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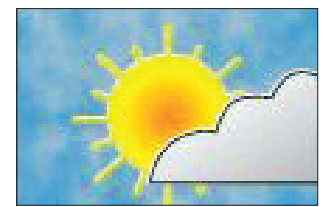
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**Big Spring motorists had to contend with foggy conditions for much of Tuesday, as evidenced by these vehicles traveling on Gregg Street. Weather may have been a contributing factor in a pair of accidents, which resulted in four people being transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.**

## Practicing the art of kindness

*CISD students, employees give from the heart ... again*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — For the third time in the past decade, the students and staff of Coahoma Elementary are reaching out to help those touched by disaster.

Spurred by the Coahoma Elementary Student Council, the campus raised more than \$3,000 to help victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Coahoma Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett said the student council, under the direction of sponsor Russ Mullins, made a presentation to the student body last week, and students and teachers responded by depositing their loose change in buckets at their respective classrooms.

Between Jan. 25 and Jan. 29, students responded in impressive fashion, collecting

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Bennett

## Puppies' plight shows dumping a major problem

**By BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Fourteen puppies found together along a cold, dusty road are an indication of how bad the animal dumping problem can get in Howard County, authorities say.

A passerby discovered the pups in and near a wire cage on a remote oil lease off of Cauble Road, south of Interstate 20 in late January. A Howard County Sheriff's deputy investigated and called Big Spring Animal Control, which collected the animals — described as an Australian Shepherd/Heeler mix. Two had died and another died a short time

later, leaving authorities with 11 puppies on their hands.

Dumping 14 puppies in the county at once is something of a rarity, authorities admit, but the act of dumping one or more is not.

"Unfortunately, it happens more often than people think," said Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker.

What frustrates Parker is that the animal shelter will take the animals if people no longer want them.

"We have an animal shelter that doesn't cost them a dime,"

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Courtesy photo

**These are among 14 dogs sheriff's office personnel say were dumped in Howard County near Cauble Road sometime around Jan. 26. Animal Control is hoping to find families for the puppies.**

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## Mom held in killing of sons

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 911 call led police to a home where officers found the bodies of two young boys whose mother was jailed Wednesday on charges of killing them.

Police Chief William McManus said the brothers, ages 1 and 3, had been stabbed.

The woman, 22, told officers "I just killed my babies" and she extended her arms to be handcuffed, appearing to be calm, according to McManus.

Bexar County Detention Center electronic records show that a woman whose address was on the same block as the home where the boys were found slain was in custody Wednesday facing two counts of capital murder of a child.

Police received an emergency call from the home around 5 p.m. Tuesday and discovered the boys, dressed and next to each other, on a bed, McManus said.

The children "looked like they

were sleeping," the police chief said.

Police made previous calls to the home for family violence, records show. The father was in custody on an immigration-related charge, McManus said.

Neighbor Betty Estrada, 48, said she saw the woman standing with police late Tuesday and noticed blood on her arms.

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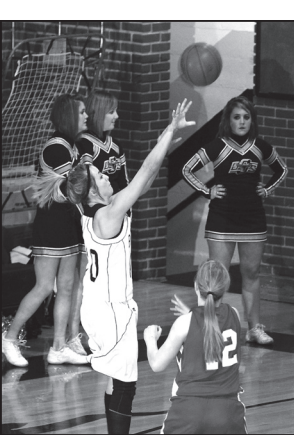
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# Lady Steers can't keep pace with Cooper



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**Senior Linzee Yarbar shoots Tuesday in her last home game.**

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers went into the locker room Tuesday night with another solid first half performance, but another frustrating third quarter blocked the Steers' elusive first district win again.

The Lady Steers were outscored 16-4 in the third frame as they fell 42-32 to Abilene Cooper at Steer Gym Tuesday

and remain winless in District 4-4A play.

Big Spring (7-16, 0-7) led for most of the first half in its last home game of the season, but the Lady Steers just can't seem to figure out the third period.

"Every team is going to make a run, and that was theirs," head coach Mike Warren said. "But if we can just withstand it, not make it such a big run, look at what we did in the fourth quar-

ter. I was so proud of our comeback."

The Lady Steers indeed made it interesting in the fourth. Big Spring closed the gap in the final frame with a 12-2 run in which four Lady Steers chipped in.

Diamond Mayes turned two offensive rebounds into four points, Bridgette Tuitt added a bucket and Valerie Ross scored off a steal during the stretch. Ross finished with

eight points off the bench to lead the Lady Steers. Tuitt and Mayes finished with six apiece.

"(Ross) went in there with something to prove and I was proud of her," Warren said. "She came off the bench and hit some shots."

Senior guard Hailey Smith and 6-foot-5 post Deprise Cravin did most of the damage for Cooper, scoring 17 and 15 points, respectively.

Big Spring slowed down Cooper's inside-out attack and hung with the Lady Cougars in the first half, leading by as many as six in the second quarter. But turnovers started to take their toll late in the first half and into the third quarter.

"It's not for lack of effort," Warren said. "Maybe they're pressing just a bit, getting a

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# CLAY MAKER

*Big Spring sweeps Cooper*

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**  
Sports Editor

It wasn't the usual cast of characters on display at Steer Gym Tuesday night, but Big Spring will take it.

Junior guard Tristian Clay scored 13 points to lead the Steers as they stayed firmly in the District 4-4A driver's seat Tuesday night with a 43-36 comeback win over Abilene Cooper.

"I was just getting a little frustrated," said Clay, who scored 12 of his 13 in the second half. "My shot wasn't falling, so I had to step it up."

Clay hit two opportunistic 3-pointers on assists from Adams, including one that gave Big Spring (14-10, 5-0) the lead at the start of the fourth quarter, and was effective when he got to the basket.

"Tristian Clay played huge," Steers coach Marcus Morris said. "He showed some real guts. He made a couple huge mistakes turning the ball over, but then he gathered himself and made a couple plays. I'm proud of him."

Trailing by four going into the final



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

**Tristian Clay shoots over an Abilene Cooper defender Tuesday at Steer Gym. Clay scored 13 points to lead the Steers to a sweep of Abilene Cooper, keeping the team perfect in district play.**

quarter, the Steer defense allowed just four points in the frame, all of which came in the final minute. Big Spring (14-11, 5-0), meanwhile, used a 10-0 fourth-quarter run to position itself for its fifth straight district win over the second-

place Cougars.

"It was a battle and we knew we were going to have one sometime," Steers coach Marcus Morris said. "They shadowed our two guards, and we were lucky to make some shots when we did."

The Steers also got a boost from post Xavian Parnell, who came up with nine rebounds to go with five points.

"Xavian Parnell is like a new player," Morris said. "He's everywhere. All of our

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# Forsan sweeps Iraan, girls control district

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — Amanda Longoria has been making up for lost time.

The Lady Buffs leading scorer and rebounder from last year, Longoria scored 23 points in her third game back in injury to lead Forsan past Iraan 74-15, its fourth straight District 7-A, Division I win, Tuesday at home.

"She is making a big difference for us," Forsan coach Robert Hillger said. "She gives us a big inside out presence, and she's conscious, she'll kick it out of a double team."

