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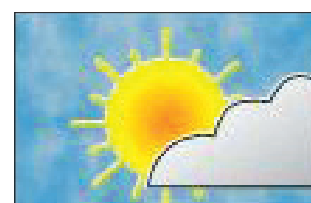
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## Yes, your electric bill is going up

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

If your electric bill seems higher than normal these days, officials with the city of Big Spring say it's not your imagination, as the battle between municipality and electric company continues over rate increases implemented in November.

City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the city council Tuesday night the Public Utilities Commission gave Oncor the green light to im-

plement more than \$100 million in rate increases, despite evidence gathered by a steering committee of cities that says the company's prices are already too high.

"In January of 2008, the city received notice from Oncor that they were filing for a rate increase," said Walker. "The city council acted in July, giving the steering committee time to review records. Then, on Oct. 14, 2008, the council

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Brady Weber, left, answers judges' questions about his project during the Big Spring Independent School District Science Fair, held today at Dora Roberts Community Center.**

## Council OKs absorbing shortfall caused by error

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council approved first reading of an order amending its 2009-

2010 property tax revenues Tuesday night, in hopes the municipality will be able to absorb a budgetary shortfall caused by a \$9 million error

in certified values issued last year by the Howard County Appraisal District.

According to city officials, the shortfall will cost the city

an estimated \$91,000 in tax revenue.

City Attorney Linda Sjogren said the city had the option to go through the process of

resetting the tax rate, but decided against it.

"We spoke with TML (Tex- See **SHORTFALL**, Page 3A

## Forsan ISD financial status sound

Lighting project in the works, maybe artificial turf, too

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — Curriculum and finances will be two of the main concerns for Forsan Independent School District in the coming months.

As the district plunges into 2010, those two items are high on FISD's to-do list, Superintendent Randy Johnson said. Like many other school

districts in the state, FISD is training personnel in the C-SCOPE curriculum package, designed to bring different districts' curriculum more in line with each other, so that a teacher in one part of the state is teaching essentially the same thing as his or her counterpart in another area of Texas, Johnson said.

"C-SCOPE is a program that

**"This is the first year we have to make Robin Hood (equalization) payments and we saw a \$100,000 increase in our bill from the county appraisal district."**

—Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD superintendent



was created by the regional educational centers with the help of classroom teachers ...

to adopt a more standardized curriculum," Johnson said. "That's the big push going on

in districts now. Big Spring has been training its teachers in it for some time ... and our teachers are going through a tremendous amount of training. Our main focus is on science right now, but we're using it in a couple of other areas."

The reason science was

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**An officer with the Big Spring Police Department leads a person away in handcuffs Tuesday evening following a traffic accident at the intersection of Fourth Street and Nolan. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident. Details concerning the cause of the wreck were not available at press time.**

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### Lady Steers fall to Plainview; Lake View next



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton  
**Cerbi Ritchey shoots against Plainview on Tuesday at Steer Gym.**

**By JOE ZIGTEMA**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers endured another tough district matchup Tuesday night at Steer Gym, falling to Plainview 63-17.

The loss, the Lady Steers' fourth straight, drops the team to 8-14 on the year, but that's not all they lost.

Sophomore point guard Bridgette Tuitt, the team's leading

scorer and an all-district performer, went down Tuesday night in a scary moment with a lower leg injury.

Coach Mike Warren said Tuitt will be out at least seven to 10 days, but she did not suffer a significant injury.

The Lady Steers had trouble handling the Plainview press all night, committing 33 turnovers.

Taylor Seaton was 3-of-6 from the floor

for six points to lead the Lady Steers. Cerbit Ritchey added four points in the game. The Lady Steers were successful on offense when they could get the ball in the paint with the two.

"We just have to do that consistently," Warren said. "We have to play defense and then come down and do it again."

With district powers Frenship and Plainview

out of the way, the Lady Steers can focus on San Angelo Lake View, which Big Spring will likely battle with for the fourth playoff spot in 4-4A.

The Lady Steers will get Lake View at home Friday before hitting the road Tuesday against Lubbock Cooper.

Tipoff at Steer Gym is 6 p.m.

See Saturday's Herald for results.

**Box Score**

<b>Plainview 63, Big Spring 17</b>
PHS 25 14 15 9 -- 63
BS 3 4 5 5 -- 17

Plainview (2-0 district): 21-51 E. Welch 5, Ritter 5, DeLaGarza 4, Jackson 9, A. Welch 4, Gamboa 2, Vereen 5, Ramirez 6, Castillo 11, Chavez 5, Hearn 7

Big Spring (7-13, 0-2): 7-35 Seaton 6, Ritchey 4, Fletcher 3, Smith 2, Kennedy 1, Ross 1

3-point- PHS 6-17 (Jackson, Vereen, Ramirez 2, Castillo, Chavez); BS 1-7 (Fletcher); FT- PHS 11-21, BS 3-5; Rebounds PHS 28, BS 21; Turnovers PHS 14, BS 33; Assists PHS 9, BS 4; Steals PHS 17, BS 8; Blocks PHS 1, BS 2

### Big Spring breezes past Andrews

**By JOE ZIGTEMA**  
Sports Editor

Down 6-0 Tuesday night, Steers needed someone to step up if they were going to end their seven-game slide.

Enter Tristian Clay.

Clay scored the first 11 Big Spring points as the Steers romped at Steer Gym for their first win since Christmas.

"I had to get us a jumpstart because we were down, and I had to get us a boost," Clay said. "All I needed was confidence in shooting the ball and knowing I was going to make it."

The Steers also got a boost from newcomer Luke Adams, who finished with 12 points, two rebounds and seven assists in his debut.

"He's going to do nothing but make us better," coach Marcus Morris said of Adams, who is the son of Howard College men's coach Mark Adams. "He knows the flow of the game. There probably isn't much he hasn't seen as far as situations on the basketball court."

The Steers moved the ball around the court with a speed they had not shown before, and it translated into efficiency. Big Spring shot 55 percent from the field in the first half and finished 24-of-50 from the floor. Adams made an immediate impact on



HERALD PHOTO/ Tony Claxton  
**Luke Adams puts up a 3-pointer Tuesday at Steer Gym. Adams scored 12 points and recorded seven assists in his first game as a Steer, and Big Spring rolled over Andrews 59-42.**

the floor, finding open shooters on offense and taking charges on the defensive end.

"The ball was moving around on time," Morris said. If you have people to deliver the pass on time without taking the extra dribble, without

bobbling it, it makes a huge difference in the way everybody plays."

Jerrell Williams led the Steers with 14 points, followed by Clay's 13. Tyler Tannehill grabbed 10 rebounds for Big Spring.

Williams, who had

been carrying the bulk of the scoring load for the Steers this season, was able to play a more relaxed style, Morris said.

"It was like a weight was lifted off his shoulder."

See **STEERS**, Page 2B

### Big Spring swimming competes in Andrews

**Herald Staff Report**

**ANDREWS** — Results are in for the Big Spring swim team's performance at the Andrews Tournament on Saturday, where the boys team placed 15th and the girls placed 10th out of 26 teams.

Drew Breckinridge placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and eighth in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 24.21 and 54.26, respectively.

The 200-yard free relay team of Breckinridge, Caleb McMahon, Justin Pearson and Andrew Johnson took 12th and the 200-yard medley relay team of Robert Burnaza, Aaron Hanes, McMahon and Breckinridge placed 13th in the meet to give the boys a total of 43 team points.

On the girls side, Kelly Sage took sixth place

in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.18 and seventh in the 100-free with a time of 1:00.92. Jennifer Walker took 12th in the 100-yard butterfly, and Ashley Pike placed 15th in the 100-breaststroke.

The girls 200 medley team of Sage, Walker, Pike and Rebecca Loya grabbed sixth place in the meet, and the same team placed 12th in the 200-free relay for a total of 68 team points.

Pecos High School ran away with the team meet championship, beating second-place Clovis by 200 points. El Paso High School won the girls meet, beating Clovis with Pecos taking third.

The swim team will be in action again this weekend at the Lubbock Invitational at Pete Regus Aquatic Center.

### Forsan sweeps Baird as Buffs squeak by

**Herald Staff Report**

The Forsan Lady Buffs kept the ball rolling Tuesday night at Baird, picking up a 54-32 win.

The Lady Buffs improved to 15-4 on the year with their fifth straight win and are picking up steam at the

right time heading into district play.

"I'm very pleased with the way we've played to this point in the season," head coach Robert Hillger said. "Every time we tipoff we expect to win."

