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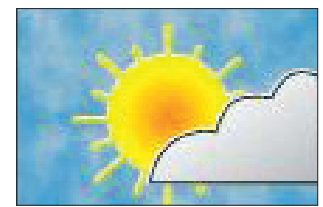
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Odessa College to close? *That's possible under proposed state budget plan*

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- Odessa College
 - Brazosport College
 - Ranger College
 - Frank Phillips College

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Howard College's president expressed shock and concern over preliminary state plans to suspend funding for four community colleges in Texas.

Four Texas two-year colleges — including Odessa



College — would be closed to save \$39 million in the next two-year state budget under a preliminary spending plan released Tuesday by House lawmakers.

Aside from Odessa College, Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Frank Phillips College in Borger and Ranger College would be closed under a plan to slash \$145 million in state funding for Texas community and junior colleges.

Although she was fully anticipating severe budget cuts

from the legislature, Howard College President Dr. Cheryll Sparks said today that the news of the planned closures came as a surprise.

"We did anticipate we'd have reductions, but we did not know there was a plan

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A controlled burn at a residence on Old Colorado City High Tuesday afternoon sent a plume of smoke in the sky northeast of Big Spring. According to Tommy Sullivan, Howard County volunteer fire chief, firefighters were on hand in case the fire, used to eliminate several acres of brush, got out of hand.

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Bible class prognosis uncertain

Course still offered at BSHS, Superintendent Saldivar tells Herald

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Despite comments to the contrary from members of the Howard County Bible Board — the organization responsible for funding the Bible class at Big Spring High School — school district officials say the program has not been shut down.

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar said Tuesday the program, which teaches Bible studies as an elective, has not been shuttered.

"We still have the course," Saldivar said. "No changes have been made. Claims we have done away with the Bible class are not correct."

When asked if instructor Dr. Bill Welsh was still in charge of the course,

"No changes have been made. Claims we have done away with the Bible class are not correct."



Saldivar

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Thursday's forecast: Fair, in a science kind of way

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Crazy for chemistry? Bats about botany?

The best science projects in Big Spring Independent School District will be on display Thursday when the district's annual science fair is held at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Students in grades 3 through 12 will vie for prizes and scholarships by displaying their talents in one of 18 science disciplines. Elementary students already have had their projects judged at the campus level, but their work will be on display, as well, said Darrell Ryan, science fair organizer.

Judging of intermediate and senior division (grades 6 through 12) exhibits begins at 9 a.m. and the exhibits will be open for public viewing from noon until 3 p.m. An awards assembly is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Exhibits earning a first, second or third-place in each division

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Emergency responders look over several teens following a traffic accident near the intersection of Eighth Street and Goliad Tuesday afternoon. According to witnesses, the teens were traveling west on Eighth Street in a white pickup when they failed to yield the right of way to a second pickup, traveling south on Goliad. No serious injuries were reported as a result of the accident.

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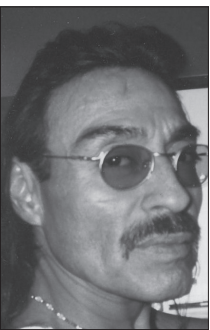
Don Morton, 74, died at his home in Bermuda Dunes, Calif., on Jan. 9, 2011. Don was born in Tyler on Oct. 18, 1936, to Lunie May and R.B. Morton. He moved with the family of seven siblings to several cities such as Houston, Abilene (twice), Lubbock, Midland and Big Spring (twice), setting in Big Spring in 1951 to continue school. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955.

Don served as a sonar specialist in the Navy on the USS Brush. After discharge from the military, he remained in San Diego, Calif., as he met and married Selma Rosenlof in 1961. They later resided in Indio and Palm Springs, Calif., where he worked for Chevron and Mobil.

He is survived by his wife, Selma; five children, Leslie, Stephen, Robert, Tamara, Bill and their spouses; as well as 11 grandchildren, all of California. He is also survived by his sister, Patsy Sharpnack of Big Spring, and a brother, Jim, of Irving.

A military service and burial were held Jan. 14, 2011, at the Northern California Memorial Park in Igo, Calif.

Bentura Saldana



Bentura Saldana, 62, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be held Thursday at Roaring Springs Cemetery in Roaring Springs.

He was born April 30, 1948, in Stonewall to Jennie Gayton and Eugenio Rodriguez Saldana.

He moved to Big Spring in 1999 from Matador. He worked remodeling homes and had worked for Brandon Iden. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Petra Torres of Big Spring; children, Danny Saldana of Bronte, Bentura Saldana Jr. of Las Cruces, N.M., Eugene Saldana of Big Spring, Fernando Martinez of Amarillo, Charlie Saldana of Illinois, Sandra Saldana of Hobbs, N.M., Rebecca Saldana, Janette Saldana and Mary Lou Ann Saldana all of Plainview, Peter Espino and Rosey Mendoza of Las Cruces, N.M., Randy Len Foster of Illinois, Vanessa Torres, Christina Torres, Leon Torres Jr. and Rebecca Torres, all of Big Spring; brothers: Joe Saldana and his wife Linda of San Angelo, Juan Saldana and his wife Lupe of Lubbock; sisters: Rose Ho-Gland and husband Stanley of Lubbock, Aurelia Salazar and husband Alex of Matador, Tina Ho-Gland of Lubbock, Janie S. Soto and her husband Crispin of Slaton, Casimira Ramirez and her husband Jesus of Lubbock and Simona Chavez of Rule; and 27 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter: Rosalinda Torres and a son: Ben Saldana; and two brothers: Eugene Saldana, Jr., and Jesus Saldana Rodriguez.

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

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- RAYMON RAMIREZ RODRIGUEZ, 20, of 805 N. Scurry, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday on municipal warrants for expired license plate (seven counts), expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (three counts), bail jumping – failure to appear (five counts), failure to control speed, no driver's license – when unlicensed and speeding.
- TERESA LORENE LANG, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.
- JESSICA ELLAINE KINGSTON, 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.
- STEVEN MAGANA, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- KODY ROBERT STRICKLAND, 19, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of lighting regulation violation and violating a promise to appear.
- ANTHONY ROBERT SANCHEZ JR., 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

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Mildred 'Millie' Sevey



Mildred "Millie" Sevey, 84, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Select Specialty Hospital in Midland. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 pm. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Revs. Joel Miller and Johnnie Sevey officiating. Burial will be at Gail Cemetery in Gail.

She was born June 13, 1926, in Kenna, N.M., to Mamie and Woody Southard. She graduated from Elida High School and attended Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She married John Walter Sevey Oct. 11, 1945, in Portales, N.M. They moved to Big Spring in 1960 from Charles City, Iowa. She worked for the State of Texas as an alcoholism counselor and retired after 30 years of service. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by four daughters: Joanne Parker of Big Spring, Kay Wilson and her husband David of San Marcos, Jacque Hendricks and her husband Bo of Gail, and Jan Rios and her husband Roby of Coahoma; two sons: Johnnie Sevey and his wife Dee of Lubbock and Jimmie Sevey and his wife Sherry of Nacogdoches; one sister: Lois Tingle of Wilcox, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

The family suggests memorials to Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave., Waco 76708 or online at www.methodistchildrenshome.org

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David E. Clinkscales

David E. Clinkscales, 56, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, in a Carlsbad, N.M., hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

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- STEVEN MAGANA, 32, of 1401 Mesquite, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Eighth Street and Goliad. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of S. Douglas. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM

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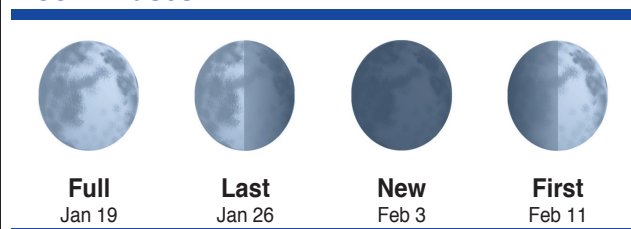
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	39	23	windy	Kingsville	70	36	cloudy
Amarillo	36	21	pt sunny	Livingston	60	30	rain
Austin	53	28	windy	Longview	47	27	rain
Beaumont	64	35	rain	Lubbock	44	20	pt sunny
Brownsville	78	42	pt sunny	Lufkin	59	30	rain
Brownwood	46	25	windy	Midland	47	26	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	67	37	cloudy	Raymondville	76	40	pt sunny
Corsicana	48	25	rain	Rosenberg	63	33	cloudy
Dallas	49	26	rain	San Antonio	62	33	windy
Del Rio	60	33	windy	San Marcos	54	28	windy
El Paso	60	34	sunny	Sulphur Springs	46	26	rain
Fort Stockton	48	31	sunny	Sweetwater	41	24	windy
Gainesville	39	19	mixed	Tyler	47	26	rain
Greenville	44	23	rain	Weatherford	44	21	windy
Houston	63	34	cloudy	Wichita Falls	37	19	frz rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	55	32	pt sunny	Minneapolis	8	-16	sn shower
Boston	26	18	pt sunny	New York	29	26	pt sunny
Chicago	20	0	sn shower	Phoenix	69	42	sunny
Dallas	49	26	rain	San Francisco	62	48	sunny
Denver	39	28	mst sunny	Seattle	46	43	rain
Houston	63	34	cloudy	St. Louis	26	9	snow
Los Angeles	77	48	sunny	Washington, DC	39	32	cloudy
Miami	81	66	pt sunny				

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Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Tuesday evening in the Mega Millions lottery: 04-27-29-38-45; Mega Ball: 5.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday evening by the Texas Lottery: 7-10-14-26-37.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-0-9. Sum It Up: 25.