The Lady Buffs also carried six 3-pointers on the night from four different players,

including Longoria, all of which finished in double figures. Ambra Hill scored 15, Miramba Park had 11 and Kelsey Jones chipped in 10.

"We don't have to have guards make plays," Hillger said. "We can throw it in to her, and if they double-team, our guards on the outside can spot up and get ready."

The Lady Buffs' defense tightened up as the game wore on, allowing just four second-half points and none in the final quarter.

Forsan remains atop the District 7-A, Division I standings, one game up on rival Stanton, which the Lady Buffs beat last week.

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HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

**Former Steers sign with colleges on signing day at Big Spring High School. From left, Thaddeus Straughter, Steven Henry, Matt Ritchey and Kyler McGee all signed letters of intent Wednesday. See Thursday's Herald for a full story.**

# Hawk baseball beats Vernon 12-2

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — The Howard College Hawks baseball team earned its second win of the season Tuesday as it took down Vernon College 12-2 in Abilene.

Josh Ezernack tossed five scoreless innings, allowing only one hit, and the Hawk bullpen didn't allow a run until the final inning.

Nathan Burns went 3-for-4 with five RBI in the game, and Kevin Sah went 3-for-5 with three RBI and three runs. Chase Durham scored three runs as well.

Howard pounded out 15 hits in the eight-inning game, including 10 extra-base hits.

The Hawks scored one run in the first and steadily built a 7-0 lead going into a five-run

eighth inning.

Christian Mendoza tossed 2 1/3 innings in relief, giving up two hits and one run, and Carlton Patton shut the door in the ninth in a non-save situation.

The Hawks' home opener is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Jack Barber field. Two doubleheaders are set to begin at noon both days.

# Coahoma falls at Colorado City

Herald Staff Report

COLORADO CITY — The Coahoma Bulldogs have had a snake-bitten year.

Coahoma endured another close loss, 44-37, likely eliminating it from playoff contention at the hands of rival Colorado City on Tuesday in Colorado City.

Coahoma couldn't

overcome a slow start in which it scored just two first-quarter points.

"They came out and really got after us defensively," head coach Kim Nichols said. "We did a good job defensively too, we just couldn't get the ball in the bucket. I thought we were lucky just to keep it at 10."

The Bulldogs cut the lead to three at several points in the fourth

quarter but couldn't quite catch the Wolves.

"I don't know if we should be happy that we're playing these people close, but I don't believe in moral victories," Nichols said. "The kids played hard, it just didn't work out."

Josh Paniagua and Tanner Ruiz led the Bulldogs with 11

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# Sports in brief

## Tuesday's scores

Girls first, See 8B for Box Scores

Klondike 39, Sands 25  
Borden 62, McCamey 41  
Borden County 31, Grady 30  
Garden City 71, Westbrook 27

## Boys

Borden County 38, Grady 37  
Sands 68, Klondike 30  
Stanton 54, McCamey 34  
Garden City 64, Westbrook 15

## Big spring softball tourney needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament March 4-6.

The tournament needs community support to be a success. Banners will be displayed at the tournament for business owners who wish to support the tournament.

Call John Sparks for information at 270-2711.

## Big Spring Credit Unions foot bill for Thursday game

Admission is free to Howard College's matchup with South Plains Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, thanks to Big Spring area credit unions.

The Hawk women tipoff at 5:45 p.m., followed by the men at 7:45 p.m. The rodeo team will be introduced between games and the YMCA youth basketball teams will be introduced at halftime. See Friday's Herald for results.

## Obituaries

### Doris Jones



Doris Jones, 85, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, in Abilene. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with her son, Charles Jones, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with her grandson, Carey Jones, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born June 27, 1924, in Midland and married Varnie L. "Runt" Jones on June 6, 1942, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1998.

A longtime resident of Knott, she and her husband ran the Knott Station for a number of years. She moved to Big Spring in 1993 and then to Abilene in 2008. She was a homemaker, a mother and a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Jones and wife Sissy of Big Spring and Charles Jones and wife Rhonda of Statesville, N.C.; two daughters, Anita Fowler and husband Sid of Tuscola and Leola McCrea Jones of Sweetwater; nine grandchildren, Carey Jones, Chrissi Jones, Andy Jones, Aaron Jones, Adam Jones, Jason Fowler, Travis Fowler, Jamie McCrea and Justin McCrea; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, Maryland 20850-4022.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

• Canterbury and Canterbury North will host a Senior Sweetheart Dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. The dance will be held at 1700 Lancaster and is open to all seniors. Admission is free and music will be provided by the Country Classics.

• A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel to help pay expenses in the death of Marcela "Marcy" Rivera, who died Wednesday following a one-vehicle traffic accident. Donations can be delivered to the funeral home at 301 E. 24th or mailed to P.O. Box 2760, Big Spring, 79721.

• David Andrews of Noodle, Republican candidate for Texas House District 85, will hold a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 9, in the Big Spring Country Club Wasson Room. Everyone is invited.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Tuesday:

- CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS, 27, 1319 Harding, was arrested on 10 local warrants.
- DARRIN LEE WEBB, 39, 509 E. 17th, was arrested on charges of theft and no driver's license.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1000 block of Johnson, the 2600 block of Wasson and the 1000 block of Birdwell.
- DUI-MINOR was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700, the 800 block of Third and the 1700 block of FM 700.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Tuesday (note: officials reported 60 prisoners in the county jail):

- ESTABAN MARTINEZ JR., 66, began serving his sentence for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.
- JOSHUA KENT HOUSE, 24, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
- BRAD ELLIOT MANN, 34, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and driving with license invalid/previous convictions.
- DARRIN LEE WEBB, 39, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road. Two persons were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on N. County Road 29. Two persons were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Highway. It was a false alarm.

## Support Groups

**TODAY**  
• 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.

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

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 2/4	Fri 2/5	Sat 2/6
<b>47/35</b> Cloudy. High 47F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>60/33</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>61/39</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:38 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:22 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:37 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:36 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:24 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	40	37	rain	Kingsville	60	48	cloudy
Amarillo	37	25	mixed	Livingston	46	40	rain
Austin	46	38	rain	Longview	43	40	rain
Beaumont	51	47	rain	Lubbock	45	30	mixed
Brownsville	65	53	cloudy	Lufkin	45	42	rain
Brownwood	43	37	rain	Midland	51	39	cloudy
Corpus Christi	57	48	cloudy	Raymondville	64	50	cloudy
Corsicana	42	37	rain	Rosenberg	50	43	rain
Dallas	43	38	rain	San Antonio	54	42	rain
Del Rio	60	43	rain	San Marcos	47	38	rain
El Paso	58	39	rain	Sulphur Springs	42	39	rain
Fort Stockton	53	42	cloudy	Sweetwater	44	37	rain
Gainesville	38	34	rain	Tyler	42	39	rain
Greenville	40	35	rain	Weatherford	39	34	rain
Houston	50	43	rain	Wichita Falls	40	32	rain

## Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday in the Mega Millions lottery: 06-07-26-27-49, Mega Ball: 9.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-23-30-34-35. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-4-8. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-8-0. Sum It Up: 9.

