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Parade of quilts

Guild exhibit will open with reception Saturday afternoon

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Have you ever thought to yourself, "I'd like to try quilting someday" but just keep putting it off? To inspire you and show off members' talent, Heritage Museum will be hosting a recep-

tion for the Signal Mountain Quilter's Guild from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. It's free to the public.

The reception marks the opening of the Guild's exhibit, which will be on display through Feb. 16. There's also an opportunity to purchase tickets toward a plaids and



squares quilt that will be given away when the exhibit closes. Funds go to the Guild.

There are about 30 quilts which will be on display beginning Saturday. That's down from the 65 the Guild had a few years ago, but the show is far from an annual affair.

"It's a big deal. It takes a long time to get the quilts made," explained Jean Money, Guild president.

The Guild was organized in 1994 as an offshoot of the West Texas Center for the

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Hop-A-Thon set Friday at the Y

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Family YMCA will be hosting a Hop-A-Thon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Local youths have solicited family and friends to donate funds for the participant's willingness to jump rope. Everyone is invited to support the

youngsters and the fight against muscular dystrophy. The event should last about 30 minutes,

organizers said.

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Science buffs shine



Judges interview a student about his project during the Big Spring Independent School District Science Fair, held Wednesday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

BSISD Science Fair

Tomorrow's leaders show their skills today

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

From A (astronomy) to Z (zoology), Big Spring Independent School District students showed off their scientific know-how Wednesday.

About 150 students participated in the seventh annual BSISD Science Fair Wednesday at Dora Roberts Community Center and their efforts covered just about the entire scientific spectrum, organizers

Judging was done in the following categories: Behavioral and social science; chemistry; engineering; medicine and health; space science; biochemistry; computer science; environmental science; microbiology; zoology; botany; earth science; mathematics; physics; and team Awards were presented to those

who placed first through third in three different divisions: Junior (grades 3 through 5), intermedi-In addition, the Friends of the

ate (grades 6 through 8) and senior (grades 9 through 12). Science Fair, composed of area residents who support instruction in the different science fields, presented awards to the top finishers in the different divisions, and How-

ard College presented scholarship

awards to selected stu-

"Number-wise, we had about the same number of students participating as last year," said Darrell Ryan, director of federal programs for BSISD. "Quality-wise, I think it improved from last year."

Students who placed first, second or third in their respective categories advance to the regional science fair, scheduled for March 5 and 6 in Odessa. Intermediate and Senior Division students who place first through third in their respective categories at the regional level qualify for the state science fair to be held later this year in San Anto-

Ryan

Following are results from the Big Spring Independent School District Science Fair, held Wednesday at Dora Roberts Community Center:

- Animal Sciences Intermediate Division: Erin Pollard, first; Mariah McIntosh, second; Senior Division: Dalton Smith, first.
- Behavioral and Social Science Intermediate Division: Destiny Zamora, third; Ethan Morelion, second; Senior Division: Shelbi Sharp, second; Krystal Soto, first.

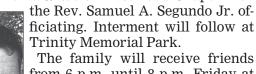
- Biochemistry Intermediate Division: Teodora Arguello, first.
- · Chemistry Intermediate Division: Autumn Moore, third; Tucker Durham, second; Dylan Watson, first; Senior Division: Chanel Cuviello.
- · Earth and Plantetary Science — Intermediate Division: Bailee Allen, third; Alesia Hernandez, second; Matthew Wood, first.
- Energy and Transportation Intermediate Division: Jacob Scott, third; Senior Division: Brady Weber, first. • Electrical and Mechanical Engi-
- neering Intermediate Division: Tyler Avant, first; Senior Division: Victor Woodruff, third. Materials and Bioengineering —
- Intermediate Division: Luis Casillas, third; Angela Garza, second; Stevi Ward, first; Senior Division: Julio Granillo, first. • Environmental Management — Intermediate Division: Bailey Pitt-
- man, third; Hannah Jensen, second; and Trace Telchik, first; Senior Division: Hannah Weber, first. Environmental Sciences — In-
- termediate Division: Nathan Permenter, second; Tyler Stromberg, Mathematical Science — Inter-
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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



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 on 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; one sister-in-law, Joy Fiscus and husband Nort of Clyde; 20 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.

Paid obituary

Wylene Brown 'Brownie' Kemper

Wylene Brown "Brownie" Kemper, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay

and Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Loraine and married V.W. Kemper on April 17, 1949, in Stanton. He preceded her in death July 20, 1996.

Brownie, as she was known in Big Spring and surrounding areas, worked as a nurse at Malone-Hogan Hospital for more than 30 years and

was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ. Survivors include several nephews and nieces and their families including Glen Brown, James A. Brown III, Keith Brown, Cathalene Baker and Susan Medina, all of Midland; a sister-in-law, Frances Brown of Midland; and a brother-in-law, Ross Kemper of San Angelo.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, James Alvin Brown Sr. and Leatha Vallie Nash 1100 block of Lamesa. Brown; two sisters, Movalene Brown and Nina • ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the Pearl Forbus; two brothers, Loal P. Brown and J.A. 1800 block of Hearn. Brown Jr.; and a niece, Patricia Norman.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702-

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

Paid obituary

Esther Edmondson Daniels

A memorial service for Esther Edmondson Daniels, 30, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at Life Church in Big Spring.

Daniels, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at her residence in Ball,

4000

She was born Dec. 10, 1979, in Big Spring and graduated from Forsan High School. She lived in Big Spring until 2004, when she moved to Louisiana.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, William Jacob Daniels; a daughter, Heavenly Faith Edmondson Mendez; two sons, Michael "Bubba"

Mendez and Theodore Diaz III; her fathers, Jimmy Rodriguez and Doyle Edmondson; her grandfather, Johnny Gaskins and his wife, Sue; a brother, Wesley Edmondson; aunt, Wanona Gagnard and husband, Chad; and cousins Hannah Gagnard, Kayla Gagnard, Alysha Gaskins and Jasper Lee Neal.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Robbi Lynn Edmondson; a grandmother, Evelyn Kay Gaskins; a brother, Jimmy Rodriguez; and her great-grandmother, Esther Gaskins.

Paid obituary



Johnny 'Wayne' Mayo

Johnny "Wayne" Mayo, 49, of Ohio, formerly of Big Spring died Jan. 3, 2010. Services were held at O.R. Woodyard Co. Chapel Jan. 7, 2010, with Pastor Mike O'Brant officiating. Wayne was cremated.



with his ashes scattered in Alaska. He was born in Dallas on March 26, 1960, to Mozelle and Ollen Mayo. Wayne grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1978. He married Yvonne Krouse Mayo in 2002.

He is survived by his mother, Mozelle Osborne of Big Spring; stepfather, Mike Osborne of Fort Worth; brother, John Osborne of Big Spring; a sister, Natalie Shaeffer of South Haven, Miss.; son, William David Mayo of Springtown; daughters, Aman-

da Kay Mayo and husband, Aaron Campbell, and Jennifer Mayo and husband, W.T. Campbell, both of Springtown; two grandchildren; wife, Yvonne Krouse Mayo of Columbus, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews. Wayne was preceded in death by a son, William

David Mayo; father, Ollen Mayo; and a brother, Ray

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, W. Interstate Highway 20, Big Spring 79720.

