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ISDs brace for financial storm

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Public school educators in Howard County are bracing for a chilly spring, financially speaking.

With the state facing a \$15 billion shortfall, it stands to reason that financial aid to public school districts will be

reduced this year, so it's not a question of if the fiscal news coming out of Austin will be bad, but how bad that news will be.

The Texas House's version of the budget will cut \$5 billion from aid to school districts this year. If that version stands, Howard County

"This is bad. Even if the cuts end up in the lower range (of the estimates), we'll be cutting into the meat of our budget."

—Forsan ISD Supt. Randy Johnson

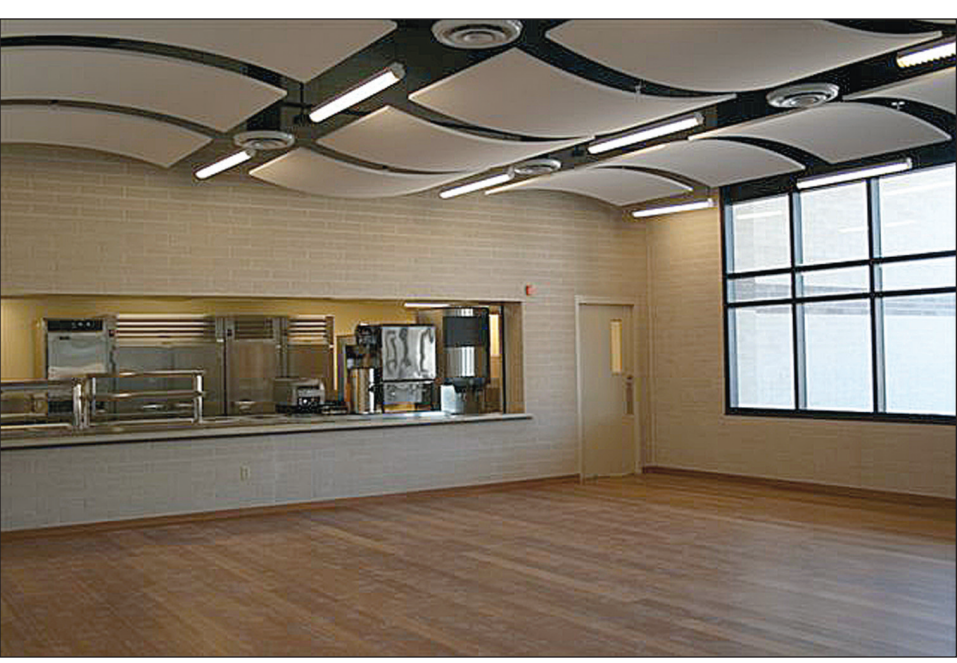


that specializes in school finance and accountability issues.

Under the company's formula, Big Spring ISD could lose between \$3.4 million and \$5.1 million, while Coahoma ISD could lose between

schools will lose millions of dollars in state aid, according to figures released by Moak Casey & Associates, a firm

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Dedication ceremonies, a ribbon cutting and tours will be begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Veteran Healing Center at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. The public is invited to the activities.

Courtesy photos



Mental health focus for VA rehab center

Open house will be held Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

West Texas VA Health Care System officials will cut the ribbon on their new residential rehabilitation treatment center Tuesday.

The "Veteran Healing Center," which will provide treatment for veterans suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and mental illness, will be formally dedicated during ceremonies at the center, located on the northwest section of the VA Medical Center campus, at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Parking

will be available in the employee parking lot adjacent to Ryan Street.

The 40-bed treatment center, also known as a domiciliary, is an offshoot of the VA's oldest health care program. It was first established in the 1860s to provide a home for Civil War soldiers and evolved from a "soldiers' home" to a state-of-the-art clinical rehabilitation and treatment center, VA officials said.

The Big Spring VA was selected as the site for the domiciliary, thanks in part to the combined effort of local, state and national leaders, said Daniel L. Marsh, WTVAHCS director.

"The community of Big Spring, our local leaders, stakeholders, congressional and senatorial staff provided overwhelming support to our health care system during a review of government resources several years ago," Marsh said.

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Waiting game for some taxpayers

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While tax season is getting into full swing, officials with the Internal Revenue Service say some taxpayers will have to wait until mid-February to file their returns.

For most taxpayers, the 2011 tax filing season starts

on schedule. However, tax law changes enacted by Congress and signed by President Obama in December mean some people need to wait until mid to late February to file their tax returns in order to give the IRS time to reprogram its processing systems.

Some taxpayers — including those who itemize deduc-

tions on Form 1040 Schedule A — will need to wait to file. This includes taxpayers impacted by any of three tax provisions that expired at the end of 2009 and were renewed by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act Of 2010, enacted Dec. 17. According to IRS guidelines,

those who need to wait to file include:

- Taxpayers claiming itemized deductions on Schedule A. Itemized deductions include mortgage interest, charitable deductions, medical and dental expenses as well as state and local taxes. In addition, itemized deductions include the state and

local general sales tax deduction that was also extended and which primarily benefits people living in areas without state and local income taxes. Because of late Congressional action to enact tax law changes, anyone who itemizes and files a Schedule A will need

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Foreigners advised to leave Egypt

TAREK EL-TABLAUWY
AP Business Writer

CAIRO — Foreign governments stepped up their warnings Sunday about travel to Egypt, with several urging their citizens to evacuate as soon as possible amid uncertainty over where the Arab nation is headed after nearly a week of mass protests.

The fears of foreign tourists mir-

rored those of many Egyptians. Dozens with the means to do so rented jets or hopped aboard their own planes in a mad dash that did little

Chaos reigns

to boost confidence in the future of a country long viewed as a pillar of stability in a restive region. Those leaving included businessmen and

celebrities.

The United States, Canada, Switzerland, Turkey and the Netherlands issued advisories encouraging nationals already in Egypt to leave and telling those who planned trips there to reconsider. The U.S. Embassy in Cairo said it was making arrangements to transport Americans who want to leave to

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Obituaries

Dorothy Newby



Dorothy Newby, 82, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Eddy Pitchford, minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Jan. 17, 1929, in the Luther Community and married Ervin "Dick" Newby Nov. 27, 1985, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Dec. 30, 1999.

Dorothy was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and Howard County. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and gardening and was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Reba Quillen and husband Larry of Big Spring; three sons, Joe Hyden and wife Barbara of Huntsville, Robert Hyden and wife Sheryl of Lubbock and Troy Hyden and wife Laurie of Big Spring; one sister, Mary Klahr of Eunice, N.M.; three brothers, J.R. McMurray of Midland, Ray McMurray of Orange City and Earl McMurray of Sand Springs; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ivy and Clara Heckler McMurray; two daughters, Glenda Hyden and Eva Hyden; an infant son; one sister, Ivy Lee Bedell; and one brother, Edman McMurray.

The family suggests memorials be made to Coahoma Church of Christ, P.O. Box 120, Coahoma 79511.

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

Support Groups

MONDAY
 • Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
 • The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 • Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

FRIDAY
 • AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Mon 1/31	Tue 2/1	Wed 2/2	Thu 2/3	Fri 2/4
75/28	34/12	34/8	41/16	55/29
Partly cloudy skies. Warm. High around 75F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Windy, snow showers possible.	Times of sun and clouds.	Times of sun and clouds. High in the low 40s and lows in the mid teens.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 7:41 AM Sunset 6:19 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM Sunset 6:19 PM	Sunrise 7:39 AM Sunset 6:20 PM	Sunrise 7:39 AM Sunset 6:21 PM	Sunrise 7:38 AM Sunset 6:22 PM

Texas At A Glance



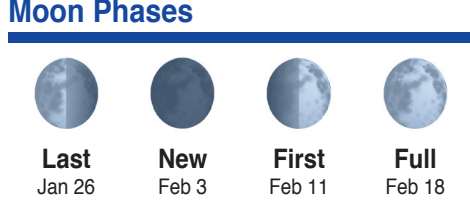
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	71	29	pt sunny	El Paso	61	34	windy	Midland	73	28	pt sunny
Amarillo	45	9	frz rain	Fort Stockton	72	35	mst sunny	Raymondville	82	62	pt sunny
Austin	75	56	pt sunny	Gainesville	58	31	pt sunny	Rosenberg	72	59	cloudy
Beaumont	70	60	cloudy	Greenville	61	44	pt sunny	San Antonio	81	59	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	66	pt sunny	Houston	72	60	cloudy	San Marcos	75	57	pt sunny
Brownwood	75	41	pt sunny	Kingsville	82	62	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	63	49	cloudy
Corpus Christi	77	62	cloudy	Livingston	72	57	cloudy	Sweetwater	72	26	pt sunny
Corsicana	65	47	pt sunny	Longview	67	56	cloudy	Tyler	65	53	cloudy
Dallas	64	43	pt sunny	Lubbock	65	15	cloudy	Weatherford	63	34	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	50	mst sunny	Lufkin	70	61	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	54	23	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	47	rain	Houston	72	60	cloudy	Phoenix	59	40	rain
Boston	26	11	mst sunny	Los Angeles	66	44	sunny	San Francisco	59	45	mst sunny
Chicago	23	20	snow	Miami	77	61	pt sunny	Seattle	46	33	mst sunny
Dallas	64	43	pt sunny	Minneapolis	19	10	snow	St. Louis	34	27	frz rain
Denver	27	0	sn shower	New York	29	22	mst sunny	Washington, DC	32	29	cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Mon 1/31	Tue 2/1	Wed 2/2	Thu 2/3	Fri 2/4
4	3	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Police

Because of technical problems, Monday's Police, Sheriff and EMS reports will be published in Tuesday's edition this week.