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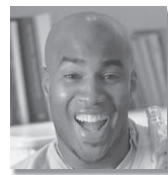
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# Lubbock County: Mother, daughter shot to death

LUBBOCK (AP) — A welfare check at a house in west Lubbock County led to the discovery of the bodies of a woman and a girl believed to be her 12-year-old daughter.

Interim Sheriff Kelly Rowe says both had gunshot wounds. Autopsies were ordered.

Relatives had called deputies, who located the bodies around 5:30 p.m. Monday. A news release says deputies, looking through a window, saw one person on a bed.

Rowe said Tuesday that his office is conducting a homicide investigation and murder-suicide has not been ruled out. The sheriff did not immediately release names of the pair, pending autopsy results.

Rowe says it appears several days had passed before the bodies were discovered.

Investigators found no sign of forced entry. Both bodies were located in the same room.

## State Rep. Terri Hodge pleads guilty

DALLAS (AP) — State Rep. Terri Hodge has pleaded guilty for participating in a bribery scheme and will resign from office.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas announced Wednesday that Hodge pleaded guilty in Dallas to fraud and false statements on an income tax return.

She faces up to three years in prison, a \$100,000 fine and restitution to the IRS. A sentencing date has not been set.

Hodge has agreed never again to hold public of-

rice. The Dallas Democrat has been a state representative since 1996 and was running for re-election.

According to court documents, Hodge received more than \$32,000 in rental subsidies, utilities and carpeting from an apartment developer who built complexes in her district. She never declared the funds as income on tax returns.

Hodge's attorneys did not immediately respond to messages.

## Texas couple guilty of enslaving Nigerian widow

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal jury found an Arlington couple guilty Tuesday of compelling a Nigerian widow to work as their servant for nine years.

Emmanuel and Ngozi Nnaji each face up to 55 years in prison after their convictions on conspiracy, forced labor and other charges.

According to a Justice Department statement, trial evidence showed the Nigerian-born Nnajis lured the woman to the United States with promises of a salary and child support.

The evidence shows the couple seized the woman's passport, isolated her in their home and made her work long hours as their servant with no days off and little to no pay. They didn't provide support for the woman's six children in Nigeria and limited and monitored her contact with her family.

Emmanuel Nnaji also sexually assaulted the victim, according to the statement.

## Texas girl locked in closet placed in foster care

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A southern Texas couple accused of locking the woman's 12-year-old daughter in a closet for about a year except to attend school remained in custody Tuesday, while the girl was in foster care.

Alfredo Ines, 43, and Leticia Ines, 40, were being held at the Cameron County Jail on charges of unlawful restraint and injury to a child. Neither had an attorney.

The girl was locked in the closet except to attend school or use the bathroom. If she needed the restroom during the night, she had to use a bucket in the closet, police said.

Investigators said she appeared malnourished, and would do her homework by light coming from beneath the closet door. She slept on quilts on the cement floor.

Child Protective Services investigated after one of her three brothers alerted school officials. The girl was so malnourished that she appeared to be only 8 years old and though old enough to be in seventh grade, she was in fifth, police said.

Her three brothers were taken to other family members.

"Everyone in the house knew what was going on, but you have children who, based on fear, hold this secret," Brownsville Police Sgt. Jimmy Manrique told *The Brownsville Herald*.

## CISD

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\$2,600 for Haitian relief efforts. On top of that, Coahoma Elementary's student council will add \$500, bringing the

school's total to \$3,100.

"I'm just extremely proud of our student body," Bennett said. "Anytime someone's kids need help, they're right there ... They really practice the art of kindness."

This isn't the first

time Coahoma students have responded to a disaster with the "art of kindness." Immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, the students organized a Teddy bear drive, then raised more than \$1,500 to help with relief efforts in the

wake of the 2006 Indonesian tsunami.

Money raised in this most recent drive will go to Real Hope for Haiti, a non-profit organization in Elwood, Ind., that provides an orphanage and a rescue center in Haiti. A check presen-

tation to the organization was scheduled for today.

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## DUMPING

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said Parker. "There is even a drop cage, where any time of the day or night someone can leave an animal at the shelter.

"There are times people get young pets because they are cute and cuddly and then those pets grow up and start having litters of their own and the owner decides they can't handle all of them. Instead of doing the right thing

and giving them to the shelter, they take them out and dump them in the county," said Parker. "They need to take the responsibility to do the right thing."

Animal Control has located a temporary foster parent for the puppies. Anyone who would be interested in applying to adopt one of the pups and can provide it with the proper care — spaying/neutering, good food, clean water, adequate shelter and love — is asked to call 264-9797 and leave a message.

Meanwhile, the sher-

iff's office reminds citizens that animal dumping is a crime.

"Trying to find whoever dumped these puppies is hard to do. We basically have to find a witness who saw them do it. If we could find out who it is, we would prosecute, however," said Parker. "This is basically animal cruelty."

Anyone who has any

information about this crime, or who sees anyone dumping animals is asked to contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244 or CrimeStoppers at 263-8477.

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"All the neighbors would have helped her if she would have asked, if we would have known," Estrada said. "It's just so sad."

Another neighbor, Angelica Puentes, 34, said she had talked to the woman a couple of times and said she seemed like she was in a daze. The children appeared to be "normal, happy boys," Puentes said.

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**STEERS**

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guys are stepping up, which is good because one guy can't shoulder the load, and two can't either."

The Steers' usually high-scoring offense has been slowed the past two games by a triangle-and-two defense focused on stopping guards Jerrell Williams and Luke Adams. Williams and Adams combined for 16 points on the night, several of which were key free throws down the stretch that sealed the victory.

"It doesn't take a genius to figure out what makes them go," Cooper coach Marc Case said. "It's not that they're a two-man team, but the

key to them winning is getting to the free-throw line, which Adams and Williams both do a lot. We felt like we needed to come get the ball out of their hands and not foul them, and we did a good job of that until the last few minutes."

The Steers led in a low-scoring affair throughout the first half, largely due to Cooper's strategy to slow the game down, hold the ball and not allow the Steers to crank up their transition game. Cooper took its first lead with two minutes left in the third quarter, but it only lasted for about two and a half minutes thanks to a Clay 3-pointer.

Nonetheless, the game was tight in the final minute as Cooper got as close as three before Big

Spring shut the door at the charity stripe.

With the win, the Steers moved two games up on the Cougars and have a comfortable cushion in their quest for their first district championship since 1989.

"Nothing's set in stone yet," Morris said. "We're not going to order the gold ball and the banner to throw on the rafters, but it's a goal we set at the beginning of the season, and now we can see it."

