but we played pretty good defense in the first half."

The Lady Coyotes took a 30-23 lead into the fourth quarter that Forsan trimmed to four with five

minutes left, but they pulled away as time ran down to capture the victory.

"They've got a lot of fight in them," Hillger said of his players. "I wanted to have a good test of our character, and we got it (Tuesday night). I thought we responded OK at times, but at other times we have to be a little bit more disciplined."

The Lady Buffs will go back to Gail Thursday to take part in the Borden County tournament through the weekend.

Forsan boys 42, Ira 60

IRA — Ira's offense was too much for the Forsan Buffs to handle Tuesday night as they fell 60-42 to the Bulldogs.

Ira made 20 field goals and shot 17 of 19 from the free throw line to sink Forsan. Three Bulldogs were in double figures on the night.

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Coahoma boys lose; Bulldogettes win big

Herald Staff Report

MILES — It was a dog-eat-dog game in Miles on Tuesday night.

Down 16 points in the third quarter, the Coahoma Bulldogs decided they needed to play better.

That they did, closing the gap to two, as the game wound down, but the Bulldogs could not complete the comeback against their canine colleagues, the Miles Bulldogs.

Coahoma got off to slow start, scoring just 13 points in the first half. They trailed by nine at the break.

"We didn't play very well the first half," head coach Kim Nichols said. "We didn't play very hard, we didn't play very good. But we got after it most of the third and all of the fourth quarter."

Coahoma outscored Miles 20-9 in the fourth quarter, but the team fell just short in the waning seconds. Nichols said he liked what his team showed in the second half.

"We could have checked it in and we didn't do it," he said. "We played hard, and we scratched and clawed our way back into it."

Josh Paniagua led the Bulldogs with 17 points, 12 of them coming in the second half. Isaac Garcia scored six of his eight in the fourth quarter. The

team was without its leading scorer, Martin Leija, who was ill.

But Coahoma was 12 of 24 from the free throw line, and three Coahoma Bulldogs fouled out in the fourth quarter.

"It was a very physical game, especially in the second half as we started to come back," Nichols said. "If we had played that way the entire game we would have been OK."

Coahoma will play Sweetwater on Thursday in the opening round of the Stanton Hooptown Classic. Tipoff is at noon.

Coahoma girls 65 Miles 30

MILES — Things just keep rolling for the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

The Coahoma girls jumped all over Miles on Tuesday night, scoring 39 points in the first half and allowing just 15 on the way to a 65-30 win on the road.

The Bulldogettes sank six three-pointers in the game with their dribble-drive offense. Kylie Lee scored a game-high 17 points, and Kaelea Neff scored 15 with three 3-pointers. K'Leigh Fowler was the other Bulldogette in double figures with 12.

The Bulldogettes will play Sweetwater on Thursday at the Stanton Hooptown Classic. Tipoff is 9 a.m.

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Area Roundup: Stanton wins; Lady Bearcats continue winning way

Herald Staff Report

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes picked up a win to improve to 5-2 heading into its tournament starting Thursday.

The Buffaloes sank 11 three-pointers and Tyler Fulton dropped 27 points as Stanton dropped Grape Creek 68-53. Trace Sidle scored nine and Jorge Reyna added eight for the Buffs.

After falling behind 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, the Buffaloes outscored the Eagles 22-7 in the second quarter to take a 30-18 lead at the break. Stanton built its lead to 16 by the end of the third quarter, and didn't look back as it coasted to a win.

The Buffaloes will play Tahoka in the opening round of the Stanton

Hooptown Classic on Thursday.

Miles 51, Stanton girls 49

STANTON — The Lady Buffs fell just short of a fourth quarter comeback Tuesday against Grape Creek, falling by two at home 41-39.

The Lady Buffs fell into a hole in the second quarter as they were outscored 11-2. They whittled away as the game wore on, but fell short as they fell to 6-4 on the season.

Rachel Fleckenstein led the way for the Lady Buffs with 13 points. Ashton Snelgrove and Kelsey Jones each added seven for Stanton.

Grape Creek improved to 3-8 this year.

Garden City 45, Bronte 32

BRONTE — The No. 3-ranked Garden City Lady Bearcats continued their unbeaten streak with a 45-32

win over Bronte on Tuesday night.

Morgan and Lindsey Schwartz led Garden City with 16 and 11 points, respectively. The Lady Bearcats never allowed more than 10 points in a quarter.

Garden City built a 26-16 lead at the half, and cruised through the third and fourth periods to its 6-0 record. The team will be in action again Thursday in the Highland Invitational.

Grady girls 72, Loraine 52

LORAIN — The Grady girls improved to 4-5 on the season with see-saw win in Loraine on Tuesday night.

The Lady Wildcats' press overwhelmed Loraine early as they jumped out to an 18-6 lead, but the Lady Bulldogs stormed back with a

24-14 second quarter to make it 32-30 at the half.

Grady took control in the third and fourth periods, scoring 20 points in each. Charmynee Arnold and Kelly Cook led Grady with 19 and 18 points, respectively. The team will be in action again in the Stanton Hooptown Tournament against Grady on Thursday.

Grady boys 68, Loraine 21

LORAIN — The Grady Wildcats improved to 6-0 on the season as they coasted to an easy 68-21 win over Loraine on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats outscored the Bulldogs 39-11 in the first half, forcing tough shots with their full-court man defense.

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Sports in brief

Area basketball scores

Big Spring girls 55, Pecos 25
Big Spring boys 45, Wylie 58
Coahoma boys 49, Miles 51
Coahoma girls 65, Miles 30
Forsan girls 36, Borden County 51
Forsan boys 42, Ira 60
Garden City girls 45, Bronte 32
Stanton boys 68, Grape Creek 53
Stanton girls 39, Grape Creek 41
Grady girls 72, Loraine 52
Grady boys 68, Loraine 21

One more chance for Coahoma youth basketball

Signups for the Coahoma youth basketball league have been extended to Dec. 12 in the Coahoma junior high gym.

Signups and tryouts for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. Every player will make a team.

Games start in January.

All are welcome. For more information, contact Mendy Ward at 432-466-3811.

Cowboys Stadium cost \$140 million since June

ARLINGTON (AP) — The cost of getting Cowboys Stadium total nearly \$140 million since the building opened in June.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Tuesday reported on its review of invoices that show the total spent on the venue since 2004 is \$1.09 billion.

The nearly \$140 million spent by the team in the past six months paid for contractors, furniture, accessories and event preparation.

Police blotter

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

- DONALD JAMES KARAVATOS, 21, of 707 E. Sixth St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DANIEL PATRICK COLLINS, 29, of 7200 Centerpoint Rd., was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.
- MATTHEW JAMES MELTON, 26, of 614 Steakley, was arrested Tuesday on warrants from Howard and Travis counties.
- TERESA GARCIA, 33, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 56, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 600 block of Bucknell.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Stanford.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- DANIEL PATRICK COLLINS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, failure to appear (two counts) and displaying an expired registration.
 - TERESA GARCIA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - BRITTANY CHRISTINE GORDON, 21, was

transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- MICHAEL HOGAN, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault Class C — family violence.
- DONALD JAMES KARAVATOS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- MATTHEW JAMES MELTON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping — failure to appear, criminal mischief — more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000 and assault on a public servant (third-degree felony).

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 174 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Bucknell. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Davis Road. Service refused.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the area of Davis Road.

Obituaries

Joella Elizabeth Carlyon (Childress)

Joella, 38, a resident of Tega Cay, S.C., died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at the Wayne T. Patrick Hospice House in Rock Hill, S.C. She was born May 28, 1971, in Birmingham, Ala., the daughter of Steve and Elizabeth Childress. She is survived by her son, Matthew Carlyon; daughter, Sarah Carlyon; and her husband of 16 years, Keith Carlyon of Tega Cay, S.C. She is also survived by her parents, Steve Childress and his wife, Doris Childress; her mother, Elizabeth Childress; and three older brothers, Steve, Alex and Tony Childress.



Joella grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1989. Joella continued her education by attending Texas Tech University for the next four years. Joella met Keith at Texas Tech and the two became engaged in the fall of 1992. Keith and Joella were married July 24, 1993. Once married and living in Charlotte, N.C., Joella completed her college degree at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

Joella proceeded to begin a career in the mortgage lending field. She gave birth to Sarah Carlyon on Sept. 11, 1998, and Matthew Carlyon on Oct. 30, 2003.