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Texas budget draft cuts \$13.7 billion in spending

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers got their first glimpse of what the next state budget might look like late Tuesday, including a staggering \$5 billion cut to public schools, as Gov. Rick Perry and his supporters were dancing at an inaugural celebration.

While public education appeared to bear the brunt of the \$15 billion state revenue shortfall, few corners of state government were spared in the draft proposal for the next two years that spends \$73.2 billion in state money.

The proposal reduces state spending by almost \$14 billion over the current budget. The reduction is smaller than the shortfall because of \$1.4 billion in savings requested by the state leaders from the current year budget.

The budget draft, which is expected to be filed as legislation in the House later this week, would cut funding entirely to four community colleges and would generally eliminate financial aid for incoming freshmen and new students. The Texas Grants scholarship program would drop by more than 70,000 students over the next two years.

The proposal also would reduce reimbursement rates by 10 percent for physicians, hospitals and nursing homes that participate in Medicaid — a decrease that could eventually dry up participation in the program for poor and disabled Texans.

In total, 9,600 state jobs would be eliminated over the next two years.

“It’s a catastrophe. No financial aid for kids to go to college. No pre-kindergarten for kids to learn their numbers and their letters. Health and human services slashed,” said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. “No Texan can be proud of this.”

Perry took the oath of office earlier Tuesday for his third term in office. After a day of parties, he spent the evening at a celebration in downtown Austin, just a mile from the Capitol. Donors are picking up the \$2 million tab for the 2011 inaugural. The Legislative Budget Board was required by law to release the budget to leaders on Tuesday, the fifth business day after the session starts.

Some analysts say the true shortfall could be much higher than \$15 billion — closer

to \$27 billion — to account for enrollment growth in public schools and on Medicaid rolls, cost increases and other variables. That figure amounts to almost a third of discretionary state spending in the current budget.

A \$4 billion reduction to the Foundation School Program — the pot of money distributed to schools based on daily attendance — means the program would be short almost \$10 billion below the amount required to fund the school finance formulas under state law. That would make school finance reform legislation almost inevitable.

The proposal also recommends cuts to arts education, teacher incentive pay, money for schools to administer steroid testing and pre-kindergarten programs.

The draft is just the beginning of a long process, which probably won’t be finalized until next summer.

Four Texas two-year colleges would be closed to save \$39 million in the next two-year state budget under preliminary spending plan.

Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Frank Phillips College in Borger, Odessa College

and Ranger College would be closed under a plan to slash \$145 million in state funding for Texas community and junior colleges.

The state’s contributions to the state employee retirement fund would be reduced from 6.95 percent to 6 percent, less than what is needed to maintain the fund, according to the Legislative Budget Board, which drafted the budget. The base budget proposes a similar cut in contributions to the Teacher Retirement Fund.

While almost every other state agency would see a reduction in employees, the average number of full-time employees in Perry’s office over the next two fiscal years would go to 132, up from an average of 120.

The base budget does not use any tax increases or money from the state’s Rainy Day Fund.

“Texas needs a balanced approach that includes using the Rainy Day Fund and adding new revenue,” said Scott McCown, executive director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for needy Texans. “With a revenue shortfall this large, as the proposed budget

shows, the Legislature cannot balance the budget through cuts alone without doing terrible damage.”

Rep. Jim Pitts, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said he would explain the proposal to the chamber on Wednesday.

“There are no sacred cows for this next biennium for our introduced bill,” Pitts said last week. “So many people said, ‘You cannot cut education’. You can’t not cut education. We will be cutting every article within our budget. We will be cutting health and human, we will be cutting education and we’ll be cutting our own budget in the Legislature.”

Other agency cuts include: — \$2.3 billion from Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program and other health and human services.

— \$772 million for Texas colleges and universities, including nearly \$100 million for flagship universities Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin.

— \$459 million from the Department of Criminal Justice, including a 14 percent cut in psychiatric and pharmacy care for inmates.

BUDGET

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to de-fund any community colleges,” Sparks said.

“I serve on the executive committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and when I was in Austin (Jan. 11), we talked in great detail about the various budget scenarios,” Sparks said. “This information was not shared with us then.”

Sparks said the closures, if they are approved, would adversely affect the communities served by the colleges.

“Those four colleges do great work for the areas they serve,” she said. “They play very important roles in their respective areas of the state, and we will together with officials

from those schools to try to restore funding.” While the four colleges planned for closure obviously will suffer the most, all of Texas’ community colleges will feel the effect of lawmakers’ attempts to cut at least \$15 billion in expenditures.

Sparks said preliminary information she has received from Austin is that Howard and other community col-

lege may face 12 percent to 15 percent cuts in state aid this coming biennium. Howard has already sliced 7.5 percent from its current budget in anticipation of decreases in state aid, Sparks said.

Major areas of state aid cuts appear to be in the areas of employee health insurance and funds to cover enrollment growth, she said. Howard and other Tex-

as community colleges have seen an increase in enrollment the past few years.

More concrete information on proposed state cuts should be forthcoming in the next several days, Sparks added.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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CLASS

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Saldivar would not comment, saying it was a personnel matter and he would not discuss it.

Saldivar did confirm, however, that Welsh was still an employee of the school district and early reports the teacher had been escorted off the school campus were incorrect.

“Mr. Welsh is still with us,” Saldivar said Tuesday afternoon. “Any sort of reports he was escorted off the campus are false. He is still employed by the school district.”

Attempts to reach Welsh were unsuccessful.

Saldivar confirmed the ACLU

(American Civil Liberties Union) made an open records request at the beginning of the school year for information specific to the Bible class.

However, Saldivar downplayed the issue, saying the ACLU had requested the same information from a number of other schools in the state.

“The ACLU made the request through the Open Records Act and we turned it over to them,” he said. “The request was made at the beginning of the school year and included a myriad of questions that were general in nature.”

Members of the Howard County Bible Board referred questions to the board’s president, Walter Shipman, who could not be reached in time for press. One board member,

speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the class had been shut down at the high school, and called the move an atrocity.

Because the course is a Bible class, but is taught as a humanities course, the school district does not pay an instructor’s salary or other expenses, according to previous comments from school district officials. Financial support comes through donations from the public.

According to Randy Johnson, superintendent of the Forsan Independent School District, which also offers the same type humanities class, his office has also felt “pressure” from the ACLU for offering the course, but no changes have been made to it at this time.

“Our class is taught by Craig

Felty, who is also a science teacher,” Johnson said. “We haven’t made changes to the course, although we’ve felt the same kind of pressure from the ACLU, which has requested records from us on at least three different occasions.”

Randy Brown, superintendent for Coahoma Independent School District, said his district has also received open record requests from the ACLU. However, Brown said the district has not made any changes to the elective — which is taught by Lane Bond — and has no plans to change the course.

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FAIR

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advance to the regional science fair to be held in Odessa this March. Top finishers in the intermediate and senior divisions will vie for the chance to compete in the state science fair in San Antonio later this year.

Several awards will be presented during Thursday’s fair, Ryan said:

- Alon will present a \$100 gift card to the overall winner and \$50

gift card to each division winner.

- Howard College will present a \$100 scholarship to the top three outstanding projects in the intermediate division, and \$200 scholarships to the top three senior division projects. In addition, the college will provide tuition for its Kid’s College program to top finishers in the elementary division.