**Steers 43, Cooper 36**  
CHS (12-14, 3-2)- Lewis 4-9 1-2 9, Randle 2-5 1-2 7, Silva 0-3 2-3 2, Brady 5-13 2-2 15, Dickey 1-4 1-2 3; Totals 12-40 7-11 36.  
BS (14-11, 5-0)- Clay 4-7 3-4 13, Williams 3-6 3-7 9, Falcon 0-4 1-3 1, Anderson 1-1 0-0 2, Adams 2-8 3-5 7, X. Parnell 2-5 1-2 5, Titchey 2-4 2-3 6; Totals 14-35 13-24 43;  
3-point goals — CHS 5-14 (Randle 2, Brady 3), BS 2-11 (Clay 2); Rebounds 28-25 CHS (Dickey 6, X. Parnell 9); Turnovers CHS 13, BS 9; Assists CHS 7, BS 4; Steals BS 10, CHS 4;

**BSHS**

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bit nervous. We need to cut our turnovers down in those quarters just a little bit."

The Lady Steers have a good chance to go for

their first district win at San Angelo Lake View next Tuesday. Big Spring dropped a close decision to the Maidens at Steer Gym earlier this year.

Tipoff in San Angelo is 6 p.m.  
**Cooper 42, Lady Steers 32**  
CHS 7 9 16 10 -- 42

BS 6 10 4 12 -- 32  
CHS (15-11, 4-2)- Howard 1-4 0-0 3, Matthews 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 5-12, 6-6 17, Davis 2-4 1-1 5, Cravin 6-11 3-4 15; Totals 15-37 10-13 42  
BS (7-16, 0-7)- Li. Yarbar 1-7 1-2 3, Ross 3-5 1-2 8, Seaton 2-7 1-1 5, Kennedy 1-1 0-0 2, Tuitt 3-6 0-0 6, Mayes 2-4 2-2 6, Ritchey 1-5 0-0 2; Totals 12-37 5-7 32  
3-point goals — CHS 2-11 (Smith, Howard), BS 1-7 (Ross);

**FORSAN**

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Forsan will host McCamey on Friday. Tipoff is 6:30 p.m.

**Buff's beat Iraan**  
FORSAN — It's starting to come together for the Forsan Buffs.

Three Buffs scored 11 points as Forsan beat the Iraan Braves 51-43 for its first District 7-A, Division I win Tuesday at home.

Evan Burton, Patrick Robles and Zack Dykes all scored 11 points as the Buffs used a 14-6 fourth quarter to nab the win. For a team that has relied heavily on Burton for scoring all season, it was a welcome change.

"That's what we've kind of been expecting from (Dykes), and Robles hit three 3's," Forsan coach Brad Batla said. "It was a real good

win for us." After a first quarter in which the Braves scored 17 points, the Buffs switched to a man defense that frustrated Iraan in the second half. The Braves scored just 13 points in the last two quarters.

"We were putting some pressure on them, and that threw them off a little bit," Batla said. "Our defense did a good job."

Forsan, meanwhile, outscored Iraan 14-6 in the fourth quarter to nab the win. Batla said he's starting to see the Buffs play at a higher level.

"I think it started last week when we played Stanton," he said. "We still lost, but we played a good team, and I think a light finally went off in our head that we can play a little bit."

Forsan hosts a big matchup with McCamey

on Friday, likely with a playoff spot on the line.

Tipoff in Forsan is 8 p.m.

**Forsan 74, Iraan 15**  
Iraan 8 3 4 0 -- 15  
Forsan 13 22 17 22 -- 74  
Iraan (4-19, 0-4)- Kesie Quintero 3, Melissa Barrera 2, Kenna Ledford 2, Kymberlin Conn 4, Megan Mason 2, Stephanie Sutton 2;  
Forsan (19-4, 4-0)- Ambra Hill 15, Miranda Park 11, Shelby Jones 2, Kelsey Jones 10, Morgan Forshee 2, Cay/c Stanley 5, Brittney Roemer 6, Amanda Longorio 23;  
Free throws- Iraan 0-6, Forsan 12-19; 3-point goals- Iraan 1 (Quintero), Forsan 6 (Hills 2, Park 2, Jones 1, Longorio 1); Total fouls- Iraan 11, Forsan 4; Fouled out -- None.  
**Forsan 51, Iraan 43**  
Iraan 17 13 7 6 -- 43  
Forsan 9 15 13 14 -- 51  
Iraan (2-2)- Dakota Green 13, Radley Ledford 12, Terry Galindo 3, Abe Arnold 1, Jose Chavez 8, Andrew Fellows 6  
Forsan (11-10, 1-3)- Zach Dykes 11, Kolten Self 7, Patrick Robles 11, Elgin Suazo 5, Evan Burton 11, Ty Johnson 4, Brackem Schreiner 2  
Free throws- FHS 7-17, IHS 5-11; 3-point goals- IHS 6 (Green 2, Ledford2, Galindo, Chavez), FHS 6 (Dykes, Self, Robles 3, Suazo); Total fouls- IHS 17, FHS 10; Fouled out- Green, Ledford; Technical fouls- Green, Arnold.

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## OUR VIEW

### 'Four Chaplains' ceremony local tribute to admire

Today, Feb. 3, is Four Veterans Day, a day many U.S. veterans observe almost religiously. Quite a few of them reside right here in Big Spring and that's why several hundred people attended this morning's Four Chaplains Memorial Service at First Baptist Church.

The memorial service — held under the direction of the Big Spring VA Medical Center — is held to remember four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the USAT Dorchester was sunk by a German U-boat in 1943.

The Army transport ship was carrying 902 souls in the early morning hours of Feb. 3, 1943, when it was torpedoed and began to sink about 150 miles from its destination in Greenland. The icy waters between Newfoundland and Greenland wound up claiming the lives of 672 of those on board.

The four chaplains — Lts. George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington — might have survived, but when there were not enough lifejackets for all the soldiers on board, they took off their jackets, handed them to four frightened soldiers and stayed about the sinking ship, comforting others.

"Although all four of them were from different faiths, that didn't matter at that moment," VA Chaplain Dean Thomas noted. "They worked together to help people, and that's such an important thing to remember."

The four chaplains were posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and VA hospitals across the country use the anniversary of their sacrifice to recall veterans that have recently passed away.

"We are grateful to all these veterans," said Thomas, chief of the local VA's chaplain service. "We are glad they were there when we needed them, and we're thankful for their service ... We can look back on the days and nights we shared with our loved ones, and have very fond memories."

We here at the Herald are proud that we live in a community where several hundred people take time in the middle of a work day to attend such a memorial ceremony. This was the second time the service was held at the First Baptist Church. A few years ago, the ceremony took place in the biggest room at the VA hospital, but it was simply too crowded, and VA officials had to find a place to accommodate more people.

And we want to take this opportunity to commend all those who attended today's service, as well as the VAMC officials who coordinated the ceremony.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we need help, Lord, may we ask for Your hand.

Amen

# It's time to say, 'No Se Puede'

He spoke to the nation in a forthright State of the Union, and he confronted Republican lawmakers in an impressively sincere encounter last week. It's time for President Barack Obama to fess up to Latinos.

It's time for him to say: No Se Puede.

The campaign promise he made for last year cannot be accomplished this year, either. Comprehensive immigration reform will have to wait. The president needs to be as honest with Latinos as he has been with the rest of the nation.

After all, Latinos played a huge part in getting Obama elected, and if they begin to see him as just another devious Democrat, they are not likely to vote for him again.