James Lee Lloyd

James Lee Lloyd, 67, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today: • EDWIN JAMES DEAN, 44, of 1403 Nolan, was

- arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxica-GLENNA JOHNSON COLLIER, 45, of 507 E.
- Sixth St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. KEELIE BREANN PARKS, 18, of 3228 Cornell, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession
- of marijuana two ounces or less. DERRIOUS BLACKMON, 18, of 1700 Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- LAURA ANN HERNANDEZ, 36, of 4114 Parkway, was arrested Thursday on a Guadalupe County war-
- CHRISTOPHER LYNN HOLT, 35, of 2602 Barksdale, was arrested Thursday on charges of aggravated assault and unlawful restraint.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 300 block of Fourth
- INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- STEPHANIE NICOLE BANKS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- DERRIOUS BLACKMON, 17, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- GLENNA MICHELLE COLLIER, 45, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- EDWIN JAMES DEAN, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- LAURA ANN HERNANDEZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat of a family or household.
- ALMUS HILL, 66, was transferred to the county iail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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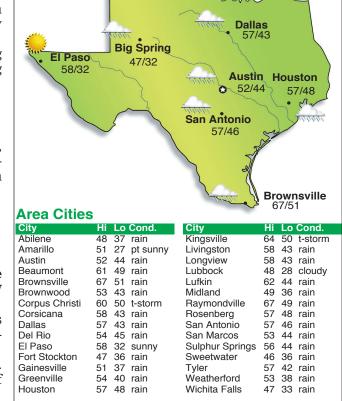
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• RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 65, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

 KEELIE BREANN PARKS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of Park-

way. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rick-

abaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Donally. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday

Winning numbers drawn: 7-17-24-30-31-47. Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-27-29-33-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,164. Winning ticket purchased in: Yorktown.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-6-3. Sum I Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-5. Sum I Up: 18.

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White House adviser criticizes evangelist's remark

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A senior White House adviser says evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson's remark that Haiti has been "cursed" doesn't express the spirit of the American people

Valerie Jarrett said Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that Roberston's statement left her speechless and called it "a pretty stunning com-

A devastating magnitude-7 earthquake hit the small island nation on Tuesday. The next day, Robertson said Haiti has been

"cursed" because of what he called a "pact with the devil" in its history. His spokesman said the comments were based on Voodoo rituals carried out before a slave rebellion against French colonists in

Spokesman Chris Roslan says Robertson never said the earthquake was God's wrath.

Teddy Pendergrass, dead in Pa. at 59, following promising career thwarted by 1982 car crash NEW YORK (AP) — Legendary singer Teddy Pen-

dergrass, dead after a long illness at age 59, spent his last 28 years in a wheelchair, left to wonder what life might have been like had a car crash not completely altered his destiny.

Before the crash, Pendergrass was one of the most electric and successful figures in music. He established a new era of R&B with an explosive, raw voice that symbolized masculinity, passion and the joys and sorrow of romance in songs such as "Close the Door," ''It Don't Hurt Now," ''Love T.K.O." and other hits that have since become classics.

He was an international superstar and sex symbol. His career was at its apex - and still climb-

Friend and longtime collaborator Kenny Gamble, of the renowned production duo Gamble & Huff, teamed with Pendergrass on his biggest hits and recalled how the singer was even working on a

"He had about 10 platinum albums in a row, so he was a very, very successful recording artist and as a performing artist," Gamble said Thursday. "He had a tremendous career ahead of him, and the accident sort of got in the way of many of those

Ex-weapons inspector charged in child-sex sting

STROUDSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A former U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq is facing child-sex charges. Scott Ritter of Delmar, N.Y., is charged in Penn-

sylvania with unlawful sexual contact with a minor for alleged online exchanges with police posing as a 15-year-old girl. The Pocono Record first reported the case Thursday. Monroe County authorities say they traced the

exchange through a cell phone number he provided. Police say Ritter gave them a video of him masturbating during an Internet chat. The 48-year-old Ritter has been free on bail since

waiving a Dec. 17 preliminary hearing. He has acknowledged facing similar 2001 charges in New York that were dismissed. His lawyer did not return a phone message.

Ritter resigned in 1998 after seven years as a UN weapons inspector and was a harsh critic of the war in Iraq.

Police: Man who killed Pa. trooper threatened wife PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pennsylvania man who

apparently committed suicide after killing his wife and a state trooper had a history of drug use and violence and, in a phone call with his sister-in-law, threatened to kill his wife. Those revelations about 44-year-old Michael

Smith are contained in old and new court docu-Police expect autopsy and ballistics tests to con-

firm that Smith fatally shot his wife, Nancy Smith, at their home near Oil City and then Trooper Paul Richey before killing himself Wednesday. Nancy Smith's sister told police that Michael

Smith assaulted his wife earlier in the day. When the sister called to say she was coming to check on them, he told the sister she "signed" his wife's "death warrant."

The sister then called police.

Arizona woman accused of trading child for gun PHOENIX (AP) — Authorities say they have ar-

rested a Mesa woman who allegedly tried to trade her 2-year-old daughter for a gun. Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies went to the

tory and social studies to some

4.8 million K-12 students for 10

years. The standards will be

used to develop state tests and

also by textbook publishers

who develop material for the

nation based on Texas, one of

the largest markets.

home of 33-year-old Tanya Nareau on Tuesday after receiving a tip about the swap.

While at Nareau's home, a family friend who had the child confirmed to deputies that Nareau gave the girl to him for a gun.

Deputies say Nareau felt that the friend would do a better job in raising the child. They say Nareau also claimed she could not buy a weapon because she's prohibited to do so by law.

Authorities say Nareau has been booked into county jail. She's charged with the unlawful sale of a child and solicitation to possess a weapon by a prohibited person.

Police: Cop does unauthorized Taser demonstration KANKAKEE, Ill. (AP) — Police in Illinois say an

placed on administrative leave after he allegedly shocked three boys during an unauthorized Taser Authorities say the incident occurred Tuesday at a junior high in Kankakee, which is about 60 miles

officer assigned to a junior high school has been

According to a police statement, the officer used the Taser on three male students who volunteered

to be part of the classroom demonstration. Police say the officer was not authorized by the school, the district or the police department to do a

Taser demonstration. A parent later took one student to a hospital, where he was examined and released.

Quakes hit California desert but no damage reported COSO JUNCTION, Calif. (AP) — Several small

desert but there are no reports of damage or inju-The U.S. Geological Survey says a quake with a preliminary magnitude of 3.5 hit at 4:10 a.m. Thurs-

earthquakes have shaken the eastern California

day and was followed within 90 minutes by three others measuring 3.2, 3.2 and 3.4. The temblors were centered about 6 miles south-

east of Coso Junction in Inyo County and about 18 miles north of Ridgecrest in Kern County.