One day prior to giving birth to Matthew she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon Cancer. This marked the beginning of a six year battle with the disease. She received excellent care from a gifted team of doctors. This, along with her never ending hope and battle cry "AIO!" (Adapt, Improve and Overcome) allowed her to fight off the cancer for more than six years. She didn't want it said that she "lost her battle with cancer." Based on her original diagnosis, she kicked cancer's butt.

Joella's kindness, humor, determination and love will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, Joella wishes that donations be made to one of the following: Carrington, Hospice Community Care, American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation or Ace and TJ's Grin Kids.

A memorial service will be held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located at 13110 Moss Road; Charlotte, N.C., at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009. A gathering with the family will immediately follow the service in the fellowship hall.

McEwen Pineville Chapel is assisting the family.

Alline M. Starr

Graveside services for Alline M. Starr, 92, of Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Homestead Funeral Home in Grand Prairie.



Alline passed away Dec. 7, 2009, in Grand Prairie. She was born to Othel and Alma O'Banion Miller Dec. 20, 1916, in Kansas.

Survivors include her daughter, Corinne Starr of Grand Prairie; son, Gary Don Starr and wife, Beverly, of Grapevine; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

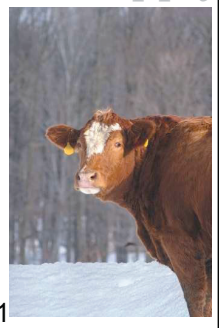
Alline is preceded in death by her husband, Sam H. Starr; a son, Frank D. Starr; and sisters, Dorothy Blackburn and Isabelle Land.

Reta Fee

Reta Fee, 61, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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STEERS

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**Abilene Wylie 58
Big Spring 45**
ABILENE – The Big Spring boys were overmatched late Tuesday in Abilene, falling to Wylie 58-45.
Wylie, ranked No. 11 in the Texas 3A rankings, outscored the Steers 24-15 in the fourth quarter to earn the win.
Daxton Deal and Lance Lindley

each scored 21 points to lead the Bulldogs. Wylie (6-2) made seven three-pointers in the game. After Big Spring trailed by just four heading into the fourth quarter, 12 of Deal's 21 points came in the final frame.
Jerrell Williams led the Steers with 12 points. Tristian Clay was the other Steer in double figures with 10.
The Steers (3-4) will play next in the Monahans Tournament on Thursday. They will play the winner of Kermit and Greenwood

at 5:30 p.m.
Wylie 58, Big Spring 45
BSHS 8 14 8 15-45
Wylie 16 7 11 24-58

Big Spring – Segundo 4, Clay 10, Williams 12, Falcon 2, T. Parnell 2, Anderson 4, Tannehill 4, X. Parnell 7.
Wylie – Daxton Deal 21, Lance Lindley 21, Spencer Labrie 4, Travis Taillet 9, Denzel Davis 3.
3-point – Big Spring 2 (Williams 2), Wylie 7 (Deal 3, Lindley 3, Taillet 1). Total fouls – Big Spring 18, Wylie 11
Records: Wylie 6-2, BSBS 4-3

BOX SCORES

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Five Bulldogs were in double figures to fuel the Wildcats' balanced attack, and Tyler Gifford made two three-pointers and a free throw for his seven points.
Zach Perez led the team with 14 points, followed by Johan Wiebe with 12, Shane Teague with 11, Dylan Cox with 10 and Jacob Rodriguez with 10.
The team will play Grape Creek on Thursday in the Stanton Hooptown Tournament.

Younts 1; Free throws- Stanton 11-15, GC 11-13; Fouls- Stanton 16, GC 12

Grape Creek 41, Stanton 39
GC 5 11 11 14 -- 41
Stanton 7 2 12 18 -- 39

Grape Creek- Burner 16, Walter 6, Doss 5, Rodriguez 8, Lykans 2, Daniel 2, M. Burner 2; Stanton- Fleckenstein 13, Snelgrove 7, Jones 7, Krista Sanchez 5, Adrian Carrasco 2, Selah Ramsey 2, Jennifer Beasley 2
Free throws- GC 10-25, Stanton 12-17; 3-point- GC 1, Stanton 3; Fouls- GC 13, Stanton 17

Garden City 45, Bronte 32
GC 11 15 11 8 -- 45
Bronte 7 9 16 10 -- 32

Garden City- M. Schwartz 6, L. Schwartz 11, Niehues 9, K. Hoffman 3, A. Hoffman 2, Hirt 2, Ramirez 2; Bronte- Kirk 10, Wallace 9, McGinnis 5, Gibbs 2, Barker 2, Meek 2, Lee 2

Tuesday Box Scores

Miles 48, Coahoma 45
Coahoma 7 6 12 20 -- 45
Miles 12 11 16 9 -- 48

Coahoma- Paniagua 17, Garcia 8, Williams 4, Hahn 4, Bridge 3, Douglass 3, Martin 3, Crabtree 2, Ruiz 1
Free throws- Coahoma 12-24

Coahoma 65, Miles 30
Coahoma 22 17 14 12 -- 65
Miles 4 11 7 8 -- 30

Coahoma- Gee 17, Neff 15, Fowler 12, Castilaw 6, Buske 4, Stone 4, Gonzales 3, Mortin 3, Fenell 1. Totals 25 9-14 65.
Miles- Heinze 13, Munn 7, Sanchez 6, McCrea 2, Brandon 2. Totals 9 12-20 30.
3-point- Coahoma 6 (Neff 3, Fowler 2, Mortin); Miles 0.

Stanton 68, Grape Creek 53
GC 11 7 16 19 -- 53
Stanton 8 22 20 18 -- 68

Stanton- Tyler Fulton 27, Trace Sidle 9, Jorge Reyna 8, Andres Chavez 5, Nathan Koonce 6, Blake Evans 9, Grayson Grey 4
Grape Creek- Broadway 15, Younts 11, Lovette 8, Doss 8, Thomas 7, Fontenot 4
Three point- Stanton 11, Fulton 5, Sidle 3, Chavez 1, Koonce 2; Grape Creek, 2, Broadway 1,

Grady 72, Loraine 52
Grady 18 14 20 20
Loraine 6 24 10 12

Grady- Charmynee Arnold 19, Kelly Cook 18, Cayley Oppogard 8, Maegan Blocker 8, Savannah Sawyer 6, Julia Schuelke 6, Kaitie Meeks 4, MJ Price 3, Charlieann Wells 2
Loraine- Johnston 18, Limones 15, Bailey 11, Williams 4, Hernandez 2
Free throws- Grady 4-8, Loraine 20-25; Fouls- Grady 22, Loraine 11

Grady 68, Loraine 21
Grady 17 22 16 13 -- 68
Loraine 7 4 5 5 -- 21

Grady- Shane Teague 11, Dylan Cox 10, Johan Wiebe 12, Jacob Rodriguez 10, Zach Perez 14, Tyler Gifford 7, Auden Perez 2, Carston Russell 2
Loraine- Gibson 6, Gonzalez 5, Lopez 5, Martinez 4, Womack 1

FORSAN

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Forsan's offense, meanwhile, shot just 33 percent from the field, though the Buffs did make six three-pointers. Evan Burton led the team with 15 points and eight rebounds, and Elgen Suazo and Mike Hill scored nine apiece off the bench.
The team will play in the Borden County tournament starting

Thursday morning.

Box Scores (Forsan only)
Forsan 9 3 11 13 -- 36
BC 5 11 14 21 -- 51

Forsan- K. Jones 10, Park 9, Roemer 7, S. Jones 5, Hill 3, Forshee 3
Free throws- 9-21
Ira 60, Forsan 42

Forsan 9 10 16 7 -- 42
Ira 17 11 17 15 -- 60

Forsan- Burton 15, Hill 9, Suazo 9, Flores 5, Robles 4; Free throws- Forsan 10-14, Ira 17-19; 3-point- Forsan 6 (Suazo 3, Hill 2, Flores 1); Fouls Forsan 17, Ira 13

Check tomorrow's Herald for a preview of Saturday's 6-man state championship action

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Emergency responders prepare to remove a person from a vehicle involved in a two-car accident near the intersection of FM 700 and 11th Place Tuesday afternoon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

Ice blamed for SUV plunge into Panhandle canyon

AMARILLO (AP) — Officials are blaming an icy road for the fatal 90-foot plunge of a sport-utility vehicle into Palo Duro Canyon. School officials in the small Texas Panhandle town of Claude identify the man killed in the Tuesday morning plunge as 64-year-old Claude school district driver Tom Cruise. The accident happened sometime before 6:30 a.m., when Claude school Superintendent Toby Tucker tried to contact Cruise by cell phone. Tucker said a search took two hours before the SUV wreckage was found on the canyon floor.