When he finally spoke about immigration in his State of the Union address (as the very last topic he listed on his agenda), the 36 words he chose were so vague — so carefully selected to say absolutely nada that could be considered controversial — that the president lost a lot of respect from his pro-immigrant supporters.

He uttered more than 7,000 words in more than an hour, but it took him less than a minute to say, "We should continue the work of fixing our broken immigration system — to secure our borders and enforce our laws and ensure that everyone who plays by the rules can contribute to our economy and enrich our nation."

There was no mention of a le-

galization plan for undocumented immigrants, no timetable for getting legislation through Congress, no stated commitment to stop the many anti-immigrant policies he inherited from the Bush administration.

Fighting words these were not. They were an insult to the intelligence of those who remember his speeches during his campaign for president. Whatever happened to the Obama who vowed that he would "never walk away from the 12 million undocumented immigrants who live, work and contribute to our country every single day" in remarks to the National Council of La Raza in 2007?

"When communities are terrorized by ICE immigration raids, when nursing mothers are torn from their babies, when children come home from school to find their parents missing, when people are detained without access to legal counsel — when all that's happening, the system just isn't working," Obama told La Raza in July 2008.

"And I know how frustrated many of you are right now."

That was some 18 months ago. Imagine how much more frustrating it is now — knowing that it all continues to happen under the watch of Obama, the man they sent to the White House to put a stop to it all.

Amazingly, some immigrant rights advocates still are praising Obama's commitment to immigration reform and relying on him to deliver the many changes he promised. After many of them persuaded Latino voters to support Obama because he was going to fix immigration, now they find it hard to acknowledge that they were wrong.

They need to stop building false hopes and expectations

among undocumented immigrants and start confronting the president who has betrayed them.

And if Obama wants to be re-elected in 2012, he needs to be forthright with Latinos, and he needs to speak to them pronto. Perhaps another La Raza speech is necessary.

If Obama acknowledges that his drive to reform health care has slowed progress on everything else, if he accepts responsibility for his inability to lower the unemployment rate, if he explains that he has been busy with other crucial priorities, perhaps he can convince many Latino immigrants that he is still their friend. If he explains that the Democratic Party no longer has a supermajority in the Senate, that many of his fellow Democrats are scared of tackling immigration and that he lacks the votes needed to win an immigration fight this year, perhaps he still can persuade many Latinos and other immigrants to cut him some slack — at least until 2011.

But if he goes on with the recent charade, building false hopes and expectations while continuing to follow Bush's immigration policies, Latinos will be saying "No Se Puede" to Obama when he runs for re-election in 2012.

That doesn't mean that Latinos are likely to vote for a Republican, especially if an immigrant-basher wins the GOP nomination.

It means that if Latinos still feel betrayed by the president, if they see Obama as another devious Democrat, they will stay home on Election Day.

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## Message: Just keep going!

I wanted us to be that couple, I told my husband. My most poignant moment during our trip to Maui came as I watched a very senior-looking couple slowly leave the restaurant where we were enjoying a delicious seafood dinner. They were smiling, hand in hand, each with a walking cane in the other hand.

I couldn't help but think how awesome it was that this dear couple undoubtedly traveled thousands of miles for a tropical vacation — even now.

And why not, I queried. Why should they stop going and stay home?

Maybe traveling isn't as easy as it once was. Maybe it takes longer to get where they want to go and do what they want to do.

Isn't there still joy in watching the sun set over the ocean? Isn't there still contentment while breathing in the fresh sea air? Isn't there still wonder when seeing a mother and baby whale swim side by side?

Surely, there is no age limit for such life pleasures!

So why should we let aging keep us from experiencing these pleasures? I think we should do

our best to not let anything keep us from doing what we want to do. That's my life plan anyway — after being inspired by my elderly vacationers.

Sometimes we start believing opinions of others that try to tell us we're too old. Or sometimes we start believing theories that say a certain age brings certain limitations.

This reminds me of Sarah (in the Bible) when she was ninety years old and received the news from God that she would have a baby. She laughed at the idea. The Bible says, "So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'Will I have this joy after my husband and I have grown old?'" (Genesis 18:12) God responded with the resounding, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14) And indeed, she gave birth to Isaac.

Whether Sarah's laugh was in delight or disbelief, I must admit if I received such news, my laugh would be one of sarcastic doubt, and my reply to God would be, "Lord, you've got to be kidding!"

Admittedly, I don't really want to prove I'm not too old to have a baby. But I don't ever want to be too old to go on a vacation with my husband! And the spiritual truth is that our God-given freedom and dominion is timeless — ageless. Mortal measurements are man-made. I'm quite certain

that how old is too old is not a question known to the Lord.

Perhaps some ageless thinking will help precipitate some ageless living. We need not accept that decrepitude and decline is inevitable. Who is it that confines, restricts, hinders or inhibits the days of our lives? Who perceives us as young or old? Not God!

We can break any age barrier that would keep us home by acknowledging and exercising our eternal spiritual qualities of promise, purpose and progress. God has endowed each of us with boundless energy and a never-quit spirit. We can prove this even if only one step at a time!

And as we do, these words of Job will ring true, "And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning." (Job 11:17)

So with determination, resolve and perseverance, plan that vacation and have fun.

Live life now — moment by moment.

Don't worry about tomorrow or "what if's."

Just keep going, my friends!

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## News in brief

### Pakistani officials say 3 U.S. soldiers among dead in blast in NW Pakistan

SHAHI KOTO, Pakistan (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers traveling with Pakistan security force members were killed Wednesday in a roadside bombing near a girl's school in northwest Pakistan, Pakistani security officials said. Other casualties included school children.

The three soldiers were in the region as part of a small, little-publicized U.S. mission to train members of the paramilitary Frontier Corps to better fight al-Qaida and Taliban militants, the officials said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The U.S. Embassy declined to comment. If the deaths are confirmed by American authorities, they would represent a major victory for militants close to the Afghan border who have been hit hard in recent months by a surge in U.S. missile strikes and a major Pakistani army offensive.

The blast hit a convoy close to the girls' school, celebrating its opening in the Shahi Koto area of Lower Dir district.

At least seven people were killed, including a Pakistani soldier, officials said. Around 70 people were wounded, among them many school girls, said an army statement and police chief Mumtaz Zarin Khan. Some officials said three schoolchildren also were among the dead.

### Iraqi police: 20 Shiite pilgrims killed in motorcycle bomb blast in Karbala

BAGHDAD (AP) — A bomb planted on a parked motorcycle exploded Wednesday on the outskirts of the holy city of Karbala, killing at least 20 Shiite pilgrims and wounding more than 100 others amid tight security for the huge religious procession, officials said.

The blast was the latest in a string of attacks this week that have targeted pilgrims making their way to an important Shiite religious observance in Karbala, raising fears of a spike in attacks by suspected Sunni insurgents when the pilgrimage culminates Friday.

The bomb exploded at about 11 a.m. in an area known as Ibrahimia, near the east entrance — one of three — into Karbala, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Baghdad, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief media.

At least 108 people were wounded in the attack, the official said, adding that the area was clogged

with pilgrims and the number of casualties could increase. A hospital official in Karbala, also speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the number of dead and wounded.