Weather Whys

Texas' coldest temperature

Q: What's the coldest it's ever been in Texas?

A: Texas is no stranger to below zero temperatures, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "There have been numerous times in the last 100 years when parts of the state have been below zero," he explains.

"But one day stands out among all others. On Feb. 8, 1933, the temperature was minus-23 degrees in Seminole to set the state's all-time low temperature. It should be noted that the elevation of Seminole is over 3,200 feet which is no doubt one reason the temperature that day was a record."

Q: What about surrounding states?

A: In Arkansas, the all-time low temperature is minus-29 degrees (set in 1905), while in Oklahoma the record low is minus-27 set in 1930.

"In Louisiana, the all-time low is minus-16 degrees set in 1899 and in New Mexico, it gets a lot colder than most people think," McRoberts adds. "In 1950 in the town of Gavilan, the temperature reached minus-50 degrees. The elevation of Gavilan is 7,350 feet which means the mountain air got mighty cold that day."

Take Note

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member or by contacting Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one

hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• Big Spring's own Charley Johnson will be inducted as a member of the 2010 Class into the Texas Sports Hall Of Fame on Feb. 7 in Waco. If you can't attend but would like to list your name in an official program ad that congratulates Charley for this momentous achievement, contact Ken Johnson at 940-325-4366 for details or e-mail at kenrock-

nj@suddenlink.net. If you want to attend the ceremonies, contact Ken about discount tickets.

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

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\$924,000 and \$1.12 million and Forsan ISD between \$914,000 and \$1.15 million. The wide ranges of the estimates reflect several possible funding formulas the state may follow.

Regardless, the financial impact on the county's school districts could be significant.

"This is bad," Randy Johnson, Forsan ISD superintendent, said of the possible cuts. "Even if the cuts end up in the lower range (of the estimates), we'll be cutting into the meat of our budget."

"If you're talking about cutting \$3.4 million, you're talking about more than 10 percent of our budget," said

Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer at Big Spring ISD. "That's a big hit."

While there are several months to go before legislators finalize the state's budget, educators are already taking a close look at their own financial packages, seeing where cuts can be made.

"We're looking at a wide range of possible cuts," CISD Superintendent Randy Brown said. "Unless we get better information before our budgeting process starts, we'll be designing budgets that will reflect those different levels of cuts."

One of the biggest concerns among area educators is that state cuts might lead to some school district positions being eliminated.

Administrators are doing their best to allay those fears, but admit some jobs could be lost if a worst-case scenario develops in Austin this year.

"If the worst happens, we'll cut out some planned construction projects first, then probably put off some big purchases like new school buses," Johnson said. "We've got a very, very, very tight budget and we're going to do everything we can to not touch personnel. If the state's cuts get in the \$900,000 range, however, we'll probably have to look at reducing the number of our non-instructional staff. Hopefully, we'll be able to do that through attrition."

Cutting personnel also will be the option of last

resort at Big Spring.

"If we have to make cuts, we'll start in non-instructional areas ... such as vehicle purchases," Waggoner said. "After that, though, you have to put pretty much everything else on the table ... and see what happens. There's a possibility that if somebody quits, we'll look at that position and see if it really needs to be re-filled. Hopefully, if we do any personnel reductions, it will be through attrition. Reductions in force are always the last thing you want to do."

Coahoma ISD is floating the possibility of contracting with a third-party administrator — employees could retire from the district and be rehired by the third party.

"That way, the district

would save money and the employees could make more money," Brown said. "We're looking at other ways to reduce personnel costs without resorting to reductions in force."

Brown said the best thing educators can do now is not to over-react to the preliminary state budget.

"We're looking at our options right now, but the big thing is, we don't want anyone to panic," Brown said. "At the same time, we're doing our part in getting the word out that this is coming."

Waggoner also issued a call for calm nerves.

"This is just the first couple of weeks of the (legislative) session and things always change as we go through the session," she said. "Now

is not the time to panic — now is the time to be watchful and prudent."

While admitting some cuts are inevitable, Johnson said Forsan ISD will do everything it can to soften the blow on teachers, students and parents.

"We are going to get the message out that we will do everything we can to help maintain the instructional process here — that means leaving the number of teachers alone and leaving classroom sizes alone," he said. "If we have to dip into (reserve funds) to do that, that will certainly be my recommendation."

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HEALING

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The review, entitled CARES (Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) was

designed to plan where the VA should expand and where it should reduce healthcare services. The results documented a defined need in this area for expanded mental health and

residential services to veterans.

"This program is a direct result of that study and Big Spring will be proud of this state-of-the-art facility to serve veterans," Marsh said.

Ground-breaking for the \$7 million center occurred in October 2009. Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director for the medical center, said the center should be ready to receive pa-

tients within the next few weeks.

"The 12-bed temporary domiciliary we opened recently is full and has a waiting list," she said. "We anticipate activating 20 beds immediately

upon opening the new center."

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to wait to file until mid-to late February.

• Taxpayers claiming the higher education tuition and fees deduction. This deduction for parents and students — covering up to \$4,000 of tuition and fees paid to a post-secondary institution — is claimed on Form 8917. However, the IRS emphasized that there will be no delays for millions of parents and students who claim other education credits, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit

extended last month and the Lifetime Learning Credit.

• Taxpayers claiming the educator expense deduction. This deduction is for kindergarten through grade 12 educators with out-of-pocket classroom expenses of up to \$250.

In addition to extending those tax deductions for 2010, the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act also extended those deductions for 2011 and a number of other tax deductions and credits for 2011 and 2012, such as the American Op-

portunity Tax Credit and the modified Child Tax Credit, which help families pay for college and other child-related expenses.

According to government officials, the IRS will announce a specific date in the near future when it can start processing tax returns impacted by the recent tax law changes. In the interim, taxpayers affected by these tax law changes can start working on their tax returns, but they should not submit their returns until IRS systems are ready to process the new tax law changes. Additional in-

formation will be available at www.irs.gov.

Except for those facing a delay, the IRS began accepting e-file and Free File returns on Jan. 14. Additional details about e-file and Free File were announced earlier this month, according to information released by the IRS.

Taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day — a holiday observed in the District of Columbia — falls this year on Friday, April 15. By law, District of Columbia holidays im-

pact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do, therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.

According to government officials, the IRS expects to receive more than 140 million individual tax returns this year, with most of those being filed by the April 18 deadline.

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EGYPT

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"safehaven locations in Europe." Flights would begin Monday.

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Janice Jacobs said it will take several flights in the coming days to accommodate all Americans who want to leave.

Jacobs, who is in charge of consular affairs, said the U.S. may also send planes to other cities in Egypt, such as Luxor, if there are a number of Americans stranded there. Americans taking the charter will be billed for the flight and must make their own travel arrangements home from Europe.

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said its charter flights will begin as early as Monday to fly Canadians who wish to leave to locations in Europe.

A growing number of countries — includ-

ing China, Australia, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Finland, Russia and Poland — warned against travel to most, if not all, of Egypt. Arab nations, including Iraq, either sent in jets or offered to do so.

"If I had a visa to anywhere, I'd join them. But that's not going to happen," said Mohammed Khaled, a 28-year-old Egyptian doctor. "Right now, I'd settle for a gun, but I can't even find one of those."

Surging lawlessness on the streets after the much-reviled police essentially melted away prompted neighbors to form armed patrols. But crowds of men armed with shovels, sticks, clubs, chains, guns and even whips did little to project an image of stability.

Compounding the problem was a continued Internet outage after the government cut off service Friday to undercut protesters' ability to organize demonstrations against President

Hosni Mubarak.

U.S. Embassy officials said they were unable to send text message alerts — which have been blocked nationwide since late Thursday — complicating efforts to distribute advisories.

The unrest is sure to affect Egypt's vital tourism sector, at least in the short-run. Tourism accounts for about 5 percent to 6 percent of GDP, making it one of the top four sources of foreign revenue.

But the unrest also threatens to unravel an economy that officials had proudly pointed to one of the few to withstand the global financial meltdown.

International oil companies and other Western firms began to weigh evacuating their employees' families — a move that may be mirrored by international

schools catering to those workers.