2 saved after tower scaffold breaks

HOUSTON (AP) — Fire rescue crews had to rescue two window workers in Houston after their work scaffold broke free about 10 stories up the side of a high-rise office tower. The incident about 1 p.m. Tuesday at Greenway Plaza on U.S. 59. The workers and their scaffold swayed in the 50 mph wind, breaking several windows, until a fire-rescue team cut a hole in the nearest plate-glass window and hauled them to safety. Houston Fire Department officials say the workers were strapped into safety harnesses and weren't in danger of falling from the swaying platform.

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Addresses for the tour are: Beil home, 502 Highland; Ricki and Leah Hughes, 1800 Brent Dr.; Vince and Shawn Hatfield; Sharp Image Energy office building at 33215 S. Highway 87; Burt and Cathy Sheppard, 1409 N. FM 700; and Eddie Vandewalker, 1308 Virginia.

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LIGHTING

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have someone else who understands what you've gone through, it helps you tremendously."

No formal activities are scheduled locally to coincide with Sunday's candle lighting, Swindell said, but more than 500 services open to the public are scheduled across the United States, a Compassionate Friends news release stated.

It is no coincidence that the organization picked this time of year to hold the remembrance.

"The holiday season is especially difficult for bereaved families," said Patricia Loder, Compassionate Friends executive director. "So often, our loss is minimized by others who believe the holiday season is a time to forget the realities of life. When your child has died, it's hard to be in a festive mood."

Persons interested in participating in the candle lighting, but who may not be able to attend an organized event, are welcome to join an organized chat on the Compassionate Friends Web site (www.compassionatefriends.org).

For more information locally, contact Swindell at 267-2769 or Judy Pherigo at 394-4763.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

CITY

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Texas)," said Darden. "At a specific time on a specific day they will ask us to shut down the plant for a 15-minute interval. As you know, across Texas and across the United States there have been rolling blackouts that have occurred. What this program does is when they know there is a situation that might cause an interruptible blackout in Texas, entities that are part of the program will curtail their electrical use during the potential blackout."

Darden said he'd like to see the \$9,000 a year go into a fund that would eventually allow the city to purchase stand-by electrical generators for both the city's wa-

ter treatment plant and wastewater facility.

"The program will earn us about \$9,000 a year" said Darden. "Peggy (Walker, city finance director) suggested we put it in a fund or reserve balance because it will be easier to track that way. As you know, in the past we've been budgeting for and looking at putting in generators at both the water treatment plant and the wastewater plant. What I'd like to do is let these funds build so we can use it for the generators. That way we can have stand-by power at the plants."

Mayor Russ McEwen suggested utilizing the city's lease purchase program to pay for the generators, a move that could allow the municipality to have the equipment in place much

faster than waiting for enough funds to accrue in a fund.

"What we might consider doing is to take the money — and I don't know how much a generator would cost — but if not this year then next year, do it on the lease purchase agreement and use that money (\$9,000) as payment," said McEwen.

Also Tuesday, the council approved first reading of an agreement with Power Resources Inc.

"Our current agreement with Power Resources will expire at the end of this month," said Walker. "This is simply a three-year ex-

tension with identical terms that say they will pay to the city 10 percent of what their taxes would be if they were inside the city limits. It's actually an annexation agreement. We (the city) agree we will not annex that property without their approval and this is basically a payment in lieu of taxes. This will more than cover any services we would provide to them."

The council approved both measures by unanimous votes.

Also approved was first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 18 Article 3 of the city code to increase the speed limit on the

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The measure was also approved by unanimous vote.

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Howard returns, leads Mavericks past Suns at home

Associated Press

DALLAS — Josh Howard carefully peeled the wrapper off a bandage, then gently applied it to his surgically repaired left ankle. He rubbed on some cream, pulled up a sock and then, before putting on his shoe, slipped on a brace, too.

"It's going to be sore, guys, it's going to be sore the rest of the year," he said.

At least this time the soreness came with a smile. Howard was back in action after missing 13 games, and was back to his old tricks on both ends of the court, scoring 20 points and flying around for rebounds, steals and blocks while helping lift the Dallas Mavericks to a 102-101 victory over the struggling Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

"I'm surprised he played so well for his first game back," Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire said. "He took his time, got healthy and it showed."

The ankle bothered Howard all last season no matter how much therapy he did, so he had it cleaned up over the summer. He missed the first five games of the season recovering, then lasted just 2½ before having to be shut down again. Following a nearly monthlong layoff, he didn't start Tuesday night and coach Rick Carlisle wasn't sure how long he'd use Howard or how good he would be.

He looked pretty rusty when he came in midway through the first quarter and he finished the first half with just a pair of free throws, having missed both shots he took. Then he opened the second half with a jumper that rammed against the backboard, followed by a pass to a teammate who wasn't expecting it, sending the ball rolling out of bounds.

Then, it all turned around.

Howard scored 16 points during a stretch



AP Photo/ Tony Gutierrez

The Mavericks' Josh Howard tries to keep the ball away from the Suns' Jared Dudley Tuesday in Dallas.

late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, taking Dallas from being tied at 66 to leading 88-79. He had the last nine points in that surge, hitting a 3-pointer from the corner, a pair of free throws, a 14-footer on the baseline and an 18-footer that swished through as the shot clock expired.

He finished 6 of 13, and 6 of 6 from the line, with six rebounds, three steals, a block and an assist in 26 minutes.

"We hit a spell there where he was the only offense we had going," Carlisle said. "He really kept us afloat. It shows you how important he is to our team and he just showed a lot of guts tonight, too. Because he was tired and you could tell he was a little sore."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 33 points and was pretty much keeping the Mavericks in this game by himself until Howard got rolling.

"Once he gets a good rhythm going, we'll be a really tough team to beat," Nowitzki said.

Jason Terry scored 15 points and Shawn Marion added 10 points and seven rebounds in his first game against his longtime team since rejoining the Western Conference. J.J. Barea, who had what likely will become Howard's spot in the starting lineup, scored 14. Jason Kidd had 11 assists and

seven points as Dallas kept its first two-game losing streak of the season from stretching any further.

Phoenix made three 3-pointers in the final 47.9 seconds to make things interesting all the way to the buzzer, but the Suns wound up losing for the fourth time in five games. All those losses are on the road, and they've all come in December. Phoenix lost only three times over the last week of October and all of November.

"We've had (an NBA-high) 15 road games, so we're a little bit tired," point guard Steve Nash said. "We've got to fight through that. The legs are a little tired but nobody cares, nobody's going to feel sorry for us."

Nash scored eight of his 27 points in the final minute and had eight assists. Jason Richardson scored 25, including a long 3 during the final push. Stoudemire had 20 points and Jared Dudley 11.

Phoenix scored 12 points in the final minute to get over 100 for just the second time in this December plunge. The Suns had been over 100 points in every game coming into this month.

"Teams are switching every time, making Steve into an offensive player and keeping the rest of the guys out

of sync," Stoudemire said. "That's why we're not playing fast tempo. But we'll figure it out." Although the Suns led most of the first half and the Mavericks never trailed again after Howard's big spurt, the tight finish was reminiscent of the many great games and playoff series between these teams in the year since Nash went from Dallas to the desert.

Terry kept the drama going by missing a free throw with 3.7 seconds left. He intentionally missed the next one. Stoudemire got the rebound, took a few dribbles then heaved it about 75 feet. It was pretty much on line but short.

"When Steve kept making those 3s at the end ... that felt like a little deja vu," Nowitzki

said. "But we hung in there."

NOTES: Carlisle said Howard may miss one of the back-to-back games on Friday and Saturday nights. ... Phoenix's Lou Amundson returned after missing two games with the flu. Leandro Barbosa

missed his fourth game because of a sprained left ankle. ... A couple celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary — each wearing No. 75 Mavs jerseys — were featured on the "kiss cam" during a timeout. They smooched twice to loud cheers.

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OUR VIEW

BSSH patients needing our coat donations

Just in case you weren't noticing an item printed the other day about Big Spring State Hospital patients needing coats for the winter, Mother Nature provided somewhat of a "attention-getter" of her own late last week and Monday night with a little frozen precipitation.

Now, most of us handled those freezing temperatures, taking them in stride by simply bundling up with warm jackets and gloves, the typical equipment we use to fight the winter chill.