The Lady Buffs took

See **FORSAN**, Page 2B

### Area roundup: Coahoma falls to Ballinger; Stanton sweeps Trinity

**Herald Staff Report**

**BALLINGER** — The Coahoma Bulldogettes fell to 0-2 in district play Tuesday with a 44-26 loss at the Ballinger Lady Bearcats, their second straight district road defeat.

The Bulldogettes couldn't seem to find their offense against Ballinger's man-to-man defense.

The Lady Bearcats held Coahoma to six first-half points and built a 13-point lead at the half. Coahoma held pace with Ballinger in the last two periods, but they couldn't recover.

"We played really good defense, we just struggled on offense," head coach Derek Faught said. "We didn't execute."

Kylie Gee scored 14 points for Coahoma in the loss. The Bulldogettes will face rival Colorado City at home Friday. Tipoff is 6:30 p.m.

**STANTON 75, Trinity 34**

**STANTON** — The Stanton Buffaloes rode Tyler Fulton to their 15th victory of the season Tuesday with a 75-34 victory over Midland Trinity.

Fulton scored 28 points and Jorge Reyna added 11 as the Buffs took con-

rol early.

Stanton has one more non-district foe at Wink on Friday before they open the slat with McCamey on Tuesday.

**STANTON 60, Trinity 20**

**STANTON** — The Stanton girls shut out Midland Trinity in the first quarter as they ran with an early 17-0 lead to a 60-20 win Tuesday in Stanton.

Rachel Fleckenstein scored 19 points for the Lady Buffs as they notched their 18th win of the season.

Stanton travels to Wink on Friday. Tipoff is 6:30 p.m.

**Sands girls 65, Dawson 24**

**ACKERLY** — The Sands girls got rolling in the first half as they beat Dawson 65-24 at home Tuesday, improving to 2-0 in district play.

The Lady Mustangs outscored Dawson 24-2 in the second half to take a 40-7 halftime lead. Ashley Stockton scored 20 points to lead Sands, Morgan Yarborough added 13 and Lani Robles scored 11 for Sands. Jennifer Gomez was also in double figures with 10.

The Mustangs will play at Klondike on Friday. JV starts at 4 p.m.

See **ROUNDUP**, 2B

### Sports in brief

**Tuesday's hoops results**  
Big Spring boys 59, Andrews 42  
Big Spring girls 17, Plainview 63  
Ballinger 44, Coahoma 26  
Forsan Boys 36, Baird 24  
Forsan girls 54, Baird 32  
Grady boys 65, Klondike 25  
Grady girls 22, Klondike 42  
Stanton boys 75, Trinity 34  
Stanton girls 60, Trinity 20  
Sands girls 65, Dawson 24

#### Rotary Club to host trout fishing contest

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will host its third Annual Trout Fishing Contest for kids Saturday at the Comanche Park Lake.

The event is free and will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Kids 17 and under are welcome.

Prizes will be awarded. Call the Rev. Ken McIntosh at 517-4821 for more information.

#### BHS Cheerleaders to offer mini-camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders are offering a mini-cheer camp for girls kindergarten through eighth grade.

The camp will be held Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and Feb. 15th from 6-7 p.m. Sign up through Jan. 25.

The girls will perform at halftime of the boys basketball game on Feb. 16. Cost is \$50 per child. Call Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 1416.

## Obituaries

### Johnny D. Mills

Johnny D. Mills, 65, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, in Glasscock County. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Samuel A. Segundo Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 16, 1944, in Madera, Calif., and married Linda Green Aug. 5, 1966, in Snyder. Johnny had worked in the oilfield for 36 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Mills of Big Spring; three daughters, Renea Mills, Donna Mills and husband Matt, all of Big Spring, and Angela Mills Evans and husband Bill of Ponca City, Okla.; one son, Donny Mills and wife Ashley of Big Spring; five brothers, Jimmy Mills and wife Andrea, Kerry Mills and wife Carolyn, Mark Mills and wife Susie, and Richard Mills and wife Loyce, all of Big Spring, and Billy Mills and wife Kim of Sundown; two sisters, Judy Roberts and husband Danny, and Laurie Hesson, all of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; three step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five step great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Novie Mills; and one brother, Terry Mills.

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

### Wylene Brown 'Brownie' Kemper

Wylene Brown "Brownie" Kemper, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

- How do you become a legend? One way is to do something first ... and keep doing it longer than anyone else who may duplicate whatever it is you are doing. If that sounds complicated, try this: The Stamps Quartet is the oldest quartet in existence today, and they will be in concert at the First Baptist Church this Friday at 7 p.m. The Stamps have included First Baptist in their "Tour of Faith" for the past several years. They come for a love offering — no ticket required. Invite your friends to come with you to this event.

- The West Texas Amputees monthly meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. at Health South Rehab Hospital of Midland, 1800 Heritage Blvd. For more information, contact Linda at (432) 684-6092.

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry at 3202 W. Highway 80 from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Carry-outs are available.

- A class to become a certified Master Gardener is forming now and will begin Jan. 19. Cost is \$85 per person and includes a workbook and live instruction. Those participating will be required to complete 50 hours of classroom work and 50 hours of volunteer service. For more information or to register, contact Shelley Borgstedte at (432) 664-9660, Joni Boyd at (325) 829-8398 or the county Extension service at 264-2236.

- Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the church. The cook books can be purchased by calling Pat Steen at (432) 263-3035.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

## Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL MCNEW, 19, of 7805 N. Service Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LARRY PAYNE, 47, of 1746 Purdue, was arrested Tuesday on warrants from another agency.
- HASSONA OVERTON, 52, of 1203 Stanford, was arrested Tuesday on six local warrants.
- JUNE MCMILLAN, 76, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- ROD PUGA, 47, of 1202 S. Main, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- VICTOR ZAMORA, 32, of 2505 Gunter, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 200 block of FM 700.  
In the 1000 block of Ridgeroad.  
In the 400 block of Fourth Street.  
In the 200 block of FM 700.
- STALKING was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 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 61 inmates at the time of this report.

- OROSCO HERMENEJILDO, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of illegal dumping (two counts).
- JUNE BLACK MCMILLAN, 76, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft — more than \$50, less than \$500.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- HASSONA ALI OVERTON, 52, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of hindering official duties, failure to appear (two counts), no driver's license, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign.
- LARRY DALE PAYNE, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of allowing a child between 4 and 17 years to ride unsecured and no valid motor vehicle inspection.
- ROD LEE PUGA, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft with two or more previous convictions.
- JIMMY MARMOLEJO YBARRA, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- VICTOR HERNANDEZ ZAMORA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft — more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Nolan and Fourth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5300 block of Longshore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

WEDNESDAY




- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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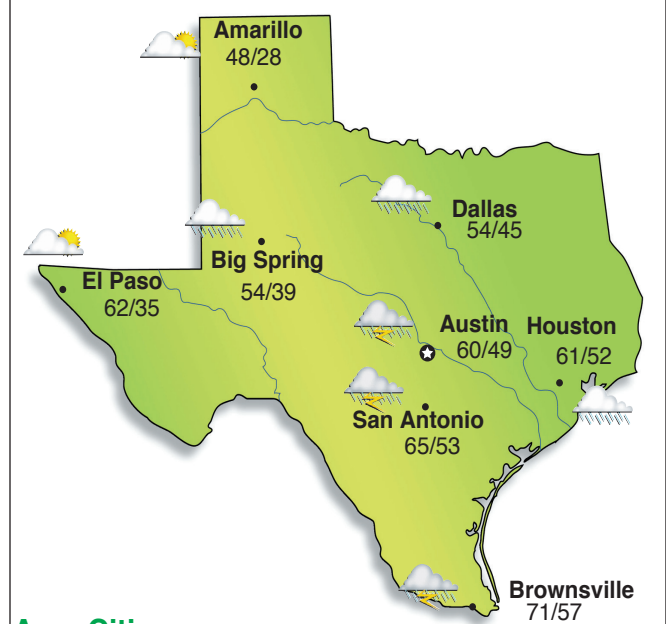
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 1/14	Fri 1/15	Sat 1/16
		