BP PLC spokesman Robert Wine said the company, which has operated in Egypt for 40 years, is "working on what we need to do, and whether we need to bring the families out."

Others weren't waiting for formal orders.

"We left behind a country with no order or security whatsoever," Mehmet Buyukocak, who worked in Egypt for six years, told Turkish news channel NTV upon arriving in Istanbul. "People do as they wish. ... The army does not interfere — they are just watching."

"Even if Mubarak resigns, it will be chaos taking his place," he said, adding that there are other Turks who said they will remain in Egypt. "I pray God helps them all."

Even before the images of lawlessness, tourists were thronging to Cairo's airport as Mubarak faced the gravest challenge in his 30-year rule.

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Reform leader calls for Egypt's Mubarak to resign as military boosts presence in chaotic Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's most prominent democracy advocate took up a bullhorn Sunday and called for President Hosni Mubarak to resign, speaking to thousands of protesters who defied a curfew for a third night. Fighter jets streaked low overhead and police returned to the capital's streets — high-profile displays of authority over a situation spiraling out of control.

Nobel Peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei's appearance in Tahrir, or Liberation, Square underscored the jockeying for leadership of the mass protest movement that erupted seemingly out of nowhere in the past week to shake the Arab world's most populous nation.

Now in their sixth day, the protests have come to be centered in the square, where demonstrators have camped since Friday. Up to 10,000 protesters gathered there Sunday, and even after the 4 p.m. curfew, they numbered in the thousands, including families with young children, addressing Mubarak with their chants of "Leave, leave, leave."

"You are the owners of this revolution. You are the future," ElBaradei told the crowd after nightfall. "Our essential demand is the departure of the regime and the beginning of a new Egypt in which every Egyptian lives in virtue, freedom and dignity."

In a further sign of Mubarak's teetering position after three decades in power, his top ally — the United States — called for an "orderly transition to democracy."

Officials say more than 99 percent of voters in Southern Sudan opted for secession

JUBA, Sudan (AP) — Southern Sudan's referendum commission said Sunday that more than 99 percent of voters in the south opted to secede from the country's north in a vote held earlier this month.

The announcement drew cheers from a crowd of thousands that gathered in Juba, the dusty capital of what may become the world's newest country.

The weeklong vote, held in early January and widely praised for being peaceful and for meeting international standards, was a condition of a 2005 peace agreement that ended a north-south civil war that lasted two decades and killed 2 million people.

The head of the commission's southern bureau, Justice Chan Reec Madut, said Sunday that voter turnout in the 10 states in the south was also 99 percent. He said only some 16,000 voters in the south chose to remain united with northern Sudan, while 3.7 million chose to separate.

In northern Sudan, 58 percent of voters chose secession, said Mohamed Ibrahim Khalil, chairman of the referendum commission. He said some 60 percent of eligible voters participated.

Clinton says U.S. has no plans to suspend aid to Haiti in spite of crisis over election

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The United States has no plans to halt aid to earthquake-ravaged Haiti in spite of a crisis over who will be the nation's next leader but does insist that the president's chosen successor be dropped from the race, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday.

Clinton arrived Sunday in the impoverished Caribbean nation for a brief visit. She is scheduled to meet with President Rene Preval and each of the three candidates jockeying to replace him.

Only two candidates can go on to the delayed second round, now scheduled for March 20. The U.S. is backing an Organization of American States recommendation that the candidate from Preval's party, government construction official Jude Celestin, should be left out.

The top U.S. official at the United Nations, Susan Rice, said recently that "sustained support" from the United States required the OAS recommendations be implemented. Many Haitian officials, including leaders of Preval's Unity party and rival candidate Michel Martelly, interpreted that to mean the U.S. was threatening an embargo and cutting off aid.

Clinton flatly rebuffed that suggestion. "We're not talking about any of that," she said Sunday.

AP Interview: Tunisian Islamist leader says 'I'm no Khomeini' after returning from exile

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — The leader of a long-outlawed Tunisian Islamist party returned home Sunday after two decades in exile, telling The Associated Press in his first interview on arrival that his views are moderate and that his Westward-looking country has nothing to fear.

Rachid Ghanouchi and about 70 other exiled members of Ennahdha, or Renaissance, fled home from Britain two weeks after autocratic President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali was forced from power by violent protests. At the airport, thousands of people welcomed him, cheering, shouting "God is great!" and drowning out his attempt to address the crowd with a megaphone.

Ghanouchi rejected any comparison to more radical figures, including the hardline father of the Iranian Revolution.

"Some Western media portray me like (Ayatollah Ruhollah) Khomeini, but that's not me," Rachid Ghanouchi told the AP.

During 23 years in power, Tunisia's ousted presi-

dent cracked down on opponents, including proponents of political Islam, jailing them and sending many into exile. As Tunisians protests over corruption and repression, Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia on Jan. 14.

Civilians with spears and axes guard over Cairo neighborhoods after police vanish

CAIRO (AP) — When Egypt's police melted from the streets of Cairo this weekend, the people stepped in.

Civilians armed with knives, axes, golf clubs, firebombs, metal bars and makeshift spears watched over many neighborhoods in the sprawling capital of 18 million this weekend, defending their families and homes against widespread looting and lawlessness.

The thugs had exploited the chaos created by the largest anti-government protests in decades and the military failed to fill the vacuum left by police.

On Saturday, the army sent out an appeal for citizens to help.

"The military encourages neighborhood youth to defend their property and their honor," it said in a statement.

Face of Middle East unrest: young, frustrated and hungry for jobs

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Just days before fleeing Tunisia, the embattled leader went on national television to promise 300,000 new jobs over two years.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak did much the same Saturday as riots gripped Cairo and other cities: offering more economic opportunities in a country where half the people live on less than \$2 a day.

The pledges-under-siege have something else in common: an acknowledgment that the unprecedented anger on Arab streets is at its core a long-brewing rage against decades of economic imbalances that have rewarded the political elite and left many others on the margins.

The startling speed — less than two months since the first protests in Tunisia — underscored the wobbly condition of the systems used by some Arab regimes to hold power since the 1980s or earlier. The once formidable mix of economic cronyism and hard-line policing — which authorities sometime claim was needed to fight Islamic hard-liners or possible Israeli spies — now appears under serious strain from societies pushing back against the old matrix.

Mubarak and other Arab leaders have only to look to Cairo's streets: a population of 18 million with about half under 30 years old and no longer content to have a modest civil servant job as their top aspiration.

California man charged with possessing explosives, threatening terror at Detroit-area mosque

DETROIT (AP) — A 63-year-old Southern California man who had explosives in his vehicle was arrested outside one of the nation's largest mosques in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, authorities in Michigan said.

Dearborn police said Roger Stockham was arraigned Wednesday on one count of making a false report or threat of terrorism and one count of possessing explosives with an unlawful intent. Stockham had a large but undisclosed quantity of class-C fireworks including M-80s, which are outlawed in Michigan, Chief Ronald Haddad said.

"I was comfortable with the fact that we had taken him off the street — he isn't going anywhere," Haddad told The Associated Press Sunday afternoon. "I think the society he wanted to impact is safe."

Haddad said Stockham was arrested Monday evening without incident in the parking lot of Islamic Center of America, while a large group was gathered inside. He said police received a 911 call from a resident.

Haddad said authorities believe Stockham was acting alone but still take him "very seriously." He said Stockham has "a long history of anti-government activities," though he declined to elaborate.

Ivy League drug dealing arrests test overhaul of New York's tough Rockefeller drug laws

NEW YORK (AP) — They were students who juggled an elite education with criminal extracurriculars, dealing an array of drugs from Ivy League dorm rooms and frat houses, prosecutors say.

But beneath the surface of academic success, some of the Columbia University students charged in a campus drug takedown struggled with substance abuse, their lawyers say. Attorneys for two of the five students plan to ask a court to prescribe treatment instead of prison — one of the most high-profile tests so far of a recent overhaul of New York's once-notoriously stringent drug laws.

The outcome will be watched closely by opponents and proponents of 2009 changes to mitigate what were known as the Rockefeller drug laws. Backers called the lesser punishments a more effective and humane approach to drug crime; critics said they gave drug peddlers a pass.

With the bid for what's known as "diversion" to treatment, the Columbia bust "is probably the case that's going to cause light to be shed on what these new laws mean: When diversion is appropriate, and what the Legislature intended when it cut back so drastically the Rockefeller laws," said Marc Ag-

nifilo, who represents one of the students, Christopher Coles.

Coles and fellow students Harrison David, Adam Klein, Jose Perez and Michael Wymbs were arrested in December, have pleaded not guilty and are due back in court in March. Authorities called the arrests one of the largest drug takedowns at a New York City college in recent memory, and the prestigious setting made the case a media magnet.