A dispatcher with the Inyo County Sheriff's Department says there are no reports of dam-

The standards aren't ex-

pected to get a final vote until

March. Squabbles over how

much prominence to give civil

rights leaders such as Cesar

Chavez and the inclusion of

Christmas have been smoothed

have newcomers. When

we got organized, it was

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Bacilisa "Bessie" Lara. 58, died Sunday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

James Lee Lloyd, 67, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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AUSTIN (AP) — New history

standards that will determine

what Texas public school stu-

dents will be learning for the

next decade are coming up for

Committees of teachers and

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Arts. It's still going strong, though a couple of the most active members passed on last year.

SCIENCE

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mediate Division: Ryane Colette, second; Remy Colette, first. • Microbiology — In-

- Division: termediate Gilbert Garcia, third; Erin Wolf, first. · Physics and Astron-
- omy Intermediate Division: Gabbie Trevino, third; Garret Wheeler, second; Amy Winters, first; Senior Division: Destiny Currie, second.
- Plant Sciences In-

Members meet at 9:30 brown bag lunch and Mary's Episcopal Church. The meetings wrap up around 2 or 3 p.m. usually.

brings "Everybody something they are working on. Anyone is welcome. We bring a

Brianna Kight, first.

• Team — Intermediate Division: Alex Franco and David Gonzales, third; Kinsey Wash and Juliette Alvarez, second; David Williams and Carlos Ross, first; Senior Division: Julian Rodriguez and Jacob Wylie, second.

termediate Division: Mikela Biddison, second;

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sion — Stevi Ward, third; Trace Telchik,

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a.m. each Friday at stay until early afternoon," Money said.

Texas board expected to take first vote on history curriculum

posal that will be up for consid-

eration by the State Board of

Education on Thursday. Doz-

ens of amendments and ideo-

Whichever curriculum stan-

dards the board chooses will be

the guideposts for teaching his-

logical battles are expected.

Club members also participate in various projects and during Christmastime, for instance, gave comforters to the Big Spring Fire Department for victims

second; Tucker Durham, first.

• Senior Division — Chanel Cuviello, third; Brady Weber, second; Hannah Weber, first.

- Best Display Erin Pollard.
- Edison Thomas Award — Tyler Stromberg.

Howard College Awards Kentwood Elementa-

- ry Quade Creswell. • Bauer Elementary —
- Brian Dominguez.
- Moss Elementary Trinady Joslin and Gabi

Age of the Guild members ranges from the 40s to the 80s but anyone of any age is welcome. The group openly welcomes everyone from the firsttime quilter to the most experienced.

"We're very pleased to

Gomez.

• Marcy Elementary

 Sidney Evans. Washington ementary — Autumn Guidry.

- Fifth Grade Nina Claire.
- Sixth Grade Remy
- Colette. Seventh Grade — Teodora Arguello.
- Eighth Grade Amy Winters. Senior Division —
- Hannah Weber.

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road, I had the opportunity to see a lot of cars of just about every make, model, size and color. I saw drivers who seemed to panic while others laughed. I watched children get out and carry snowballs back to their cars. I witnessed drivers, who were courteous while others were rude.

While spending five hours traveling from Eastland to Abilene on an icy

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While watching the cars and travelers, I was reminded of a simple truth: We are all going somewhere. Where are you traveling on the road of life? "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Matthew 7:13-14).

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OTHER VIEWS

Misguided

congressional economics

ongressmen should act like physicians when they tend the national economy — and first do no harm. ✓ But over and over again, legislative prescriptions imposed by policymakers in Washington have poisoned the economy. Take the Biomass Crop Assistance Program, a half-billion-dollar subsidy program included in the 2008 farm bill. The provision encourages sawmills and lumber companies to sell their "waste" for conversion into biofuels.

What was overlooked was that some "waste" — like sawdust — was actually being sold, in this case to composite wood manufacturers. They make panels for home entertainment centers and kitchen cabinets.

In other words, this waste was not being wasted. But with the subsidies, the Washington Post reported, sawmills can get twice as much selling it for biofuel as they can by selling it to their traditional buyers.

By subsidizing the biomass industry, Congress jeopardized the composite panel industry, which had 21,000 employees and \$7.9 billion in sales in 2006.

The program was intended to convert waste for which there is no market — such as corn by the Honduran military, Ortega replaced, Ortega vowed to decide husks — and sawdust, which sells at \$45 a dry ton. The subsidies amount to \$45 a ton. doubling what a sawmill can get for its sawdust.

The biomass subsidy, by doubling the market price of what the composite panel industry needs, could do great harm to that industry.

Is that what Congress intended?

No, but that is what it recklessly did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

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

Nicaragua at a crossroads

icaraguan President Daniel Ortega already has learned his lesson. When he played by the rules in 1990, he was booted out of office. And he is not about to do that again!

Nowadays, Ortega will break any rule and violate any constitutional boundary as long as he can prolong his stay in power and turn Nicaragua's democracy back into his communist dictatorship of the



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When they elected \equiv Ortega again in 2006 — after he had been out of power for about 17 years — the Nicaraguan people should have known better. After all, in the years since Ortega's previous presidency, a playbook on staying in power — by rewriting the constitution and extending term limits — had been written by other Latin American leftist demagogues. Nicaraguans should have known that Ortega would try to follow the model established by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

And that's precisely what he is doing! By placing members of his Sandinista party in key decisionmaking positions, he has been getting the courts and electoral commission to rubber-stamp his power-grabbing violations of the Nicaraguan Constitution.

Because it worked for Chavez as well as for Bolivian President Evo Morales and Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa — Ortega obviously figures that it should work for him, too. After all, he already has experience as a leftist dictator, and he has been earning credentials as a U.S. hater ever since he fought in the Nicaraguan civil war of the 1970s against U.S.backed government forces. The Chavez playbook for bending the rules to stay in power is the only thing Ortega was lacking when he lost the presidency in 1990. And he doesn't want to make that mistake again!

Only the Honduran people have been able to stop a democratically elected president who was following the Chavez model on becoming an elected dictator. And because the legal and necessary ouster of former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was botched

apparently feels that in neighboring Nicaragua, he can get away with anything.

In Honduras, Zelaya got into trouble for defying Supreme Court rulings on term limits. But in Nicaragua in October, Ortega got the Supreme Court's Sandinista-dominated "constitutional commission" to overturn a ban on consecutive re-election, allowing Ortega to run again in 2011.

It was clearly a dirty backroom maneuver. Other judges, who were not present for that vote, said that they felt the decision was politically manipulated, that it needed to be approved by the full Supreme Court, but that, at this point, it could not be over-

Being the shameless cynic that he is, Ortega actually claimed that by doing away with term limits, the manipulated Supreme Court vote "re-established the fundamental principle of democracy and struck a blow against the dictatorship of those who have wanted to destroy democracy."

It's straight out of the Chavez playbook. These populist leftist demagogues have the gall to claim they are fighting for democracy while violating its most basic constitutional principles. They have the audacity to condemn dictatorships, while everyone can see that it is they who are becoming dictators. Although the Nicaraguan

National Assembly last month approved a resolution rejecting the manipulated Supreme Court decision, the lawmakers left it up to Nicaragua's Supreme Electoral Council to decide. Unfortunately, this electoral commission also is dominated by Sandinistas, and they have said they support the Supreme Court's decision.