Unfortunately, many of the patients arriving at the state hospital show up with only one set of clothing and, according to Debby Cook, interim director of the hospital's Activity Therapy Department, win up depending on donations of coats and warmer clothing from the public to get through the winter.

Those public donations haven't come in this year — at not at the rate hospital officials are used to — and as a result, quite a few patients have been left without coats.

"We've already sent out one plea to the public and that usually gets us enough to last all winter," Cook noted. "But this year, we have not been able to get enough jackets, coats and sweaters, especially larger sizes. We have a great need for XL, XXL and above sizes."

Cook said BSSH officials are asking everyone to search their closets when they get out this year's jackets and set aside coats and jackets they no longer wear and donate them to the patients.

Hospital employees ask that the clothing be clean and in good condition. Items can be dropped off at Community Relations/Volunteer Services, Building 536 on the Big Spring State Hospital campus.

We here at the Herald add our encouragement to this effort. Simply put, the hospital's patients face enough challenges without having to battle the elements without a coat this winter.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen with our heart and hear Your desire for our lives, Lord.

Amen

The real Godfather

Unlike any other godfather I ever have seen — except in the movies — this man took that responsibility very seriously. He was an amazing father to his two daughters, and he treated his godson like the son he never had.

He is the one who launched fireworks on the day the godson was born, the one who drove for a long distance to get the magical eardrops that took away the godson's pain, the one who knew exactly the gift the godson wanted for his birthday and for Christmas, the one who was always there with words of encouragement. "You can do it," he would say. "Nothing can stop you."

Once a prominent journalist in Havana, the godfather had learned his trade the old-fashioned way, by hanging out in the newsroom with his own father, who also had been a prominent journalist in Havana. The next in line was going to be the godson, who had been recruited, probably still as a toddler, for a career as a reporter.

"If you follow your godfather's footsteps," the godson was told, "someday you, too, will be a writer for El Pais," Cuba's premier newspaper.

But everything changed with the Cuban Revolution in 1959. As the country moved toward communism and freedom of the press was lost — along with many other human and civil rights — the godfather became a strong critic of the Fidel Castro dictatorship, until he fled the country fearing for his own safety and moved to Miami in 1961. The rest of his family, including his godson, came to the United

States the following year.

Once in the United States, in the 1960s, when jobs for Spanish-language journalists were nonexistent, the godfather was forced to give up his beloved career. He learned how to fix fiberglass boats, and that new trade allowed him to provide a comfortable living for his family. He gave up his beloved journalism for the right to live in freedom in the United States.

But the godson had a decision to make. If he still wanted to be a reporter, he no longer could expect his godfather to help him get a job at El Pais. And if he wanted to be a journalist in the United States, he would have to do it in English — his second language!

Yet if the godson ever doubted his career choice because of the new obstacles, that's when the godfather sprang into action! "You can do it in any language," he would say.

"Nothing can stop you." And he said it with a smile that inspired confidence.

Years later, when the godson became an American journalist, the godfather couldn't have been prouder.

Communism had taken journalism out of the family, but not for long. They had overcome the censorship. The godfather had begun to write articles again, as a freelance writer for various Spanish-language weeklies in Miami, and the godson worked as a reporter for The Miami Herald, the New York Daily News and The Bergen Record and eventually became a nationally syndicated columnist. Once again, there were two journalists in the family.

Every so often, someone would call the godson to complain jokingly about the godfather. "Your godfather doesn't stop bragging about you," the godson was told. "He says you are the best His-

panic journalist in the United States."

And that sort of news always brought tears to the godson's eyes. Nothing pleased him more than to make his godfather proud. The godfather, who was married to the godson's aunt, needed to know that the family passion for journalism was in good hands.

As a freelance writer in Miami, the godfather remained a passionate anti-communist and strong critic of the Castro dictatorship. For years, he argued that negotiations with the Cuban government always would be in vain, that the Castro brothers never would relinquish their absolute control of the island, and that Cuba's freedom could only be won the way it had been won in the past: fighting, with machetes if necessary.

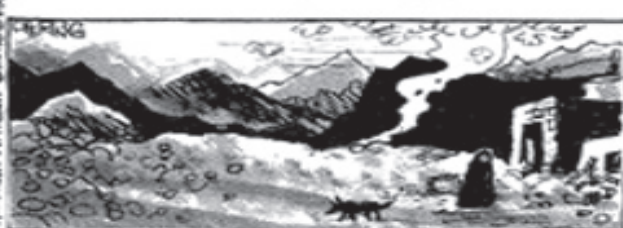
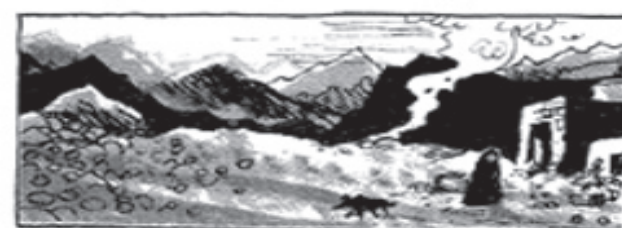
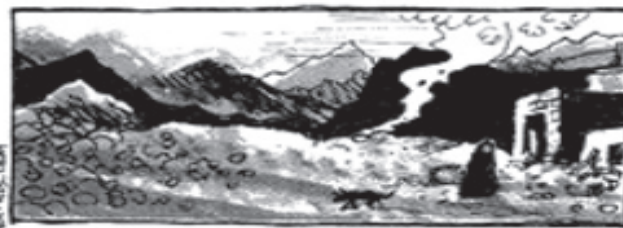
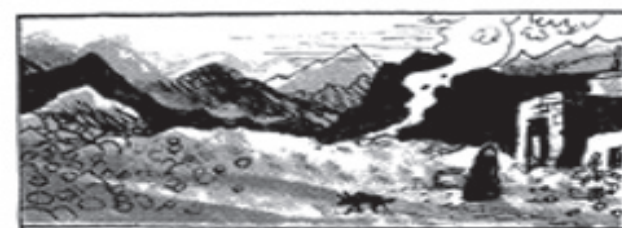
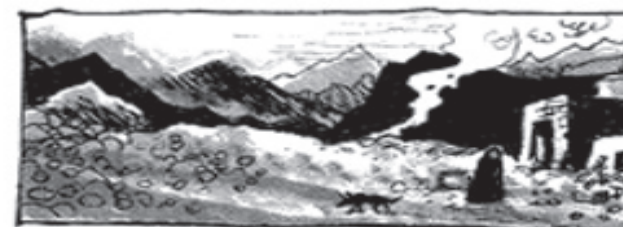
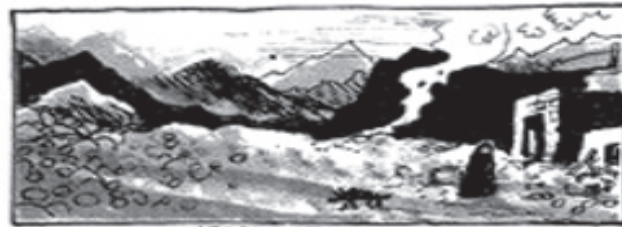
Indeed, one of the godfather's idols was Ignacio Agramonte, a lawyer and patriot who fought for Cuba's independence from Spain in the late 19th century. Even when they ran out of ammunition, Agramonte would tell his troops to fight with their dignity, and that's the way the godfather felt Cubans should fight for their freedom nowadays.

In an article he wrote about his idol, published in El Nuevo Herald in 2001, the godfather noted that "just like the Cubans of yesterday, the Cubans of today must liberate the land that gave us birth, and we have to do it without concern for the sacrifices, the miseries, not even death."

That philosophy often was reflected in the godson's writings.

I should know. When the godfather — Benito Alonso y Artigas — died in Miami last week at the age of 83, the godson wrote this column.

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What I don't know about Afghanistan

People keep asking me whether I agree with the president's troop surge in Afghanistan. I am a lawyer. I know what to do with a hard question: Answer another one that is so similar that even the person asking may not notice you've changed it. So I answer that I absolutely support the president on this one, that I absolutely approve of the process and the decision and the way he's handling his responsibility as commander in chief.

That's what I say to conservatives, and they say how smart I am, which is always nice to hear, even if not always earned. On this subject, I am only smart enough to know what I don't know.

To liberals who ask whether I agree with the president, I look at them as if they are absolutely out of their minds and tell them the whole unvarnished truthful answer to the question they actually asked: I haven't got a clue.

Oh, maybe a clue, but not much more. Hardly enough to agree, much less disagree, which is what my liberal friends are doing a lot of on this one, and what they are about to do with me

until they confront my absolutely genuine inability to answer their actual question.

