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# Rebuild or renovate?



## Public hearing set Thursday on Moss

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The public will get a chance to sound off on whether Big Spring school officials should replace or renovate Moss Elementary.

A public hearing on Big Spring Independent School District plans for Moss will highlight this month's meeting of the BSISD Board of Trustees, scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

When voters approved a \$60 million school construction project in May 2010, original school called for Moss Elementary (which was constructed in 1966 and is the newest of the current elementary campuses) to undergo a \$7.5 million renovation so it could house students in grades kindergarten through 5.

Subsequent estimates, however, have put renovation costs in excess of \$9 million, close to the amount needed to simply replace the building.

"We first started thinking about it in November after we looked at the prices of renovating the building," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said in January. "It will cost between \$9.7 million and \$10 million to renovate the building, and between \$11.5 million and \$11.7 million to build a new one."

The district has already narrowed the gap somewhat by having its own personnel help with renovation.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Big Spring Independent School District trustees will hold a public hearing Thursday to gather input on whether Moss Elementary should be renovated or replaced. The meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

## Howard College cheerleaders to whoop it up for Valentine's

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## Weather nixes bus to Austin

Icy roads in Central Texas forced officials to cancel a bus trip for people wishing to visit Austin during Howard County Day at the Capitol today.

Several events associated with Howard County Day went on as scheduled, officials said.

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## Honor Flights need financial boost to assist area veterans

**WWII vets can still apply to make trip**

**By AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

One day isn't nearly enough, but it's a start.

A little more than 300 veterans will be given the opportunity to gather together and take a free flight to Washington, to visit the World War II Memorial.

"We are losing around 1,100 WWII veterans a day," Jeff Ballenger said. "We are aiming to raise \$250,000. These flights are one way that we can pay tribute to them."

The flights are tentatively scheduled for the second weekend of April. Two 737s will depart from the Abilene airport early in the morning and return that same night. Veterans taking part in the trip will arrive the night before the scheduled departure, enjoy a pre-flight dinner and a USO show.

"We are working hard to ensure that they see their monument," Ballenger said.

The local honor flights are put together by the Honor Flight Network, a non-profit

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Courtesy photo/Jeff Ballenger  
Iowa veteran Connie Mack, left, and Jeff Ballenger, veteran and representative of West Texas Honor Flights stand before one of the World War II memorials in Washington, D.C. For an application or more information about the honor flights, visit [www.westtexas-honorflight.org](http://www.westtexas-honorflight.org)

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# Obituaries

## Keva Lou Hays Holley Hancock



Keva Lou Hays Holley Hancock, 83, formerly of Tuscola, passed away Sunday Feb. 6, 2011, in a local nursing facility. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Feb. 9, 2011, at the Forsan Baptist Church. A visitation was held Tuesday evening at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring from 5-7 p.m.; an additional visitation will be held in Tuscola at the Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 5-7 p.m., with a graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, in the Tuscola Cemetery, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home, Tuscola.

The following was written by Keva Hancock:

Keva Lou Hays Holley Hancock was born in Borden County March 24, 1927, to C. B. (Blair) and Gladdie (Hardegree) Hays. She attended schools at O'Donnell and Ballinger, then continued with college courses for a number of years while working full-time. In 1946 she married Eldon Holley of Ballinger. For 17 years, she was employed by churches as a secretary, youth director or educational director in Childress, Wellington and Ballinger. During the late 1950s, she received a Woman of the Year award for her work with youth in the community and also was granted a life-time membership in the Methodist WSCS organization.

After moving to Abilene in 1965, she began working for Hardin-Simmons University and soon became Director of Student Financial Aid. In this position, she was a member of the state, regional,

and national associations of Student Financial Aid Directors. After retiring from HSU, she became a member of the Fellowship of Former Faculty and Staff of Hardin-Simmons. Mrs. Hancock was also a member of the Abilene Woman's Club for 20 years, the Gideon's Auxiliary, the 33 Study Club, the Self-Culture Club, the Highland Garden Club and three dinner clubs. She served for several years as a Texas Ombudsman.

In 1966, two HSU students introduced Keva to their dad, Jack Hancock of Tuscola. She quickly discovered Mr. Hancock was even greater than his daughters had said, for he was a Christian gentleman and a good man. They were married on Jan. 6, 1967 and were blessed with 44 wonderful years together. For many years, the Hancocks lived on a farm/ranch near Tuscola. Her favorite task on the ranch was going to the cattle auctions and buying calves to put in the feed lots or on their ranch. The Hancocks later lived in Abilene, Sweetwater, Forsan, and Big Spring. While in Abilene, they traveled to Brazil with a group from Abilene First Baptist Church on a fact-finding mission trip. Mrs. Hancock went as an educational missionary and Mr. Hancock as an agricultural missionary. While living in Sweetwater, the Hancocks resided at Camp Booth Oaks, working with the West Texas Girl Scouts. Mrs. Hancock's favorite part of this was the summer resident camps for the girls. The Hancocks received the Thanks Badge, the highest award given, for their work at Camp Booth Oaks. Mrs. Hancock's husband, children, grandchildren, and grandchildren meant so much to her, as did her siblings and their families. She loved family gatherings and cooking for everyone. Her grandchildren loved spending time with their Mema and Poppa.

In her latter years, she was a member of the For-

san Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Dorcas Sunday Class and served on the Benevolence Committee. She taught Sunday School classes for 50 years in the churches she attended and was a dedicated prayer warrior. She was also an avid reader before losing her eyesight. The Hancocks traveled world-wide, visiting Africa, Greece, South America, Mexico, Canada, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Israel, Egypt, Switzerland and 42 of the 50 United States.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Bill and Dr. John Hays, sister Peggy Hays Robertson, and son-in-law Tom Henry.

Surviving her are husband Jack Hancock; daughters Dena Ivie and husband Charles of Tatum, N.M.; Joy Vazquez and husband Ernesto of Laredo; and Jackie Henry of Big Spring; brother Gordon Hays and wife Lenell of Ballinger; sister-in-law Dorothy Hays of Ballinger; and brother-in-law Dr. Eugene Robertson of Arlington. Also surviving are six grandchildren and nine great-children: Tim Griffin, wife Dina and their children Bailey, Emma, and Seaver Hancock Griffin of Abilene; Kim Turner, husband Chris and their sons Jordan and Hunter Jack Turner of Topeka, Kan.; Sam Griffin, wife Stacy and their daughter Isabel Griffin of Levelland; Mandi Lewis, husband Eric and their son Hadley of Sherman; Carlos Vazquez of Laredo and his sons Carlos and Andres of Spain; and John Paul Vazquez of Sacramento, Calif.; also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews who were all very special to her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Jack and Keva Hancock Endowed Scholarship, Hardin-Simmons University, Box 16100 Abilene 79698 or to the Jim Ned FFA, P.O. Box 9 Tuscola 79562.