<b>54/39</b>	<b>47/32</b>	<b>55/30</b>
Considerable cloudiness. Occasional rain showers in the afternoon. High 54F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:47 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 6:03 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:04 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 6:05 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	56	42	rain	Kingsville	70	56	t-storm
Amarillo	48	28	cloudy	Livingston	58	46	rain
Austin	60	49	t-storm	Longview	52	43	rain
Beaumont	62	49	rain	Lubbock	50	32	cloudy
Brownsville	71	57	t-storm	Lufkin	54	46	rain
Brownwood	59	47	rain	Midland	55	42	rain
Corpus Christi	66	56	t-storm	Raymondville	71	55	t-storm
Corsicana	54	44	rain	Rosenberg	61	52	t-storm
Dallas	54	45	rain	San Antonio	65	53	t-storm
Del Rio	57	47	rain	San Marcos	61	50	t-storm
El Paso	62	35	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	49	42	rain
Fort Stockton	51	39	rain	Sweetwater	56	42	rain
Gainesville	49	40	rain	Tyler	51	42	rain
Greenville	48	41	rain	Weatherford	54	41	rain
Houston	61	52	rain	Wichita Falls	52	38	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	55	30	pt sunny	Minneapolis	31	17	cloudy
Boston	35	26	mst sunny	New York	39	31	sunny
Chicago	36	27	cloudy	Phoenix	66	43	mst sunny
Dallas	54	45	rain	San Francisco	59	41	pt sunny
Denver	44	28	mixed	Seattle	50	45	rain
Houston	61	52	rain	St. Louis	44	34	cloudy
Los Angeles	72	48	sunny	Washington, DC	46	33	sunny
Miami	70	63	cloudy				

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Tuesday evening's drawing of the Mega Millions game were: 05-09-31-37-56, Mega Ball: 16.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-10-12-30. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$20,519. Winning ticket purchased in: Houston.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-3-4. Sum It Up: 11.


The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-4-3. Sum It Up: 14.

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# Kiffin heads back to USC from Vols in stunning hire

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nobody was surprised Southern California replaced Pete Carroll with a coach who has rich ties to the Trojans. From Knoxville to Hollywood, almost everybody was stunned to learn exactly which former Trojan is back.

Lane Kiffin abruptly left Tennessee after one season Tuesday night to return to USC, where he was an assistant coach for six years before embarking on one of the strangest, swiftest and rockiest journeys in recent coaching history.

After 20 tumultuous games as the Oakland Raiders' head coach and 14 months at Tennessee in which he accumulated nearly as many NCAA and SEC reprimands as victories, the 34-year-old Kiffin has emerged with one of the most coveted jobs in college football. He will be introduced by the Trojans on Wednesday afternoon.

"This is something that happens very quick," Kiffin said in a brief statement on Tennessee's campus Tuesday night while hundreds of shouting, mattress-burning fans gathered outside the building. "I really believe the only place I would have left here to go was ... Southern California."

Kiffin was a blindside choice by embattled USC athletic director Mike Garrett and school trustees, who apparently gauged the interest of three coaches with strong Trojans ties — former players Jack Del Rio and Jeff Fisher and former assistant coach Mike Riley — before quickly grabbing Kiffin 24 hours after Carroll's farewell.

"We are really excited to welcome Lane Kiffin back to USC," Garrett said. "I was able to watch him

closely when he was an assistant with us, and what I saw was a bright, creative young coach who I thought would make an excellent head coach here if the opportunity ever arose. I'm confident he and his staff will keep USC football performing at the high level that we expect."

Kiffin might be leaving Knoxville just ahead of an angry mob, but he's bringing along his father, respected defensive coach Monte Kiffin, and defensive line coach Ed Orgeron, a bulldog recruiter and former USC assistant. Until leaving for a short tenure at Ole Miss, Orgeron helped land much of the talent that allowed Carroll to win 97 games, seven Pac-10 titles and two national championships in nine seasons before leaving for the Seattle Seahawks.

"Ed did a marvelous job during his previous time at USC, and we all know that Monte is a defensive guru," Garrett said. "I know Lane will fill out his staff with other outstanding assistants like them, ones who Trojan players and fans will really like."

Though reports differ wildly on how much Kiffin contributed to the Trojans' best teams, he's one of Carroll's most prominent disciples from his nine-year tenure at USC. Kiffin worked his way up to offensive coordinator in 2005 while also showing impressive skills as the Trojans' recruiting coordinator after Orgeron's departure.

For two seasons, Kiffin shared responsibility for the Trojans' offense with fellow longtime Carroll assistant Steve Sarkisian, who left USC to take over at Washington in late 2008.

Although Kiffin's

forceful personality and youth didn't make him a beloved figure among players or administrators, Kiffin and Sarkisian coordinated the Trojans' offense and provided instruction to quarterbacks Matt Leinart and John David Booty during two dynamic seasons.

Kiffin then was Al Davis' improbable choice to take over the Raiders as a 31-year-old coach with almost no NFL experience. He made it through just 20 games before an ugly public firing in which Davis called Kiffin a liar who brought "disgrace" on the Raiders.

Kiffin went 7-6 at Tennessee last season as the youngest head coach in the Football Bowl Subdivision. Many credited him with revitalizing the program through his fierce recruiting and sometimes outlandish statements to the media, but he also brought an unwelcome spotlight on the Vols with several minor NCAA violations.

"I know that I can walk out of here and say this, that we've been here for 14 months and there's not one day I didn't give everything I had to the Tennessee football program," Kiffin said. "We're leaving here 14 months later a lot better team than we were 14 months ago."

Knoxville fire officials and university police were on campus after Kiffin's announcement as students burned mattresses and gathered around the athletic department building in hopes of blocking Kiffin from leaving campus. It was not clear if Kiffin was still on campus at the time.

"I think the students have had kind of a violent reaction to that, and a lot of them are disheartened, upset and feel betrayed



AP PHOTO via Knoxville Sentinel/J. Miles Cary  
Lane Kiffin speaks at a news conference Tuesday in Knoxville, Tenn. Kiffin announced that he will take the USC job after one season in Knoxville.

that less than a year in that he would be leaving and taking off," Knoxville Fire Department spokesman D.J. Corcoran said.

"The Rock," a giant boulder on campus where students often paint "Happy Birthday" messages, had obscenities directed toward Kiffin. Students tried to enter the room where Kiffin read his statement, holding a sign that read "Go home traitor. It's time," mimicking a campaign the university used to promote Kiffin when he was hired. But the students were turned back before Kiffin talked.

During Kiffin's tenure, the Volunteers reported six minor NCAA violations ranging from mock news conferences for prospects to mentioning recruits by name on the radio and on his Twitter and Facebook accounts. The Twitter account belonging to Kiffin, whose missteps earned him the nickname "Lane Violation" at other SEC schools, had disappeared

Tuesday night.

Three Tennessee freshman players were recently charged in an attempted robbery near campus, and the university confirmed the NCAA is looking into the activities of members of the university's Orange Pride student ambassador program as possible recruiting violations.

Kiffin returns to USC

with the school facing a yearslong NCAA investigation over events during his tenure as an assistant, including Reggie Bush's final years at the school. While no discipline has been handed down, it's widely expected to arrive later this year — but Carroll has long intimated he believes the punishment will be minor.

## MIRACLE

Continued from 2B

catch it and bumped into cornerback Nate Wright as they jumped for the ball. Wright landed on the ground while Pearson felt the ball go through his arms. Somehow, he actually pinned it to his hip — a la David Tyree and his head in the Super Bowl two years ago. Pearson turned and scampered the last few yards into the end zone, then the former college quarterback heaved the ball into the crowd.

The throw fans wanted to see was a flag. The only one that came was against Minnesota's Alan Page for griping about the non-call. Fans threw all sorts of things onto the field. An official

reached to pick up some trash when a whiskey bottle conked him in the head, opening a gash.

"I don't think he pushed off," Rayfield Wright said, smiling.

Hours after the game, things got far worse for Tarkenton. He learned that his father — a pastor named Dallas — died of a heart attack while watching the game on television.

Dallas beat Minnesota in an NFC championship game following the 1977 season, then again in the playoffs on Dec. 28, 1996. That had been the Cowboys' most recent playoff victory until last Saturday.

The Vikings have won five of the six meetings since the '96 playoffs, including a playoff game following the 1999 season.

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## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



### Mistaken identities

What started out as cases of mistaken identities have turned into lucrative careers for many celebrity impersonators. For these great pretenders, there is no business like faux business! Plus, Rosie's Garage and shrimp and pasta.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Planning the Play

East dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ Q 9 7 5 4

♥ 10 7 4

♦ A 9 6 2

♣ J

**WEST**

♠ K J 3

♥ K Q 10 3

♦ A K 9 6

**EAST**

♠ —

♥ 8 6 5 2

♦ 8 7 5 4

♣ 10 8 4 3 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A 10 8 6 3 2

♥ K Q 9

♦ J

♣ Q 7 5

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1 ♠ Dble 4 ♠

Pass 1 ♠ Dble

Opening lead — king of clubs.