Opposition leaders were left only with the hope of replacing pro-Ortega electoral commissioners, whose terms expire this year, with people who support Nicaragua's ban on consecutive re-election and reject Ortega's power grab.

However, on Saturday, Ortega shamelessly issued a decree that could extend the terms of the very same commission members who support his controversial bid for re-election. Because the legislature — split between his supporters and opponents — has been unable to agree on whether the commission members should be

for them.

"To avoid a power vacuum, the terms will be extended ... if Congress does not name new authorities or ratify the existing (authorities)," Ortega said at a Saturday event, where he gave lawmakers only until February to make up their minds.

Of course, by usurping legislative powers, Ortega is overstepping his constitutional boundaries and putting Nicaraguan legislators in the same position in which Honduran lawmakers found themselves last year, when they were left no choice but to support Zelaya's ouster.

It's happening now in Nicaragua, where a group of lawmakers reacted to Ortega's weekend presidential decree by calling for his impeachment to stop him from becoming a dictator.

"According to the Constitution, President Ortega can be declared incapacitated to continue governing the country (now that he's shown) he can't even follow the most basic attribution of a chief of state, which is to comply with the Constitution and the laws," declared a statement issued Sunday by the opposition Nicaraguan Democratic Bloc.

Nicaraguans are at a crossroads, and those who trample over constitutions are trying to force them to turn left.

Huge questions need answers. Will Nicaraguans follow Honduras' courageous example by sanctioning their president for his violations of their constitution? Will they stop Ortega's illegal power grab and deal another blow to the so-called Bolivarian Revolution, which is turning democra cies into socialist dictatorships? Or will they cave in to the Chavez model and allow Ortega to make a mockery of their courts, their constitution and their democ-

At the crossroads between constitutional democracy and socialist dictatorship — even when the traffic signs are misleading, even when dictators claim to be democrats — let's hope the Nicaraguan people find a way to steer to the

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Lights, camera, action

he federal trial of Prop 8 — the California antigav marriage amendment whose constitutionality is currently being challenged — was about to be a grand experiment

in televised trials until the Supreme Court abruptly pulled the plug Monday morning. The court said it needed more time to consider the arguments made by Prop 8 supporters that televising the trial could lead to intimidation of witnesses. So the cameras, which were to record the trial for delayed



Estrich

least temporarily turned off. In theory, I'm a big supporter of cameras in the courtroom because I think the public has a right to see what goes on inside courtrooms. I also believe they

rebroadcast on YouTube, are at

should see what goes on because they could learn something. Judge Judy has nothing on some of the judges I've appeared of the time, when I go to court,

in front of, in terms of brains and wit, not to mention smarts. Most what impresses me is how good the judges are, how good all of us are, really, when we stand up to make our case, using law and logic as our weapons and abiding by decisions we disagree with because we do.

Oh, there are plenty of exceptions, and the lawyers reading this are probably already listing them. But my theory on that is that the guys (and gals) who

we all know are completely out of line wouldn't do it for the cameras. I used to bring my law students to the courts in Cambridge on days when friends had big (and unpopular) arguments to make to ensure that the judge would at least hear them out. Cameras would do that, too.

Of course, there's a difference between principle and practice. Much as I love the idea of cameras in the courtroom, there are obviously cases where they don't belong. Gang prosecutions are not the only ones where the danger of witness intimidation is real.

If the opponents of Prop 8 had been half as successful in the campaign as they were in its aftermath, or half as tough and brutal, depending on your perspective, the initiative would not have passed. Anyone in any business in any way dependent on the gay community or their friends would have to think twice — or more — before contributing to Prop 8. Or testifying in favor of it.

Trials are not classrooms. They are temples of the truth. And if we do not always live up to that, getting to the truth remains the thing we are supposed to do above all. That's why, educational as a trial may be, if televising it gets in the way of getting to the truth, the cameras should go.

I understand that people behave in very unnatural ways when a camera is on. The hardest thing to do is to be natural, or at least look it, because most people go into these heightened states that do not always become them. I'm not worried about judges grandstanding — in district courts,

the ones who want to don't need

cameras to do it, and on the appellate courts, the other judges can handle it. My concern is witnesses who play to the cameras and, even more, witnesses with something to say who are afraid of the public repercussions of doing so. If they get in the way of the truth

the cameras should go. So which is it in San Francisco? This is not a case where we need testimony from witnesses afraid of gang retaliation or from members of organized crime or from the victims of sexual assault. This is one of those rare cases where the purpose of the trial is to create a "factual" record, which will then be the basis of arguments in the higher courts, as well.

That record includes the testimony of Harvard professors about the Biblical record on marriage, as well as that of couples about the impact of the law on them. No one is forcing people to testify. Those who do so presumably believe they have something to contribute to that record.

The fear that witnesses on the Prop 8 side will be publicly attacked for testifying is one that every conservative talk-show host in America — whose combined audiences far exceed that of this trial — will be standing guard to protect against. I'd let the cameras roll.

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News in brief

Haitians struggle to help each other amid devastation of quake

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Turning pickup trucks into ambulances and doors into stretchers, Haitians are frantically struggling to save those injured in this week's earthquake while hoping foreign governments will quickly send in aid.

Help began arriving early Thursday when an Air

Help began arriving early Thursday when an Air China plane carrying a Chinese search-and-rescue team, medics and aid landed at Port-au-Prince airport, and more than 50 people in orange jumpsuits got out accompanied by trained dogs.

The U.S. and other nations said they were sending food, water and medical supplies to assist the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, where the international Red Cross estimated 3 million people—a third of the population—may need emergency relief.

In the streets of the capital, survivors set up camps amid piles of salvaged goods, including food being scavenged from the rubble.

"This is much worse than a hurricane," said Jimitre Coquillon, a doctor's assistant working at a makeshift triage center set up in a hotel parking lot. "There's no water. There's nothing. Thirsty people are going to die."

Awaiting a call, a tweet, a message from loved ones in Haiti agony for U.S. relatives

MIAMI (AP) — Alourrde Pierre stood inside a Little Haiti community center, wringing her hands as she waited for news of her parents and 15 siblings in Port-au-Prince. Her children ask what happened to their grandmother, but she has no answer.

"It is so hard not knowing," said 37-year-old Pierre. "What can we do?"

It is a scene replaying countless times among the roughly 800,000 people in the U.S. of Haitian descent, desperate for any morsel of information about loved ones on the earthquake-devastated nation. Feverish calls, texts and e-mails largely go unanswered as the distraught try to muster a reason to hope as bodies pile up on Haiti's streets.

At a Brooklyn bus stop, 30-year-old Oneil Laurent sobs as he talks of his father, who he's been unable to reach. At the Prestige Barber Shop in Miami, the usual morning chatter was eclipsed by the drone of news updates on the earthquake and the heavy silence of relatives waiting for the worst. And in Evanston, Ill., cab driver Anel Calixte watched CNN at Sweet Nick's Caribbean restaurant, unable to focus on anything but the tragedy.