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## Naomi Ann Ward Pope



NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — Naomi Ann Ward Pope, 78, passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2011.

Funeral: 1:30 p.m. Friday in Mount Olivet Chapel. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation: 12 to 1 p.m. Friday at Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Naomi was born Dec. 6, 1932, in Maud, Okla. Her hometowns were Big Spring, Odessa and Lewisville. She graduated from

Odessa College School of Nursing in 1968 and loved her work as a licensed nurse. She worked for over 47 years in hospitals and doctors offices. She volunteered playing piano for Grace and Belmont Baptist Churches of Odessa, and most recently was a mem-

ber of Lewisville First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert L. Ward and Zetta Whitaker Ward and a sister, Earlene Williams.

Survivors: Son, Wesley Crow and Patty, North Richland Hills; daughter, Sharon Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; son, Elton Pope, Krugerville; grandchildren, Stephanie Smith, Indianapolis, Ind., Kevin Crow, Bedford, Lori Guest, Haslet; sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn Cain and Jerry, Fort Worth, brother and sister-in-law, A.L. Ward and Mille, Kermit; brother, Ray Ward, Greensboro, N.C.; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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## Louis D. Bustamante Sr

Louis D. Bustamante Sr. 58, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Maurice Griffith

Maurice Griffith, 92, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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### Howard Wayne Hornsby

Howard Wayne Hornsby, 52, of Big Spring passed away on February 1, 2011 at his mother's home in Bedford, Texas. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. The family requests in lieu of flowers please send donations in his honor to Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, PO Box 2997, Big Spring, Tx 79721 or Howard Hornsby Foundation, 901 Main St., Big Spring, Tx. 79720.

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- LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 31, of 2506 Hunter Drive, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid, previous conviction.
- ALTHA ROY WILLIAMS, 42, of 612 Country Club Rd. Apt. F, Jacksonville, North, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ANSELMO JOEL ONTIVEROS, 25, of 4213 Hamilton, was arrested for failure to identify.
- CRISTA CAROLYN COKER, 20, of 208 Moore Rd., was arrested for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- SHANNON ELEANOR LANG, 25, of 504 Jeffrey Rd., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and theft more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- KEITH ANDREW HILARIO, 26, OF 1401 N HWY 87, was arrested for driving while license suspended/ invalid, previous conviction and failure to identify giving false information.

- ROBERTO P. MARTINEZ, 42, OF 202 Sixth Street Coahoma, was arrested for two warrants by other agencies and driving while license invalid.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth and 2500 block of Fairchild Drive.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of S. Aylesford Street.

## Sheriff

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

- PEDRO AGUILAR, 49, was jailed for sentencing for interfering with an emergency call.
- JODY KYLE ROGERS, 51, was sentenced for driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- SHANNON ELEANOR LANG, 25, was jailed for theft of property totaling more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- ROBERTO P. MARTINEZ, 42, was jailed for issuance of a bad check.
- KEITH HILARIO, 26, was

jailed for driving while license invalid with previous conviction and failure to identify by giving false information.

- MARIO IRENEO YANEZ, 30, was jailed for driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 50, was jailed for driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container; third or more offense.
- MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 20, was jailed for minor in consumption.

## EMS

Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following calls for Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011:

- MEDICAL, on the 1700 block of Lancaster, with one person transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA, on the 100 block of Weaver and service was refused.
- MEDICAL, on the 1200 block of E. Third, with one person transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• Canterbury and Canterbury North will host a Senior Sweetheart Dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. The dance will be held at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, and is open to all seniors. Admission is free. Music will be provided by RC.

• 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 Can-

tu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• 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.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire.

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Keva Hancock, 83, died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Forsan Baptist Church.

Norma Nell Kelley, 85, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

George Ferguson, 70, died Saturday. Memorial Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends at 11 a.m. Thursday at 216 S. Moss Lake Road.

Petra M. Reyes, 80, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Templo Belen. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Louis D. Bustamante, Sr. 58, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Martha Loveless, 49, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Myrtis Sims, 92, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## MOSS

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tions at Big Spring Junior High, and Saldivar said construction plans could be adjusted to save even more money.

"We're still going to do everything we said we'd do," he said. "But we've already saved money at the junior high, plus we're looking at some money

we originally budgeted for parking lots ... I feel very confident we can bridge that difference."

There are other issues that will need to be addressed, including the possibility of having to temporarily relocate Moss students while a new school is being built. But Saldivar stressed that, regardless of what action trustees eventually take in the matter, it will not

cost more than the \$60 million originally approved by voters.

The public hearing will be the first order of business Thursday. It is possible trustees will take action on the matter later in the meeting.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Yearly evaluation of administrator contracts.
- Preliminary discussion of the 2011-2012 budget.

• Local policy updates.

• Approval of a curriculum for a high school social studies course in Bible studies/special topics.

• Property donation.

• Approval of an early resignation notice incentive.

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## CHEERS

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## FLIGHTS

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organization. The main focus of the group is to honor America's veterans and pay tribute to all their sacrifices.

"This is our chance to say thank you," Ballenger said.

While on the flight, veterans will be reading letters written by Coahoma students and rural surrounding residents. The idea came from, Coahoma High School principal and sister of Ballenger, Carrie Conley.

"It's a great way for the students to pay homage to the greatest generation," Ballenger said.

Once the veterans arrive in Washington, they will view the WWII monuments and other monuments at no cost to the veterans. All the seats on the flights are being paid for through donations. Ballenger said that a little more

than \$100,000 has been raised so far.

"This is a great way to pay tribute and to remember the greatest generation," Ballenger said. "There is no donation that is too big or too small."

Donations can be made in any amount and designated as a memorial donation.

The name should be written in the memo field. For those wanting to donate to the honor flights, donations can be mailed to West Texas Honor Flights P.O. Box 125 Council Bluffs, Iowa 51502.