**Endplays seldom come about** by themselves. Declarer must usually do at least some preliminary preparation to develop the end position he seeks.

**Consider the present case** where West leads the king of clubs against four spades doubled, then shifts to the king of diamonds at trick two. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and sees that if the missing cards are badly stacked against him, he could

lose a spade and two hearts in addition to the club he has already lost.

**South has no control** over the trump loser if the spades are divided 2-0, so he should focus on holding himself to one heart loser instead of two. In line with this, he ruffs a diamond at trick three, the first step in the elimination process that he hopes will produce the desired result. Without this diamond ruff, South would lose the contract.

**He next plays** the ace of trumps, on which East shows out, and continues by ruffing a club, a diamond, a club and, finally, dummy's last diamond. Having eliminated all the clubs and diamonds from his own hand and dummy, South is ready for the coup de grâce.

**At this point**, dummy has three hearts and two trumps, as does South, while West is down to three hearts, a club and the trump king. Declarer now puts West on lead with a trump. West wins the trick — the second for his side — but he is not happy. If he returns a club, he hands South a ruff-and-discard as well as the contract. And if he returns a heart instead, the outcome is exactly the same, since South then loses only one heart trick.

**It pays to plan the play.**

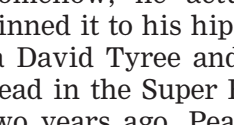
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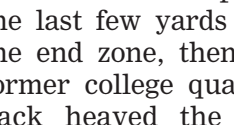
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## OUR VIEW

## Don't forget we like your letters to us

It's the so-called "dead of winter," and, although nobody's going to be snowed in very often in these parts, there's not much of anything better to do on a really cold day that sit down and enjoy a good book or read the day's newspaper.

What's more, there's still quite a bit going on these days in our community and we here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to remind our readers that we welcome your letters to the editor and want to publish them in the paper.

On an almost daily basis, you can find our policies concerning letters to the editor located on our "Opinion" page, but here is a reminder:

While it is not an absolute requirement, we ask that letters be limited to no more than 300 words.

Yes, we have printed quite a few letters in the past year that were considerably longer than 300 words. However, letters are printed on an "as space is available basis," and longer letters are more difficult to find space for publication and sometimes wait more than a week to be printed.

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We do reserve the right to edit letters for style and clarity and we also reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period for each author.

Unfortunately, the limited size of our staff makes it impossible for us to acknowledge the receipt of letters.

And, as one might expect, letters submitted from those living in our readership area will receive priority.

There are a number of ways to submit letters. They can be mailed to: Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721. Or they can be hand delivered to our offices at 710 Scurry St. during normal business hours Monday through Friday. In addition, you can go to our Website at [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com) and click on the Letters to the Editor icon and be provided with a form that will guarantee it arrives in the editor's office.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are at our best, Lord, when we walk with You.

Amen

## It's tax time, beware of phishers

The tax season has to be one of the most emotionally conflicted times of the year in the United States. For those expecting to receive a sizable tax return, it's anticipated much like a child waiting for Christmas morning. For those who usually end up owing taxes, it's a huge pain in the rear and comes entirely too quickly.

Those expecting returns aren't the only one's glad to see the season get here, though, as the prospects of fat government checks have many criminals licking their proverbial chops. With a whole laundry list of scams and get-rich-quick schemes at their disposal, these defrauders are after your money, and if you're not smart about things, they may very well get it.

According to officials with the Internal Revenue Service, phishing — a tactic used by Internet-based thieves to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal information they can then use to access the victims' financial accounts — is one of the most popular ways criminals use to defraud tax-filers.

Criminals use the information obtained to empty the victims' bank accounts, run up credit card charges and apply for loans or credit in the victims' names. Phishing scams often take the form of an e-mail that appears to come from a legitimate source. In fact, some scam e-mails falsely claim to come from the IRS, and unlike the fake \$20 bill you tried to pass off to your uncle Wilbur when you were 5 years old, they look rather convincingly legit.

And the ways in which these "phishermen" bait their hooks is rather diverse. In 2008, the IRS reported receiving more than 30,000 scam e-mails forwarded to them, including at least 1,500 different schemes. As we all know,

if only 30,000 were reported, millions were most likely sent out, and there's no telling how many thousands of dollars lost to these scams.

Sadly enough, victims of these schemes could have avoided the entire mess if they had known one simple fact: The IRS never uses e-mail to contact taxpayers about their tax issues.

Some phishing e-mails threaten a dire consequence if you don't respond quickly. The messages direct you to a Web site that looks just like a legitimate organization's site. But it isn't. It's a bogus site whose sole purpose is to trick you into divulging your personal information so the operators can steal your identity and run up bills or commit crimes in your name.

Here's an example of a phishing e-mail that uses eBay to exploit its victims:

*Subject: eBay Account Verification*

*Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2003 07:38:39 -0700*

*Dear eBay member,*

*As part of our continuing commitment to protect your account and to reduce the instance of fraud on our website, we are undertaking a period review of our member accounts. You are requested to visit our site by following the link given below:*

*<http://arriba.cgi3.ebay.com/aw/cgi/ebayISAPI.dll?UpdateInformationConfirm&bpuser=1>*

*Please fill in the required information. This is required for us to continue to offer you a safe and risk free environment to send and receive money online, and maintain the eBay Experience. Thank you.*

Once you add the eBay logo and graphics — which can easily be ripped from the Web site by even the most novice computer user — there's really no immediate reason to think the e-mail is anything but legitimate. However, if you look a little closer and use some good, old-fashioned common sense, there's a pretty glaring error in the message.



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## Without jobs, it's still a recession

Good news, America. On a completely meaningless, utterly technical level, the recession has ended. It hasn't ended in a way that means you might get a job anytime soon or in a way where you won't have to be worrying about money, but under the textbook definition of a recession, it's all over.

I'm personally relieved and plan to go on a spending spree fueled by readily available credit and easily obtainable, lucrative side-jobs. I'll also spend the money I'm saving on my government-sponsored affordable health care and perhaps I'll use a few dollars from my rapidly growing home equity.

Sadly, that does not seem to be the way things are going and even though the recession may be over as far as the politicians and eggheads are concerned, it has not stopped for us regular folks. It seems that the endless government meddling that began under President George Bush and continued under President Barack Obama has resulted in the kind of recovery where regular people do not recover. The banks are healthier as are

the insurance companies. Even the auto manufacturers have a brighter outlook, but regular Americans still face 10 percent unemployment, rampant underemployment and only dim prospects that things might improve.

I'm sure the unemployed factory workers and former executives now working at Starbucks take great pleasure in the fact that their bankers and insurance agents have nothing to worry about. Of course, they probably had to drop their insurance and are mostly avoiding calls from the bank because they can't afford to make their mortgage payments.

As a nation we have spent billions of dollars on an economic recovery that created no jobs. I'm against government messing with the free market, but if we're going to spend public money on anything shouldn't it be on directly creating jobs?

Instead of boondoggles like "cash for clunkers" and giving billions to prop up companies that should have been allowed to go out of business, maybe we could have built some bridges or fixed up our inner cities? Or, if we're going to be in two wars, we should at least go back to bombing Iraq and Afghanistan so American factories can get back to work making more?

Once again, I prefer less government, much lower taxes and letting the free market solve its

The link points you toward the server <http://arriba.cgi3> before following with the subdomain [ebay.com](http://ebay.com). Those who are Web savvy know an e-mail or link from ebay will almost always begin with [ebay.com](http://ebay.com), even if it contains subdomains. The link above was shut down some time back by law enforcement.

In most cases, if you receive an e-mail like this, it's always better to call the company — assuming you actually have an account with them — and make sure it's legit before volunteering any information whatsoever. In about 90 percent of the phishing e-mails I receive at my Big Spring Herald e-mail address, the scam claims to reference an account with a company I've never even done business with. Those messages go directly to the junk folder.

Dishonest tax return preparers can also cause many problems for taxpayers who fall victim to their schemes. These scam artists make their money by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services. They attract new clients by promising large refunds.

Some preparers promote the filing of fraudulent claims for refunds on items such as fuel tax credits to recover taxes paid in prior years. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer, especially one who promises something that seems too good to be true.

Whether tax time feels like Christmas or a violent mugging, you can avoid making matters worse by having your identity — along with whatever you might have in your bank account — safe by keeping a vigilant eye out for these scams.