Hopkins takes 'The Rite' to top of box office; 'The King's Speech' gets bump after Oscar nods

NEW YORK (AP) — The Anthony Hopkins horror film "The Rite" topped the box office on a weekend notable for the bump many Oscar-nominated films received, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Warner Bros. flick earned \$15 million from just under 3,000 theaters. The PG-13, "Exorcist"-influenced movie drew most of its audience from the older-than-25 demographic.

In its 10th week of release, the Weinstein Company's "The King's Speech" earned \$11.1 million while adding nearly 900 screens.

Now with a cumulative box-office haul of \$72.2 million, the story of King George VI's triumph over his stuttering affliction continues to build momentum as the Oscar favorite for best picture. It led with 12 Oscar nominations on Tuesday, and its director, Tom Hooper, won best director from the Directors Guild on Saturday.

► Something odd

Minn. man's dead wife wins him \$15,000 jackpot

COTTAGE GROVE, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota man got a bittersweet reminder of his late wife, after she won a share of a small lottery jackpot even though she died in November.

Paul McCauley of Cottage Grove jokes that his wife Ginny found one final way to get in the last word.

KARE-TV says Ginny died of cancer in November.

She had never told her husband that in 30 years of working at a grocery store, she and two colleagues always played the lottery. Even after she got sick, Ginny kept contributing money.

Paul says one of the friends called him around Christmas, telling him he'd won a third of a \$45,000 jackpot.

He says if Ginny were still alive they would have used the money to see their beloved Packers in the Super Bowl.

Police: NY postman pinched discount coupons

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP) — A Long Island mail carrier is accused of pinching thousands of discount coupons intended for residents' mailboxes.

Police accuse 38-year-old Thomas Tang of Baldwin of stealing more than 7,000 J.C. Penney discount coupons he was supposed to deliver to the department store's customers. Police say Tang then sold the coupons on eBay.

The alleged theft occurred between October 2009 and January of this year.

Tang was charged with grand larceny. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday and was ordered held on \$5,000 cash bail.

His attorney was not immediately available for comment.

Pa. baby named for nearby college after car birth

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — An Erie-area couple has named their baby after the college they stopped in front of when the woman gave birth in their car on the way to the hospital.

Nathan and Kathy Brewer, of Harborcreek Township, say they considered naming their son Cam, because he was born in a Toyota Camry, or Otto, a play on the word "auto." Instead, they settled on Asher Behrend Brewer — Asher being a biblical name and Behrend for the Behrend College, a satellite campus in the Penn State system also known as Penn State Behrend.

The Brewers were driving to St. Vincent Health Center in Erie when the boy arrived unexpectedly at 12:20 a.m. Dec. 31.

Brewer tells the Erie Times-News he "didn't do much" to assist his wife who in the front passenger seat when she gave birth to their son, saying, "Basically, I just caught him."

Mexican gangs using catapults to hurl pot into U.S.

HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP) — Drug smugglers are using an ancient invention as a new way to move marijuana across the border from Mexico to Arizona.

The discovery of two "drug catapults" in the Mexican state of Sonora marks the latest twist in the cat-and-mouse game traffickers play with authorities.

U.S. National Guard troops operating a remote surveillance system at the Naco Border Patrol Station say they observed several people preparing a catapult and launching packages over the fence late last week.

A Mexican army officer says the 3-yard (3-meter) tall catapult was found about 20 yards (20 meters) from the U.S. border on a flatbed towed by a sports utility vehicle.

Texas may eliminate steroid testing program

JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — When Texas began testing tens of thousands of high school athletes for steroids, the goal was to stop teens from taking dangerous performance-enhancing drugs. The death of a 17-year-old baseball player in a Dallas suburb had drawn national attention to the hazard.

But that program could now be axed to save money. Tough economic times are prompting the state along with school districts across the country to pull back from steroid testing just a few years after a series of scandals in professional and amateur sports.

“When steroids was all over the media, everybody said ‘We’ve got to have it,’” said Chris Franz of Sport Safe, an Ohio-based company that conducts recreational drug and steroid testing for hundreds of high schools and districts across the country.

In 2008, Texas became the third state to begin steroid testing, setting up a massive \$6 million program. Every one of the state’s 700,000-plus public school athletes — from freshmen female tennis players to senior offensive linemen in football — were eligible to be randomly selected, pulled from class and

required to submit a urine sample.

But after the first 50,000 tests produced fewer than two dozen confirmed cases, critics derided the effort as a waste of money. This month, with the state facing a projected \$15 billion budget shortfall, the House’s first draft budget eliminated the program’s money. A Senate draft still includes funding.

Even some one-time supporters of screening are wavering. “We accomplished our goal,” said state Rep. Dan Flynn, “and that was to educate and create a deterrent.”

New Jersey and Illinois also have statewide programs. Florida eliminated its small testing program in 2009. Many school districts also conducted testing although the exact number isn’t known.

Programs were often funded with state and federal grants. Now, as the money starts running out, so does the desire to keep testing. Depending on the complexity of the test, steroid testing can easily exceed \$100 per student and when schools see very few getting caught, they decide to pull back.

“If schools had the budget to do it, they would,” Franz said. “The biggest thing Texas would be missing is the deterrent. And that’s too bad.”

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ing insist that the rarity of confirmed cases shows the program is working as a deterrent.

Eliminating the program now would only encourage steroid use, said Don Hooton,

of Frisco, who started the Taylor Hooton Foundation after his 17-year-old son’s suicide in 2003 was linked to steroid use. He has testified before Congress and the Legislature to advocate for testing.

“It’s like a school district that has a serious gun violence problem and puts up metal detectors,” Hooton said. “When gun violence goes down, they say ‘Well, that’s a waste of money, let’s take the metal detectors away because we don’t have a problem anymore.’”

Texas has been scaling down the program almost since it began. The original \$6 million budget was slashed to \$2 million in 2009.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, an early supporter, intends to fight to preserve the tests as “an important deterrent,” said his spokesman, Mike Walz. When put up against proposed budget cuts for teachers and pre-kindergarten programs, health care for the poor and myriad other budget issues, said Flynn, “What’s more important? We didn’t catch a lot of kids, but we were hoping we wouldn’t have to. I can’t fight to get \$1.8 million.”

Jeff Horn, principal at Green Valley High School in Henderson, Nev., calls the funding

excuse “a cop-out.” Green Valley started Nevada’s first public school drug testing program in 2008 and hasn’t had a positive test for steroids yet, but intends to continue after its federal grant runs out this year. Horn said student fees will be used to pay for the tests. “It’s not about athletics anymore,” Horn said. “It’s about saving lives.”

Hooton said Texas could still have a smaller testing program that targets sports most likely to find steroid users, such as football, baseball and weightlifting. In 2007, lawmakers briefly considered a “ticket tax”, a 25-cent fee on football and basketball game tickets, to pay for testing. Gov. Rick Perry and Republicans holding majorities in the House and Senate and have pledged not to raise taxes this session.

Hooton said Texas’ action will have national consequences.

“There are eyes from all over the United States that are watching this program. It is the shining star, the most substantial effort and I’m very proud of it,” Hooton said. “If Texas kills this program, it will become an excuse for other states to never stick their toe in the water and make a run in this thing.”

Texas road and transportation funding ‘in crisis,’ officials say

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers are concerned that state transportation funding is headed for a crisis as taxpayers face the prospect of paying more for past road construction than to build new highways.

The gasoline tax for road maintenance and construction hasn’t increase in 20 years, and its proceeds have been falling since 2008 because of more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Legislative leaders say the situation is complicated by the lack of awareness most Texans have of the problem, the *San Antonio Express-News* and *Houston Chronicle* reported in their Sunday editions.

“It’s not a crisis until everybody agrees that it’s a crisis. Right now, people who don’t understand it are saying, ‘You’re crying wolf,’” state Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso and chairman of the House Transportation Committee, told the newspapers’ Austin bureau. “Yes, it’s a crisis.”

Furthermore, the burgeoning problem is separate from the state’s projected budget shortfall of \$15 billion to \$27 billion, the newspapers reported.

State Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands and chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, states it simply: As of 2012, the state will have no mon-

ey to build new roads and highways “in the fastest-growing state in the country and in one of the largest states in the country. We need to begin have a discussion about it,” he said.

Furthermore, leaders say increasing the gasoline tax rate was an unrealistic option for several reasons, including Gov. Rick Perry’s no-new-taxes pledge. Pickett wants that option discussed, however.

The state now owes \$11.9 billion on bonds the state has taken out for road construction projects since 2003. Pickett said it eventually will cost more than \$21 billion to repay those bonds.

A report issued by the Texas Transportation Institute and others two years ago said it would cost the state \$488 billion to meet the state’s highway needs from now through 2030. Pickett, however, said there was no benefit to preparing for those long-term needs because that would just “push the public away.”

However, “we are trying to warn people,” he told the newspapers. “Is this the way you really want to go?” If you could get everybody around the table and put politics aside, common sense would say the conservative thing to do would be to limit borrowing capacity and

put more cash in.”