Obama, Democrats tout

'significant progress' on health careWASHINGTON (AP) — Striving to close the deal

on health care, President Barack Obama planned a trip to Capitol Hill on Thursday to urge rankand-file House Democrats to yield on key issues still standing in the way of a historic legislative achievement.

Obama's late afternoon visit comes amid intense White House negotiations with Democratic leaders aimed at settling core differences between the House and Senate that must be resolved before the sweeping overhaul legislation can pass.

Public support for the health care remake continues to drop, perhaps in part because of the messy debate in Congress, and lawmakers are feeling the press of other issues, from unemployment to ballooning budget deficits.

Late Wednesday, Obama and senior Democrats emerged from marathon health care talks with a declaration that they had made tough gains — but no deal just yet. The same group of leaders was to meet again at the White House on Thursday, pressing for the framework of an agreement within days.

House Democrats are uneasy over concessions they are being asked to make to preserve the 60 votes needed to pass the bill in the Senate. That includes dropping the government-run insurance option liberals have fought for and accepting some form of a tax on high-cost health insurance plans adamantly opposed by many House Democrats and by labor unions.

China: Web companies welcome but must obey law

BEIJING (AP) — In China's first official response to Google's threat to leave the country, the government Thursday said foreign Internet companies are welcome but must obey the law and gave no

hint of a possible compromise over Web censor-ship.

Foreign ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu, without mentioning Google by name, said Beijing prohibits e-mail hacking, another issue cited by the company. She was responding to questions about Google at a regular ministry briefing.

"China's Internet is open," Jiang said. "China welcomes international Internet enterprises to conduct business in China according to law."

Google said Tuesday it would stop censoring search results in China and might shut down its China-based Google.cn site, citing attempts to break into accounts on its Gmail service used by human rights activists.

Holder to tell meltdown panel Justice is using 'every tool' to fight financial crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday will tell a panel investigating the financial crisis that the Justice Department is using "every tool at its disposal" to fight the financial crimes that contributed to the meltdown and could cause another.

According to prepared remarks, Holder will say the fight against economic crime is part of a broader strategy to "foster confidence in our financial system, integrity in our markets and prosperity for the American people."

Holder will highlight the work of a new, interagency Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force created by President Barack Obama to coordinate efforts between the Justice Department and other agencies.

The task force will focus on mortgage and seem

The task force will focus on mortgage and securities fraud, theft of federal stimulus money and financial exploitation of minority communities, Holder has said. He has said it will help restore confidence in the financial markets.

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, a 10-member bipartisan panel, will also hear from FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro, as well as state regulators.

Army, intel officials say suspected U.S. missiles kill 12 in Pakistani region

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Suspected U.S. missiles killed at least 12 alleged militants Thursday in a compound formerly used as a religious school in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, officials said, the eighth such attack in two weeks.

The strike illustrated the Obama administration's unwillingness to abandon its missile campaign against insurgent targets along Pakistan's northwest border with Afghanistan. Despite Pakistani protest, the attacks have surged in number in recent days.

Nearly all the attacks in recent months have focused on North Waziristan, a segment of Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal belt where militant networks focused on battling the U.S. and NATO in Afghanistan are based. Some of those militants are believed to have been involved in a late December attack that killed seven CIA employees in eastern Afghanistan.

It's a region that the Pakistani military has been wary of treading, partly because groups based there have not directly threatened the Pakistani state. The army has struck truces with some of them to keep them out of its battle against the Pakistani Taliban — who have attacked Pakistan in numerous ways — in neighboring South Waziristan.

AP source: Obama will announce bank fees to retrieve bailout money

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to announce a new fee Thursday on the country's biggest financial firms to recover up to \$120 billion in taxpayers' money used to prop up corporations during the economic crisis, a senior administration official said.

In proposing a multiyear levy on big banks, Obama is targeting an industry whose political deafness has vexed his administration. Banks once threatened by the undertow of a Wall Street collapse are now posting profits and proposing robust bonuses for their executives.

The official who described the administration's plans was not authorized to discuss the fee publicly and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The \$120 billion recovery goal is the most that administration officials expect to lose from the government's \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program that bailed out banks, automakers and other financial firms.

Archaeologists find prehistoric building in modern Israeli city of Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — When Tel Aviv marked its centennial last year, part of the festivities honoring 100 years since the founding of the first modern Hebrew city included restoration of its oldest buildings.

Now, thanks to a chance archaeological find, the residents of Tel Aviv have discovered that their city dates back millennia earlier.

Two weeks ago, Israeli archaeologists uncovered

Two weeks ago, Israeli archaeologists uncovered the 8,000-year-old remains of a prehistoric structure nestled away in the upscale neighborhood of Ramat Aviv. The cornerstone of the ancient building, which lies on a construction site for exclusive apartments, long precedes the time of Abraham and the rest of the Bible's figures.

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By Steve Becker

Bridge Is a Logical Game

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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The bidding:

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The bidding:

South West North Pass 2 ♦ ** Pass 2 ♦ ** Pass 6 ♥

* strong, artificial

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Bridge is a logical game. True, you have streaks of good or bad luck from time to time — depending mostly on the good or bad cards you and your partner hold — but in the long run the luck evens out, and the ability to reason well becomes the decisive factor.

Here is a good example of sound reasoning in both the bidding and play. South bids six hearts almost single-handedly, even though he realizes that if his partner holds the

wrong hand, the slam may go down

Yet South should assume that he

is a strong favorite to make the slam, as there are many more hands North can have that will produce 12 tricks than there are that will yield only 11.

For example, North might have either the queen of hearts or queen of clubs, or a singleton or doubleton club, or four or five small hearts —

and South would certainly want to be in a slam in all of those cases. He therefore bids the slam, even though he would not bet the family homestead on making it.

South also plays the hand with equal assurance. He wins the club lead with the king, cashes the ace of

lead with the king, cashes the ace of diamonds and then leads the jack of trumps! This unusual play guarantees the contract. In the actual deal, West can do no better than take the jack of hearts with the queen, establishing dummy's eight as an entry, and declarer later discards his club loser on the king of diamonds to make the slam.

Playing the heart jack before cashing the ace and/or king assures the contract against any lie of the opposing trumps. Observe that if declarer were to play one top trump before playing the jack, he would fail if either opponent held all four trumps and refused to take the queen. Leading the jack first allows declarer to play the ten next in that eventuality.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Kids won't accept wife-to-be

Dear Annie: I am 56 and have a 45-year-old brother, "Bruce." Although I was close to him, he and my mother never got along, and when Bruce married, he ceased all communications with the family. He showed up for our parents' funerals, but Mom died two years ago, and I haven't heard from Bruce since.

I recently e-mailed him to ask whether he wanted a ring that had belonged to our father. I received no response. Bruce and his wife have one daughter. Since she is my niece, I send gifts and cards on her birthday and Christmas, as well as small gifts and cards to my brother and his wife. In return, they send us their annual photocopied Christmas newsletter.

If not for my niece, who is now 9, I wouldn't bother having any contact at all. I think it is important for her to know she has family who love her on her father's side, too. What do you think? — Sheila

Dear Sheila: Your brother, in his own small way, is maintaining contact. And on the assumption that you receive some type of thankyou note from your niece or her parents, we hope you will continue to send cards and gifts. You are a caring aunt and it shows, even to your brother. You never know what will happen down the road.