"The nation is losing veterans every day,"

Ballenger said. "Time is of the essence."

All veterans in the surrounding area are encouraged to submit an application for a spot on the flight. One of the planes is almost filled, but there is still time to get applications in for the second plane. WWII veterans will be given priority, according to Ballenger.

"This is a great way to remember these men and women," Ballenger said. "This is one day of

our lives, for a lifetime of freedom."

For those wanting to take part in the honor flight, an application can be requested by calling 1-855-322-6638 or going online to www.west-texashonorflight.org. Applications can also be picked up at Hardin-Simmons University at the Dyess Welcome Center near the Cedar Street entrance or the Taylor County Veterans Service Office.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Conservation of water will be challenging

The news that Lake J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence Reservoir are in critical shape — Thomas is 5.6 percent full while Spence is 2.7 percent full — is somewhat alarming.

Water is a necessary commodity; life cannot be sustained without it. That fact was dealt with in 1946 when a group of individuals met at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring to form what would become the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Their efforts — begun by Mr. J.B. Thomas, incidentally — assured that folks in this region of West Texas would have water for years to come.

Today, however, resources are so low that the residents of CRMWD member cities Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder, along with a number of so-called "customer" cities, are going to have to be a lot more prudent in how they use their water and when they use it.

We're not entirely sure what measures the CRMWD will be asking residents to implement or how long it will be necessary to do so. Of course, we could probably all do a better job of managing our resources. We Americans are not known for being conservative when it comes to water, food — or even money.

Soon, CRMWD will be getting the word out about how we can better conserve water. Our hope is that we all become more educated on ways we can help save this precious resource, and realize that we may have to be more cognizant about when and how we water our lawns, fill up our swimming pools and — heaven forbid — even do laundry or take a bath.

Whatever it takes, we'll get through it. We always have, and this will be more of an inconvenience than anything else. With each of us taking part and managing our water usage prudently, we will ensure our slice of West Texas remains healthy and strong for eons to come.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, skills and opportunity come together for our good. Amen

# Green jobs are not evergreen jobs

After receiving at least \$43 million in aid from the state of Massachusetts, Evergreen Solar announced last month that it would be closing its manufacturing plant in Devens, Mass., laying off its 800 workers and moving its manufacturing operations to China.

Warning: These are the "green jobs" that President Obama has touted as part of his "winning the future" agenda.

The problem isn't that Obama wants to direct federal dollars toward research for alternative energy. It is in the national interest to have affordable options when oil sources are depleted.

The problem is that Obama thinks that green jobs are the answer to the anemic economy recovery. He clings to that belief in the face of contrary evidence.

Last May, the president came to solar-panel manufacturer Solyndra in Fremont, Calif., to celebrate a new plant — creating 3,000 construction jobs and 1,000 permanent workers. President Obama exclaimed, "The true engine of economic growth will always be companies like Solyndra."

Within months, Solyndra, which has yet to turn a profit, announced that it was canceling the expansion.

At best, you can describe Obama's choice of venue as bad

advance work.

Michael El-Hillow, Evergreen Solar's chief executive, explained in a statement the reason for his company's move: "While the United States and other western industrial economies are beneficiaries of rapidly declining installation costs of solar energy, we expect the United States will continue to be at a disadvantage from a manufacturing standpoint."

Evergreen is — this month anyway — the third-largest solar panel manufacturer in the United States. The Massachusetts plant opened in 2008 with much fanfare and generous taxpayer assistance.

But just one year later, The New York Times reported, company suits were talking to Chinese officials, who could offer cheaper labor — average monthly wages below \$300 as opposed to \$5,400 in the Bay State — sweetheart loans and other incentives.

Harvard economist Edward L. Glaeser saw Evergreen leave Massachusetts and opined in The New York Times that while he believed investing in green technology, "It always was a mistake to think that clean energy was going to be a jobs bonanza."

And: "We shouldn't pretend that cheaper solar energy will end up employing millions of our less-skilled citizens."

This leaves American solons with two choices: Keep feeding the meter — or cut your losses.

The high cost of subsidizing wind and solar power should seal the deal. According to the

California Energy Commission, the cost of photovoltaic solar electricity is about 26 cents per kilowatt hour, as opposed to 13 cents for electricity powered by natural gas.

With the unemployment rate at 9 percent, Washington should be looking to create jobs that aren't going to run to China. Or, as Jack Gerard, president of the American Petroleum Institute, told The New York Times, "If the president really were serious about job creation, he would be working with us to develop American oil and gas by American workers for American consumers."

American Enterprise Institute senior fellow Steven F. Hayward likes to ask people which state has the lowest unemployment rate.

The answer is North Dakota, with an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent. "The reason is they've had a huge oil and gas boom," Hayward explained. They've tripled their oil output.

As the price of oil spills over the \$100-per-barrel mark, Washington ought to reconsider the "green jobs" approach. As Hayward noted, "Brown energy creates jobs and prosperity."

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# Anyone can be the GOP nominee?

Ever wonder why so many people run for president? Why the stages for the debates are so crowded, why the unknowns jostle for lecture space with the unheard-ofs?

True, the job of president is pretty nifty and the perks magnificent — a fleet of your own planes, which means you never have to go through airport security and take off your shoes ever again. But it is also a dreadfully draining job, in which our presidents visibly age before our eyes and where the pressures are nearly unbearable.

Still, the people who pursue it — for now, only Republicans, since Barack Obama seems reasonably safe from a serious Democratic primary challenge — will be a gaggle, a mob, a throng, a gang and a horde.

This could be a sign of a healthy democracy, a nation that has so many people of such enormous intellect and talent that it is only logical for them to pursue the nation's top job.

Or they could be just a bunch of weasels who like publicity.

And remember that a lot of people who run for president are out of a job — they are no longer governors or members of Congress. And instead of living in the spotlight, they now live in the shadows, where people come up to them in airports and say, "Didn't you used to be somebody?"

True, to the novice, the process of running for president seems daunting. There are so many rules! So many primaries! So many deadlines! The newbie considering a run is dazed and confused. Where do I go? What do I do? Which are better: Marriott points or Starwood points?

But they need not worry. Running for president has become a business where professional staffs shrink-wrap the candidates and put them high on a shelf where they will get bruised as little as possible. And will interfere in their own campaigns even less.