Don't know. Really. If I did, God knows, I would've called him and spared him the agony.

Barack Obama did not spend many meetings and many weeks making a decision because a long process was going to win him political points. Actually, it cost him points on all sides. It didn't take him so long to decide because he's slow to understand easy stuff, but because this is a miserably difficult situation with no good answers.

What a smart person — and Obama is certainly a very smart person — does when confronted with the hardest problem in the world is take time to meet with the people who know the most.

Push and listen and ask questions and review options until you are sure you know and understand all of the terrible choices you have. And then make the decision.

Obama has done this. I haven't. He's been briefed by military and intelligence officials. He's read all the classified stuff, which, according to anyone who has read any of it, is so terrifying that you don't want to know. I certainly don't.

I've actually done a lot of reading about Afghanistan and Pakistan. I've done legal work related to that area. There are

no easy answers here; nothing people would want to hear in a 30-second bite. This one is really hard. Heads you lose; tails you lose more. I'm not sure which is heads or tails. This is not one I can second-guess from the grandstands based on a cruise of the morning blogs. Why are we listening to people who are doing no more than that? It's not even the right question.

This is why we elect presidents. I don't need to agree. I do approve.

I believe in the intelligence and integrity of the man who made this decision. I believe he made it based on his best judgment as to what is best for the country. I believe he made it knowing it would cost the lives of soldiers, young men and women whose lives he values greatly, and that he would be blamed for that, and would always shoulder that responsibility. I believe he made it knowing it is far from certain that we will meet any of the withdrawal deadlines, and that he is exposing himself to a much longer and more expensive commitment.

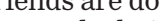
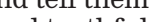
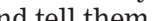
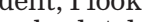
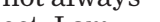
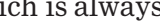
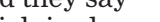
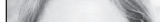
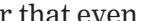
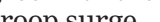
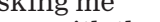
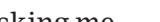
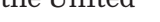
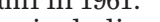
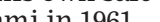
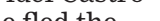
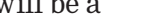
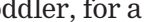
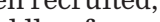
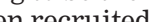
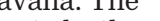
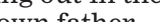
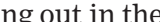
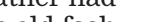
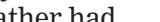
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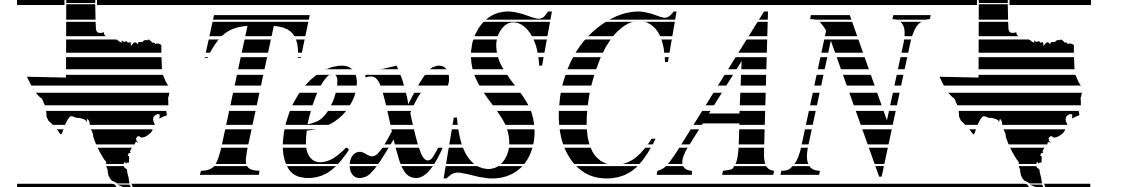
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News in brief

Senate Democrats push forward on health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — After agreeing tentatively to jettison a key liberal priority — a full-blown government-run insurance option — Democrats say they are getting close to pushing President Barack Obama's health care bill through the Senate.

"We've overcome a real problem that we had," Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said in announcing what he called a "broad agreement" Tuesday night.

Officials said it included nonprofit national health plans administered by the Office of Personnel Management, which runs the popular federal employees' health plan, as well as opening Medicare to uninsured Americans beginning at age 55, effective in 2011.

Greater government involvement would potentially kick in if private insurance companies declined to participate in the nationwide plan, although details weren't available. One possibility was for the personnel office to set up a government-run plan, either national in scope or on a state-by-state basis.

"I think when people see this they'll really like what we've done," said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., who was among five moderate senators who spent several days negotiating with five liberals. Reid planned to describe the plan in greater detail after getting an analysis from the Congressional Budget Office.

Watchdog says bailouts helped unfreeze the financial crisis but problems remain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's \$700 billion bailout of the financial system helped prevent an all-out panic last fall but hasn't met many of the targets Congress set out, a watchdog panel says.

"Congress set goals for (the bailouts) that went well beyond short-term financial stability, and by that measure problems remain," said panel chair and Harvard Law school professor Elizabeth Warren.

The programs funded by the bailout — including bank capital injections, foreclosure relief and automaker rescues — were uneven in their success, the panel says. But it also noted that there is broad consensus that the programs helped avert a possible economic calamity.

The findings are part of a sweeping review of a year's work by the panel Congress created to oversee the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP. It discusses the relative strengths of the diverse programs funded by TARP and evaluates them against standards Congress set.

The Treasury Department said in a statement that "by every measure, TARP has succeeded in achieving its primary goal of economic stabilization."

Poor nations clamor at U.N. climate summit over Danish proposal

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Developing nations who face huge climate change burdens are demanding that wealthy nations shoulder more of the costs, as a leaked Danish document and fresh evidence of a hotter planet raised temperatures at the U.N. climate conference.

Negotiators on Wednesday were trying to bridge the difficult gaps among 192 nations and stem a

growing chasm between rich and poor on the third day of the U.N. climate conference.

A key speaker will be U.S. Environmental Protection Agency head Lisa Jackson, whose agency just gave President Barack Obama a new way to cut back on greenhouse gas emissions. Obama will join more than 100 national leaders converging on Copenhagen for the final days of bargaining late next week.

Jackson headlines a U.S.-sponsored meeting entitled "Taking Action at Home." The EPA determined Monday that scientific evidence clearly shows greenhouse gases are endangering Americans' health and must be regulated, either by Congress or by itself, the agency responsible for air pollution. That gave Obama a new way to regulate those gases without needing the approval of the U.S. Congress.

Meanwhile, small island nations, poor countries and those seeking money from the developed world to preserve their tropical forests were among those upset over competing draft texts attributed to Denmark and China outlining proposed outcomes for the historic Dec. 7-18 summit.

Fierce wind, heavy snowfall, icy roads threatening Upper Midwest

(AP) — DES MOINES, Iowa — A fierce winter storm was leaving dangerous ice, heavy snow and vicious winds in its wake as it slogged eastward early Wednesday, threatening to wreak havoc on morning commuters across the Upper Midwest before crawling into New England.

More than a foot of snow was expected in parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, where the National Weather Service warned of "extremely dangerous blizzard conditions." Wind gusts of up to 50 mph could create snow drifts of 8 to 15 feet.

"Anybody traveling (Wednesday) morning is really taking a huge risk I would say — a risk of being stranded and not having anybody be able to help you for 6 or 12 hours, probably," said Karl Jungbluth, a weather service meteorologist in Johnston, Iowa.

Blizzard warnings also covered eastern Nebraska, northeastern Kansas and southern Minnesota early Wednesday.

Special election campaign gives GOP political spotlight it's missed for 3 years

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts Republicans are getting back the political spotlight they've lacked for the past three years in the special election to fill Edward Kennedy's Senate seat.

State Sen. Scott Brown beat perennial candidate Jack E. Robinson on Tuesday to win the GOP primary. He'll face off Jan. 19 against Attorney General Martha Coakley, who won a four-way Democratic race.

Brown's challenge is overcoming the Democrats' advantage in a state where the party controls all statewide offices. Republicans haven't had one since former Gov. Mitt Romney completed his term in 2007 and ran unsuccessfully for president.

Coakley says she wants to go to Washington to help President Barack Obama achieve his agenda.

House panel to vote on bill aimed at forcing college football to adopt playoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top official of the Bowl Championship Series says there are more impor-

tant things for Congress to worry about than pressing for a playoff system for college football.

But lawmakers were taking a crack at it anyway Wednesday. A House panel was to consider a proposal to ban the promotion of a postseason NCAA Division I football game as a national championship unless it's the outcome of a playoff.

"With everything going on in the country, I can't believe that Congress is wasting time and spending taxpayers' money on football," Bill Hancock, the BCS executive director, said in a phone interview. "We feel strongly that managing of college sports is best left to the people in higher education."

The legislation is sponsored by Texas Rep. Joe Barton, the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The vote by the panel's commerce, trade and consumer protection subcommittee comes three days after the BCS selections were announced. Those include the Jan. 7 national title game between No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Texas.

Philippine police seek 161 suspects in election massacre

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine police on Wednesday named 161 suspects in the massacre of 57 people last month in the country's worst election violence, including government militiamen led by members of a powerful clan facing murder and rebellion charges.

Witnesses have said Andal Ampatuan Jr., a scion of the clan, led the group of militiamen who attacked a rival's convoy on Nov. 23 in the southern province of Maguindanao, national police Chief Jesus Verzosa told reporters. The dead included 30 journalists and their staff.