The Texas gasoline tax rate is now 20 cents per gallon, from which 5 cents goes to public education. A 5-cent increase would generate about \$575 million for roads and \$190 million for schools each year.

“Is it OK to keep borrowing money, putting it on the credit card and repaying high interest, or should we raise the gas

tax?” Pickett asked.

One of the Legislature’s most conservative members, state Rep. Leo Berman, said he was ready to at least discuss it.

“We have to balance the budget right now, but we have to build roads as well and we have to look out to the future,” the Tyler Republican told the newspapers.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

There’s No Such Animal

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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Opening lead — four of spades.

Bridge is mostly a game of reasoning and logic. Of course, there are other factors, such as psychology, temperament, imagination, deception and so on, but basically the player who reasons well is the one who winds up a winner.

For this reason, there are very few plays in bridge that can legitimately be termed “brilliant.” If a play is the

correct play, how can it be brilliant? A hand might be bid well or played well, but from the standpoint of par, that’s to be expected. A player who meets that expectation is therefore only doing what he’s supposed to do.

Consider the accompanying deal where West led the four of spades against South’s five-heart contract. East won the trick with the ace, on which declarer played the king! East naturally thought the king was a singleton and so shifted to a club. South gratefully discarded his three of spades, gave up a trump trick and so made the contract.

Had declarer followed with the spade three at trick one, East would surely have returned a spade for West to ruff, and South would have gone down one.

South’s play of the king is certainly to be commended, but all it proves is that he was alert. He realized from the bidding that East had to have six spades and that a ruff by West was imminent. He also realized that by dropping the king, he might talk East out of returning a spade, which is exactly what happened.

But brilliant? Absolutely not. South simply made the right play, that’s all.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Djokovic wins Australian Open title

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic hit passing shots and looping lobs with equal perfection to overwhelm Andy Murray 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 Sunday, winning his second Australian Open title and extending Britain's near 75-year drought in men's Grand Slam singles.

Djokovic's 2008 Australian title is his other Grand Slam victory. Murray has lost three Grand Slam finals, also falling to Roger Federer in the 2008 U.S. Open and 2010 Australian Open.

Djokovic overcame big obstacles en route to the final, including a win over Federer in the semifinals. And this came just two months after leading Serbia to its first Davis Cup title.

"We have known each other for such a long time," Djokovic said of Murray. "It was difficult tonight."

About an hour after his win, Djokovic went out on a balcony on the con-

course at Rod Laver Arena and lifted his trophy as hundreds of supporters cheered below.

There wasn't much to celebrate in Murray's camp: he's still yet to win a set in a Grand Slam final.

Last year, the Scot cried after his loss to Federer. There were no visible tears this year, but the hurt may have been just as bad after he lost seven straight games through the end of the first set and into the second and never appeared to be in the match.

"I'll try to keep it together this year," Murray said, speaking confidently and talking about "having the crowd yelled out 'Andy! Andy!'"

The last British man to win a Grand Slam singles title was Fred Perry in the 1936 U.S. Open — more than 270 majors ago.

"It was better than it was last year," Murray said at his media conference. "I thought Novak played unbeliev-

ably well. It's tough, but you have to deal with it."

Murray said he tried to get himself back into the match, but Djokovic defended too well.

"You always have to try to find a way, to believe," Murray said. "When I got ahead in some games, even in just points, he was sticking up lobs that were landing on the baseline, passing shots that were on the line. I broke his serve twice in the third set and still lost 6-3."

The statistics underlined Djokovic's domination. He won 11 of his 14 service games, while Murray only won six of 13, and the Serb pounded Murray's second serve, with the Scot winning just 16 of 51 points (31 percent) on his second serve.

Murray and Djokovic, each 23 and born a week apart, are good friends and often practice together. At the coin flip before the match, Djokovic smiled broadly for photos while Mur-

ray looked fidgety and nervous.

After the match, the two hugged, then Djokovic threw his racket, his shirt and then shoes into the crowd. But there was no prolonged celebration so as to not offend his opponent.

"I understand how he feels, it's his third final and he didn't get the title," Djokovic said. "As I said on the court, I really have big respect for him and his game, because I think he has everything what it takes to become a Grand Slam champion."

The roof was closed at Rod Laver Arena for most of the day due to 100-degree temperatures, but was opened just before the match started and after the weather had cooled significantly.

Trailing 5-4, Murray double-faulted to lead off the 10th game of the first set. Then he hit a backhand into the net after a 39-hit point. Murray chal-

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Damien Magnifico delivers a pitch during the Howard College baseball team's game against Wayland Baptist this weekend. The No. 1 Hawks routed Wayland Baptist 16-0 in two games Friday and 32-3 and 22-3 in a doubleheader Saturday. The Howard College softball team got off to a good start, too. After taking a 6-4 loss to Temple College in the first game of a doubleheader Friday, the Hawks bounced back for an 11-10 win in the second game. The Hawks then took down Ranger College in two games Saturday, 12-4 and 11-1, both in five innings.

No. 1 Buckeyes move to 22-0

The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Jared Sullinger hit the second of two free throws with 3.5 seconds left Saturday night and No. 1 Ohio State overcame a furious rally by Northwestern to beat the Wildcats 58-57 — the unbeaten Buckeyes' 22nd straight victory.

Sullinger finished with 21 points and Aaron Craft had 13 points for Ohio State.

Leading by only two at the half, Ohio State (22-0, 9-0 Big Ten) pulled out to a 13-point lead in the second half. But Northwestern, playing without leading scorer John Shurna, who has a concussion, came back behind senior guard Michael Thompson, who led the Wild-

cats with 16 points — 13 in the second half.

Thompson's 3-pointer with 3:51 left capped a 21-7 run as the Wildcats took a 55-54 lead and the crowd at Welsh-Ryan Arena erupted.

Seconds later, Ohio State's Jon Diebler — No. 5 all-time in the Big Ten in 3-pointers made — hit one for his first basket of the game to put the Buckeyes right back in front 57-55.

Thompson then sailed through the lane and the 5-foot-10 guard floated the ball into the basket for a tie with 1:31 left.

After an Ohio State turnover and then a foul, Northwestern retained possession and tried to set up a go-

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Ponder leads South to win at Senior Bowl, 24-10

The Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Christian Ponder heads to the pros on a high note, after all. And he got a little help from a college rival.

The Florida State quarterback threw two touchdown passes, including a clinching 23-yarder to TCU's Jeremy Kerley in the South's 24-10 Senior Bowl victory over the North on Saturday.

Ponder completed 7 of 13 passes for 132 yards, including several big ones to Leonard Hankerson of Miami, and the final TD with 3:04 left.

Ponder was looking for a happier transition to an NFL career after missing the ACC championship game with an elbow injury and most of the Seminoles' bowl game thanks to a concussion. Ponder led scoring drives on the South's first two possessions and put on the finishing touches after the North rallied from a 17-0 deficit.

"I thought I definitely ended on a good note and hopefully my draft status has gone up

a little bit," said Ponder, the game's MVP.

Hankerson had 100 yards on five catches, including an 18-yard touchdown and a 48-yarder to set up another score — both from Ponder. He also caught a 14-yarder on the clinching drive, capped by Kerley's second catch.

"It was a little double-move," Ponder said. "(Kerley) was wide-open, ran a great route. He won by alignment. They had outside leverage on him, he cut inside and scored."

Washington quarterback Jake Locker, likely among the first passers drafted, led a touchdown drive but also had offensive linemen save him by falling on two fumbles for the North in an uneven performance.

Ponder was the first FSU quarterback to beat Miami twice since Gary Huff in 1971 and 1972, but relied heavily on a former Hurricanes standout from the outset.

On the game's opening play from scrimmage, he hooked up on a 48-yarder to Hanker-

"I thought I definitely ended on a good note and hopefully my draft status has gone up a little bit."

Christian Ponder,
Former Florida State quarterback

son, who bobbled it before coming down with the ball. Ponder also ran for two first downs on the drive, which ended with a field goal by LSU's Josh Jasper.

Ponder then hit Hankerson — who made a nice comeback move to get open — for an 18-yard touchdown on drive No. 2.

Hankerson followed up nicely on one of the best seasons by a Miami receiver, becoming the third to gain 1,000 yards in a season and breaking Michael Irvin's school mark with 13 touchdown catches.

"I feel like I helped myself a lot by coming here, being focused, getting in the playbook, making plays for the team and just having fun," Hankerson said.

Hankerson was the South

offensive MVP and Texas A&M linebacker Von Miller took defensive honors.

Texas defensive lineman Sam Acho (South) and North Carolina defensive back Kendrick Burney (North) were named the most outstanding players for the teams.

Locker completed 6 of 10 passes for 98 yards to lead the North. Ricky Stanzi from Iowa was 7-for-12 passing for 87 yards.