There are people who will do everything for you: They will get you registered for primaries, map out your speaking schedules, write your speeches and script your ad libs. They will make you funny or serious, as the occasion requires. All you have to do is stand upright for a reasonable amount of time each day, and even that is negotiable.

Everything else — your policies, your strategies, your deepest and most heartfelt guiding principles — will be handled for you.

Does this cost money? Sure, it does! Oodles and oodles of money. But here is the beauty of it: The money isn't yours! The money comes from the schnooks who contribute to your campaign! As Jerry Brown, one of the smartest and most insightful men ever to run for office, once said, a political campaign is a giant machine designed to raise money so the machine can grow bigger and raise even more money. Everything is secondary to that.

Do you sometimes hear of a campaign ending up in the red? Sure, you do. But if the candidate is smart, it is the campaign that is in debt, not the candidate.

True, some candidates spend millions and millions of their own dollars on their campaigns. Former eBay executive Meg Whitman spent \$141.6 million of her own money — a U.S. record — to run and lose for governor of California, a state with a \$25.4 billion budget deficit. So maybe she was just practicing.

There are a number of wealthy candidates willing to spend

millions of their own dollars on their own campaigns. And there is a special term for such people: nuts.

Or so I have always thought. But I could be wrong. After all, how many yachts can you buy? How many jets? How many private islands? How many cashews from the hotel mini-bar?

Why not spend tens of millions on the possibility of becoming president? Especially if you run as a fiscal conservative.

Here are three things to ask yourself before you decide to run for president:

1. Will you be any worse off? Do you have to give up a daytime job (governor, senator, representative, reality show participant) to run? If not, why not go for it? After all, the presidency comes with rent-free housing and three squares a day. (Just like prison, when you think about it.)

2. Will the publicity hurt or help you? You will be in the spotlight, but under the microscope. The upside is fantastic: magazine profiles, appearances on the Sunday shows and enormous exposure from the debates. You will be able to go to the head of the line at any Red Lobster no matter where you live.

But what about your past? What about the scandals, real or imagined, that you thought were long forgotten, like Willie Horton, or the Swift Boats or the time you dropped an aspirin in your date's Coke when she wasn't looking? So maybe you better think twice.

3. Do you need a truly loyal and personally dedicated staff? Nah, you can buy one.

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**Barbara Couch**

Barbara Couch, 66, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor, officiating.



She was born May 31, 1944, in Lakeland, Fla., and married Mike Couch on Aug. 14, 1964, in Lakeland.

Barbara was reared in Lakeland and graduated from Kathleen High School and from business school in Lakeland. While Mike was in seminary, she worked as circulation librarian at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She came to Big Spring in Feb. of 1981 from West Palm Beach, Fla. After coming to Big Spring, she worked for Evelyn Bender at Miss Royale Dress Shop and then worked at the Accent Shop. In 1995, she and Helen and Vaughn Martin were partners in Places and Pleasures Travel Agency until she had to close in September 2010 due to her health.

Barbara was a member of First Baptist Church. She invested her life in God's Word, mentoring many young Christians. Her fondest hobbies and interests were in Bible Studies, studying and teaching God's Word.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Couch of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Andy and Michelle Couch of Lubbock and Marc and Kristi Couch of Big Spring; two brothers, David Tucker of Mulberry, Fla., and Larry Tucker of Lake City, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Andrew Davis Couch of Lubbock and McKenna Grace Couch of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charlie Tucker and her mother, Evelyn Tucker.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

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**Clint McAlister**

Clint McAlister, 57, of Kinsland, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

**Martha Loveless**

Martha Loveless, 49, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Obituaries**

**SFC George Ferguson**

SFC George Ferguson, 70, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Memorial services with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends at 11 a.m. Thursday at 216 S. Moss Lake Road.

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in Fruitland, Idaho to Alma and Clifford Ferguson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving 23 years, including the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired as a SGT First Class in 1972. He moved to Big Spring 22 years ago from Callam Bay, Wash., and worked several years at the Big Spring State Hospital.

He is survived by two sons, Sean Ferguson and Patrick Ferguson, both of Big Spring; one step-son, Joe Benford of Knott; one step-daughter, Teresa Benford of Washington; one sister, Bonnie Eubanks of Oregon; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jonita on April 10, 2004.

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**Myrtis Sims**

Myrtis Sims, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Norma Nell Kelley**

Norma Nell Kelley, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, at her home after a lengthy illness. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor or Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 13, 1925, in Breckenridge to Bessie and Dink Burrell. Her family moved to Big Spring in 1929, and she graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942. She married Jesse D. Kelley on July 15, 1949, in Eastland. He preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 1984.

She was a member of Big Spring Senior Circle,

**Petra M. Reyes**

Petra M. Reyes, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Templo Belen. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 30, 1930, in Georgetown to Victorina and Jesus Martinez. She married Jose Reyes in 1951. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1983. She lived in Westbrook for 50 years, moving to Big Spring in 1978. She was a homemaker and a catholic.

She is survived by five sons, Juan Casterno of Sweetwater, Eliodoro Reyes of Westbrook, Ernesto Reyes of Vincent, Enrique Reyes of Midland and Mike Reyes of Big Spring; two daughters, Emerlinda Gutierrez of Big Spring and Erlinda H. Juarez of Austin; one sister, Jesusa Torrez of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Esperanza "Hope" Gill; one sister, Esther Martinez; and two brothers, Jose Martinez and Rafael Martinez.

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Encouragers and Trinity Baptist Church.

She attended Big Spring Business College and in 1944, worked at the Big Spring Bombardier School and later at Cosden Refinery for several years.

She began her civil service career with the federal government in 1965, at White Sands Missile Range in Las Cruces, N.M., moving back to Big Spring in 1966 to continue her career at Webb Air Force Base.

With the base closure in 1977, she transferred to Fort Hood in Killeen, where she retired in 1981, returning to Big Spring.

She is survived by her son, Gary Kelley and his wife Tancie of Big Spring; her daughter, Dru Heintz and her husband Jeff of Alpine; three grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and one niece.

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# Perry: No 'sacred cows' in budget

**JAY ROOT**  
Associated Press  
AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry declared Tuesday that there are “no sacred cows” in the strapped Texas budget, but he found a few hallowed programs that came close: the ones he uses to reward companies that expand or relocate to Texas.