Dear Annie: I am an 81-year-old man in good health. My wife died more than a year ago. The last three years of our marriage were hell. She was going to file for divorce, but became sick, went into the hospital and never came out. She died there.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Recently, I began dating a woman I have known for 10 years. I am 15 years older than she is. She has been fighting cancer a long time and is doing well. We are going to be married soon, and all of my friends are thrilled. However, my three middle-aged children refuse to accept her.

I love this woman very much, and she loves me. I know marrying her is the right thing for both of us. But I don't know what to do about my kids rejecting her. Please help. — Don

Dear Don: Your children lost their mother a year ago, and they are still grieving. They also may not have been aware that she was planning to divorce you, or they may be in denial about how miserable you were. Kids, even adult ones, tend to assume their parents will work things out eventually. Try talking to them. Say you love them, but this woman makes you happy and you hope they will eventually be more accepting. Don't push them, but please continue to invite them over, see them often (even without your new wife) and maintain a relationship. They can't become more comfortable with your

new situation unless they are routinely exposed to it.

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "Concerned Daughter," whose mother drinks too much.

I'm 18 and just left for college, and my mother has been an alcoholic since I was 10. While she once tried to get sober, it did not last for more than a few months. I have accepted that you cannot get an alcoholic to admit alcoholism unless he or she wants to, and the only way to cope is to teach oneself coping mechanisms. For me, the only way is to completely detach myself emotionally from my mother.

I offer support to "Concerned Daughter" and encourage her to find support with friends and family members. I may never have a decent relationship with my mother, and this is her fault, and I have accepted it. Instead, I have wonderful relationships with my father, relatives and friends. It's difficult to deal with, especially in my teen years, but it has made me stronger. I wish her all the best, while warning her that a loving relationship with her mother may prove impossible. — BTDT

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Odds & Ends

N.C. officers find pot growing in buried school bus

KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — An undercover drug buy led North Carolina detectives to an underground marijuana garden in a buried school bus.

Multiple media outlets reported Thursday the Lenoir

County Sheriff's Office had been looking for the source of the marijuana for three years and had been flying over the area with a helicopter.

Then sheriff's narcotics officers bought several pounds of not in a recent undergover buy. Set Eddie Eubenka save of

pot in a recent undercover buy. Sgt. Eddie Eubanks says officers traced the pot to a rural residence.

A search dog fell through a camouflaged trap door leading

down to a full-length school bus buried 8 feet under a backyard tool shed.

Deputies seized 68 plants, each 4 feet tall and weighing

about 35 pounds. Eubanks says the plants were worth about \$40,000.

Three people have been arrested.

Tobogganing bobbies scolded for riot-shield rides

LONDON (AP) — Some British bobbies have been reprimanded after they used their riot shields as makeshift sleds during the country's cold snap.

A passer-by filmed the bobbies goofing around on a snowy

hill in Oxford and posted the clip on YouTube. It shows a policeman barreling downhill while another shouts, "Whatever happens, keep smiling!"

Rick Latham, who filmed the scene on Tuesday, said he

was pleasantly surprised by the officers' actions. He thought they were going to scold him for trying to slide down the hill in a kayak.

Thames Valley Police Superintendent Andrew Murray

said Thursday he had told the officers "that tobogganing on duty, on police equipment and at taxpayers' expense is a very bad idea."

But he added that snow brings "out the child in all of us."

New York City's 'skinniest' house sells for \$2.1M

NEW YORK (AP) — A town house dubbed New York City's skinniest house has sold for \$2.1 million.

The red, $9\frac{1}{2}$ foot wide, 42 foot long brick building in Greenwich Village was built in 1873 on land used as an alley between homes. The town house was listed for sale last August at \$2.7 million. The two bedroom, two bath home last sold in 2000 for \$1.6 million.

A plaque on the narrow Bedford Street home notes poet Edna St. Vincent Millay once lived there; so did anthropologist Margaret Mead.

The newly-sold building was listed on real estate Web sites Wednesday as a rental available for \$10,000 a month. An email seeking comment from the listed rental agent Wednesday was not immediately returned.

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Hawks to host NMJC in WJCAC home opener



Carlos Emory dunks at home Nov. 2. Howard hosts NMJC tonight.

Herald Staff Report

The WCJAC hoops slate is getting into full swing tonight as the Howard College Hawks prepare for their home opener at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks host New Mexico Junior College tonight in a men's and women's doubleheader starting at 5:45 p.m.

The women, coming off a 51-44 loss to South Plains on Monday

in Levelland, will ing off a conference look to right the ship tonight against the Thunderbirds.

The Hawks got off to a slow start shooting the ball Monday, which they hope their home bucket will fix.

Season leading scorer Tasha Tubbs was ice cold in that game, shooting 2-of-18 from the floor. As a team, the Hawks shot just 27 percent for the game.

New Mexico is com-

win over Clarendon on the road. The Lady Thunderbirds are 9-6 on the season.

The Lady Thunderbirds are led by guard Samantha O'Shields, a 3-point specialist who averages almost 11 points per game.

Hawk men, The meanwhile, are flying high after a solid 59-47 road victory over the South Plains Texans.

The Hawks will try to get forward Jae Crowderinvolved against the Thunderbirds, who was shut down by frequent double teams against the Texans. He finished 1-of-6 from the floor with six points Monday.

Josh Watkins and Carlos Emory will try to build off their Monday performances. The duo combined for 37 points against South Plains.

New Mexico is 14-3 on the year after opening conference play with a win against New Mexico Military Institute on Monday.

The Thunderbirds are led by 6-6 center Nick Waddell, who is averaging 11 points per game and shooting 55 percent from the field on the season.

He will likely match up against Crowder, who is also the Haws' leading rebounder.

Phillips is Dallas D's 'Mr. Fix It'

Associated Press

IRVING — Early in his tenure with the Dallas Cowboys, Wade Phillips declared himself "Mr. Fix-It" for the defense. Two years later, his unit still had serious flaws.

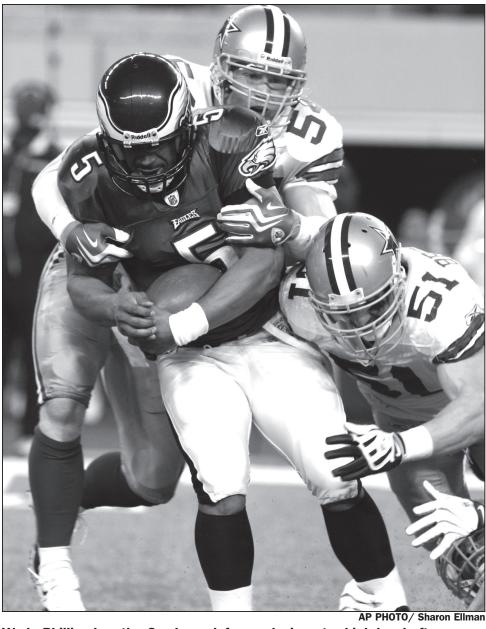
So team owner Jerry Jones ratcheted up the pressure going into this season, the last of Phillips' contract. Jones made Phillips the defensive coordinator and they agreed to overhaul the lineup — five new starters, dumping several notable players and plugging in younger guys already here and some old favorites signed as free agents.