Louisville's Bilal Powell was the leading rusher with 50 yards on 10 carries.

While Ponder & Co. clicked early, the North didn't have a first down until Stanzi's 27-yard pass to Wisconsin tight end Lance Kendricks in the final two minutes of the first half.

The North finally got going in the second half.

Sports in brief

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon in Capricorn can be a stern disciplinarian, and this lunar influence couldn't have come along at a better time. There are so many possible directions and wild ideas swirling around in our heads that a disciplinarian is just what's needed to keep things on track. The luckiest move of all is simply to honor your prior commitments.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

about your pursuit. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). What you think you're expected to do and what you will actually do may be two entirely different things. However, it still turns out all right. It always does when you follow your intuition. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your financial outlook is favorable. Money is starting to come to you more regularly and with greater ease. It feels good to be able to spend freely for a change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is so much loveliness in this day that when something doesn't go quite right, it will be easy for you to decide to discount this as a weird anomaly and get back to enjoying the loveliness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). First, you'll be hopeful. Then, when you realize that you really do have a great deal of control over the fulfillment of your wishes, you'll become increasingly passionate

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are feeling powerful, and there's no reason you shouldn't exert your influence. Get in charge of your business, and you will prevent your business from getting in charge of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you wish you could see the future vividly. But if you could see the ending and how well everything turns out, it would ruin you for working hard, like you currently are, to make it happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just as soon as you succeed, you set a new goal. It's been your habit for a while now. And though you have forgotten to celebrate your victories in the past, this time it's very important to remember.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are getting carried away in dreams, and it prevents you from doing the work at hand. You'll be better off in the future for all this fantasizing. Much of the work in front of you can wait.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As the archer of the zodiac, your method is swift. You get ready, you aim, and you fire. Some around you fire without the first two steps. Others take the first two steps but never fire. Teach others your ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Deliberately go where you think you will feel uncomfortable — somewhere you are sure to know no one. You do your best problem solving and idea generating when you are out of your element.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want to know that you can count on a certain person, but this is yet to be proved. It's better to move slowly in new relationships, testing the waters as you go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you're generous doesn't mean you can't also be prudent. You know how far to go with your spending and when to stop, always keeping in mind the expectation of the other person involved in your dealings.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 31). You'll see new parts of the world this year and will expand your own comfort zone. Next month brings professional rewards. Continue to avoid buying what you don't need, and you'll have saved enough to do something wonderful in June. August brings professions of love and a new commitment. Scorpio and Gemini are big fans of yours. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 22, 41 and 49.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I started an e-commerce company three years ago with two of my friends. We've had some success, a lot of unexpected expense and a few strange turns along the way. Now that I know so much more than I did when we first started, I feel like my friends aren't pulling their weight. I seem to be doing all the work, and it was my idea to begin with. I don't have the money to buy them out, and I don't want to hurt anyone. I'm a Leo, and the two other partners are Cancer and Virgo."

It is in your nature to be extremely loyal, and when you go against that inclination, you are likely to experience deep regret. Relationships are more important than money, prestige and business success. Time will prove that your friendships are the true golden treasures of your life. If there's any way you can restructure, regroup and return to your original vision with enthusiasm, you have to try. Another choice might be to dissolve the business altogether if your

friends are amenable to that, or to bow out of it yourself and start up a new venture. To keep the business and eject them from it would best be left as a last resort.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarian Renaissance man Justin Timberlake turns the big three-o this year, and wow, does he have a lot to show for it. Since his early days on "The Mickey Mouse Club," he's developed an entertainment empire that includes a record label, several restaurants, a tequila company, a clothing line, a golf course and a charitable foundation that raises millions for humanitarian causes.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: A few years ago, my husband and I moved across the country to help with his aging parents. Everyone welcomed me, with the exception of one niece who has gone out of her way to let me know that I am not part of this family.

When this niece visited us as a teenager, she treated me the same way, but I attributed it to her being young.

I even sent her money while she was in college and gifts for her birthday and Christmas. I thought she would outgrow her aversion to me, but she hasn't.

It may be due to the fact that I am reserved, quiet and not outwardly emotional. Or it could be because I am from a different culture.

Some time ago, this niece said something quite hurtful to me in front of my husband, and he took her to task for it, even though I asked him not to.

When the girl denied any wrongdoing, her mother believed her, and this has created a rift between my husband and his sister. We are now at the point where she no longer invites us to family functions.

I've explained to my husband that this is about his niece's problem with me and doesn't mean his

sister doesn't love him. But that hasn't helped him come to terms with the estrangement. His father is dying, and my husband thinks we should move away when his parents are gone.

I worry that his niece's prejudice will keep him from ever having a relationship with his sister. I've tried to stay out of it and let the family work through these issues themselves, but now I feel I need to talk to them about what they are doing to my husband. Any suggestions? — Washington

Dear Washington: How sad that this spoiled brat of a niece is destroying her family, and her parents allow it. Your motives are good, but it would be best if your husband talked directly to his sister. He should say that he is unhappy that there is an estrangement and ask how to make it better. We hope his sister cares enough to work on it.

Dear Annie: I am a young adult with parents who are quite a bit older than me. For the past several years, I have watched them fall behind the times, particularly when it comes to the clothes they wear.

Instead of keeping up with modern trends, they wear outfits that were in style 20 years ago. They rarely buy anything new. I have bought them nice clothes as gifts, but they still wear the same old stuff.

This can be embarrassing when we go out or have guests over. I've been hinting for years that it's OK to give some of this stuff away and buy some new pieces, but they ignore me.

The way they dress makes them look older than they are. I don't want to hurt their feelings. Am I

being overly critical? — Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: Your parents are comfortable in their old clothes and see no reason to spend money for the sake of style.

Try a different approach. Start with Mom. Tell her she would look 10 years younger if she updated her wardrobe.

Take her shopping with you, and let the salesperson help her select one age-appropriate piece. A couple of compliments and she could be hooked. But if not, don't force the issue.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "M," who was concerned that her dentist's staff was trying to sell her their electric toothbrushes.

I have been a dentist for more than 25 years and am very prevention-minded. My hygienists use an electric toothbrush only as a last resort for patients who will not or cannot use a regular toothbrush. The person who wrote should run, not walk, from that dentist's office. They are simply selling products to help their bottom line. — Earl

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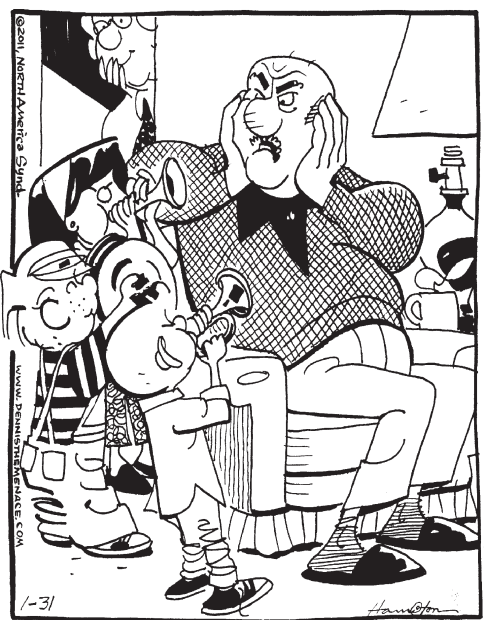
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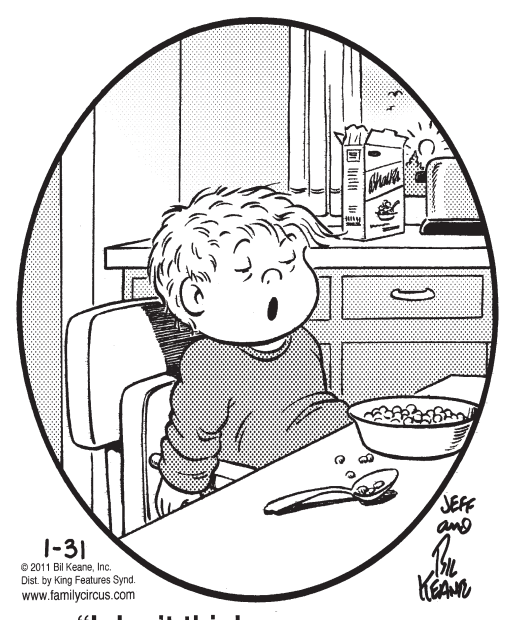
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"WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE INSTRUMENTS? NOISE-R-US?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