Hours earlier, two separate roadside bombs targeting Shiite pilgrims exploded in Baghdad, killing one and wounding seven others, a security official in the capital said.

### Politicians cool on public campaign financing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backers of public financing for congressional elections are making a new push, triggered by a Supreme Court decision that lets corporations spend unlimited money on politics. Two top Democrats in Congress back the idea.

So why hasn't it gone anywhere? One big reason: Members of Congress prefer the current system because it favors incumbents.

Public-financing proposals have been kicking around Washington for years. Lawmakers and campaign finance watchdogs hyped the legislation's chances when President Barack Obama took office in 2009, giving Democrats control of the White House along with Congress. But a year later, it hasn't budged.

So when the Supreme Court ruled Jan. 21 that corporations and unions can spend unlimited amounts of their treasury money on election ads,

public financing advocates saw an opportunity.

### Aid flooding into Haiti not reaching earthquake victims quickly enough

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The aid flooding into Haiti by plane and boat is not reaching earthquake victims quickly enough to stem growing unrest because of transportation bottlenecks and isolated violence.

Many foreign aid workers and Haitians say ample donations are arriving, but express frustration at the slow pace of distribution of food and medicine from Port-au-Prince's port, airport and a warehouse in its sprawling Cite-Soleil slum.

"There's no top-down leadership. ... And since the Haitian government took control of our supplies, we have to wait for things even though they're stacked up in the warehouse," said Dr. Rob Maddox of Start, Louisiana, tending to dozens of patients in the capital's general hospital. "The situation is just madness."

U.S. air traffic controllers have lined up an astonishing 2,550 incoming flights through March 1, but some 25 flights a day aren't taking their slots. Communication breakdowns between Haitians and their foreign counterparts are endemic.

"Aid is bottlenecking at the Port-au-Prince airport. It's not getting into the field," said Mike O'Keefe, who runs Banyan Air Service in Fort Lauderdale.

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While books are coming in, they are slow in arriving. I wandered through the shelves and found several that deserved to be checked out. Even though



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Phil the Groundhog has predicted that winter will last for another six weeks, I think spring is in the air! And what better way to celebrate spring than to clean out and organize your belongings? In the 640s, there are several excellent books on how to banish your clutter. I chose Donna Smallin's "Organizing Plain & Simple" (640 SMA D) to recommend as an excellent resource. She begins with getting

started. If you watch "Hoarders" on A&E, then you know that sometimes there are psychological problems in letting go of what appears to be junk. However, many of us do not have that problem and need a kick to get started. Smallin begins the basics; how to sort, what to toss, etc. She moves on to a room-by-room plan, prompting you to toss or keep or donate. Really an excellent book. Other

titles are: "Mission, Organization: Strategies and Solutions to Clear Your Clutter" (640 MER B) from Meredith Books and "Easy Does It: Cheap and Simple Ways to Solve Common Household Problems" (640 FCA P) by Gayle Wood.

As you may know by now, the University Interscholastic League has rearranged the boundaries for schools and their various sports. One of my favorite books, is Ty Cashion's "Pigskin Pulpit" (796.332 CAS T). From the book flap, Cashion opens the Texas high school coaching profession to historical scrutiny for the first time, examining this breed of men who shaped the game — and generations of players — in their own images. Tracing side-by-side the development of the game and the coaching profession from its beginnings

to today, author Ty Cashion explains how this avocation wove itself so tightly into the fabric of Texas culture. Football fans and critics of the game alike will be drawn into this probing, analytical study that is sure to become a Texas classic. It is a great book.

For a somewhat amusing side-trip, comes "Final Destinations: Travel Guide for Remarkable Cemeteries" (917.04 WOO B) by Bryan Woolley.

Woolley has been a writer for the Dallas Morning News and Texas Monthly. In "Final," he delves into the final resting places of many famous and not-so-famous people. Billy the Kid — is he really buried in Fort Sumner, N.M., or in Hico, Texas? Will Rogers was in cold storage for nine years, until he was returned to Oklahoma, where only three weeks later, his wife joined him in the mausoleum. A very interesting book.

This is when you should begin planning your trip to Big Bend National Park. If you wait until April or May, it will be too hot. Gary Clark has written a

slim volume of what to see and do in the park. "Enjoying Big Bend National Park" (CLA G) describes two-hour drives; hiking trails for children and those who are physically impaired; back-pack trips into the interior — just scads of neat trips to go on and things to see.

In a review published by Publisher's Weekly, comes this description of "Skeletons on the Zahara" (916.480 KIN D) by Dean King. When the American cargo ship Commerce ran aground on the northwestern shores of Africa in 1815 along with its crew of 12 Connecticut-based sailors, the misfortunes that befell them came fast and hard, from enslavement to reality-bending bouts of dehydration. King's aggressively researched account of the crew's once-famous ordeal reads like historical fiction, with unbelievable stories of the seamen's endurance of heat stroke, starvation and cruelty by their Saharan slavers. King (Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed), who went to Africa and, on camel

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and foot retraced parts of the sailors' journey, succeeds at making the now familiar sandscape seem as imposing and new as it must have been to the sailors.

King's leisurely prose style rounds out the drama with well-parceled-out bits of context, such as the haggling barter culture of the Saharan nomadic Arabs and the geological history of Western Africa's coastline. Zahara (King's use of older and/or phonetic spellings helps evoke the foreignness of the time and place) impresses with its pacing,

thoroughness and empathy for the plight of a dozen sailors heaved smack-hard into an unknown tribalism. By the time the surviving crew members make it back to their side of civilization, reader and protagonist alike are challenged by new ways of understanding culture clash.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Our hours are 10 to 6, Monday through Friday; Saturday, we are open from 10 to 2. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.

*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*

**Report: 40 percent of cancers preventable**

LONDON (AP) — About 40 percent of cancers could be prevented if people stopped smoking and overeating, limited their alcohol, exercised regularly and got vaccines targeting cancer-causing infections, experts say.

To mark World Cancer day on Thursday, officials at the International Union Against Cancer released a report focused on steps that governments and the public can take to avoid the disease.

According to the World Health Organization, cancer is responsible for one out of every eight deaths worldwide

— more than AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined. WHO warned that without major changes, global cancer deaths will jump from about 7.6 million this year to 17 million by 2030.

In the report from the International Union Against Cancer, experts said about 21 percent of all cancers are due to infections like the human papillomavirus, or HPV, which causes cervical cancer, and hepatitis infections that cause stomach and liver cancer.

While the vaccines to prevent these cancers are widely available in

western countries, they are almost nonexistent in the developing world. Nearly 80 percent of the world's cervical cancer deaths are in poor countries, according to the agency.

"Policymakers around the world have the opportunity and obligation to use these vaccines to save people's lives and educate their communities towards lifestyle choices and control measures that reduce their risk of

cancer," Cary Adams, chief executive of the International Union Against Cancer, said in a statement.

In Western nations, experts said many of the top cancers — like those in the lungs, breasts and colon — might be avoided if people changed their lifestyle habits. To reduce their risk, the agency recommended that people stop smoking, limit their alcohol consumption and avoid too much sun.