- The Friends of the Science Fair, a group of individuals who support science instruction within the district, will

provide scholarships of varying value, Ryan said.

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OUR VIEW

Time to get Girl Scout cookies in!

It's a tradition that dates back as far back as many of us can remember — girls throughout the nation going door-to-door taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies during their annual sale.

In fact, it was more than 90 years ago that Girl Scouts began selling homemade cookies to raise money. It was an idea so successful that since 1936, the Girl Scouts of the USA began enlisting commercial bakers to handle the growing demand.

Now, we all know commercially produced cookies are never going to taste homemade, but it's hard to find a better commercially prepared cookie than those offered by the Girl Scouts during the annual sale.

Girl Scouts throughout the area are in the midst of their fund-raising event, offering local residents any or all of the eight different varieties of cookies available at \$3.50 per box.

Of course, all of our favorites are on sale — Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades and Peanut Butter Patties — but there are also the Shout Outs!, a new cookie in the Girl Scouts' offering.

Each \$3.50 box of cookies we purchase, however, provides a great deal more than just a good-tasting treat.

Girl Scout officials note that the cookie sale helps girls learn important skills related to handling money, goal setting, teamwork and meeting the public.

In addition, one of the things that makes the Girl Scout Cookie Sale different from most youth fund raisers is that a portion of the revenue goes directly to the local troops so that the girls involved in the sale can make a decision on how it's spent.

So when a Girl Scout arrives on your doorstep or approaches you elsewhere, we hope you'll help make the local council's 2011 sale a success.

After all, when we buy Girl Scout cookies, we're not only supporting Girl Scouts and all the good things they do in our community, but we're helping fund the future.

And did we mention they taste good, too?

We call that a win, win and win situation.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your vision, Lord, for our life sets us apart from others.

Amen

As Ohio goes, so goes nation... But this time, let us hope not

The people who keep offices afloat — in business and in government — are not the bosses at the top, but the talented multi-taskers known as "support staff."

People like my friend Sue, whose job title, "administrative assistant," doesn't begin to describe who she is or what she does.

For years, I've referred to Sue as The Boss of Me. She tells me what to do, and I'm smart enough to obey orders.

Sue and I work in the same newsroom, where she responds to readers' calls all day long about stories she didn't write.

She talks with them as if they were her favorite neighbors. She processes our time sheets, which is how dozens of us get paychecks each week.

She remembers everyone's birthday and anniversaries — not just the happy ones but also the sad ones, for example, when a parent died.

Sue schedules meetings and then herds all the stray cats in this joint to make sure we're there on time. For 24 years, she's organized potlucks, bowling parties, celebratory receptions and farewell lunches. She is usually the first person in the department to recognize a problem with morale or a personal struggle that most of us shrugged off as just a co-worker's bad mood.

The loyal friend in me says there's only one Sue in the whole world, and in many ways that's true. But when it comes to how she does her job, there are women like Sue in offices across America, including in the

inner sanctum of Ohio, where Gov. John Kasich has decided to slash the wages of women like Sue while granting breathtaking increases to top-ranking officials in his administration.

A number of Republican governors are vowing to slash state workers' salaries and gut public employee unions, and Kasich is one of them. I'm not going to debate the merits of his raising salaries by as much as \$47,000 so that his chief of staff will make more than \$170,000 a year. Time will tell whether these people are worth what taxpayers are going to pay them.

What I want to know is how the governor, who regularly boasts about his humble roots and has vowed to make state government more efficient, thinks it's humane, let alone just, to cut the wages of his lowest earners, who keep the whole place from sinking into a bureaucratic abyss.

Joseph Mismas of the Ohio political blog "Plunderbund" broke the story about the salary increases and cuts.

His story quickly went viral, which is an especially apt description for the suffering the governor is willing to inflict on women — and let's be clear, mostly women hold these jobs — barely making above-poverty wages before the cuts.

One administrative assistant's pay, for example, is dropping from \$35,000 to \$30,000; another's will decrease from \$33,000 to \$32,000. In one of the more dramatic instances, an administrative assistant's salary plummets from \$35,000 to \$23,000.

That's \$1,000 less a month, which may be chump change to Kasich and his high-priced administrators, but it's a pay cut that forces many families to make impossible choices among life's necessities, such as medi-

cine, food and fuel.

David Rothstein is a researcher for Policy Matters Ohio, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recasting economic policies to benefit everyone, including workers and their families. It took him all of 30 seconds to explain what these pay cuts could mean for someone already barely getting by.

"If these women were sole providers with one child, they'd qualify for the earned income tax credit," he said, referring to a federal refund for low-wage earners. "The governor talks about 'collective sacrifice,' but his Cabinet workers are making six figures at the same time he's cutting support staff wages. There's a hypocrisy at work, and staff people feel it when their pay is cut and their supervisors get raises."

Kasich repeatedly has said you can't pay top staff too much. But not that long ago, he identified himself as the son of a mailman whose parents "hardly spoke any English," and then he said this:

"If you're a boss, the people who work for you are watching you at every turn. They're looking at how you treat your employees, how you accommodate their family emergencies and financial hardships, how you reward their loyalty."

That's from Kasich's book "Stand for Something: The Battle for America's Soul."

Written in 2006, barely four short years ago.

Your employees are watching, Governor.

We're all watching now.

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America's expendable workers

Back in business school, they taught us that a company's major costs were land, labor and capital. There were strategies to minimize each, with labor the most complicated cost to control. That hasn't changed, even though workers have increasingly become replaceable parts, the federal government has weakened labor rights and much U.S. manufacturing takes place in other countries.

Business has become more inventive, too. Union-busting consultants are all the rage. Some law firms specialize in that arena also.

One consulting firm, the Labor Relations Institute, boasts about being "dedicated to maintaining a union-free workplace." Clients, including U.S. Airways, pay \$375 per hour for this heroic work.

Farm workers have it even worse. You may have read about the Florida tomato pickers. After 15 years of struggle they finally squeezed one more penny per pound out of the growers, without government help. Now, for a year's worth of back-breaking toil they earn about \$17,000 instead of the old \$10,000. Mini-

mum wage laws don't apply to them.

Keeping unions at bay is an art form. Firing organizers is surely one tried and true technique, as is the filing of endless election appeals to the understaffed National Labor Relations Board. Moving factories to the South with its looser labor laws works well, too (think Toyota).

Then there's the cute trick of treating abstentions in an organizing election as "no" votes. This usually gets overturned, but the appeals can go on forever.

Ensuring workers' safety is a lower priority for American companies. Take coal mines. Big mining companies have heavy clout with regulatory agencies, and their inspection staffs and schedules are subject to a lot of discretion.

Meat packers, garbage haulers, dockworkers and others are also at risk. Some employers post safety records, with all employees getting a bonus at certain accident-free milestones. Should an accident occur, woe to the worker who reports an accident.

Even government and other white-collar workers aren't safe. Privatizing and outsourcing are on the march in offices and cubicles.

My own city long ago outsourced its cleaning staff and is now looking at following suit with its garbage collection.

Other union jobs have disappeared as well.

Social Security benefits are beginning to vanish, too, as Washington budget cutters aim at further raising the retirement age.

Well, that's OK for us columnists. There's always some question whether we're still alive anyway. But I have a friend who works on an asphalt gang. He'll be lucky to make it to his 62nd birthday.

And what do we do with nursing home aides, factory workers, loggers and others in demanding physical jobs?

Will there be a hardship clause, or will we wait until they're badly hurt and then put them on disability?

And who's going to hire a burned out 60-year-old worker?

With the success of the war on unions, the growing dominance of money in politics, the popularity of overseas sweatshops and the rise of robotic manufacturing, America no longer needs so many workers.

These shifts mostly account for their steady disappearance from the middle economic class into the lower economic class.

But it sure was fun while it lasted.

OtherWords columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.



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Annie's Mailbox®

Wife's suspicious actions; nightmare dog

Dear Annie: I am a 36-year-old husband and father, married for four years. Two years ago, I caught my wife cheating on me.

I was willing to forgive her for the sake of our children. But lately, our marriage seems to have fallen into that dark alley again. My wife is always on Facebook or buried in her cell phone, texting. She won't tell me with

whom. Every time I dare peek at what she is doing, she goes immediately on the defensive.

I confronted her about how shady she has been, and she assures me it's nothing to be concerned about. Well, time, aggravation and arguments have turned me into someone I don't like. I logged into her Facebook account and checked out her private

messages. I discovered she's been talking to some guy behind my back. It's not an affair, but there is definite flirting.