The fact the Cowboys are playing a secondround playoff game against Minnesota on Sunday is the first hint things have worked out quite well.

Dig deeper and the facts are even more impressive.

Dallas hasn't allowed a 300-yard passer since the second week of the season and hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher all season. Over the last five games, the Cowboys have allowed a total of six touchdowns. Only two were in the first half, helping the offense get ahead and stay ahead; they haven't trailed in their last four

"We play our techniques well, we execute and we don't allow big



Wade Phillips has the Cowboys defense playing at a high level after taking over the coordinator duties this season. The defense was gutted at the start of the season, making way for five new starters.

plays," defensive end Igor Olshansky said. "I think that's a big part of it — don't allow big plays and make them

earn every inch." Bottom line: It's fixed. "Ithinkwe'vejustbeen consistent," Phillips

said Wednesday. "It's

just being solid in so many areas."

The defense also has managed to pull off the coaches' dream of getting better as the season goes along, and peaking at the right time. A lot of it goes back to

and how well they've blended with holdovers such as pass-rush specialist DeMarcus Ware, nimble nose tackle Jay Ratliff and inside linebacker Bradie James, the captain.

those five new starters See DALLAS, Page 12

Tech falls to Missouri at home in overtime

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Marcus Denmon and Kim English scored 20 points each to lead Missouri to a 94-89 win over Texas Tech in overtime Wednesday night.

The Tigers scored on their first five possessions in overtime to go up 90-86. The Red Raiders pulled within 90-89 on a 3-point play by Brad Reese with 1:01 to go. But Michael Dixon hit four free throws to seal it for Missouri (14-3, 2-0 Big 12).

The game went into overtime after Texas Tech scored 13 points in the final 1:01, including two 3-pointers by Reese, one by Nick Okorie and a layup by Mike Singletary to pull the Red Raiders within 79-77 with 25.5 seconds remaining.

John Roberson hit two free throws with 15.8 seconds left to tie it 79-79 and force overtime.

Roberson scored 25 points — all in the second half — to lead the Red Raiders (12-4, 0-2).

The Tigers had six players in double figures; Texas Tech had

The Red Raiders went to the 3-pointer late to get back into the game. They shot 20 3s in the second half.

Roberson was 4 of 10 from beyond the arc, and the team finished 12 of 27 from 3-point range.

Reese hit a 3-pointer with 1:01 remaining in regulation before Theron Jenkins stole Missouri's inbound pass and found Reese wide open for another 3 to pull the Red Raiders within 74-72.

Denmon and Keith Ramsey hit three free throws between them to make it 77-72 before Okorie's 3-pointer made it 77-75 with 37.5 seconds left in regulation.

English sank two free throws to put the Tigers up 79-75 before Singletary hit his layup to make it 79-77. That's when Roberson hit his two free throws to send it into overtime.

Reese hit on 5-of-6 from 3-point range to finish with 20 points.

Tuberville names OC

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville has hired Troy's Neal Brown to be his offensive coordinator and keep the spread offense running for the Red Raiders.

The 29-year-old Brown spent the last four seasons with Troy, including the last two as quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator. He was the youngest offensive coordinator in major college football.

Last year, the Trojans ranked third in the nation in total offense (485.6 yards per game) and fourth in passing (335 ypg).

No. 1 Texas survives scare at Iowa State, notches 1st Big 12 win

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Texas reached No. 1 for the first time in school history without having to lean too heavily on highly touted freshman Avery Bradley.

Bradley seems ready to play a much larger role for the loaded Longhorns — as he did in their first win as a top-ranked team on Wednesday night.

Bradley scored 24 points, including 16 in the second half, and topranked Texas overcame its first Big 12 road test of the season by beating Iowa State 90-83 Wednesday night.

Damion James added 23 points and 14 rebounds for the unbeaten Longhorns (16-0, 2-0), who opened the second half with a 16-4 run and never trailed again.

"I just feel like I'm getting more comfortable playing with my teammates. I'm just learning the game in college," Bradley said. "It's more my teammates trusting me and believing in me and them getting me the ball when I'm open. And when they did, I just made the shot."

Over and over again. Bradley, who had a career-high 29 points in

a win over Colorado on Saturday, shot 10 of 14 from the floor and added six assists, six rebounds, three steals — and no turnovers.

He's shot 22 of 28 from the field in his last two games, including all seven 3-pointers.

"Avery just keeps getting better and better, and what he does, he really works hard on both ends of the floor," Texas See TEXAS, 12

coach Rick Barnes said. "He's obviously playing extremely well offensively, but the reason he's out there (is) because he has become a guy that really defends."

Marquis Gilstrap had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Iowa State (11-5, 0-1), which lost its 16th straight to ranked opponents since 2006.



J'Covan Brown goes to the basket Wednesday night in Ames.

Sports in brief

Coahoma softball players invited for alumni game

All Coahoma Bulldogette softball alumni are invited to join in the 8th annual Coahoma softball alumni game scheduled for Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

The game will be played at the Coahoma High School field as the Bulldogettes 2010 season open-

Call Amy Dunn at 268-3228 or e-mail at adunn@ coahoma.esc18.net for more information.

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

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

Little League to elect officers

The Big Spring Little League will be having an organizational meeting for 2010 to elect officers for the upcoming year.

The meeting will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Big Spring Herald.

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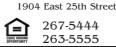
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Today features the new moon in Capricorn and a solar eclipse. The energy settles around our public personae. Our fantasies about how others see us will be quite informative. It will be helpful to think about the steps we could take to bridge the gap between how we'd like others to see us and how are actually we perceived.

ARIES (March 21-April You'll feel 19). connection with someone from a distance. This isn't a sign

that you should try to get to the other person. You can deepen the connection just by wondering about what makes it so.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You were born innocent, and in many ways you are innocent still. Embrace that. Though it may be fun to discover how the magic trick works, it's far more fun to believe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be an excellent judge of character, but the question is whether you will follow what your inner voice suggests. In order to do so, you must let go of needing the situation to go a certain way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a greater effect on those around you than you realize. Try to see it. If you can be more aware of your effect on others, you will realize the perfect next step in your plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). First take the time to decide what will be the best thing to focus on. Then get to work. You through will break another restriction. It's a small victory, but it's an important one — a signal of things to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ask for introductions. A friend who shares his or her connections with you is sharing one of the most valuable assets of all. Be sure to show your appreciation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mind readers will be scarce. Ask for what you want. You'll be surprised at who can deliver it. It's not who you think. Tonight, a friend's excellent sense of timing will favorably affect you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may seem that you are being held back from tasting the fruits you so deserve. The best person to remove the spiritual obstruction in your path is you. Tell it to go. Believe in your own powers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be the top dog. It means you have to make decisions for the rest of the pack. This requires almost no mental effort for you. It's simply a matter of using your instincts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll indulge someone in a one-sided conversation. You won't mind hearing this person go on and on about him or herself. And in the

end, you'll learn something truly interesting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-You'll Feb. 18). presented with tempting opportunity that sounds a little too good to be true. Indeed, there's something unscrupulous about the arrangement. caution Your warranted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though your working philosophy is in line with the thinking of many others in your field, some of your methods are quite unorthodox. That's why you'll get some extra and fantastic attention today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDÂY (Jan. 14). You have a secret wish to rise to the top position in your sphere, and this year will ready you for that eventual responsibility. Assistance, knowledge and resources come to you over the next seven weeks. Love is your priority in April. You'll be elevated by a quest in June. Investment brings fortune good September. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 51, 29, 17 and 32.