Perry's advocacy for the economic development programs, called “corporate welfare” by his critics, stood in sharp contrast to the staggering cuts he has suggested. The governor's budget proposal, released right after his “State of the State” speech to lawmakers, would slash billions from public schools and state-provided health

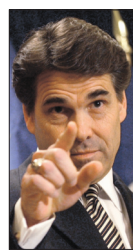
care, prisons, environmental protection and regulatory agencies.

With all the proposed cutting going on, lawmakers might find it tempting to slice out Perry's favored programs. The governor said emphatically Tuesday that would be a mistake.

“If we pulled the plug on our economic development efforts, no one would be happier than my fellow governors,” Perry said. “We owe it to our citizens to maintain our competitive edge.”

Perry wants the Legislature to keep \$150 million in the Texas Enterprise Fund and is proposing that lawmakers give \$15 million to the Emerging Technology Fund. He also is proposing \$20 million for the

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—Gov. Rick Perry

“film and video game incentive program” that tries to lure technology companies to Texas.

Perry, the longest serving governor in the country, also wants new money for a disaster contingency fund, an expanded “virtual school” network and new tax breaks for businesses. All told, including the Enterprise Fund request, Perry is proposing more than \$500 million be spent on his initiatives and priorities, including business

tax incentives costing \$150 million.

The governor's speech and budget proposals come as the state faces a budget shortfall of at least \$15 billion. Perry is opposed to new taxes, and his proposed cuts mirror reductions legislators are now contemplating.

In the budget documents he submitted Tuesday, Perry proposed reducing state spending by more than \$9 billion compared to the last budget. He would cut almost \$5 billion in general revenue funding from public and higher education.

Perry also proposed cutting nearly \$2 billion in general revenue from health and human services. He gave scant details of where he would make the cuts, giving only broad categories in a report that he called a “starting point” for budget talks.

Perry has long opposed using the “rainy day fund” set aside for fiscal emergencies, but he seemed to open the door to using at least a portion of it. He said he did not want lawmakers to “spend dry” the account, which is projected to have more than \$9 billion in it by 2013.

“Emptying the savings account to pay for recurring expenses is a

bad idea, whether it happens at home, the workforce or with our state budget,” Perry said.

Perry is proposing savings of almost \$500 million, including more than \$200 million from the sale of land and other state assets. He would entirely eliminate funding to four agencies, including the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Commission on the Arts, while consolidating dozens of others.

“There should be no sacred cows in this business, and that reality is reflected in the budget that I submitted this morning,” Perry said.

It surprised no one that Perry ridiculed the “partisan commentators” and “doomsayers” who are reeling from initial budgetary proposals that experts say could lead to tens of thousands of teacher layoffs, school campus closures around the state and a drastically scaled back social safety net.

“The mainstream media and big government interest groups are doing their best to convince us that we're facing a budget Armageddon,” Perry said. “Texans don't believe it, and they shouldn't because it's not true.”

Democrats wasted no time criticizing Perry's downsized vision of state government, holding a press conference to blast him a few minutes after he walked off the podium in the Texas House of Representatives.

“The governor's speech was mostly a

right-wing review of the state of the state,” said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio. “It's clear that he's out of touch with Texans.”

## New sonogram bill promised

A proposed law that would require doctors to show women a sonogram of their fetus before performing an abortion will be modified to give the woman greater control over what she sees and hears, the bill's main author said Tuesday.

The original Senate Bill 16 required doctors to display a sonogram to women seeking an abortion, even if the patient asked not to see it. The bill also required doctors to describe the sonogram image, to include the presence of any arms, legs or internal organs. Finally, the doctor also would have to play the fetal heartbeat for the patient. The bill would have allowed a woman to “avert her eyes” but did not allow her to decline the information, as it was originally drafted.

Doctors generally perform sonograms as a first step before terminating a pregnancy.

State Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, said he never intended for the bill to put pressure on a woman seeking medical help. He said he would present a new version of the bill that would allow the patient to choose not to see the sonogram or listen to the heartbeat or the description.

“What I wanted to do, which was always the intent, was to make sure (the woman) was made aware of the tests they are taking and give her the right to see them,” Patrick told The Associated Press.

## Cuts at community colleges

Texas community colleges are preparing to raise tuition and cut thousands of potential students to cope with sweeping reductions proposed in the state Senate's draft budget.

Lawmakers are struggling to plug a revenue shortfall of at least \$15 billion for the next two years. Meanwhile, community colleges are seeing soaring enrollment and cuts in financial contributions from the state.

Bill Holda, president of Kilgore College and chair-elect of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, told the finance committee Tuesday that colleges will have to raise tuition, increase property taxes and explore enrollment caps to cope with growth at their schools.

Many students can't afford an increase in tuition, he said.

## Missing!

### Hailey Darlene Dunn

Last seen Dec. 27 at 1804 Chestnut St. in Colorado City TX

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Dear Annie: I have been best friends with "Claire" since junior high. She is nothing short of a knockout, with a sweet personality to match. We have always been very close, and I treasure our friendship.

The problem is, when we are out together, men are interested in Claire but feel she is unapproachable because she is so beautiful.

Instead, they talk me up to try to get their foot in the door with her. Quite frankly, I am fed up with men only talking to me because they know I am friends with Claire. Then, when she isn't interested in them, I have to let them down. It's exhausting.

I am successful, educated, smart and funny, and I'm not bad looking, either, but men are only interested in my hot friend. This has been going on since high school, and I'm 35, for heaven's sake. How do I break this cycle or, at the very least, tactfully tell these men that I am not the key to Claire's heart? — *Invisible*

Dear Invisible: You are always going to suffer by comparison to Claire, so we strongly urge you not to try to

meet men when you are with her. Her bright light makes everything else seem dim. On other occasions, when you are in Claire's company, it is perfectly OK to refuse to intercede. If you are approached about Claire, simply say, "Sorry, but if you are interested in my friend, you'll have to talk to her directly."

Dear Annie: We recently had dinner at a local restaurant with three other couples. Usually, a tip is automatically added with parties of six or more, but this time, the server did not do so.

Our friend who handled the check added the tip to the total bill, including the fairly hefty tax, and then divided by the number of couples to see what we each owed. I was taught that one gave a tip on the price of the meal, not including the tax. Who is correct? — *Wondering in New Hampshire*

Dear N.H.: You are, although we are sure the server appreciated the extra money. Since it bothers you, we recommend you handle the check next time.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "To Gift



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

or Not To Gift," whose daughter-in-law was talking about a divorce. "Gift" wanted to know if the daughter-in-law should be taken off the annual gift list.