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HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your command of language will propel you and a special project to new heights. Take the time to work out what you'll say. Proofread written correspondence, and finesse it to perfection.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You find a loved one's flaws endearing. As for your shortcomings, they are a non-issue to those close to you. Therefore, you should seriously consider accepting them your-

self. Love yourself "as is."

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In many ways you uphold the virtues of your parents. And yet there are some qualities you do not care to reflect. Because of this, your handling of a situation will be different from what you were taught.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There is passion in your life, though it's been hiding out lately, waiting in the cockles of your heart like a mischievous child playing a game, ready to spring out the moment it will cause the most delightful alarm.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone pays greater attention to you and your work than he or she did before. This could be a colleague trying to learn from you, a boss under pressure or a potential client checking out your skills.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may not be a professional singer, but whatever you do, you will give the kind of performance that makes the connoisseur leap to his feet with shouts of "bravo." Those with lesser expertise won't

get it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The troubles of the world are caused by joyless people. So finding happiness is not only a fun option for you to check out, it is your responsibility. Today you could be lucky enough to discover that you are happy already.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are moving toward unknown territory. If your life were a book, you would be tempted to peek at the end of this chapter to find out what happens. But it's not a book. Make the best of the mysterious moment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Home and work, work and home. It's not enough stimulus for you at this point in the game. Get some fun in your life. Then the work will be more exciting and home will bring you great comfort.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The wind is carrying something new your way. Now is a great time to toss your kite up into it and see what happens. Something you never would have predicted is already begin-

ning. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those around you may resist the winds of change like stiff, sturdy oaks, but you'll be inclined to react more like bamboo, bending easily with whatever blows your way. An interesting and rare opportunity will be presented to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Like an expert juggler, you do your best work when a lot of people are watching. Take this slow time at work to develop your skills off-screen, and your performances will be even more dazzling.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 3). This year, you turn up the passion and attract the thing you focus on like gangbusters. That's why it's crucial that you keep thinking about what you want, and not about what you don't want. A business breakthrough puts money in your pocket in March. A sweetheart wants to whisk you away to an island in June. Aries and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 25, 40, 31 and 29.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My daughter has gained 30 pounds recently, and I know it probably bothers her. What can I do to help her get back into shape? I'm a little limited in my reach since she lives in a different state and happens to be 40 years old. But still, I'm her mother. I'm a Cancer, very intuitive, and my daughter has always listened to me. We're very connected -- so connected that sometimes I feel as though if I'm eating healthfully and exercising, it's doing some benefit to her, too. Anyway, maybe there's something I can say to help."

No, there's not. Stay out of it. Focus on your own health and fitness, and stay out of her business. I appreciate how connected you are with your daughter. It's true that Cancer is extremely intuitive. It's also the sign of mothers. I don't doubt that your caring runs deep. That makes it even more important that you recognize boundaries between you and your daughter, accept her the way she is and relinquish the

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# What those old sayings really meant

Lately I have been doing a lot of remodeling and in the process I was removing a threshold when one of my sons asked, "Where did that term originate?" I explained that many years ago most



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homes had dirt floors and to keep the floors from being so cold thresh, or a mixture of straw, was placed on the "floor."

The thresh was kept in the house by the use of a board of some sort placed in the door opening, therefore, a thresh hold.

The boys seemed to enjoy learning that tidbit of information so I decided to tell them about other "sayings" and where they came from. Many of our old "sayings" came

from England during the "dark ages." As I was reminding myself of some of the stories we got from those times I thought you might enjoy some of them, too.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and

finally the children. Last of all the babies.

By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Cooking was done in the kitchen in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day.

Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old." Sometimes folks could

obtain pork, which made them feel quite special.

When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon."

They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Folks with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests

got the top, or "the upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination of the lead and alcohol would sometimes knock folks out for a couple of days and were thought dead so they were prepared for burial.

They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.

Hence the custom of "holding a wake."

Burial plots were at a premium so graves were reused. As the coffins were dug up it was discovered many coffins had scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive.

To keep this from happening again, a string would be tied to the wrist of the corpse as it was buried and attached to a bell for a few days. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

It's amazing how many old sayings we have carried forward to this day but it is also amazing how many we are losing.

Sometimes when I use one of these "bits of the past" kids will look at me with amusement saying they have no idea what they mean. I guess, to sum it up, in this world of information we are also losing information. Too bad.

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**COAHOMA**

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apiece. Martin Leija, who has become the focus of opposing defenses, was limited to just eight points as he returned from an ankle injury suffered last week against Jim Ned.

But even though Coahoma is out of the playoffs, the Bulldogs have a chance to play spoiler to the rest of the district teams. Nichols knows his team can hang with the rest of the district.

"We're not hanging our heads," Nichols said. "We're going to come to practice, we're going to get after it and we're going to do what we can do. We can't worry about what anybody else is doing."

Coahoma hosts district front-runner Wall on

Friday, which suffered its first loss Tuesday to Tuscola Jim Ned. Tipoff is 8 p.m.

**Bulldogettes lose**

**COLORADO CITY** — The Coahoma Bulldogettes couldn't keep pace with Colorado City in the second half on the road Tuesday as they fell 43-33.

Colorado City's Michelle Billingsley scored 25 points down low for the Lady Wolves.

"They were about twice as big as we were," Coahoma coach Derek Faught said. "It was just a bad night. We couldn't make anything and had a ton of turnovers."

K'Leigh Fowler scored eight points to lead Coahoma. Leading scorer Kylie Gee was held in check in the paint by Colorado City's post players, scoring only five points.

"Everybody's been

keying on (Gee) now, and we've been having trouble getting the ball to her," Faught said.

Coahoma was also without point guard Joanna Gonzales for the game. The Bulldogettes, also likely eliminated from playoff contention, host another state-ranked team in Wall on Friday. Tipoff is 6:30 p.m.

**C-City 44, Coahoma 37**  
C-City 10 14 10 10 --44  
Coahoma 2 17 7 11 --37

C-City Johnson 6, Reyna 14, Lorenz 2, Jones 2, Farrell 8, Higgins 10, Allford 2; Totals 15, 12-20 44

Coahoma- Paniagua 11, Ruiz 11, Douglass 2, Williams 2, Leija 8, Garcia 2, Hahn 1; Totals 16, 4-11 37

**C-City 43, Coahoma 33**  
CHS 9 11 5 8 --33  
C-City 15 8 12 9 --43

CHS (13-15, 2-6)- Buske 5, Gee 5, Neff 4, Martin 7, Fowler 8, Castilaw 4

C-City- Bullard 6, Reyna 3, Macedo 4, Billingsley 25, Meeks 5

FT- C-City 9-21, CHS 4-8; 3-point goals- C-City 2 (Bullard 2), CHS 3 (Buske, Martin, Fowler)