He said witnesses told investigators Ampatuan himself shot some of the victims in Ampatuan township — named after his family.

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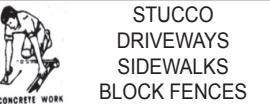
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Children and pets: Living safely together

Shared Knowledge from Animal Control

By TRELIS LUCAS

There's nothing cuter than a child and a puppy or kitten playing together — two very different species interacting and sharing life's joys. Sometimes we forget just how different our pets are; we think of them as little people in fur coats. They aren't. In 12 months an animal goes from puppy or kitten to adulthood. Children mature much slower. This can cause problems as a mature dog's or cat's instincts kick in. They aren't as playful or tolerant as puppies and kittens.

Even the gentlest cat or dog will react when

they feel threatened. Their natural way of defending themselves is to bite or scratch, and the people they bite or scratch most often are children. Fifty percent of children under 12 get bitten or scratched each year, with children between 5 and 9 years old most often involved.

Most cat bites or scratches go unreported; dogs that bite aren't so lucky. The jaws of the average dog can exert 200 pounds of pressure per square inch, with some being as much as 350 per square inch. This can be extremely damaging to children, especially since they are usually bitten in the face, neck and head.

Things that can make an animal react differently are:

- Being startled when

sleeping or resting.

- Thinking their territory is being invaded.
- Being in physical pain.

Animals that have played roughly as puppies and kittens may not realize that they are capable of hurting someone.

Children should be taught not to try to take a toy or food from a pet, or to try to play with a pet that is eating or resting. People interact and socialize while eating or resting — animals do not. Young children are sometimes unaware of their strength; teach your child not to hurt a pet. Pulling ears and tails, hitting, poking or acting threatening can trigger an aggressive reaction from a dog or cat.

Help your pet be safe

er around children by teaching it to be tolerant of anyone near its food by requiring it to sit before receiving its food. Have the dog sit and wait while you move the food bowl with your foot. Allow the dog to eat while you stand near the bowl. This will teach the dog that it isn't a threat to have some one near its food source.

Teach your dog to sit quietly before giving treats. A dog that has been taught to sit and take treats in a mannerly way isn't apt to grab a hand or knock a child over that has food in their hand. Teach your dog not to jump up and put feet on people, especially children.

Teach your child some animal language
Animals don't express

their feeling verbally, but body language speaks volumes in the animal world.

Aggressive warning signs from a dog include:

- Ears back against head, body held stiff.
 - Tail down and stiff or raised and wagging slow and stiffly.
 - Muzzle tense and wrinkled with lips pulled back to show teeth.
 - Soft low growls with head down avoiding eye contact.
- Cat aggression signs include:
- Ears upright and rotating forward, stiff body with raised hair on body and tail.
 - Ears folded back, arched back with raised hair and slow stiff tail swishing.
 - Low growling and

hissing.

If an animal is showing any of these signals, do not approach it.

An animal that is surprised by a child's behavior may scratch or snap before there is an opportunity for a warning sign. Children should be taught to treat pets with respect at all times. It's much better to avoid upsetting an animal.

By teaching some obedience to both pet and children they can live happily and safely together.

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By Steve Becker

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♠ 10 8 3
♥ Q 10 5
♦ K Q J 10 8
♣ J 6

WEST
♠ J 7 4
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 4
♣ K 9 5 4 3

EAST
♠ Q 6 5
♥ A J 9 8 4
♦ A 6
♣ 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 2
♥ K 7 3
♦ 9 5 3 2
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:
West Pass North Pass East 1♥ South 1NT
Pass 3NT
Opening lead — six of hearts.

On most deals, the lines of battle are drawn within the first two or three tricks played. Once these lines have been determined, it is often impossible to alter the outcome, since the later plays will merely reflect the plans formulated at the outset.

Take this case where South reaches three notrump after East has opened the bidding with one heart. West leads the heart six, and if declarer plays either the five or ten from dummy, he will never recover.

After East plays the eight on the five (or the jack on the ten), South wins with the king. However, he

soon finds himself in trouble when East next takes the ace of diamonds and returns a club. If declarer finesses, he is defeated at once when West wins the king of clubs and returns a second heart, allowing East to score four heart tricks for down two. And if South puts up the ace of clubs instead, he can collect only eight tricks before meeting a similar fate.

The battle lines can be completely reversed, however, if declarer puts up dummy's queen of hearts at trick one. This forces East to win the trick to prevent South from scoring two heart tricks instead of one. Furthermore, it stops East from returning a heart, which would hand South a trick with dummy's ten.

East therefore shifts to a club, but declarer must still be careful. If he finesses, West wins and returns a heart to establish the heart tricks for East before the ace of diamonds has been driven out. Instead, declarer should rise with the ace of clubs and attack diamonds.

East wins, but the battle is now over. He still cannot play a heart without permitting the ten to become South's ninth trick, so he must try another suit. A club return develops a trick for declarer in that suit, while a diamond or spade return allows South to win and establish the club trick himself.

As is so often the case, the very first trick determines which side ultimately wins the battle.

Tomorrow: Points, shmoins.
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There is luck with creating presentations, most of which won't be too formal. You'll simply think about how you want to come across and your desired result. And then you'll make it happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). On a day

like this, you're just not in the mood to share the intimate details of your soul — or any of your germs, for that matter. So it's air kisses all around. Loud, obvious affection serves as a shield against the quiet sappy kind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Knowing how to relax is important. This can be a discipline in itself, and today you can afford to approach it as such. See how much fun you can have. The afternoon will bring a nice change of pace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A happy melody is singing in your ears today. Whether it's something familiar or

something you've never heard, it's a gift from the cosmos, come to lighten your spirits.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You face a difficult problem, the type you shouldn't try to figure out all in one day. It's best just to sleep on it. It will be there tomorrow and might have untangled itself without any effort on your part.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some things you just can't hold on to, but that's OK. Happy times, like the moments you take part in today, will live on in your mind. Take pictures and save mementos to sweeten your memories.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Many try to make beauty look effortless; few succeed in pulling it off. It's hard for you not to look put-together. Even if you're just sneaking out to the coffee shop in sweats, you manage to turn heads.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You accept security when it's offered to you today, but you won't be inclined to take it too seriously. You can always count on yourself to do what you have to do to get by — and that's real security.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll stand in a crowd of people, most of them total strangers, and feel as comfortable as can be. A natural at making conversation, you also are well versed in creating spontaneous fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your wish for a change of venue is about to be granted. You might not be presented with the opportunity you were expecting, but it will be the right one for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will display your talent for responding to every obstacle with serenity and good will. This makes you something of an unintentional conqueror. Nothing seems to get to you. Foes fall without feeling attacked.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your insistence on sticking to the point will win you friends and fans. No one likes a windbag who goes on and on about something no one cares about. You understand that brevity is the soul of wit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no shame in consulting an expert when confronted with an issue outside your field of knowledge. In fact, it's a

sign of good leadership. A worthy candidate will cross your path. Have your questions ready.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 9). Your public persona will sparkle. As you apply your charming talents to daily life, you will enchant and delight those around you. Make sure to capitalize on the lucky breaks you get this month and there will be more of them in June. May brings an important professional achievement. Adventure calls in September. Cancer and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 5, 22, 41 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Libra, and lately I've been trying to be more decisive. But here's what happens. I make a decision — for instance, I'll say that I'm going to attend a birthday party. Then soon after, another birthday party invitation will come my way for a party on the same day. Then I regret having made such a snap decision. Maybe it's actually good for Libras to be indecisive. What do you think?"

There is peace in making decisions. It grounds you. Once you make a decision, you should feel centered, balanced and purposeful. If you don't feel that way, you haven't decided all the way. You may think that if you go through life hedging your bets and not really putting everything into your decisions, you'll be more open to the opportunities that arise. But actually that isn't so. If you are constantly wondering what it would be like to make a choice that's different from the one you made, then you are not really enjoying the choice you did make. You rob yourself of the

experience because part of you is not really there. It's fine to weigh your options, but once you commit, do so fully.

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Neo-Nazi in murder trial gets makeover to cover tatoos

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP) — John Allen Ditullio is a walking billboard for the neo-Nazi movement: a large 6-inch swastika tattooed under his right ear, barbed wire inked down the right side of his face, and an extreme and very personal vulgarity scrawled on one side of his neck.

Jurors will never see any of it. A judge has ruled that the state must pay a cosmetologist up to \$150 a day during Ditullio's trial on murder and attempted murder charges and apply makeup to cover up the black ink.