It is always best to take the peaceful way in a family matter. I did and never regretted it. When my son and his wife split up, I told them both that I love them

and their child and would not make my granddaughter choose between her parents. I included my daughter-in-law in all family gatherings.

They separated, but never divorced. When my son was killed a few months later, I said as far as I was concerned there was no separation. I included my daughter-in-law in planning the funeral and the obituary. People had the nerve to say I shouldn't have been so inclusive, but I told them I was the mother and this is what I wanted. I did it for my daughter-in-law, my granddaughter and our family.

We are still close, and my granddaughter stays with me quite a bit. Had I made enemies with my daughter-in-law when they separated, I may not have had the chance to spend so

much time with my son's daughter. I say give her the gift, and the next time she complains about your son, simply say, "You are talking about my child, and it hurts me to hear negative things about him. Please don't put me in the middle like that." You will be surprised how fast she will respect your wishes.

My daughter-in-law once asked whether I minded if she still considered me to be her mother-in-law, even if she someday remarries. I told her I would be honored. — A.G.

Dear A.G.: You did it right. Brava.

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### HC softball sweeps doubleheader against Cisco



Alexis Beltran makes a pitch during Howard College's 3-2 win over Cisco College in the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader at Big Spring High School.

**BY ADAM COLEMAN**  
Sports Editor

The Howard College softball team went from a close win to an on-leader in its doubleheader against Cisco College Tuesday at Big Spring High School.

The Hawks needed an RBI single from sophomore infielder Lana Dominguez in the bottom of the seventh to edge the Lady Wranglers in the first game.

They didn't have to sweat so much in the second game, upending Cisco College 10-1 in six innings.

"I didn't think we played very well the first game," HC head coach Kelly Raines said. "We left way too many runners on base. We weren't scoring. They scored in the seventh inning and then we led off

with a double a single to win it."

The game was deadlocked at two when the Hawks pitcher Alexis Beltran helped her own cause with an RBI single to put Howard ahead.

Beltran was stingy on the mound until Cisco found a way to tie it at the last minute in the top of the seventh. But Dominguez came through in the bottom of the inning as Beltran got the complete game win.

The Hawks switched things up in the second game and scored five runs in the first inning on the way to the 10-1 win. Pitcher Salina Mitchell got the complete game win.

It's been a turbulent past few days for the Hawks. Games have con-

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### Lady Steers' season ends at Snyder Segundo, BSHS boys take care of Tigers

**BY ADAM COLEMAN**  
Sports Editor

**SNYDER** — The Big Spring Lady Steers are entering the offseason a little earlier than they wanted.

In a win-and-in scenario, Snyder clinched third place and a playoff berth with a 44-32 win over Big Spring Tuesday night in the season finale.

The Lady Steers' woes in the first half continued, which was a big reason for the loss. Big Spring scored seven points in the first half.

But despite that, Big Spring made Snyder sweat a little bit, getting within 10 a few times in the second half after the slow start.

Big Spring's Cerbi Ritchey expected a tough game considering what was on the line and Snyder wanting to get even after the Lady Steers beat the Lady Tigers earlier this season. She said the slow start, though, was something that had to be avoided.

"We talked about that before the game, how we hadn't had a very good start the past few games and we needed to start off strong," said Ritchey, who had a team-high 10 points. "We didn't do that and it came back to bite us."

Big Spring only had three field goals in the first half, helping the Lady Tigers' case for a playoff spot.

At halftime, Ritchey said the message was clear: do or die and the Lady Steers did their best to extend their season.

Two things that played in the Lady Steers' favor were fouls and turnovers. Both teams had a hard time finding the bucket because of those things, contributing to the low score. That was most evident in the second quarter when both teams combined for eight points.

After being down 23-7 at halftime, the Lady Steers had a shot when Mackenzie Stone's 3-pointer made it 37-25 Snyder in the fourth.

Then, Cerbi Ritchey's bucket made it 37-27 with 3:47 left in the game. While Snyder's Laura Reigh answered right back with a score, Bridgette Tuitt's steal led to Valerie Ross' layup to put the Lady Steers down by 10 again.

Time ran out on Big Spring, though. Snyder started getting to the foul line and mak-

ing free throws.

BSHS head coach Mike Warren thought his team had enough for a late push, hoping a smaller, faster lineup would create problems.

"I did, we were just trying to shoot threes there at the end," he said. "We even had Cerbi Ritchey shoot a three, which it looked like it was going in. When you have Logan (Yarbar) in there and LaShaunte (Anderson), Bridgette and Mackenzie, it's pretty good speed in there."

Snyder head coach Jennifer Young credited Big Spring for coming back after a poor first half. Her team has a bit to be happy about, though. The Lady Tigers are in the playoffs for the first time in three years.

"It's huge for us. We haven't been in the playoffs since 2008," she said. "This whole year, we've been trying to build their confidence up. We won the Greenwood tournament. That was a big thing for us. This district — with how tough it is — we were just saying if we could get out, we think we have a chance to go a couple games deep."

The Lady Steers didn't get where they wanted this season, but Warren said they have a lot to be proud of. What was a losing team three years ago is now a winning one. Big Spring won 18 games and has six lettermen coming back next year. With a few young, talented players coming up from junior varsity, Warren is pleased with where the program is headed.

Snyder 44, Big Spring 32

Big Spring 5 2 12 13 - 32

Snyder 17 6 12 7 - 44

Big Spring — Logan Yarbar 1, Mackenzie Stone 3, LaShaunte Anderson 3, Bridgette Tuitt 4, Valerie Ross 9, Cerbi Ritchey 10, Diamond Mayes 2

Snyder — Karissa Medina 2, Heather Medrano 3, Ryanna Martinez 6, Ashton Burton 6, Xalee Northcutt 4, Jentri Driggers 5, Laura Reigh 17, Jacoree Brooks 6

3-point field goals — Big Spring 2 (Stone 1, Ross 1), Snyder 2 (Medrano 1, Driggers 1)

Free throws — Big Spring 2-8, Snyder 12-15

Total fouls — Big Spring 16, Snyder 13

Records — Big Spring (18-9, 2-6)



HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Diamond Mayes battles with Snyder's Jacoree Brooks as she goes for a layup during the Lady Steers' 44-32 loss to the Lady Tigers Tuesday.