I haven't told her what I know. Should I? Was I wrong to snoop? Help.—*Distrustful*

Dear Distrustful: Although we don't recommend snooping, it is understandable when



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

your wife has given you reason to suspect her and has a history to back it up. Tell her what you found, and apologize for going behind her back. When someone

has had an affair, that person needs to be completely transparent in every aspect of the relationship, or trust cannot be regained. Your wife is putting your

marriage at risk by being dishonest about her contact with other men. Insist that she accompany you for counseling, and see if you can work on this together.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have large breed dogs. Four of them are well behaved and nice to be around. The fifth is a nightmare. "Buddy" constantly attacks our other dogs and has caused minor injuries.

I have spoken to three different trainers and have tried everything. I want to have Buddy relocated to another home. He is not a bad dog. He just does not fit into our pack. My husband has only recently decided to take this seriously and is now determined to keep this dog. But last night, Buddy attacked our St. Bernard, and in the process, I was knocked over and bitten. I'm done.

We are expecting our first child soon, and Buddy is clearly a risk. How do I convince my husband of this without getting divorced? —*Illinois*

Dear Illinois: Even well-behaved dogs can develop jealousy toward a new baby. Although Buddy may be trainable, it's unlikely you will accomplish that before the baby arrives, and your child's safety must come first. Your husband is doing Buddy no favors by insisting he fit in with your family when he might do better and be happier elsewhere. Don't wait for a tragedy. Please relocate Buddy immediately.

Dear Annie: I was amazed to see the letter from "Daughter-in-Law in Hawaii," whose mother-in-law smells like mothballs.

A few years back, my sisters and I noticed that my mother reeked of mothballs. When we told her to take the coat to the cleaners, she was shocked. She said she thought the smell of mothballs showed people you were well off enough to be able to take care of your woollens. She told us she always stuck a few mothballs in her pockets in winter so she could be proud of her clean scent. When we explained that this was not the case, she was so glad we told her.

Soon after I married, I noticed that my mother-in-law had a strong underarm odor. I begged my husband to tell her, but he wouldn't. When she later got a part-time job, her boss took her aside. She called me, crying, and demanded to know why we hadn't said anything. It took a long time for her to forgive us for failing her. People should be told the truth before they are embarrassed and humiliated in public. —*California*

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

First Things First

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 6 3
♥ K 9 8
♦ A 9 8 6 4 3
♣ 7

WEST
♠ 8 2
♥ Q 10 6 5 3 2
♦ 5
♣ Q 9 8 3

EAST
♠ K J 10 9 7
♥ J
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 10 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 5 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ K 10 2
♣ A J 6 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♦
1♠ Pass Pass 3♦
Pass 3NT

Opening lead — eight of spades.
The defenders usually have more to think about than the declarer, mainly because they can't see each other's hands. Conversely, declarer, with dummy's cards and his own in plain view, is in an ideal position to assess his strong and weak points and to take advantage of the knowledge he has and the opponents do not.

East had a problem of sorts when he won the opening spade lead with

the king after declarer played low from dummy. But he correctly decided that there was no future in a spade continuation, and so he shifted to a low club, which sounded the death knell for the contract.

Declarer played low, West winning with the eight and returning a low club to East's king. There was no recovery for South, whatever he did, and he eventually lost a spade, three clubs and a diamond to go down one.

East unquestionably earned his success by abandoning spades and shifting to a club at trick two, but he should never have had the opportunity to beat the contract. South erred grievously when he played low from dummy on the opening spade lead. He was asking for trouble, and he got it.

Both the bidding and the opening lead clearly marked East with the king of spades, so it was unnecessary to try to protect the queen by playing low from dummy. There was more pressing business at hand.

Dummy's diamonds needed to be attended to before declarer's weak spot in clubs could be exploited. South should therefore have gone up with the ace of spades at trick one and attacked diamonds at trick two. After that start, South would have had no trouble scoring nine tricks.

Tomorrow: The case of the missing damsel.

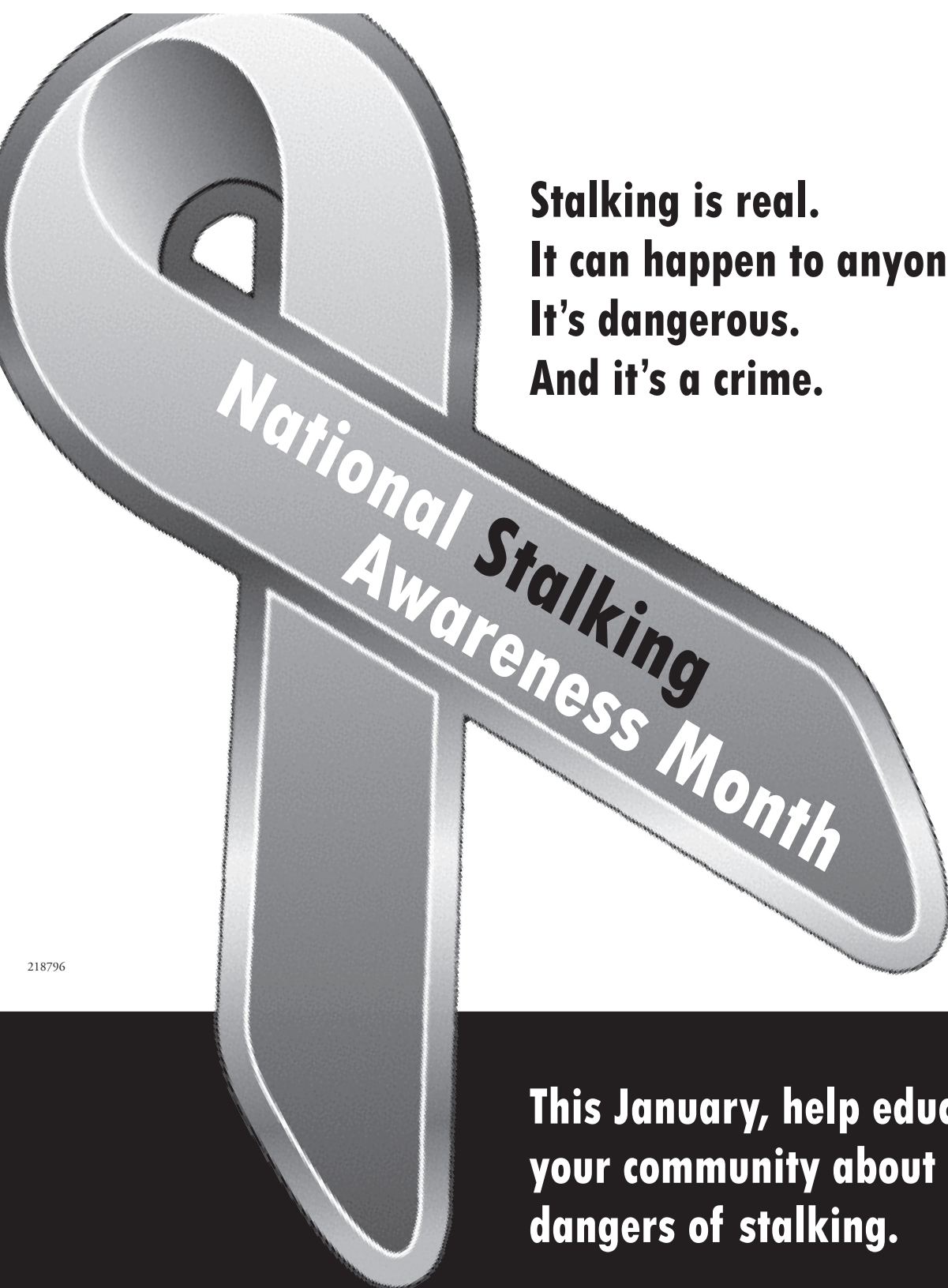
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Train hits car playing loud music

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Sgt. Jerry Odlin tells the Missoulian the man's car was badly damaged in the crash early Sunday, but the driver was not injured.

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Odlin says the driver, a Missoula man in his 30s, likely will be cited for failing to stop at a railroad signal.

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News in brief

Obama grants lavish White House welcome to China's Hu as 2 world powers seek common ground

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is lavishing the grandest of White House welcomes on Chinese President Hu Jintao as the leaders of the world's two top powers try to find common ground on economic and security issues without alienating their domestic audiences.

With many Americans blaming China at least in part for the high U.S. unemployment rate, both presidents will be looking to build trust in a relationship grounded in mutual interest but troubled by intractable disputes.