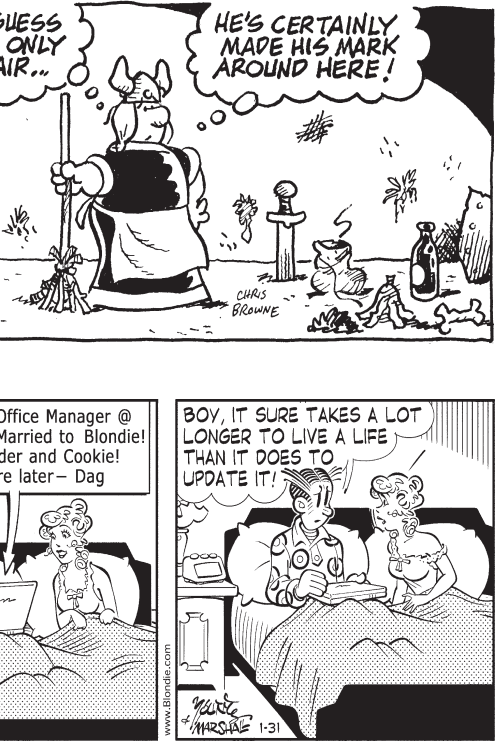
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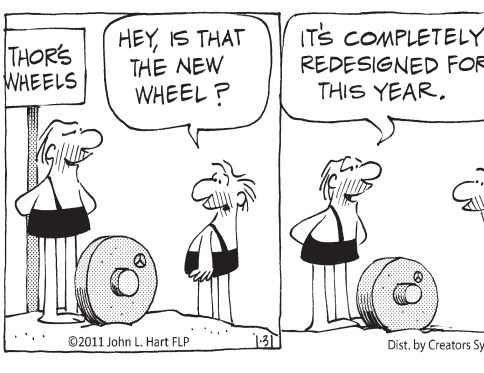
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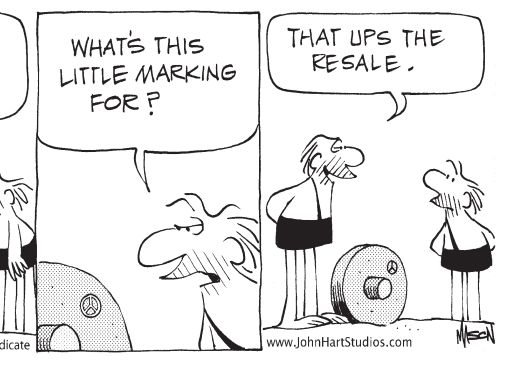
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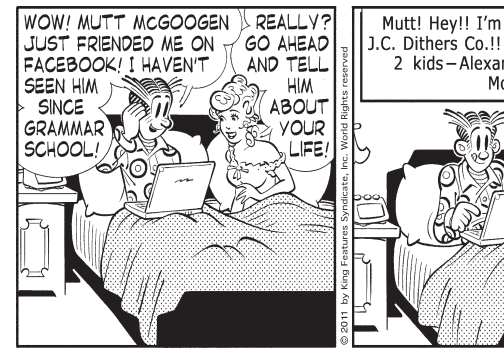
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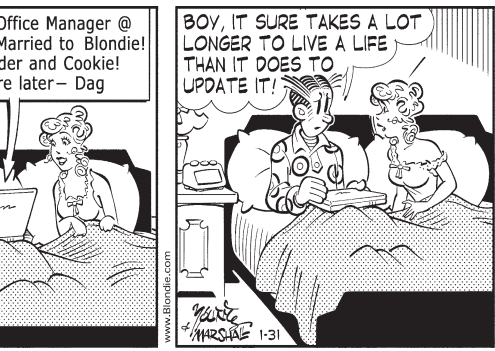
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BLONDIE



BOY, IT SURE TAKES A LOT LONGER TO LIVE A LIFE THAN IT DOES TO UPDATE IT!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2011. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1961, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral; Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16 1/2-minute suborbital flight.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of all the Confederate armies.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

This Date In History

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began a successful invasion of Kwajalein Atoll and other parts of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

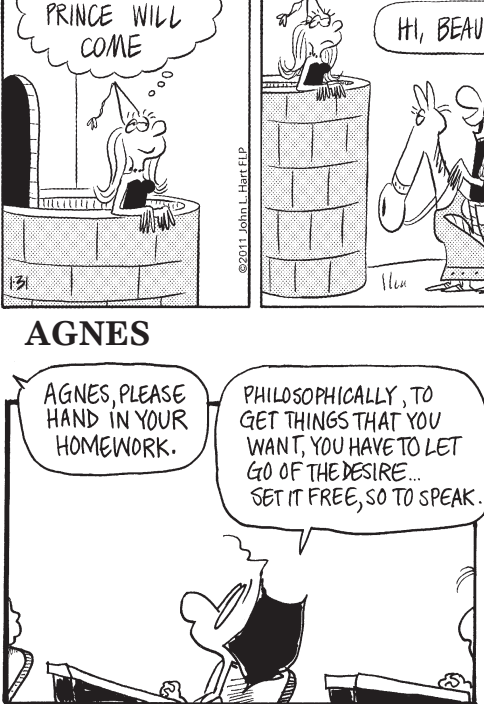
In 2000, an Alaska Airlines jet plummeted into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Carol Channing is 90. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks is 80. Composer Philip Glass is 74. Former Interior Secretary James Watt is 73. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is 73. Actor Stuart Margolin is 71. Actress Jessica Walter is 70. Former

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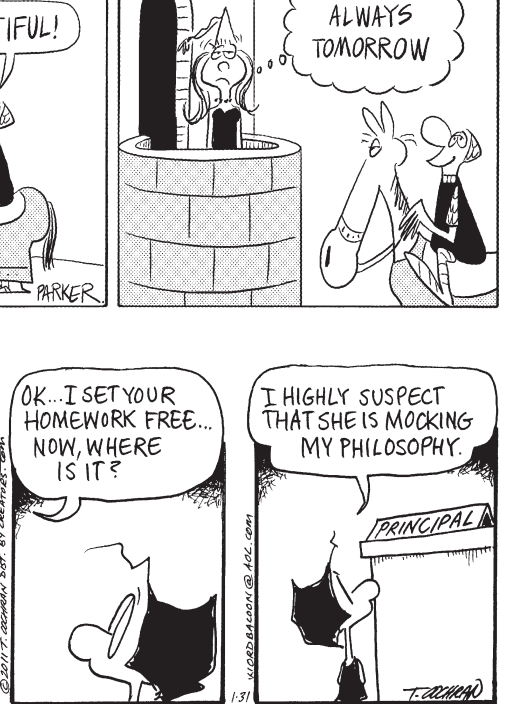
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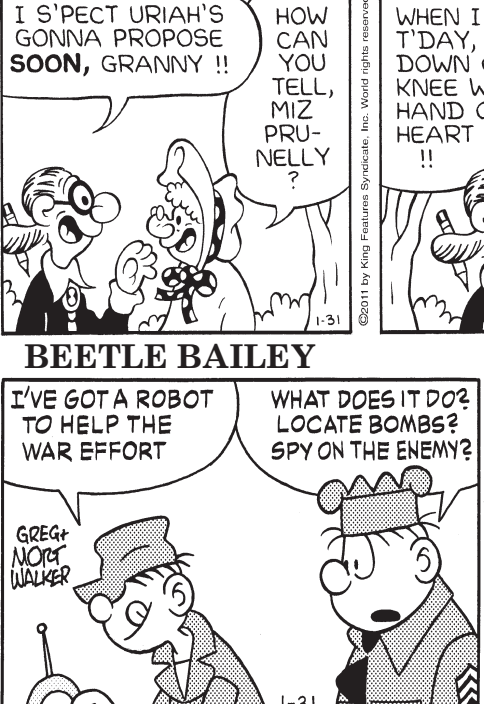
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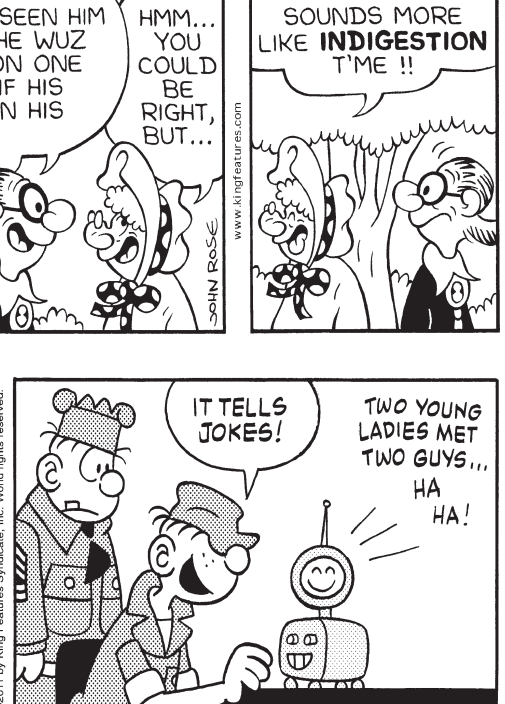
I S'PECT URIAH'S GONNA PROPOSE SOON, GRANNY !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