#### Big Spring boys

**SNYDER** — Guarding Big Spring's Marc Segundo was virtually impossible.

BSHS head coach Cliff Thompson hoped for that much in Tuesday's 79-63 win over Snyder in District 5-3A play.

"I told the guys coming in," he said, "if they run the box-and-1 (defense) they ran last time, we're going to get Se-

gundo the ball and he's going to hit a bunch of shots and he might have 30."

Thompson was close in his prediction, a point off actually. Segundo hit six of his eight 3-pointers in the third quarter and was good for 29 points in Tuesday's win.

While Snyder was tough to put away in the early going, Segundo's quarter ensured the Tigers weren't going to hang around much longer.

Segundo's first 3-pointer in

the third gave Big Spring a 34-28 lead after a 3-pointer from Snyder's Anthony Taylor had the Tigers down by three.

Snyder was still hanging around at 35-30, but another Segundo three made it 38-30. Segundo followed that up with another bucket from beyond the arc, making it 41-30.

Then he just poked it on.

When the Tigers were down 48-40, Segundo hit three con-

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stantly been rescheduled because of the weather and the pipes freezing at Foundation Field. That prompted the games' move to Big Spring High School.

"When the weather is like this, we just have to do what we can, whatever we can," Raines said. "We were thank-

ful just to get in a game (Tuesday). I was worried about (Tuesday) a little bit because we hadn't had much practice. We haven't been on our field. We warmed up the first game and we got it going the second game."

The Hawks are on the road Friday for a matchup against Lubbock Christian at 1 p.m.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237

Woods game on upswing

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods insists his game is coming together and it's just a matter of time before he wins his first tournament in more than a year.

Appearing relaxed and upbeat at the Dubai Desert Classic, the third-ranked Woods said Wednesday his

game "was progressing" and he took away positives regarding his overhauled swing from finishing in a tie for 44th in his season-opener at San Diego two weeks ago.

"I still feel I can win golf tournaments," said Woods, who has won

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Area basketball: CHS, FHS girls' season ends

Coahoma boys

COAHOMA — Colorado City was too much for the Coahoma Bulldogs, who fell to 3-9 in District 3-2A with Tuesday's loss.

Coahoma didn't have a scorer in double figure, but Ryan Reid led with eight points. Colorado City moved to 12-0 in district play.

COLORADO CITY 66, COAHOMA 33  
Colorado City 18 12 14 22 -66  
Coahoma 5 9 3 16 -33  
Colorado — Spencer 6, Gainey 8, Aoyama 11, Lorenz 7, Jones 1, Rodriguez 5, Munoz 7, Alford 21  
Coahoma — Josh Gonzalez 2, Marco Molina 3, Tanner Ruiz 5, Keaton Martin 2, Aaron Acevedo 2, Hunter Williams 2, Sheigh Cravens 7, Ryan Reid 8, Reagan Reid 2  
3-point goals — CC 6 (Aoyama 3, Gainey 2, Lorenz), Coahoma 4 (Ryan Reid 2, Cravens, Molina)  
Free throws — CC 14-22, Coahoma 7-11  
Total fouls — CC 14, Coahoma 17  
Records: Coahoma (11-15, 3-9)

Next: Coahoma at Denver City, 6 p.m. Friday.

Coahoma girls

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes' season ended with a 46-29 loss to Colorado City.

Freshman Savannah Neff led with seven points as Coahoma finished 3-11 in district play.

First-year head coach Mitzi Bell said her team started out strong, but injuries hurt the team this season. With six juniors returning, Bell hopes the program can make strides next season.

COLORADO CITY 46, COAHOMA 29  
Colorado City 3 16 19 8 - 46  
Coahoma 6 5 12 6 - 29

Coahoma — Savannah Neff 7, Jennifer Castilaw 6, Devon Maddox 4, Kyla Clanton 4, Lynzi Ferrell 3, Jessie Morgan 2, Minnie Goodblanket 2, Jessie Gonzales 1  
3-point field goals — Coahoma 4 (Neff 1, Castilaw 2, Ferrell 1)  
Records: Coahoma (10-18, 3-11)

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secutive 3-pointers as the quarter ended, making the score 57-43.

The junior doesn't have much explanation

for his performance, but said he knew he had to step up, considering his role is to make those shots.

"I was feeling it," Segundo said. "It's all adrenaline. All adrenaline, energy and making shots."

Thompson was glad to see Segundo have a good game. Having a scorer like Segundo coupled with Luke Adams — who had 22 points — makes for a dangerous combination in the playoffs.

Speaking of playoffs, the Steers don't have anything to worry about there. They already punched their ticket. What's still on the line is the District 5-3A crown.

The easiest way to the title is beating Abilene Wylie on the road in the season finale Friday and hope Brownwood can take care of Wylie Tuesday.

Beating Wylie Friday and a Wylie win over Brownwood Tuesday would force another game to determine the district champion. Of course, a loss Friday

takes Big Spring out of the picture.

Thompson would like to take the easiest route to the district championship if possible, but he won't be bent out of shape about another game if that happens.

"I like to play it out myself," he said. "It's one of those things... I don't want them to think back 'Man, if we could've played it.' I don't like to leave it to fate. Let's play it out and let the best team go."

Big Spring 79, Snyder 63

Big Spring 17 14 26 22 - 79

Snyder 13 12 18 20 - 63

Big Spring — Marc Segundo 29, Tristian Clay 9, Mike Menefield 4, Chris Turner 4, Luke Adams 22, Seth Pearson 1, Chazzell Robinson 5, Lloyd 5

Snyder — Anthony Taylor 10, Keenon Ward 11, Dakota Carroll 9, Shade Roemisch 16, Xavier Malone 4, Garrett Smith 6, Kelton Garcia 2, Brandon Davis 5

3-point field goals — Big Spring 10 (Segundo 8, Clay 1, Adams 1)

Free throws — Big Spring 27-35, Snyder 9-15

Total fouls — Big Spring 15, Snyder 20

Records — Big Spring (22-7, 6-1)

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Two-Edged Sword

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♥ 5  
♦ A Q 10 2  
♣ 7 6 5 3 2

EAST

♠ K 8 7 5 3  
♥ Q J 7 6  
♦ 9 7  
♣ 10 8

WEST

♠ Q 6 2  
♥ K 10 9 8 4 3  
♦ 4  
♣ K Q J

SOUTH

♠ A 10  
♥ A 2  
♦ K J 8 6 5 3  
♣ A 9 4

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The holdup during suit play is much less common, but it can be just as effective as the holdup play in

notrump. For example, take this deal where South gets to five diamonds and West leads the king of clubs.