It follows an up and down two years in which an assertive China initially cold-shouldered the U.S. on climate change, did little to reel in its unpredictable ally North Korea and responded limply to U.S. pleas to mitigate trade imbalances. For its part, the U.S. riled China by selling arms to Taiwan and inviting Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, to the White House.

Both sides are now setting a more positive tone. Hu was welcomed on arrival Tuesday at Andrews Air Force Base by Vice President Joe Biden and then attended the first of two dinners Obama is hosting for him during his four-day U.S. stay. After talks Wednesday, the two leaders will hold a joint news conference — just four questions allowed. A full state dinner at the White House in the evening will be the ceremonial highlight.

House nears vote on repealing Obama's health care law; Senate Democrats vow to block measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Republican-led House is poised to deliver an emphatic thumbs-down to President Barack Obama's landmark health care overhaul, with no ready substitute of its own.

The House vote Wednesday could turn out to be

the high-water mark for repeal, a goal that energized conservative voters in the midterm elections and helped Republicans return to power in Congress. Democrats, who hung on to the Senate, have vowed to block the GOP drive.

But House Republicans say not to underestimate their determination or their willingness to use parliamentary maneuvers to deny the Obama administration funds needed to carry out the law.

"Our vote to repeal is not merely symbolic," said freshman Rep. Nan Hayworth, R-N.Y., an ophthalmologist. "It respects the will of the American people. And it paves the way to reform our health care."

The initial round of debate Tuesday was free of the rancor seen during the marathon sessions that culminated in party-line passage of the historic legislation last year. The law would provide coverage to more than 30 million uninsured people, with tax credits to make premiums more affordable for the middle class, along with an expanded Medicaid program for the poor. Starting in 2014, most Americans would be required to carry health insurance, a first-of-its-kind mandate that Republicans are challenging as unconstitutional in federal court.

Anti-govt protesters rally in Tunisia's capital despite calls for calm by fragile new government

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Hundreds of protesters marched down the main street of Tunisia's capital on Wednesday, demanding that allies of the ousted president stop clinging to power.

The demonstrators sang nationalist songs and held up signs with "RCD Out!" — referring to the former ruling party — as they walked down Avenue Bourguiba in central Tunis. White-and-blue police vans lined the route to prevent any clashes.

A spokesman for the embattled prime minister said ministers who remained in the new interim government were debating whether to hold their first meeting Wednesday or Thursday. Four new

ministers resigned within 24 hours after being appointed to the unprecedented multiparty Cabinet, weakening its prospects.

A popular uprising ousted President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali on Friday after 23 years in power, and the caretaker government run by his longtime prime minister is now struggling to calm tensions. The fragile state of the government highlights Tunisians' questions about who is in control of this North Africa nation on the Mediterranean Sea, popular among European tourists and seen as an ally in the West's fight against terrorism.

An airport official said the Tunisian foreign minister, Kamal Merjan, left the Egyptian resort town of Sharm el-Sheik on Wednesday before the start of an Arab League summit, without giving any reason.

Duvalier's fate in hands of Haitian judge who will decide whether ex-dictator to go to trial

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian authorities moved toward trying Jean-Claude Duvalier for alleged corruption and embezzlement during his brutal 15-year rule, opening an investigation against the former dictator whose unexpected return from exile took an already tense nation by surprise.

The former strongman known as "Baby Doc" was questioned by judges for hours behind closed doors in a court in Haiti's capital Tuesday, defense attorney Gervais Charles said. The case is now in the hands of a judge of instruction who will decide whether there is enough evidence to go to trial, Charles said.

Haiti's system allows for pretrial detention, but Duvalier was allowed to remain free and returned to his hotel room under police escort following the questioning. He cannot leave the country, however. His longtime companion Veronique Roy had earlier said Duvalier expected his trip from France, where he has lived in exile, would last three days.

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Chaplain charged over photos at nursing home

GRANBURY (AP) — A chaplain is accused of secretly taking photos at a Fort Worth-area nursing home.

Granbury police say Matthew Christopher Porter was identified by a photo of him allegedly adjusting the camera. The device was found in October in a staff bathroom at Harbor Lakes Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Porter is no longer associated with The Church at Granbury.

Capt. Alan Hines on Tuesday said police are trying to identify more people in the photos.

Porter is charged with felony improper photography or visual recording. He was arrested Jan. 7 and freed on \$20,000 bail.

Ex-Crowell coach Roberts gets 100 days in jail

CROWELL (AP) — A former high school football coach and athletic director in North Texas is serving 100 days in jail for an improper relation-

ship with a student.

Ex-coach Brandon Roberts was sentenced Tuesday in Crowell. Roberts pleaded guilty to felony improper relationship with a female student.

An anonymous letter to the Foard County Sheriff's Office, received in March 2010, prompted the investigation. The 27-year-old educator was arrested in June.

The allegations went back to 2008 when the girl attended Crowell High School. She's now in college.

Roberts also must serve 10 years of probation, do 100 hours of community service and pay a \$5,000 fine. He's been forced to give up his certificate to teach in Texas.

Scaled back inaugural night party for Perry

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's evening inaugural festivities stuck with the 2011 austere but patriotic Texas theme.

About 2,000 people attended Perry's inauguration ball Tuesday night at the Palmer Events Center

State leaders, legislators, judges and

other dignitaries roamed the venue, hours after Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in at the Texas Capitol.

Perry, his wife Anita, and their two adult children were present. The first lady was wearing an elegant dress she had had worn to her son's wedding and had restyled.

High court declines Kenedy case, alleged heir

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to consider a claim that wealthy South Texas rancher John G. Kenedy left behind an illegitimate daughter and heir.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports the high court's rejection Tuesday could end the efforts of Ann Fernandez. Fernandez, who's in her 80s, has been living in a nursing home.

The Corpus Christi woman has been in a legal battle with the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation and the John G. Kenedy Jr. Charitable Trust. The groups control the 400,000-acre Kenedy Ranch.

Fernandez family attorney Marcos Ronquillo says a rehearing could be sought. He unsuccessfully sought to have Kenedy's body exhumed for DNA testing.

Kenedy died in 1948 and was believed to have no heirs.

Budget plan proposes millions in new fees

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican leaders

are promising not to raise taxes, but that doesn't mean Texans won't be paying more for services in the new state budget.

A preliminary spending plan released Tuesday night proposes millions of dollars in new fees. State employees and retirees who smoke would pay a \$30-a-month "tobacco user monthly premium surcharge," raising an estimated \$42 million for the budget.

There are also several new fees, worth about \$28 million, that would be imposed by the Texas Attorney General's office, among them an "annual child support service fee," a "monthly child support processing fee," an "electronic filing of documents fee," and a "comprehensive development agreement review fee."

Brother sues over sale of Oswald's coffin

FORT WORTH (AP) — Lee Harvey Oswald's brother is suing a Texas funeral home and California auction house after the presidential assassin's original coffin was sold at an auction.

Robert Edward Lee Oswald said he thought the water-damaged wooden coffin had been destroyed after Lee Harvey Oswald's body was exhumed from a Fort Worth cemetery in 1981 amid conspiracy theories surrounding the death of President John F. Kennedy. Another coffin was used for the reburial.

The lawsuit filed last week in Fort Worth accuses Baumgardner Funeral Home of invasion of privacy.

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Steers make easy work of Sweetwater

Bad shooting night helps Sweetwater girls bury Lady Steers

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

More than anything, the first quarter of the Big Spring-Sweetwater game Tuesday in Steer Gym was an exhibition of athleticism on the Steers' part.

There was that uptempo style they like to run and a couple of missed dunks that had fans buzzing.

But forward Mike Menefield gave the fans what they wanted on a fast break with a two-handed jam that gave the Steers a 13-7 lead.

By then the Steers were well on their way to the 75-46 drubbing of the Mustangs in District 5-3A play.

"The kids, the fans, they like to see those dunks," BSHS head coach Cliff Thompson said. "I think our dunks are like 15 percent of the year, but if nothing else, it gets those guys excited in the stands and that changes the momentum, even if you miss a dunk."

Big Spring guard Luke Adams was once again nothing short of outstanding with 37 points and eight 3-pointers. Tristian Clay and Devante Lloyd chipping in 12 apiece shouldn't be overlooked either.

But it was simply athleticism and quickness that propelled the Steers past the Mustangs.

Big Spring's explosive first quarter only set them up for a comfortable 16-point lead heading into the second.