Taxpayers who receive unsolicited e-mail that claims to be from the IRS can forward the message to a special electronic mailbox at [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

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DANIEL KLINE

own problems, but at least public works programs actually stimulate the economy. If we're going to spend government money (i.e. our money) on anything it should be on putting people back to work.

It's absurd to call any efforts to end the economic downturn a success until companies begin to hire. I'm glad that inventories are up 2 percent, holiday sales showed a slight increase and whatever other meaningless stats politicians throw out in order to pat themselves on the back, but it mean nothing without a drop in unemployment.

The current situation is akin to your doctor telling you that while he can't cure your cancer, he does have a pill that will make you slightly better looking while you die. Real people don't judge the economy based on fancy reports, they judge it based what they can afford.

A mediocre economy is one in which working hard allows you to make ends meet and a good economy is one that allows you to do that, take a vacation and buy some new stuff.

It's not complicated. If we have a few dollars we're doing great and if we don't, we aren't.

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# Why not check this out? At the library

Yes, it is that time of year when new materials begin trickling into the library! As you may have noticed, we no longer have books on cassette, only those recorded on CD. The majority of the books on cassette will be available at the annual book sale in September. We will put some on the Friend's Sale Shelf, but it will be a hit or miss proposition as to what is out there.

Here are a few of the new books on CD that have come in: "The Scarpetta Factor," by Patricia Cornwell; "Intent to Kill," by James Grippando; one by Tami Hoag, "The Trouble with J.J.," and a favorite author of mine, Thomas Perry, who wrote the Jane Whitehead series, "Dance for the Dead." New non-fiction just

in: "Cowgirls: Stories of Trick Riders, Sharp Shooters and Untamed Women" (978.008 TUR E),) edited by Erin H. Turner. It is the story of fiercely independent, untamed women of the old West — the cowgirl. The West was indeed populated with strong-willed women who worked and played as men did in the saddles of their favorite bucking broncos — women whose sacrifices, hard work and can-do attitude helped build a nation. "Cowgirls" celebrates this previously overlooked aspect of the Western experience by bringing together their stories, including their own thoughts about being cowgirls.

"After Ike: Aerial View from the No-Fly Zone" (976.410 CAR B) contain photographs taken by Bryan Carlyle. Views of the devastation left on the Texas coast are extraordinary. Andrew Sansom, a native coastal Texan, offers his thoughts on Hurricane Ike and what it meant to the area. Carlyle's photographs are graphic in depicting the aftermath; in some instances there are before photos, areas where homes were enmeshed in trees, shrubs, grass. The after photo shows exactly what was destroyed. Truly a "food for thought" book; should man build in such fragile areas?

In our book club, we read "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy

Egan who wrote of the dustbowl and how it affected thousands of farmers and ranchers. Just in is Albert Mar- rin's "Years of Dust: The Story of the Dust Bowl" 978.032 MAR

loss surgery. Written by the star of TLC's television show "Big Medicine," Dr. Garth Davis has written a very down to earth book on why a morbidly obese

April Slaughter is an amusing book on various ghostly places in our state. She has it split into sections, San Angelo and Waco are the closest haunted places she lists; a neat little book.

For you Civil War buffs, we have "The Seventh Star of the Confederacy: Texas During the Civil War" (973.746 HOW K). Edited by Kenneth W. Howell, it incorporates the latest scholarly research. Each contributor will take you from the battlefield to the home front of those who fought and tended the home.

"Fire in the Cane Field: The Federal Invasion of LA and TX, January 1961-January 1963" (973.730 FRA D) by Donald S. Frazier,

professor at McMurry University in Abilene, talks of the consequences of secession.

"Sacred Memories: The Civil War Monument Movement in Texas" (973.76 MCM K) by Kelly McMichael, takes you on a tour of Civil War monuments throughout the state. Short articles give the details as to the who and why a monument was erected.

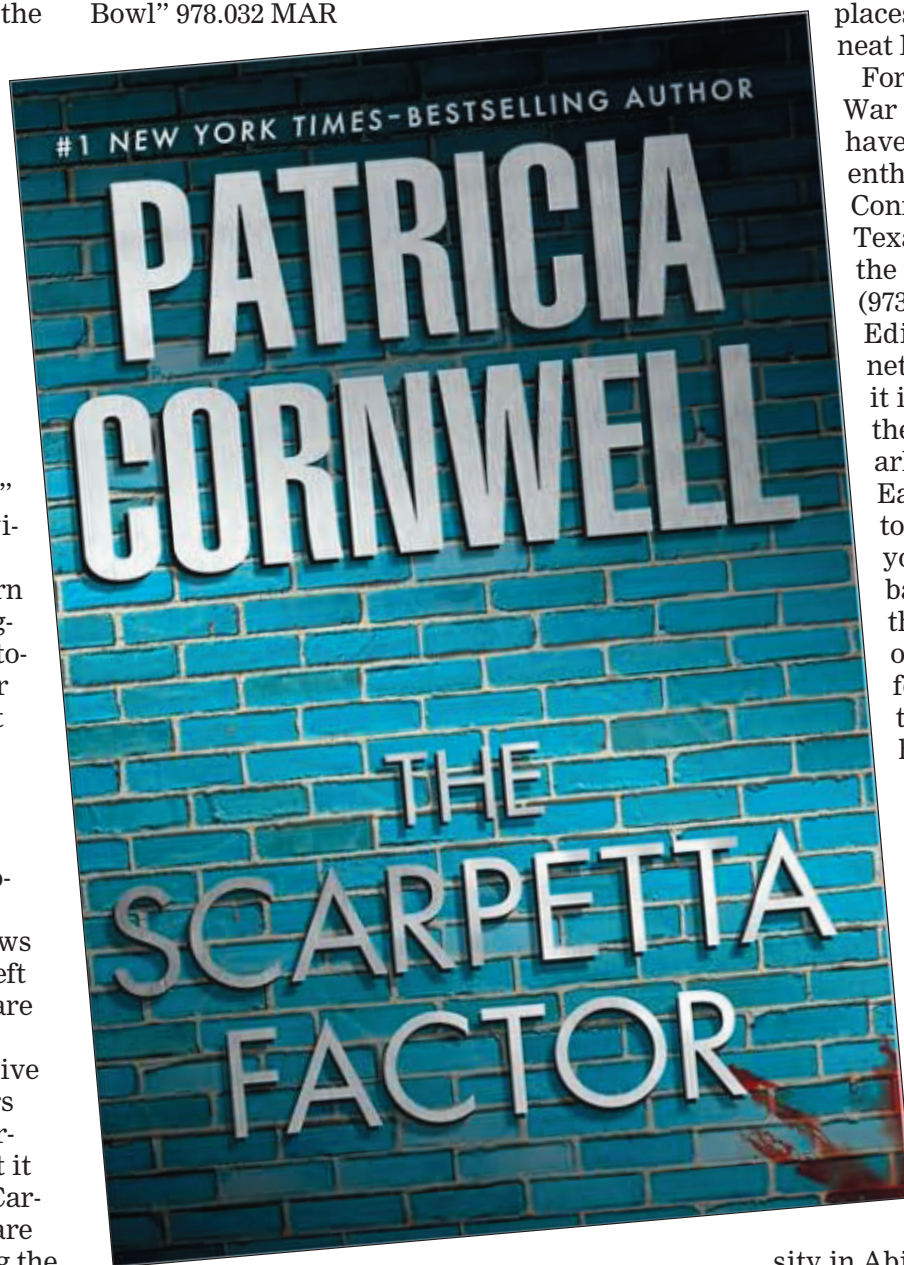
Anyone who loves Rosamund Pilcher, Maeve Binchy and the like will be sure to enjoy it, too. But make no mistake — Marcia Willett is no imitator. "A Week In Winter" (WIL M) by Marcia Willett is the story of Maudie Todhunter, the elderly protagonist and her story of life newly-widowed is told while two subplots of young love interweave with her story. The novel focuses on a wonderful English farmhouse called Moor-gate which stands at the entrance to the English moors. What transpires in that house during one very special week sends ripples through the lives of a host of richly textured characters. From Maudie's granddaughter Posy, the house renovator Rob Abbott, the desperately ill Melissa and her brother Mike, to the estranged Selina and Patrick, everyone is touched forever by the event that occurs at Moor-gate. This review is from Amazon.Com. The library does have a couple more of Willett's books.

The New Book Binder will make its appearance for 2010 soon! Look for it at the circulation desk.

The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us. The Library will be closed Saturday, Jan. 16 and Monday, Jan. 18 for the MLK Holiday. We will reopen Tuesday at 10 a.m.

## NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2010**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.



A), filled with photos by award-winning photographer Dorothea Lange. This is sort of the Reader's Digest version of Egan's book; there are certainly some of the same photos, but I do think you would enjoy comparing the two books.

An interesting book has come in on weight

person should consider weight-loss surgery. "The Expert's Guide to Weight-Loss Surgery" (617.43 DAV G) is a very readable book with a great deal of information to offer someone who is considering this type of surgery.

Some Texas books for you to check out. "Ghosthunting Texas" (133.109 SLA A) by

# Pets get cold too, ya' know

Shared knowledge from Animal Control

Winter has arrived in West Texas. The frosty and sometimes snowy mornings are lovely to look at from a window in a cozy room and our pets seem to like dashing around and playing in the brisk weather.

We do need to take some precautions to ensure they stay healthy in winter. Animals and children having fun seem to forget about being cold and uncomfortable.

It is our responsibility to be aware and make sure they don't become over-tired and chilled when outdoors. Pets should not be left outside for long periods in freezing weather — like humans, they can suffer from hypothermia and frostbite.

Never leave your pets outside in freezing weather. Small pets can become chilled very quickly when outside for very long. Stay out with your pet; if you are cold, your pet is probably cold also.

If your small dog has been clipped for easier maintenance, it will get cold much quicker. Never leave it out for extended periods. A jacket or sweater is also a good idea for a pet that has been clipped.

Larger dogs with heavy coats can endure colder temperatures for a longer time, but they can and do become chilled and uncomfortable when left out for long periods of time. If left out they should have a secure warm place to escape from the cold wind and wet weather.

An animal that has gotten wet playing in water or snow can become chilled and unable to maintain its body temperature. Never leave a wet, cold pet outdoors. Bring it in and dry it completely by rubbing briskly with

a towel. Cats are also easily chilled when left out in cold weather. Most cats do not have water resistant fur and can become wet and chilled very quickly. A cat's ears are very thin and have a thin covering of hair. They can become frost bitten very easily.

Short-haired cats have very little fur covering the pads of the feet; toes can also get frostbite. If your pet has been out in snow and ice, always check feet to be sure there is no ice or snow stuck in the pads and toes.

Older and very young animals tire out and become chilled much more quickly than a healthy, mature animal. Always supervise the older and young ones very close. They can slip on wet or icy surfaces and injure themselves or get wet and chilled very quickly. Close supervision can prevent a costly trip to the vet clinic.

Keep an eye on your pet's water. Sometimes owners don't realize that a water bowl has

frozen and their pet can't get anything to drink. Animals that don't have access to clean, unfrozen water are more likely to drink out of puddles or gutters, which can be polluted with oil, antifreeze, household cleaners and other chemicals.

If you walk your pet in areas that have been "de-iced," the chemicals can cause dry, chapped and potentially painful paws. This will encourage the pet to lick their paws, and ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation and upset. Wash off your pet's feet after an outing with a warm wet cloth or footbath.

Do you have enough of the following items to last a few days, should the roads become unsafe for travel or the veterinary office is closed?

- Extra pet food
- Extra kitty litter
- Fresh water supply
- Soft warm bedding
- Extra medications

your pet takes on a regular basis. When traveling with your pet, it is always a good idea to carry extra supplies, just in case your trip is extended. If you have any questions about pets or animal regulations in Big Spring, Contact Animal Control at AC@bigspringpd.net

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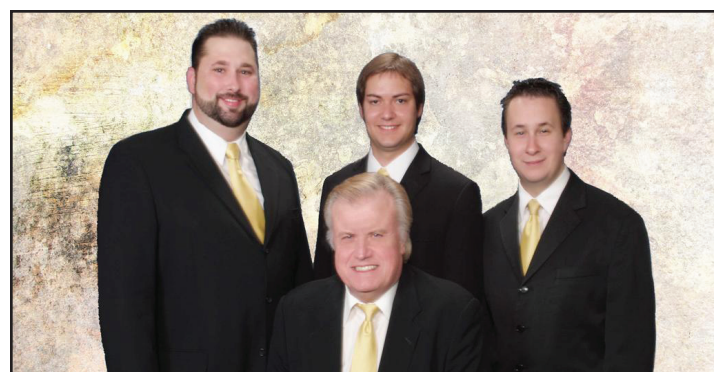
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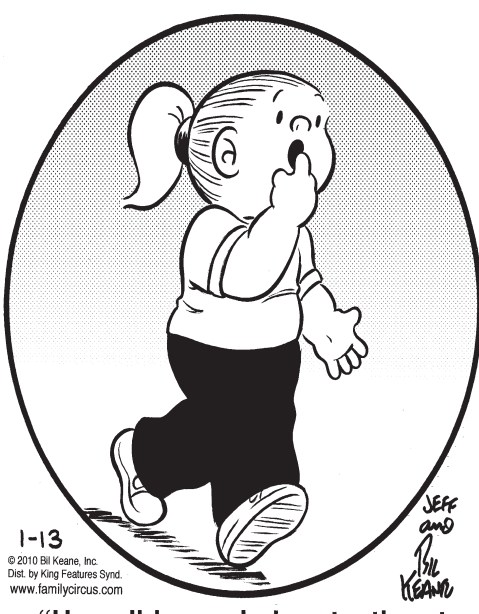
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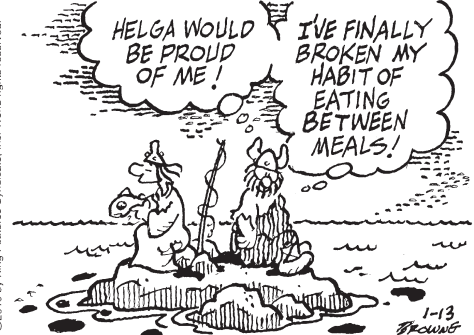
"How come when we 'need to talk,' I'm the one who does all of the listening?"

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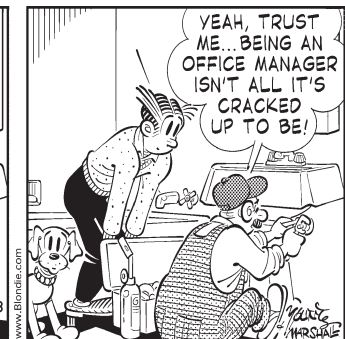
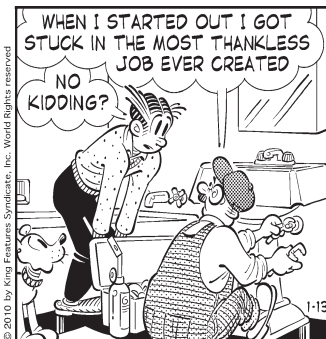


"How did my wisdom teeth get smarter than the others?"