**BOXES**

**Girls**

**Klondike 39, Sands 25**  
KHS 7 10 11 11 --39  
SH 1 6 9 9 --25  
Klondike (4-4 district)- Skiles 10, Manuelos 9, Howard 6, Conde 4, Brock 4, Torres 4, Arthur 2  
Sands (16-11, 5-3)- Stockton 15, Me. Yarbrough 4, Mo. Yarbrough 2, J. Gomez 2, Robles 2  
FT- KHS 6-12, SHS 8-16; 3-point goals KHS 1 (Manuelos), SHS 1 (Stockton); Total fouls- KHS 16, SHS 15

**Stanton 62, McCamey 41**  
McCamey 6 17 8 10 --41  
Stanton 19 6 21 16 --62

McCamey (17-20, 1-3): Gonzales 8, Barandi 7, Martinez 11, Esparza 7, Adams 6, Hines 2  
Stanton (22-5, 3-1): Ashton Snelgrove 5, Kesslie Jones 16, Tiffany Saucedo 1, Rachel Fleckenstien 24, Krista Sanchez 8, Jennifer Beasley 3, Bailey Bryan 2, Jamie Hale 3

Free throws -- MHS 13-23, SHS 10-17. 3-point goals -- MHS 2 (Martinez 2), SHS 6 (Fleckenstien 3, Snelgrove 1, Sanchez, Beasley).

**Borden County 31, Grady 30**  
BC 5 15 6 5 --31  
Grady 2 8 10 10 --30

Borden County (15-8, 7-1): Olivia Key 14, Taylor Richey 14, D'Nae Johnson 3  
Grady (10-17, 2-6): Kelly Cook 10, Charmynee Arnold 8, Maegan Blocker 6, Julia Schuelke 4,

Cayley Opegard 2  
Free throws -- BC 6-9, GHS 0-0. 3-point goals -- BC 3 (Key 2, Richey). Total fouls -- BC 7, GHS 11. Fouled out -- None.

**Garden City 71, Westbrook 27**  
Westbrook 5 8 5 9 --27  
Garden City 15 20 18 18 --71

Westbrook (0-8 in district): Morris 13, Whitesides 2, Johnson 5, Alvarez 2, Funderberg 2

Garden City (25-1, 8-0): Kate Halfmann 20, Morgan Schwartz 12, Amber Halfmann 9, Paige Niehues 8, Rachel Hirt 8, Britney Cook 4, Lauren Schwartz 3, Adriana Ramirez 3, Leticia Ramirez 2, Laura Halfmann 2

Free throws -- WHS 10-18, GC 4-9. 3-point goals -- WHS 1 (Whitesides), GC (A. Halfmann 3, L. Schwartz, Hirt). Total fouls -- WHS 12, GC 19. Fouled out -- None.

**Boys**

**Borden County 38, Grady 37**  
BC 11 8 7 12 --38  
Grady 7 5 13 12 --37

Borden County (10-1, 8-0 in District D-II, 9-A): Quint Shafer 4, Brennan Tarleton 12, R.T. Shafer 10, Tanner Richey 2, Michael Cooley 5, Carl Lamming 2, Zach Telchik 3

Grady (21-4, 6-2): Shane Teague 5, Dylan Cox 15, Tyler Matthews 3, Johan Wiebe 2, Briley Pinkerton 2, Jacob Rodriguez 10

Free throws -- Borden County 4-9, Grady 9-16. 3-point goals -- Borden County 1 (Cooley). Grady 2 (Cox, Matthews). Total fouls -- Borden County 11, Grady 10. Fouled out -- none. Technical

fouls -- Borden County, bench. **Sands 68, Klondike 30**  
SHS 19 21 15 13 --68  
KHS 7 3 8 12 --30

SHS (9-14, 3-5)Ybarra 29, Jo. Rogers 14, Zant 13, Armendariz 5, Guillen 3, Ju. Rogers 3, Blagrove 1

KHS (0-8 district)- Berrett 8, Gregory 6, O'Brien 6, Torres 5, Brown 2, Barkowky 2, Frausto 1

3-point goals- SHS 13-38 (Ybarra 6, Jo. Rogers 3, Zant 3, Ju. Rogers), KHS 6 (O'Brien 2, Berrett 2, Gregory, Torres)

Free throws- SHS 13-20, KHS 6-20; Total Fouls- SHS 16, KHS 19

**Stanton 54, McCamey 34**  
McCamey 8 14 6 6 --34  
Stanton 12 14 14 14 --54

McCamey (8-11, 1-3): Ryan Acosta 6, Ethan Richardson 15, Marcos Reyna 13

Stanton (20-5, 4-0): Tyler Fulton 20, Trace Sidle 6, Jorge Reyna 1, Blake Evans 4, Grayson Gray 23

Free throws -- MHS 4-9, SHS 5-11. 3-point goals -- SHS 1 (Sidle). Total fouls -- MHS 12, SHS 15. Fouled out -- None.

**Garden City 64, Westbrook 15**  
Westbrook 4 7 4 0 --15  
Garden City 14 16 20 14 --64

Westbrook (0-7): Vicars 4, Bray 4, V. Gaona 3, Bass 3, J. Gaona 1

Garden City (9-5, 5-2): Hayden Halfmann 17, Aaron Long 17, Brett Chudej 14, Brian Hirt 4, Reggie Halfmann 4, Jessie Montes 4, Marcus Dalton 2, Peyton Schaefer

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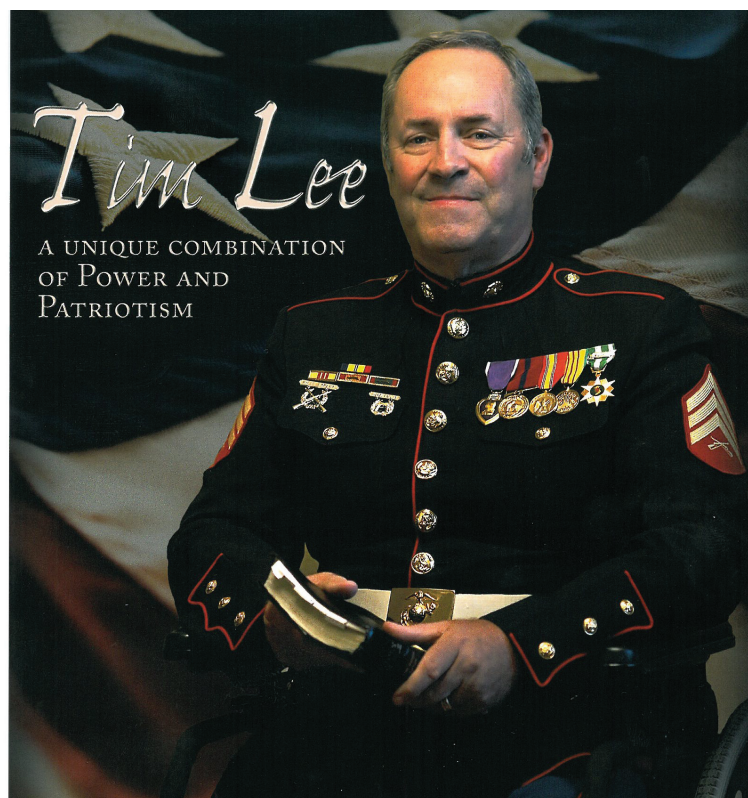
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