By halftime, the Mustangs were buried by a 22-point deficit, thanks to two baskets from Adams and another from Lloyd to make it 36-16 in the middle of the second and two 3-pointers from Adams and another from Marc Segundo to make 41-18 as the quarter expired.

The Mustangs couldn't keep up with the Steers, even with tall, lanky center Paxton Kelley and his 13 points.

Menefield said it was tough to stop Kelley in the paint and at times the Steers had to double-team him. But Lloyd, among others, made sure Kelley didn't do too much damage Tuesday night.

There's still room for improvement in the Steers' eyes.

Adams said he likes to see his team score on fastbreak opportunities, but in the long run, if the defense can win some games for the Steers, then they'll be dangerous.

"We like to play uptempo. It's just our defense is not as strong, so we gamble a little bit more," the senior guard said. "We have to play a little bit better on defense. We gambled a little too much and gave up some points."

The Steers also played like a confident team Tuesday night, too.

Menefield said Friday's 66-56 win at Brownwood was one of the biggest of the season because it gave the Steers belief they could do some damage in district play.

"After we won the Brownwood game, that gave us the confidence that we know we can come into district playing well," he said. "Going into district, we should keep the winning streak going and go deep in the playoffs."

The Steers may not win too many games in district play the way they did Tuesday night. They were just quicker than the Mustangs, but Thompson said Snyder will be just as quick, Brownwood is just as athletic and Abilene Wylie won't be easy to overcome.

So the next few weeks might be challenging, but the Steers are in position to start district play on the right foot. Big Spring has Snyder at home Friday before an open date Jan. 25. Then another home game



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Dayvion Young soars to the basket in the Big Spring Steers' 75-46 win over Sweetwater Tuesday in Steer Gym.

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Photo Courtesy of Wes Galloway

Cheyenne Galloway is crowded by defenders as she takes a jump shot in the Forsan Lady Buffs' game at Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday.

Area basketball: Forsan boys win, but Lady Buffs stumble at Roosevelt

Coahoma boys

COAHOMA — Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols continues to stress putting four quarters together as the Bulldogs dropped a District 3-2A contest to Denver City at home.

Tanner Ruiz's 16 points weren't enough to keep the Bulldogs around in this game. The Bulldogs cut a deficit to seven twice late in the game, but Denver City was just too much.

Things haven't exactly gone the Bulldogs' way so far in district play with injuries, among other things, ailing the team, but Nichols said his group is still positive about halfway through district play.

Denver City 54, Coahoma 40
Denver City 22 10 8 14 - 54
Coahoma 20 3 7 10 - 40
Coahoma — Molina 2, Ruiz 16, Acevedo 4, Williams 3, Cravens 4, Ryan Reid 3, Reagan Reid 2, Echavarria 6
3-point field goals — Coahoma 3 (Ruiz 1, Acevedo 1, Ryan Reid 1)
Records: Coahoma (9-12, 1-5)
Next game: Coahoma vs. Post at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Post

Coahoma girls

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes were without Lynzi Ferrell and Minnie Goodblanket, but head coach Mitzi Bell wasn't disappointed with the 39-27 loss to Denver City Tuesday night.

With a young lineup on the floor, the head coach said she was proud of the way her players battled. A 22-7 second quarter in favor of Denver City hurt them, however.

Still, the Bulldogettes would like to have Ferrell and Goodblanket back, who are both injured. Ferrell has a shoulder injury and Goodblanket is having problems with her knee.

Denver City 39, Coahoma 27
Denver City 6 22 4 7 - 39
Coahoma 5 7 0 15 - 27
Coahoma — Gonzales 3, Clanton 4, Neff 1, Pace 6, Maddox 5, Castilaw 8
Denver City — Hawkins 12, Davis 16
3-point field goals — Coahoma 3 (Gonzales 1, Castilaw 1)
Records: Coahoma (9-12, 2-6)
Next game: Coahoma vs. Post at 6 p.m. Friday in Post

Forsan boys

LUBBOCK — The Forsan Buffs got to 3-3 in district play with a win over Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday night. Ty Johnson and Elgin Suazo were huge with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The win keeps the Buffs in the thick of the District 3-2A race with Colorado City at home Friday.

Forsan 43, Lubbock Roosevelt 36

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Little League Baseball

Sign-ups for little league baseball for ages 4-15 begin Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Sign-ups will take place at those hours every Saturday until Feb. 12 at the mall. They also will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 through Feb. 11 at the mall.

Participants can also sign up at Gartman Refrigeration on 3206 East FM 700 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 24 through Feb. 11. Registration is \$80 and it includes jersey, pants, socks and belt. Be sure to bring the child's birth certificate.

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or Robert at 816-8161.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

The Coahoma Girls Softball Association will conduct a board meeting at 7 p.m. today in the community center in Coahoma. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Men's city bowling tournament

This tournament takes place Sunday and Monday at Bowl-A-Rama in Big Spring. For more information on the men's city bowling tournament, contact

Diana Ewing at 432-816-7631, Claud Fryar at 432-517-0475, or Sheila Armstrong at 432-270-7596.

2011 MAYB River City Shootout

Registration is ongoing for the 2011 MAYB River City Shootout Basketball Tournament to take place on Feb. 19-20.

The tournament is for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8. Please e-mail wardca@yahoo.com or call (979) 417-3721 for additional information. Online registration is available at www.otcybc.com.

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against Wylie follows.

Having the next three at home with an open date nestled in between shows how big the win at Brownwood was.

“It was huge,” Thompson said. “It’s kind of a darker gym. They had stands full with fans, it was loud. It was a good atmosphere and it was huge to get a win there. ... We’re 2-0, still on the road trying to get that district championship.”

Big Spring 75, Sweetwater 46
Sweetwater 9 13 14 10 - 46
Big Spring 25 19 19 12 - 75

Big Spring — Marc Segundo 2, Davion Young 2, Tristian Clay 12, Mike Menefield 4, Luke Adams 37, Chazzell Robertson 6, Devante Lloyd 12

Sweetwater — Medellin 3, Sepada 4, Adames 6, Kelley 13

3-point field goals — Big Spring 9 (Adams 8, Clay 1), Sweetwater 3

Fouls: Big Spring 13, Sweetwater 7
Technical fouls: Big Spring-Chris Turner

Records: Big Spring (18-6, 1-0), Sweetwater (6-16, 0-2)

Next game: Big Spring vs. Snyder at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Steer Gym

Big Spring girls

The snowball effect took place for the Big Spring Lady Steers in their District 5-3A matchup against Sweetwater Tuesday.

It just progressively got worse on the way to a 59-35 loss at home to fall to 0-3 in district play.

While a bad shooting night already had the Lady Steers playing catch-up, Kinsey Browning and Taylor McKoy’s 16 points apiece were big for Sweetwater as the Lady Mustangs earned their first district win.

Big Spring’s strengths weren’t strong enough Tuesday night.

“Cerbi (Ritchey) had some looks, she just couldn’t put the ball in the hole,” BSHS head coach Mike Warren said. “Bridgette (Tuitt) had a lot of good penetration. She was getting

inside that zone (defense). She’s got to make her shot. We never got Mackenzie (Stone) going, we never got Valerie (Ross) going. Just an overall bad night.”

Sweetwater jumped out to a 16-6 lead heading into the second quarter after the Lady Steers missed 14 shots from the field. Early in the second, though, a LaShaunte Anderson 3-pointer and a basket from Stone had Big Spring only down by four.

But Sweetwater had its own version of Stone and Ross.

Browning found ways to get open from the 3-point line and hit a few big shots in the first half to make sure the Lady Mustangs stayed ahead. She had a game-high four 3-pointers and all of them came in the first half.

Meanwhile, Stone and Ross never got hot from the the 3-point line for Big Spring. Ritchey couldn’t get a clear shot in the paint, either.

The former was what worried Sweetwater head coach Jerry McSherry the most.

“Originally we went in trying to shut down their 3-point shooters,” he said. “I thought my post could do a decent enough job on the inside. They did a pretty good job. Then we just kind of stayed between them and the basket. Tuitt did a great job getting in the middle of the paint.”

McKoy soon took the place of Browning, scoring 12 of her 16 points in the second half.

The Lady Steers didn’t have a player score in double-digits, with Ritchey’s six being the team-high.

Warren said it was more than a bad shooting night. Sweetwater out-hustled the Lady Steers and it won’t get easier. The head coach expects Snyder to be a tougher team than Sweetwater Friday.