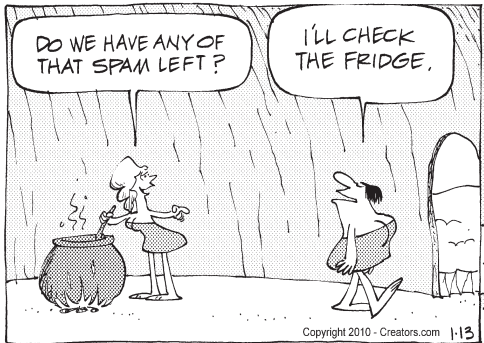
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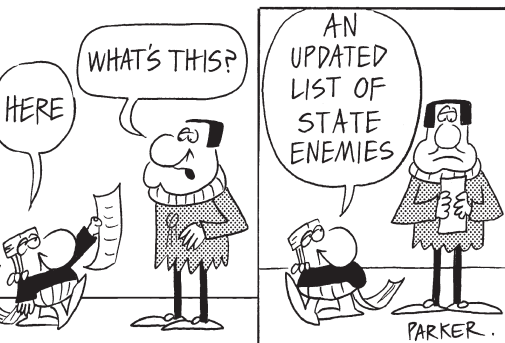
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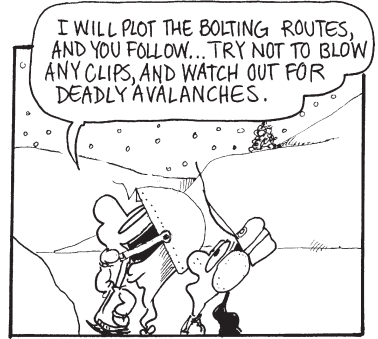
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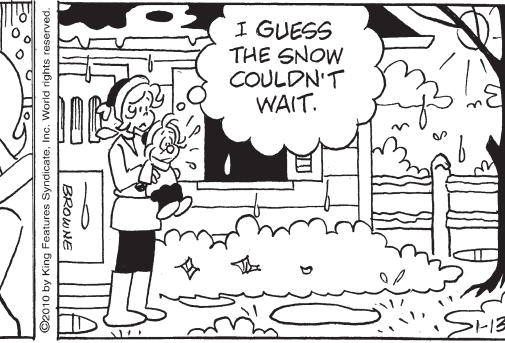
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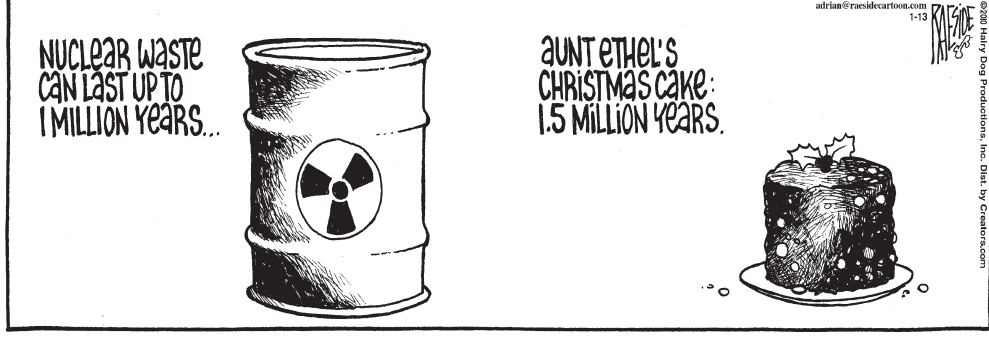
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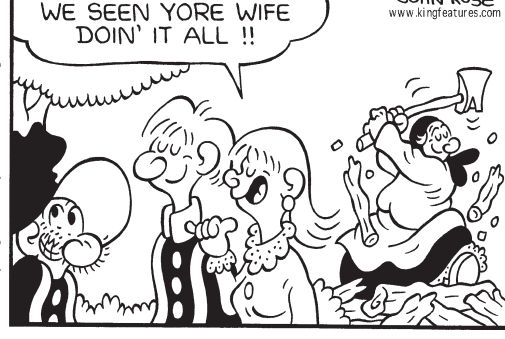
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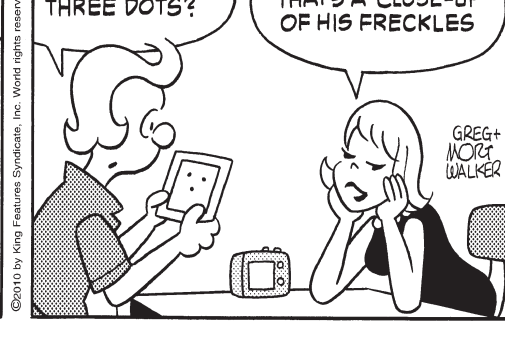
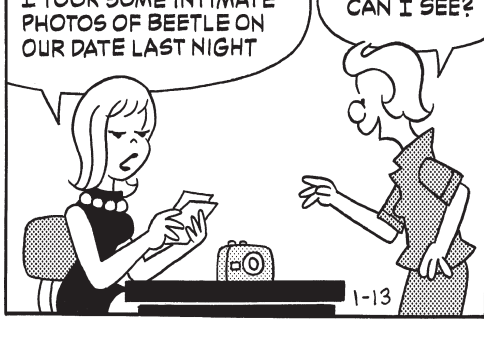
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2010. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, S.C., while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in New York at age 37.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1910, opera was experimentally broadcast on radio for the first time as Lee De Forest

transmitted a performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" from the stage of New York's Metropolitan Opera.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver was named Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Lyndon B. Johnson; Weaver became the first black Cabinet member.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minn., at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff during a snowstorm and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Liz Anderson is 80. Actress Frances Sternhagen is

80. TV personality Nick Clooney is 76. Comedian Rip Taylor is 76. Actor Billy Gray is 72. Actor Richard Moll is 67. R&B musician Fred White is 55. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 51. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 49. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 49. Country singer Trace Adkins is 48. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 44. Actress Traci Bingham is 42. Actress Nicole Eggert is 38. Actor Orlando Bloom is 33.

Thought for Today: "The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well." — Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, English author (1717-1797).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

PARK IT by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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ACROSS	52 "Big Blue"	10 Fairly long time	35 Contributed, with "up"
1 Sound reasonable	53 Throne, say	11 Police informer	37 Financial bind
6 "Beat it!"	60 Director Ang or Spike	12 Sailor's shore time	40 Song syllables
11 Kind of camera, for short	61 Pursuer of Bugs	13 Deemed worthy of	42 Fabricate, as charges
14 Reagan's chimp costar	62 Oneness	18 Sonnet creator	43 Coop brooder
15 Either of two African nations	63 Muff one	22 Cuban leader	45 "Haven't decided yet"
16 After-dinner drink	64 High society	Castro	46 Wolfgang Puck, for one
17 Gavel wielder	65 Canterbury coins	23 Dressed like Dracula	47 ), in an emoticon
19 Cereal grain	DOWN	24 Place for a bout	48 Potato or yam
20 Firm up, as muscles	1 Symbol of ease	25 Second-stringer	49 Squirrel away
21 Treasure find	2 Homer	Simpson's cry	51 "Keep it" mark
23 Advisory group	3 Genetic letters	4 Action-film gun	54 90-degree bend
27 Breathed out	5 Philip Roth's complainer	6 Trail for hounds	55 "What ____, chopped liver?"
29 Retort to "Am too!"	6 Trail for hounds	7 Nuclear reactor part	56 Early afternoon
30 Excellent two-pair hand	7 Nuclear reactor part	8 ICU workers	57 Pitcher's success
31 Coin redesigned in 2009	8 ICU workers	9 Time past	58 Miscellany abbr.
32 French fashion designer	9 Time past		59 Diner loaf
33 Former Italian coin			
36 Stamped return env., for example			
37 Orchestra section			
38 Bartender's supply			
39 Willy Wonka creator			
41 Pancake topper			
42 Shoplifting, e.g.			
44 Emulated a banshee			
46 New Orleans cuisine			
47 Played for time			
49 Gave the cold shoulder to			
50 Wall painting			
51 Mushroom piece			

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Saturn, the lesson planner of the zodiac, goes retrograde in Libra, the sign of relationships. Lessons in love will be repeated, just to make sure we got it the first time. The lucky part about this review is that it gives us a chance to bring a greater degree of grace and class to our interactions than we might have the first time around.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Yes, you have responsibilities. But must you handle all of them in one day? Consider whether you can put something off until tomorrow. You deserve to feel liberated from your material considerations for at least part of the day.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Balance and moderation are in order. There are those around you who will want to push you in a direction that is too extreme. Be reasonable. Also: Avoid spicy or unusually rich foods.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Some days you are content to fit in, be a friendly force and deflect all praise and admiration. Not today. You want to be the envy of all who know you, and you'll work toward that goal the whole day through.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you think of a certain person, your temperature soars. You are distracted from whatever you are doing by the mere thought of this person. Resolve your unresolved feelings.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Spiritual levity leads to physical weight loss. Lighten your load. Toss off the weight of worry. If you're still thinking of a mistake you made long ago, forgive yourself. Create your own ritual for doing so.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). After a hectic morning, you'll finally relax into the day. By the afternoon, everything will seem to come to you with much less effort than before. Tonight brings a friendly and informative call.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mind can be cruel to you — far more so than any person has ever been to you. Do not let negative thinking keep you from taking an exciting risk. If you desire it, you can break your mental chains.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In a relatively brief amount of time, you forge a bond with someone. Why not use your talent for connecting with people for personal gain? Sell something, or gather support for your favorite cause.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have run around enough. You've seen as many places as you need to see for the moment. If you sit in one place, there's a good chance the whole world will come to you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One project is coming to a close. That makes it a good time to improvise. You want to make sure that you end on a memorable note. Apply your creative impulses.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something in you does not want to cooperate with the tall orders of the day. Maybe you feel underappreciated or the reward for hunkering down seems too minimal. Give yourself time to dream and recharge.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone is thinking about you just as often as you are thinking of that person. You may even run into him or her today as you go where the lovely people are. And of course, you'll fit right in.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 13). Life wasn't meant to be a struggle. The material barriers between you and what you want will crumble as you recognize that the obstacles are merely symbolic. Take a spiritual approach. February brings a victory. You'll give an important performance in March. You'll improve your health and fitness in June. Cancer and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 23, 41, 19 and 1.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I don't know if I'll ever be able to trust another man again. And if I do, he won't be a Capricorn. It turns out that my soon-to-be ex-husband was cheating on me for years with not one, but two different women. And until a few weeks ago, I never suspected a thing. He covered his tracks so well! What should a soon-to-be divorced Scorpio do next? I want to get it right this time!"