Judge Michael Andrews, acting on a request by Ditullio's lawyer, ruled that the tattoos are potentially offensive and could influence a jury's opinion in the state's death penalty case against the 23-year-old accused of donning a gas mask, breaking into a neighbor's home and stabbing two people, killing one of them.

Since his arrest in the March 26, 2006, crime in this suburban county just north of Tampa, the self-described neo-Nazi has added tattoos to his body that are prominently displayed and not easily concealed. Ditullio doesn't have the money to pay to have the tattoos covered up, said his public defender, Bjorn Brunvand, who was worried that a jury might be biased against his client on the basis of the tattoos alone.

"Whenever someone is facing the death penalty, they should get a fair trial," Brunvand said. "The jury can judge this case on the facts and the law and not base their decision on being offended."

Any tattoos Ditullio had before his arrest won't be covered, such as a small cross under his right eye. Earlier this week, he wore a neatly pressed blue shirt and gray slacks yet several tattoos on his hands and wrists were still vis-

ible. As is common with defendants on trial, Ditullio's appearance had been scrubbed clean: his hair was trimmed, and his unruly beard was cut into a neat goatee.

The trial began Tuesday with opening statements. Proceedings are expected to stretch into next week.

Prosecutors allege that Ditullio broke into his neighbor's home and stabbed two people — injuring 44-year-old Patricia Wells, the home's owner, and killing Kristofer King, a 17-year-old visitor and friend of Wells' son.

Wells lived next door to a mobile home that was commonly known as "the Nazi compound," which had large swastika flags flying on the property, authorities said. Ditullio was arrested at the mobile home after a SWAT standoff.

Authorities called the stabbings a hate crime, and Wells agreed, previously telling local media that she believed Ditullio attacked her because she had a black friend — and because her own son was gay and Ditullio may have mistaken King for her son.

Brunvand said his client is innocent and plans to tell the jury that someone else inside the neo-Nazi compound could have committed the crime.

In 2007, while awaiting trial in the Pasco County Jail, Ditullio was charged with attempted escape; authorities found smuggled saw blades, sheets made into a rope and a hole sawed into the stainless steel toilet inside Ditullio's cell.

A similar case involving a tattoo makeover happened in Laredo, in 2007, when a teenage assassin for a powerful Mexican drug cartel was charged with murder. Rosalio Reta was charged with murder and wore makeup in the courtroom to cover his

facial tattoos; he pleaded guilty to a 40-year sentence.

Covering tattoos for a trial is rare, said Michael Siegel, professor of law at the University of Florida, especially in a case like this when the content of the tattoos mesh with the facts of the case.

"The defendant did initially make the choice to communicate to the world through the tattoos on his body," said Siegel. "Now he's asking for protection from his own decisions."

Siegel said he believes the judge was trying to be "conservative" in his judgment in case the trial results are appealed.

What doesn't bother Siegel, however, is the fact that taxpayers will foot the bill for the hourlong makeup session each morning before court proceedings begin.

"It's the responsibility of the taxpayers, whether we like it or not, to provide people with a fair trial," he said. "And it costs a lot

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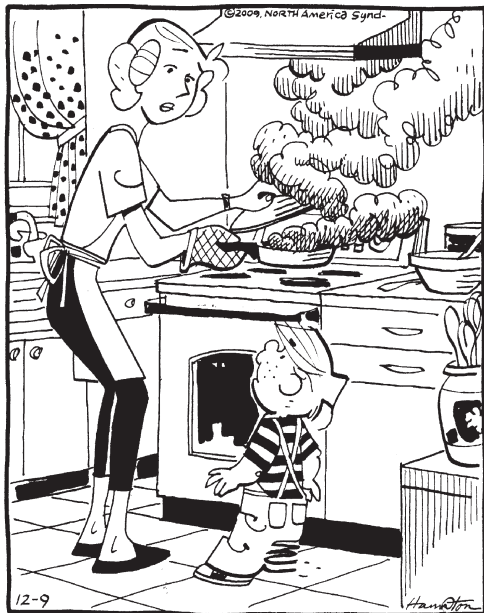
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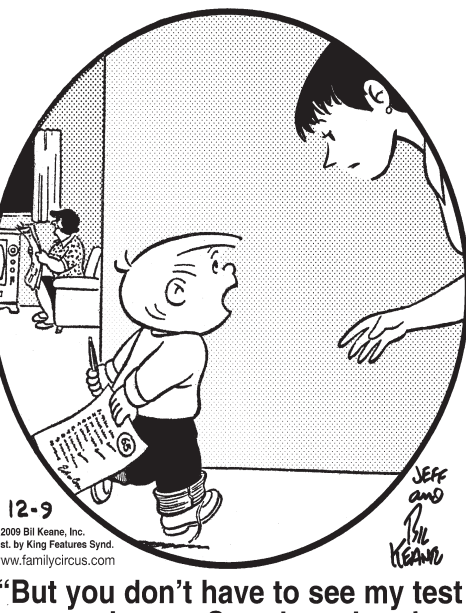
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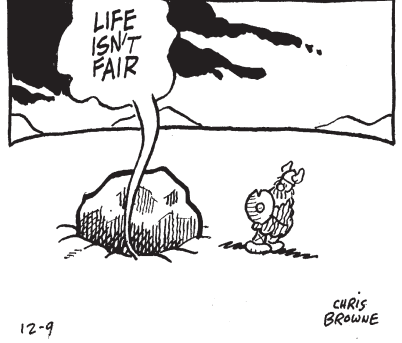
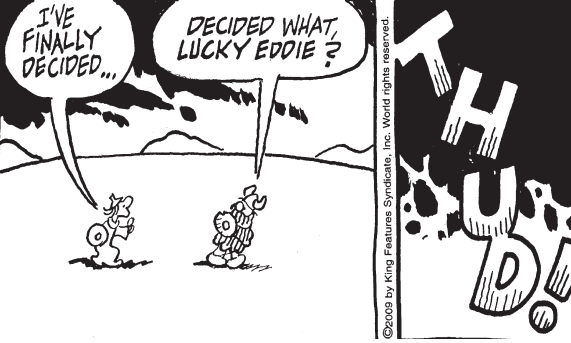
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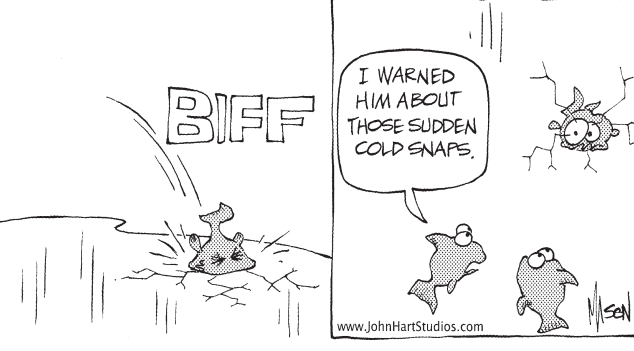
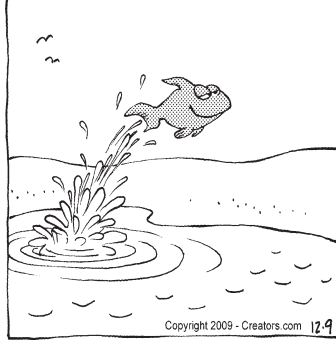