“We just need to get in the gym and practice hard and just go play,” Warren said. “Not worry about a record, not worry about anything. Just go play, try to get better.”

“Good things are still going to happen for us. We still have some good games. You go through a lull every season. You play around 25 to 30 games. Not a good time to have one.”

Sweetwater 59, Big Spring 35
Sweetwater 16 15 16 12 - 59



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

LaShaunte Anderson take a jump shot in the Big Spring Lady Steers’ game against Sweetwater Tuesday night.

Big Spring 8 10 7 10 - 35

Big Spring — Yarbar — 3, Stone 5, Anderson 3, Kennedy 4, Smith 2, Tuitt 5, Ross 2, Ritchey 6

Sweetwater — Browning 16, Crosson 2, Shirley 6, Hernandez 9, McKoy 16, Finn 6

3-point field goals — Big Spring 4 (Yarbar 1, Stone 1, Anderson 1, Tuitt 1), Sweetwater 7 (Browning 4, Shirley 2, Hernandez 1)

Fouls: Big Spring 14, Sweetwater 11
Records: Big Spring (15-6, 0-3), Sweetwater (15-12, 1-2)

Next game: Big Spring vs. Snyder at 6 p.m. Friday in Big Spring

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Forsan 7 10 4 22 - 43
Lubbock Roosevelt 11 11 12 2 - 36

Forsan — Johnson 11, Suazo 10, Bag-nall 8, Phillips 7, Self 7

Next game: Forsan vs. Colorado City at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Forsan

Forsan girls

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Roosevelt is 8-0 in district play for a reason. The Forsan Lady Buffs fell to 3-5 in district play after a 55-40 loss to the Lady Eagles Tuesday night. Head coach Robert Hillger has called Roosevelt the best team in the district and it showed Tuesday.

He said he was proud of his team’s effort, though. The Lady Buffs were down by seven at the half and got as close as six in the third quarter. They just couldn’t get over the hump.

Lubbock Roosevelt 55, Forsan 40
Forsan 8 10 5 17 - 40
Lubbock Roosevelt 16 9 9 21 - 55
Forsan — Forshee 11, Wilson 6, Ro-

emer 6, Hill 5, Galloway 5, Hergert 4, Crane 2, Stanley 1

Records: Forsan (11-11, 3-5)
Next game: Forsan vs. Colorado City at 6 p.m. Friday in Forsan

Other scores:

Sands boys

Sands 24 18 19 10 - 71
O’Donnell 6 10 11 16 - 43
Sands — Ybarra 13, Parker 11, Staggs 10, Caleb Thomasson 10, Junior Rogers 9
Records: Sands (21-4, 8-0)

Sands girls

Sands 13 21 16 15 - 65
O’Donnell 20 7 7 16 - 50
Sands — Jennifer Gomez 30, Lani Robles 11, Nora Gomez 6, Meagan Yarbrough 6, Lexi Robles 5, Morgan Yarbrough 4, Priscilla Ybarra 3
Records: Sands (19-5, 6-2)

Grady girls

Grady 38, Wellman-Union 31
Wellman-Union 9 9 9 4 - 31
Grady 9 5 9 15 - 38
Grady — Sarah Clay 6, Charmynee Arnold 10, Julia Scheulke 2, Katie Meeks

2, Kelly Cook 18

Records: Grady (13-9, 4-4 in 8-A, Division II)

Next: Grady vs. Klondike at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Klondike

Garden City girls

Garden City 41, Robert Lee 36
Garden City 15 7 9 10 - 41
Robert Lee 15 6 7 8 - 36
Garden City — Taylor Hughes 13, Magdaly Huerta 10, Cassie Hirt 6, Leticia Ramirez 6, Rachel Hirt 3, Ashley Halfmann 3
Records: Graden City (11-14, 5-3 in 12-A, Division II)
Next: Sterling City vs. Garden City at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Garden City

Stanton boys

Stanton 50, Slaton 37
Stanton 16 14 14 6 - 50
Slaton 14 6 8 9 - 37
Stanton — Tyler Fulton 12, Trace Sidle 11, Reyna 2, Nathane Koonce 6, Blake Evans 6, Grayson Grey 13
Records: Stanton (17-2, 5-1 3-2A)
Next game: Lubbock Roosevelt vs. Stanton at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stanton

Garden City boys

Garden City 46, Robert Lee 45
Garden City 15 15 8 8 - 46
Robert Lee 14 10 12 9 - 45
Garden City — Brett Chudej 23, Aaron Long 11, Brian Hirt 3, Josh Colunga 3, Sam Miller 3, Corbin Davis 2.
Records: Garden City (7-4, 5-1 in 12-A, Division II)
Next: Sterling City vs. Garden City at 8 p.m. in Garden City

Grady boys

Grady 56, Wellman-Union 30
Wellman-Union 10 12 2 6 - 30
Grady 11 15 16 15 - 56
Grady — Shane Teague 21, Bransen Richards 6, Johan Wiebe 7, Carston Russell 2, Briley Pinkerton 16, Jacob Rodriguez 5
Records: Grady (20-2, 7-1 in 8-A, Division II)
Next: Grady vs. Klondike at 8 p.m. Friday in Klondike

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The Associated Press
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Tom Brady, and Bart Scott vs. Wes Welker. Sensational back-page headlines in New York and Boston added to all the hype until the Jets took care of business by beating the Patriots 28-21 on Sunday.

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When the moon is in Cancer, she is at home. And when she's full in Cancer, she becomes the most important thing in the sky, a radiant goddess on her throne, dominating the darkness. What is in your realm that you can brighten up? Tonight, stay home and arrange your domestic scene so as to make your home a comfortable castle.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are a learner. Remember this — even when you feel like standing still in what you already know. These are times of change, and adaptation is a must!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Soldier on. When you get tired, it energizes you to keep going. You hit your second wind and then your third before you even get a glimpse of the goal line. Your win is sweeter for this effort.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people are more afraid of success than they are of failure. What about you? You'll find out today when you hit a wave of little successes that build into one big success. How does it make you feel?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you need help, ask for it. When there is no one around to ask, ask anyway. Maybe you are talking to yourself, or maybe you are pleading to the invisible powers that be. You will be heard and answered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No pushing or forcing the action along — it simply won't work. This is a day to relax. You're better off sitting back and watching. Things happen naturally and easily when they're right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might procrastinate. It's not because you can't be bothered to take action. It's because you are busy with the most important things — the things that bring the highest payoff for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Write down on paper the goal that is in your heart. If you don't have a set destination, you will not have a system of measurement to tell you when you are slipping far away from where you really want to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). With people who understand you, you don't have to perform or think of new subjects to talk about. You can just be you, and it feels good. You'll be with those you like, and it's satisfying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Get into action mode, even if you're not so sure of what you really want to do. The momentum will lead to something. Trust the instincts that move your body and mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are perceptive and wise. It will be easy for you to read the signals. If it's a fight to keep the ball bouncing, maybe this is not the right game for you. Tonight: Someone embraces you wholeheartedly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Highly creative people are drawn to you. It seems as though they are bouncing off the walls with many ideas that are not on point. However, you have a talent for focusing everyone on the task at hand.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 19). Your health and stamina are high this year, and you'll have the energy to tackle your more ambitious dreams. The pressure is on in April, and you show everyone what you can do and surprise even yourself! Give to someone in need in March. You'll be a hero. Travel is favored for July and September. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 22, 31 and 25.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My boyfriend, a Cancer, left me. I'm a Virgo. I haven't ventured from my apartment in days. I'm on vacation from work, which was convenient. It gave me time to grieve. Now I have to go back to real life, and I don't know how I'm going to tell

everyone that my boyfriend has moved on. I'm devastated. This is the worst thing that's ever happened. I don't know how I'm going to go on without him. Is there any way to get him back? What should I do?"