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QUESTIONS: "Is a solar eclipse a good or bad omen in astrology? I was born during one. believe that no omen is inherently good or bad. The astrological aspects iust are, and our interpretation of them creates an effect that we either like or dislike to degrees. varying However, throughout ancient history, a solar eclipse has traditionally been interpreted as a negative omen understandably so. To primitive people, the idea of the sun going away, even for a few minutes, would gravely be distressing. "When is it coming back? It's kind of our everything!" In fact. there are documented cases of astrologers being executed for failing to predict a solar eclipse! The Greeks considered the sun going dark to be a sign that the gods were furious. And other cultures assumed that evil entities ate the sun. But there have also been cases where the solar eclipse was taken as a sign that it was time to stop a war. Since you were born under a solar eclipse, I would guess that you magnificently generous and selfless. You have the

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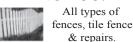
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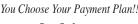
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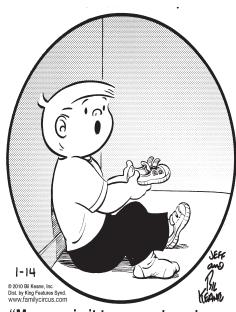
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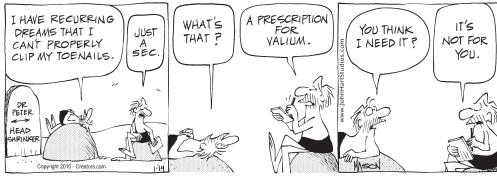
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2010. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.

On this date: In 1639, the first constitution

of Connecticut - the Fundamental Orders — was adopted.

In 1858, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, and his wife, Empress Eugenie, escaped an assassination attempt led by Italian revolutionary Felice Orsini, who was later captured and executed.

In 1898, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson — better knownas "Alice in Wonderland" creator Lewis Carroll — died in Guildford, Surrey, England, less than two weeks before his 66th birthday.

In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" had its world premiere

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French Gen. Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever. In 1969, 27 people aboard the

aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions. In 1970, Diana Ross and the

Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas. Today's Birthdays: CBS com-

mentator Andy Rooney is 91. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 74. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 73. Singer Jack Jones is 72. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 72. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 70.

Actress Fave Dunaway is 69. Actress Holland Taylor is 67. Actor Carl Weathers is 62. Singer-producer Burnett is 62. Movie writerdirector Lawrence Kasdan is 61. Newspaper columnist Maureen Dowd is 58. Rock singerGeoffTate(Queensryche) is 51. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 47. Actor Mark Addy is 46. Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 46. Rapper Slick Rick is 45. Actor Dan Schneider is 44. Actress Emily Watson is 43. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 43. Rock musician Zakk Wylde (Ozzy Osbourne Band) is 43. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 42. Actor Jason Bateman is 41.

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The learning curve was pretty small for the three veteran newcomers — Olshansky, inside linebacker Keith Brooking and safety Gerald Sensabaugh.

Olshansky played for Phillips in San Diego, and Brooking played for Phillips in Atlanta. Dallas uses pretty much the same 3-4 scheme Phillips has used everywhere else, so Olshansky and Brooking only needed to get comfortable with the guys around them.

Sensabaugh had no Phillips ties, but in Jacksonville he played for secondary coach Dave Campo and special teams

coach Joe DeCamillis. They were sure he'd be a good fit.

Outside linebacker Anthony Spencer and cornerback Mike Jenkins are the other new starters. Both are former firstround picks who were limited in previous years who got a chance when malcontents were swept out of the locker room.

It took time for the young guys to blossom, but they certainly have.

Jenkins actually didn't seize the starting job until late September, getting it partly by default because his competition, Orlando Scandrick, struggled. Yet Jenkins has certainly claimed the role, leading the club with five interceptions in the regular season

and another in last weekend's playoff game. He also had a team-best 23 passes defended in the regular season and four more in the playoffs.

"(Jenkins) is going to be a superstar in this league for a long time," Vikings QB Brett Favre said. Spencer was the king

of the near-miss the

first few months, with

an ugly zero on his stat line for sacks going into a Thanksgiving game against predecessor Greg Ellis and the Raiders. Spencer had two that day and has put up a total of seven the last seven games, including one in

the playoffs. "There's a lot of guys that have a lot of potential, but if they're not

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comfortable with the people that they're around, it's hard for them to fit in," Spencer said. "The group of guys we've got around here, they make it easy, they make it easy to fit in."

As each piece of the defensive puzzle snapped into place, the unit became tougher. When they held San

Diego to a season-low 20 points last month, the players began to realize what they were capable of. Although the Cowboys lost that game, the confidence carried over the following week for what proved to be the season's turning point — a victory at unbeaten New Orleans in which Dallas held the Saints to a season-low 17 points.

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The Cyclones cut the lead to 83-76 on LaRon Dendy's dunk with 3:03 left. But Texas ran a minute off the clock by controlling the boards, and Jai Lucas hit two free throws to make it 85-76.

Craig Brackins had 18 points and Lucca Staiger had 17 for the Cyclones, who shot just 1 of 10 from 3-point range after a scorching first half from beyond the arc.

Iowa State buried six of its first nine 3-pointers to jump ahead 44-42. But the Longhorns erased a rare halftime deficit with their one of their trademark bursts, scoring 10 points in the opening 1:38

of the second half to go ahead 52-44.

Bradley kept the Cyclones at bay with three 3-pointers midway through the second half, and he followed Gary Johnson's turnaround with another 3 to put the Longhorns ahead 78-65 with 6:47 left.

While Bradley is just beginning a career he hopes will end in the record books, James etched his in Big 12 lore.

With his 14 rebounds, James became the Big 12's leader in career boards. He has 1,147 rebounds, breaking the mark of 1,143 set by former Kansas star Nick Collison.

"It's cool, I guess. But I don't really get into that type of stuff, man. I'm just all about this team," James said. "I plan on just crushing the record where nobody else can get it."

Iowa State entered the game in a midseason cri-

The Cyclones had won five of their last six, but needed two overtimes to get past Houston at home and was thumped by No. 8 Duke 86-65 in Chicago.

Cyclones coach Greg McDermott suspended talented freshman point guard Chris Colvin until at least February for a violation of team rules. Iowa State then finished non-conference play by squeaking past North Dakota State, 73-71, on Saturday.

The Cyclones became just the second team all season to stay within 10 points of the Longhorns,, the other being Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

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