Branding all Capricorn men as possible cheaters is not fair! Most Capricorn men are decent, honest and hard-working. Just because one match didn't work out doesn't mean you couldn't create a better relationship with another person of the same sign. But that's not what's most important now. A year off of dating is the best "next move." You're not even divorced yet! You're still spinning from all of the new information you've

recently received. Furthermore, you need time to process what has gone on in your marriage. Take responsibility for your part in it so that you don't think of yourself as a victim who's been wronged. You're a powerful creator, Scorpio. One of your symbols is the phoenix, and like that magnificent and magical bird, you will rise up from the ashes renewed.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES: UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Orlando Bloom** is a heartthrob with heart. Three luminaries in Capricorn lend an earthy strength and presence to this driven actor, even if he happens to be playing an elf or fighting a computer-generated pirate. His Venus in Pisces suggests that he's a sensitive romantic, and that he's so in tune with his

love interest that he can sometimes read her mind.

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- Feel **vulnerable**, unsafe, and not know who to trust.
- Feel **anxious**, irritable, impatient, or on edge.
- Feel **depressed**, hopeless, overwhelmed, tearful, or angry.
- Feel **stressed**, including having trouble concentrating, sleeping, or remembering things.
- Have **eating problems**, such as appetite loss, forgetting to eat, or overeating.
- Have **flashbacks**, disturbing thoughts, feelings, or memories.
- Feel **confused, frustrated, or isolated** because other people don't understand why you are afraid.

These are common reactions to being stalked.

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING STALKED, YOU CAN HELP.

Listen. Show support. Don't blame the victim for the crime. Remember that every situation is different, and allow the person being stalked to make choices about how to handle it. Find someone you can talk to about the situation. Take steps to ensure your own safety. For more ideas on how you can help, call 1-800-FYI-CALL.

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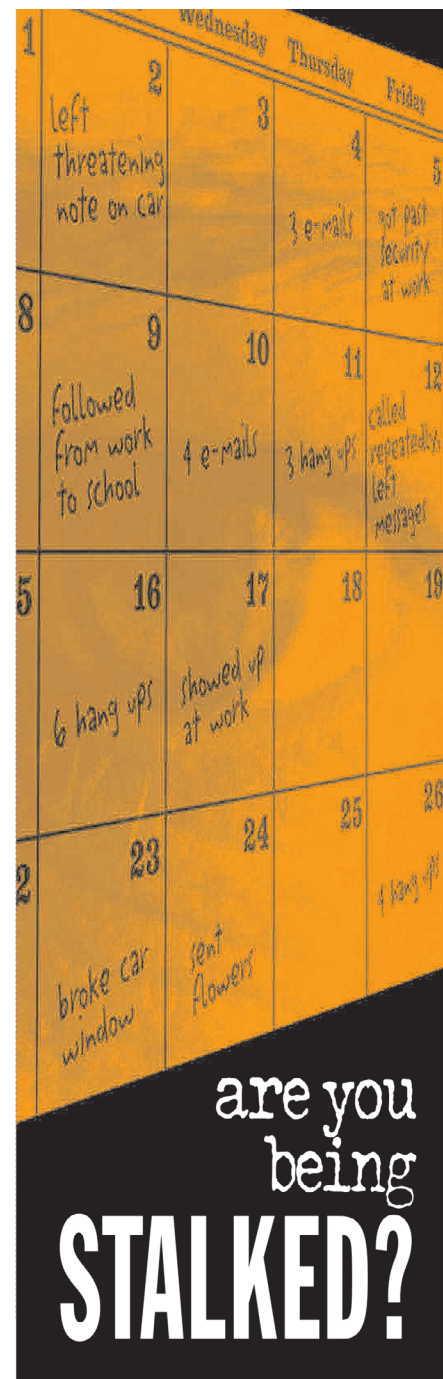
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ARE YOU BEING STALKED?

Stalking is a series of actions that make you feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

Stalking is a crime.

A stalker can be someone you know well or not at all. Most have dated or been involved with the people they stalk. Most stalking cases involve men stalking women, but men do stalk men, women do stalk women, and women do stalk men.

Some things stalkers do:

- Repeatedly call you, including hang-ups.
- Follow you and show up wherever you are.
- Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or e-mails.
- Damage your home, car, or other property.
- Monitor your phone calls or computer use.
- Use technology, like hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), to track where you go.
- Drive by or hang out at your home, school, or work.
- Threaten to hurt you, your family, friends, or pets.
- Find out about you by using public records or on-line search services, hiring investigators, going through your garbage, or contacting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers.
- Other actions that control, track, or frighten you.

You are not to blame for a stalker's behavior.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another, yet you can take steps to increase your safety.

If you are in **immediate danger**, call 911.

Trust your **instincts**. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.

Take **threats** seriously. Danger generally is higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victim tries to leave or end the relationship.

Contact a crisis hotline, **victim services agency**, or a domestic violence or rape crisis program. They can help you devise a safety plan, give you information about local laws, refer you to other services, and weigh options such as seeking a protection order.

Develop a **safety plan**, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you. Also, decide in advance what to do if the stalker shows up at your home, work, school, or somewhere else. Tell people how they can help you.

Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you.

Keep **evidence** of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph anything of yours the stalker damages and any injuries the stalker causes. Ask witnesses to write down what they saw.

Contact the **police**. Every state has stalking laws. The stalker may also have broken other laws by doing things like assaulting you or stealing or destroying your property.

Consider getting a **court order** that tells the stalker to stay away from you.

Tell **family, friends, roommates, and co-workers** about the stalking and seek their support. Tell security staff at your job or school. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

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# News in brief

## Haitians await help after capital shattered by earthquake

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Dazed and injured Haitians sat on darkened streets pleading for help Wednesday and untold numbers were trapped in tons of rubble brought down by the strongest earthquake to hit this poor Caribbean nation in more than 200 years.

Destroyed communications made it impossible to tell the extent of destruction from Tuesday afternoon's 7.0-magnitude tremor — or to estimate the number of dead lying among thousands of collapsed buildings in Haiti's capital.

The ornate National Palace crumbled into itself, the headquarters of the U.N. peacekeeping mission collapsed and swaths of rickety shacks lay in shambles. Clouds of dust thrown up by falling buildings choked Port-au-Prince for hours.

The United States and other nations began organizing aid efforts, alerting search teams and gathering supplies that will be badly needed in Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country. The international Red Cross and other aid groups

announced plans for major relief operations.

## Wall Street executives come to Washington to face grilling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top bank executives can expect a grilling when they appear before a congressionally appointed panel investigating the causes of the 2008 financial collapse.

Four of Wall Street's most powerful leaders — Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Chairman-CEO Lloyd Blankfein, JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO James Dimon, Morgan Stanley Chairman John Mack and Bank of American Corp. CEO-President Brian Moynihan — were to give sworn testimony before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, which was holding its first session Wednesday.

The bipartisan, 10-member panel was handed the job of writing the official narrative of what went wrong before the financial system nearly collapsed in the fall of 2008.

The banking executives summoned to testify spent the days leading up to the hearings in meet-

ings with corporate lawyers and government relations specialists.

## 2 U.S. troops, 4 Afghan soldiers killed in explosions in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — Two U.S. service members died and four Afghan soldiers were killed in separate explosions Wednesday in eastern Afghanistan, an area of the nation rife with violence, officials said.

Nine members of the Afghan National Police were injured Wednesday in other incidents, officials said.

NATO said the two American troops died in a bomb blast, but disclosed no other information. Their deaths bring to 12 the number of American troops killed in Afghanistan so far this month.

In Khost city, members of the Afghan National Army found two explosives, said Amir Hassan, a spokesman for the police chief in Khost province near the Pakistan border. He said the soldiers detonated one and removed the other, which subsequently exploded.

## Obama highlighting White House report

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is trumpeting a new White House estimate that his top economist calls "stunning": His stimulus plan has already created or saved up to 2 million jobs.

The analysis is part of the administration's quarterly report to Congress on the controversial \$787 billion package of spending and tax cuts he signed weeks after taking office.

Obama planned to highlight the report Wednesday during a visit to a Lanham, Md., training center for union electricians that specializes in "green" technology.

Republicans have denounced the stimulus plan as an expensive flop.

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