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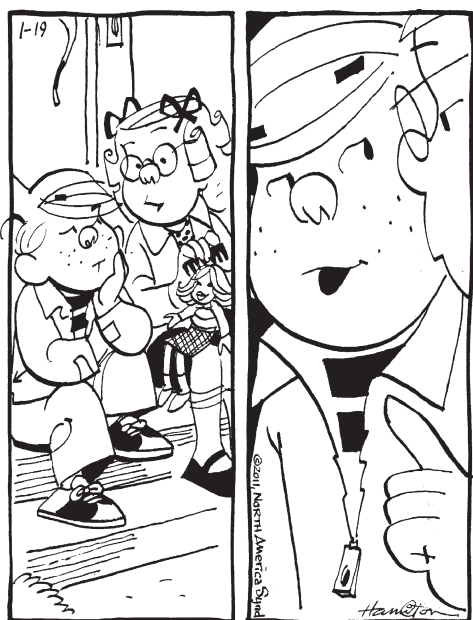
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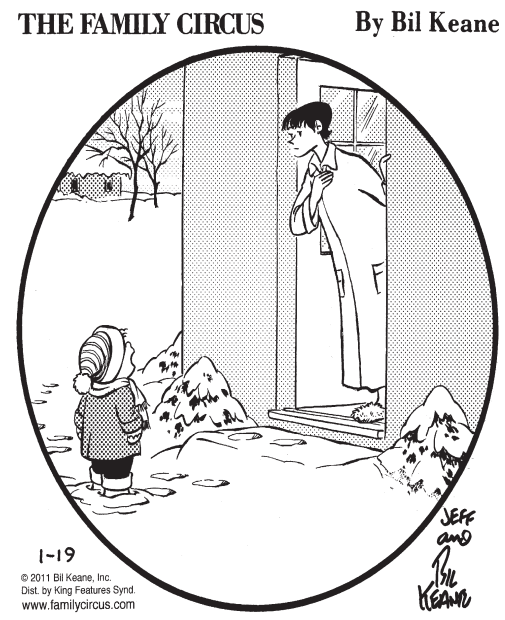
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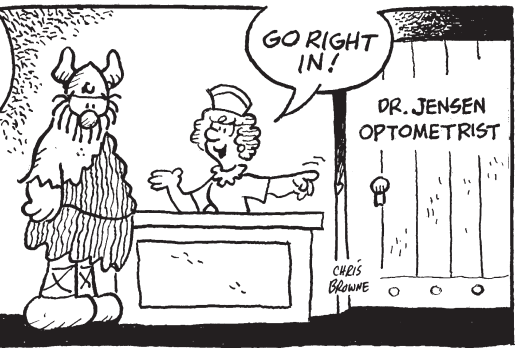
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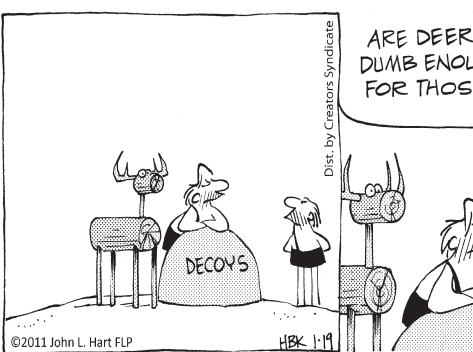
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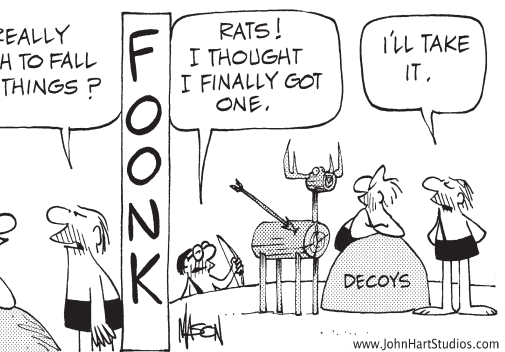
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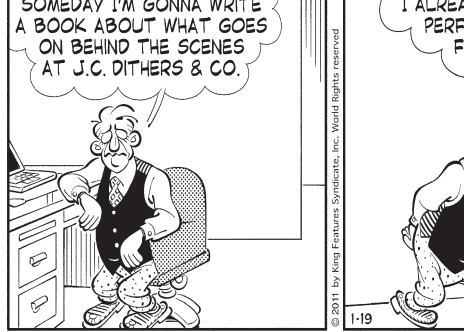
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2011. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1861, Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union as delegates to a special convention in Milledgeville (MIHL'-ihj-vihl) (then the capital) voted 208-89 for separation.

On this date:

In 1807, Confederate general Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news

conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1960, the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States of America was signed by both countries in Washington, D.C.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1980, retired Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas died in Washington, D.C., at age 81.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is 91. Actress Jean Stapleton is 88. Actor Fritz Weaver is 85. Former Tippi Hedren is 81. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 80. Movie director Richard Lester

is 79. Singer Phil Everly is 72. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 69. Actress Shelley Fabares is 67. Country singer Dolly Parton is 65. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 64. TV chef Paula Deen is 64. Rock singer Martha Davis is 60. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 59. Actor Desi Arnaz, Jr. is 58. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 56. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 56. Actress Katey Sagal is 54. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 54. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 53. Actor Paul McCrane is 50. Actor William Ragsdale is 50. International Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 45. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 43.

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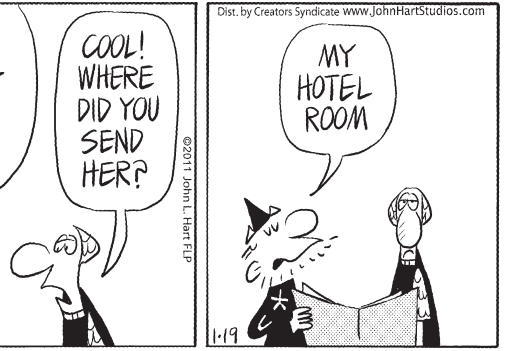
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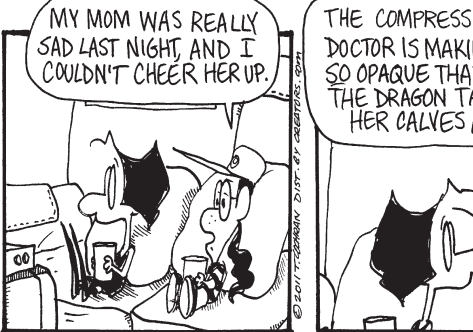
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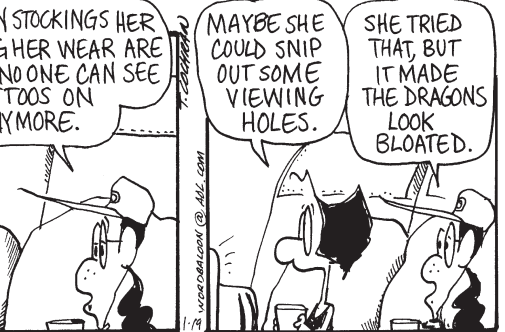
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Male deer
 - 5 Wizard's skill
 - 10 IRS form experts
 - 14 "Eat your broccoli ___ dessert!"
 - 15 Wear down
 - 16 ___ mater
 - 17 Money-saving center
 - 19 Jamaican exports
 - 20 Heckle
 - 21 Wilmington's loc.
 - 22 Swelled heads
 - 23 Cow call
 - 25 Warning signal
 - 27 Computer criminals
 - 31 Runways, for instance
 - 34 "None of the above" choice
 - 35 Social stratum
 - 38 Board mem., usually
 - 39 Azerbaijan neighbor
 - 40 Beach toys
 - 41 Distort
 - 42 Knight's title
 - 43 Monte __, Monaco
 - 44 Colander kin
 - 45 Does a baseball runner's job
 - 47 Increased by 200%
 - 49 Born first
 - 51 Derby, for instance
 - 52 Florida city, for short
 - 54 Fishing gear
 - 56 Membership list
- DOWN**
- 1 Any minute now
 - 2 Test answer, at times
 - 3 Pre-deal ritual
 - 4 Medal metal
 - 5 Shooting star
 - 6 Sofa part
 - 7 Prod
 - 8 Runs in neutral
 - 9 Some string players
 - 10 Life's work
 - 11 Symbol of worthlessness
 - 12 Peas, for pea shooters
 - 13 Fresh talk
 - 18 Bugs Bunny's pursuer
 - 24 Hollywood award
 - 26 Hwy.
 - 27 Lifting device
 - 28 Sky-lit lobbies
 - 29 One way to pay
 - 30 Author Kesey
 - 32 Annoyance
 - 33 Scattered seeds
 - 36 Be under the weather
 - 37 Arboreal mammal
 - 40 Drink-to-go holder
 - 41 Soup sample
 - 43 Bovine chew
 - 44 Keep hidden
 - 46 Casual pants
 - 48 Not very often
 - 50 Awaken
 - 52 Wait awhile
 - 53 Mideast sultanate
 - 55 Doctor's prescription
 - 57 Part of a process
 - 58 Actress Hatcher
 - 59 Obama cabinet member Holder
 - 60 Sergeant, for one
 - 63 Cleaning cloth

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