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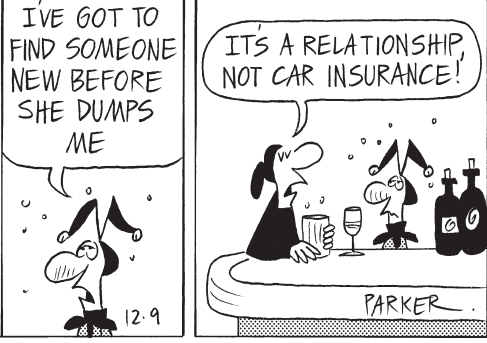
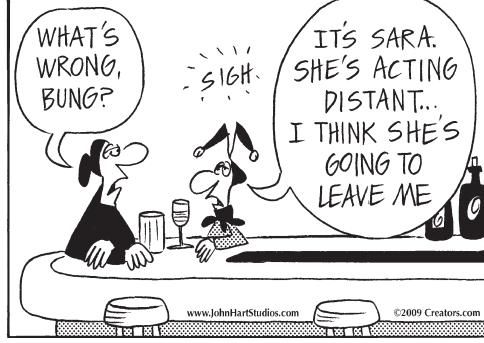
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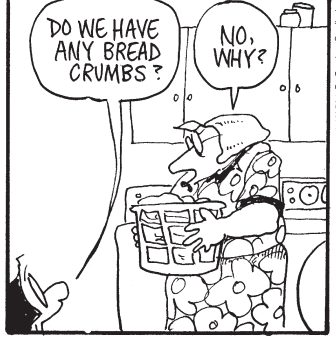
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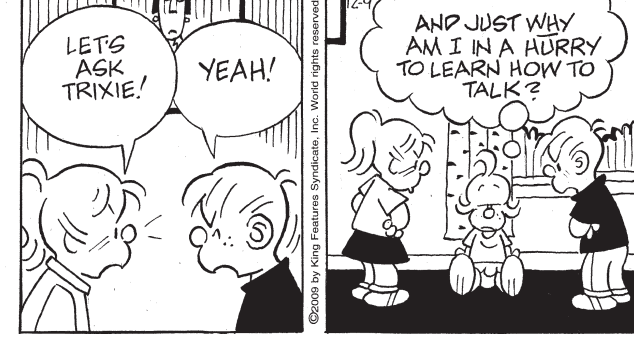
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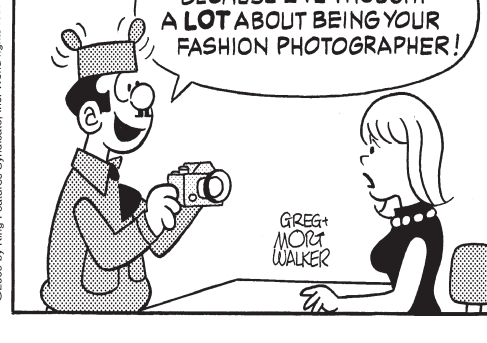
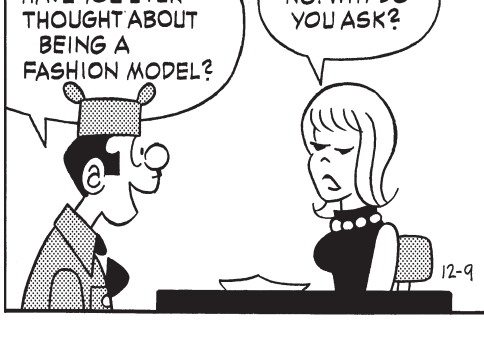
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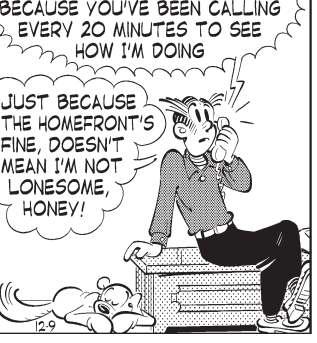
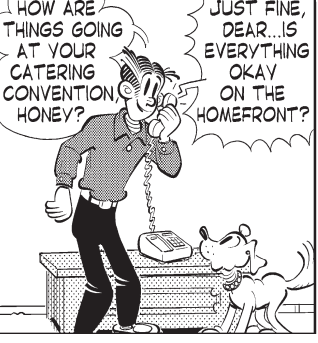
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2009. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1892, "Widowers' Houses," Bernard Shaw's first play, opened at the Royalty Theater in London.

In 1909, actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. was born in New York.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1958, the anti-Communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as

president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1984, the five-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1987, the first Palestinian intefadah, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Frances Reid is 95. Actor Kirk Douglas is 93. Actor Dick Van Patten is 81. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 79. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 75. Actor Beau Bridges is 68. Jazz singer-musician Dan Hicks is 68. Football Hall of Famer Dick Butkus is 67. Author Joe McGinniss is 67. Actor Michael Nouri is 64. Former Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 62. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 60. Singer Joan Armatrading is 59. Actor Michael Dorn is 57. Actor John Malkovich is 56. Country sing-

er Sylvia is 53. Singer Donny Osmond is 52. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 51. Comedian Mario Cantone is 50. Actor David Anthony Higgins is 48. Actor Joe Lando is 48. Actress Felicity Huffman is 47. Crown Princess Masako of Japan is 46. Country musician Jerry Hughes (Yankee Grey) is 44. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is 43. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 42. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 41. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 40. Country musician Brian Hayes (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 40. Actress Allison Smith is 40.

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| ACROSS | 58 Bassoon kin | 7 Poetic region |
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| 9 Crimson Tide, to fans | 64 Place to brood | 10 Left, on deck |
| 13 Strong smells | 65 Prefix for brewery | 11 Teen idol Cyrus |
| 14 Architectural annexes | 66 Really steamed | 12 Got 100 on |
| 16 Cast-of-thousands movie | 67 Third scale notes | 15 Private retreat |
| 17 "Credit or ___?" | 68 Very expensive | 21 Director Spike |
| 18 Elton John Broadway musical | | 22 Thumbs-down vote |
| 19 Part to play | | 23 Pause mark |
| 20 Not at all aggressive | | 24 Disney mermaid |
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Tech off to best start in 8 decades with win over TCU

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FORT WORTH — Now Texas Tech can finally savor a little bit what has already been accomplished — its best start in eight decades and being ranked for the first time in five seasons.

After a big comeback for an 80-70 victory at TCU.

The No. 23 Red Raiders, now with a 10-day gap between games, looked as if they might not get a chance to enjoy the way they got started Tuesday night. They trailed by 10 only 4 minutes into the game and were still down 14 before halftime, a day after getting into the AP poll for the first time since the end of the 2004-05 season.

“They earned being ranked, and the whole deal was let’s don’t be ranked for two days. Let’s see if we can prolong it, see how far we can move up,” coach Pat Knight said.

“He got into us, ripped into us a little bit, told us to play defense,” said John Roberson, who scored eight of his 21 points in the game-turning run. “He said, what do you want to do those (10) days, practice all day or have a little time off.”

The Red Raiders (9-0) didn’t lead until Theron Jenkins made a free throw with 16:09 left to break a 44-all tie. He was intentionally fouled at midcourt after stealing a pass and the whistle nullified his breakaway slam dunk.

The Red Raiders then maintained possession because of the intentional foul, and Roberson hit a 3-pointer.

After a TCU miss, Brad Reese hit to make it 50-44, culminating the 23-3 run that wiped out their 14-point deficit.

Roberson also had a 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the first half, when Tech scored the final nine points to cut the halftime deficit to 41-36.

“That’s what really helped the momentum swing in our favor,” said Mike Singletary, who added 17 points.

“That was huge,” said Knight, coaching a ranked team for the first time since succeeding father Bobby in February 2008. “If we would have allowed them to get a run and hit some more shots, it would have been hard for our guys to come back.”

Singletary had 17 points and David Tairu 14 for the Red Raiders, who have their best start since winning 12 in a row to start the 1929-30 season. D’wayn Roberts had nine points and 19 rebounds.

TCU (5-4) hosted a ranked non-conference opponent for only the second time in 48-year-old Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, having lost to then-No. 1 Kansas 85-66 six years ago. This was a chance to get a big victory for second-year coach Jim Christian.

Zvonko Buljan had 24 points and 10 rebounds for TCU, hitting a 3-pointer to put the Frogs ahead on their first shot and adding a dunk on his next one.

By the first media timeout 4:01 into the game, which came after Tairu traveled for Tech’s fourth turnover, TCU already led 14-4. Less than two minutes after that, the Frogs stretched



AP Photo/ Tom Pennington

Texas Tech’s Theron Jenkins drives against TCU’s Edvinas Ruzgas on Tuesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Tech won 80-70.

it to 18-5 on Kevin Butler’s shot.

But the Frogs went cold after Ronnie Moss stole a pass that led to a layup by Nikola Cerina and made it 41-27 with 2:06 left in the first half. Roberts’ two free throws 10 seconds later started the key Tech run that extended after halftime.

“It’s tough because we came out, were excited to play and played well in the beginning,” Christian said. “It really came down to toughness plays. They were getting key loose balls, key offensive rebounds. ... This is one that’s an opportunity we all know we had a chance at.”

With Tech playing its only game in the Dallas-Fort Worth area this season, there were as many red-clad fans cheering for the visitors as there were home folks.

TCU managed to regain the lead only once after Tech went ahead. After Butler’s layup put the Frogs up 55-54 midway through the second half, Tech went right back ahead — and stayed — on Roberson’s reverse layup. Tairu then made a spin move on the baseline for an easy jumper.

“We have to find a way to do it for 40 minutes,” Christian said. “We haven’t been able to do it yet.”

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