I'VE GOT A ROBOT TO HELP THE WAR EFFORT

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PHILOSOPHICALLY, TO GET THINGS THAT YOU WANT, YOU HAVE TO LET GO OF THE DESIRE... SET IT FREE, SO TO SPEAK.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Surrounded by
 - 5 "Let's go!"
 - 9 More likely
 - 14 Military medal recipient
 - 15 Ready to harvest
 - 16 Opera-house cheer
 - 17 Fit of temper
 - 18 Former spouses
 - 19 Formal ceremonies
 - 20 Look up word meanings
 - 23 Do wrong
 - 24 Cat's prey
 - 25 Sponges gently
 - 29 Delighted
 - 31 Tic-__-toe
 - 34 Hour after midnight
 - 35 In __ (stuck)
 - 36 Conceit
 - 37 When there's no other option
 - 41 __ de Janeiro, Brazil
 - 42 Smell awful
 - 43 "A crowd," supposedly
 - 44 Work with needle and thread
 - 45 Prom dress
 - 46 Old Faithful, for one
 - 47 Crow's cry
 - 48 Adversary
 - 49 Book-borrowing facility
 - 57 Really love
- DOWN**
- 1 Oohs and __
 - 2 Diner handout
 - 3 Part of the eye
 - 4 Shower
 - 5 "Pay later" arrangement
 - 6 Add while stirring
 - 7 Oil cartel
 - 8 Hatchling's home
 - 9 Overseas
 - 10 Write with block letters
 - 11 British "Bye-bye!"
 - 12 At any time
 - 13 Optimistic
 - 21 "Me too"
 - 22 Feeling furious
 - 25 Entrways
 - 26 Sharpshooter
 - 27 Underneath
 - 28 Blurt out
 - 29 Emerald color
 - 30 Good fortune
 - 31 Rips
 - 32 See eye to eye
 - 33 More secretive
 - 35 All over again
 - 38 Displeased look
 - 39 Guide the ride
 - 40 Timid
 - 45 Merriment
 - 46 Stemmed drinking glass
 - 47 PC storage format
 - 48 Fingernail-smoothing tools
 - 49 Stow, as cargo
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 - 51 Slangy refusal
 - 52 Grab onto
 - 53 Election defeat
 - 54 Competent
 - 55 Honest-to-goodness
 - 56 Hankerings
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Harrison's Steelers bring rough-tumble D to Big D

The Associated Press

With two scary hits on a single Sunday — and with the fines, attention and acrimony that followed — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison became the symbol of a season in which the NFL tried to make clear what is and isn't the right way to tackle.

Heading into next weekend's Super Bowl against the Green Bay Packers, the Steelers view themselves simply as a hard-nosed bunch, the rightful scions of the Steel Curtain of yesteryear.

Others might use another word: dirty.

"To be honest with you, I really don't care," cornerback Ike Taylor said.

"This ain't flag football. So, of course, some collisions are going to occur, some more serious than others," Taylor explained. "Hopefully when guys do get hit, you would like for guys at least to get

up. Whether they get up slow or fast, people would like for a guy to get up on his own. A lot of times that don't happen. But that's all a part of the game."

It was Taylor who head-butted Baltimore Ravens receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh early in Pittsburgh's 31-24 playoff victory. Perhaps it was purely a coincidence that Houshmandzadeh dropped a key pass late in that game.

"Coach always says, 'Be the first one to throw the punch.' Meaning: 'Be the first one to hit,'" Taylor said this week. "Let them know what they're going to get for 60 minutes."

When Pittsburgh beat the New York Jets 24-19 in the AFC championship game, Harrison landed hard on Mark Sanchez, even though the quarterback did one of those "Don't hit me!" feet-first slides on a scramble. On the very next play, linebacker James Farrior hit running back Shonn Greene facemask-

to-facemask.

Back on Oct. 17, the day helmet-to-helmet and other improper tackling really came to the fore, Harrison sidelined two Cleveland Browns with jarring hits that resulted in head injuries.

His weren't the only frightening shots that day, and he wasn't the only player fined by the league. But Harrison's personal total of fines this season was more than what the entire Packers team was docked, based on a review of Associated Press reports on fines levied against players for on-field actions. And he complained about it.

Harrison spoke about retiring, met with Commissioner Roger Goodell and eventually had his fines reduced because the league determined the linebacker adjusted his techniques to play within the rules.

"It's starting to look like: 'It's OK to cheat, it's OK to fight, but if you hit somebody

too hard, we're going to fine you a whole bunch,'" Harrison said last month. "Maybe it's because I play for the Steelers. Who knows?"

Such attention is not limited to Pittsburgh's defense.

Receiver Hines Ward, for example, has his own reputation, based in part on a hit that broke an opponent's jaw during the 2008 season and led to a change in rules governing blocking.

"Our guys, I think, called him 'the toughest guy in the league — when nobody's looking.' That's the mentality," Jets defensive coordinator Mike Pettine said before the conference title game. "And again, that works for them. He's kind of the spark that gets them going."

Against Baltimore two weeks ago, Pittsburgh offensive lineman Chris Kemoatu was penalized for jumping into the pile and spearing an opponent with his helmet after the go-ahead touchdown

play was long over, resulting in a penalty assessed on the ensuing kickoff.

"We're not 'dirty,' we're 'physical,'" reserve defensive lineman Nick Eason said. "I don't think any of our guys play dirty. Football is a violent game played by violent men. I believe our team, we play violent, we play very physical, but I don't think we play dirty."

In what is expected by many to be a close, defense-dominated Super Bowl — linebacker Clay Matthews and the rest of the Packers allowed the second-fewest points in the NFL this season — a 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness might make the difference.

So might a hit that knocks out a quarterback: Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers got two concussions this season (and denied he got another on the helmet-rattling hit in the NFC championship game that earned the Chicago Bears' Julius Peppers a \$10,000 fine).

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challenged the final point of the set when he thought his forehand stayed in on the backline, but Djokovic walked away with the set in 59 minutes.

"Maybe there was a turning point in the whole match, that 5-4 game," Djokovic said. "I was a bit fortunate, I kind of anticipated well and read his intentions and played some great shots and great moments. It is a big advantage mentally when you are a set up and you are getting to the second set and really going for the shots."

Djokovic held serve on four straight points to open the second set, then went up 2-0 when he again broke Murray's service, finishing off the point when Murray's attempted drop shot was returned cross-court for a winner. Murray had five unforced errors in the first two games.

The Serb went up 3-0, then continued his domination in the next game, breaking Murray in four straight points to go up 4-0 and held for 5-0, his seventh straight game win. Murray finally stopped the streak with an ace on game point to trail 5-1, then broke Djokovic in the next game to cut it to 5-2.

Murray appeared to be having problems with his eyes, blinking often and rubbing them on changeovers and often during points. That didn't help in the next game when he again dropped serve and lost the second set in 40 minutes, Djokovic establishing set point with a memorable crosscourt winner off a near-impossible shot from Murray.

The third set started with Murray's second break of Djokovic's service in the match, but Djokovic ensure that Murray's advantage was short-lived by breaking him in the next game. After an unforced error wide, Murray pounded his fist and yelled out in disgust.

Things didn't improve for Murray, who held off six break points before Djokovic prevailed on the seventh in the fourth game, hitting a backhand down the line to pass a stretching Murray. Djokovic pumped his fist and let out a loud yell in celebration.

That, too, was short-lived, when Murray broke back in the next game to pull to 3-2, then held through two break points to level the set at 3. Late in the match, Murray appeared to clutch his lower back after a low return on the baseline.

Djokovic soon broke serve again and then served it out to win in 2 hours, 39 minutes.

Djokovic leads the head-to-head series 5-3, ending a three-match streak for Murray.

Earlier Sunday, Katarina Srebotnik of Slovenia and Daniel Nestor of Canada won the mixed double doubles championship, beating Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan and Paul Hanley of Australia 6-3, 3-6, 10-7.

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ahead shot. But Ohio State's David Lighty stole a pass with 17 seconds to go.

The Buckeyes got the ball to their freshman star Sullinger and he was fouled with 3.5 seconds left. His first attempt hit the front of the rim as Northwestern's student section waived, screamed and tried to distract him from under the basket.

He then swished the second for a 58-57 Buckeyes' lead.

Following three time-outs, Drew Crawford's long attempt from just over the midcourt line hit the backboard and Ohio State had pulled out the tough victory.

Northwestern (13-8, 3-7) is now 0-16 all-time playing top-ranked teams.

Thompson's 3-pointer with 7:53 left cut the lead to nine, and Ohio State's Dallas Lauderdale was called for an intentional foul on the play near the basket. Davide Curletti made 1 of 2 free throws and the Wildcats retained possession with JerShon Cobb hitting a 3-pointer. The seven-point possession made it 51-46 with just a little more than seven minutes remaining and got Northwestern back in the game.

Northwestern won the boards, despite the absence of the 6-8 Shurna, 31-20 and had 14 on the offensive end. Ohio State shot 57 percent for the game and Sullinger was 7 for 12 from the field.

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