If South takes the king with the ace, he goes down one against best defense. Whenever declarer leads a club, West wins with the jack and shifts to a low spade. East's king forces the ace, and declarer winds up losing three tricks — two clubs and a spade.

But if South refuses to win the king of clubs, he makes the contract regardless of what West does next. Suppose West plays another club. South takes the ace, draws trumps and returns a club. Dummy's clubs thus become established and take care of South's spade loser.

Now suppose West shifts to a low spade at trick two. Declarer wins East's king with the ace, draws trumps and returns a spade, establishing dummy's jack as a parking place for his second club loser.

Observe that there is no risk attached to ducking the king of clubs. Even if East has only one club, South cannot lose more than two tricks. If West continues with a club, it makes no difference whether or not East ruffs; either way, declarer cannot be stopped from establishing dummy's fifth club as his game-going trick.

Tomorrow: The right play at the right time.

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# LeBron gets 41, and Heat top Pacers 117-112

**The Associated Press**

MIAMI — With LeBron James on the bench, the Indiana Pacers quickly took command. Unfortunately for them, he returned. The league's two-time reigning MVP had 41 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists, Chris Bosh added 19 points and the Miami Heat rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat the Indiana Pacers 117-112 on Tuesday night for their seventh straight victory. Miami held Indiana to 28 percent shooting in the fourth quarter, giving up only 15 points after yielding a 97 in the first three periods, and saw Mario Chalmers force Dahntay Jones into a key 5-second violation with 8.9 seconds remaining. James took care of the rest, and Miami moved within a half-game of idle Boston for the Eastern Conference's best record. "We figured it out in the fourth quarter," James said. "Held them to 15 points and we executed." In his last 20 games, James is averaging 29.6 points, 8.6 rebounds and 7.5 assists. Not coincidentally, the Heat are 17-3 in those contests. "I'll tell you what, he's playing

MVP-like basketball on both ends of the court," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He had a motor tonight that did not fatigue. It was amazing." James had 26 points in the first half, sending one dunk through the net and accidentally off Dwyane Wade's head — "My bad," James said later — then going on a tear in the final 2 minutes where he turned what was a 66-52 deficit into a 66-63 game going into halftime. James went on the attack — outrunning Danny Granger in transition for one dunk, flashing out of the high post and taking a pass from Chalmers for another, then converting a spinning layup while getting fouled. "We would have been up by 40 if it wasn't for him," Granger said. "He was unconscious." In the end, Miami needed every bit of his heroics. "The best player in the world played at his best in his own building," said Pacers interim coach Frank Vogel, who fell to 4-1 since taking over on the Indiana sideline. "It's tough to beat." Wade scored 17 and Chalmers added 16 for Miami, which moved five games ahead of second-place Atlanta in the Southeast Division.

"You don't have to be awesome every night," Wade said. "You have to find a way to help your ballclub win and we were able to do that." Roy Hibbert scored 20 points and added 10 rebounds for Indiana. Granger scored 19 and Tyler Hansbrough added 18 for the Pacers. Indiana was shooting better than 60 percent at one point in the second half, and was at 57 percent entering the final quarter. But the Pacers shot 5 for 18 in the fourth, including one dreadful stretch that gave the Heat life. Indiana missed nine straight shots over a span of nearly 6½ minutes, but Granger's layup with 51.9 seconds remaining — which snapped the drought — got the Pacers within 111-110. They needed a stop, and couldn't deliver. Mike Miller missed a 3-pointer, but Bosh grabbed the offensive rebound to extend the possession and James eventually wound up connecting from 17 feet with 14.1 seconds left for a 113-110 Heat lead. "A shootout for three quarters, both teams scoring the ball, making high-light plays ... and scoring with rela-

tive ease," Spoelstra said. "Finally we made a stand in the fourth quarter." Darren Collison scored 15 points, Josh McRoberts added 12 and Jones scored 11 for Indiana, which was trying to join Boston and Dallas as teams that beat Miami twice this season. The Heat spoke both Monday and pregame Tuesday about wanting to avenge a 93-77 home loss to the Pacers on Nov. 22. It easily was their worst home defeat of the season — considering the 16-point margin in that game exceeded the 13-point margin of their other four losses in Miami combined. Words didn't translate into play. At least, not for much of the night, they didn't. With James on the court in the opening two quarters, Miami outscored Indiana by 11. Without him, the Heat were outscored by 14 — and it happened quickly. James only got one break in the opening half, a 3-minute, 35-second rest at the start of the second quarter. And Indiana outscored Miami 18-4 in that stretch to turn a 33-29 deficit into a 45-37 lead by the time James came back into the game. It took until 4:34 remained in the fourth for Miami to get on top.

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14 majors among 82 titles around the world. "I'm not that old. I figure I've got some years ahead of me." "I don't always win. I've certainly lost a lot more tournaments than I've won. But it's the goal every week you tee up and that doesn't change," he said. Woods' result at Torrey Pines was his worst to start a season since he turned professional. Last year, his marriage ended following a string of extramarital affairs and he lost the No. 1 ranking to Lee Westwood in October. Woods said he wasn't going to return to the top soon because of the "complete overhaul" he's made to the movement and philosophy of his swing with the help of his coach, Sean Foley. "Obviously I still have to pay attention to the short game and my techniques there, all the different shots, as well as the putting stroke," Woods

said. "It's progressing. I'm putting pieces together and working on the same things." "Sean and I, we are sticking with the game plan and just trying to get better each and every week," he added. "Good things happened in the last event I played in, and it's nice to have some things that showed up that I had not had in practice. So we were able to identify that, work on it and I feel a lot more comfortable coming into this week." Woods acknowledged his struggles have been "frustrating" but he takes some solace from the fact that he has been through similar slumps before, especially from 1997-99 when he won only one tournament. "Certainly it was frustrating that I didn't perform the way I know I could," he said of Torrey Pines. "But ... I've been here before. It takes time. I went through, as I said, a two-year period where I didn't do anything and a year-and-a-half period where I didn't do anything ... You don't make changes and just start winning a bunch of golf tournaments." This week, Woods is grouped with Westwood and No. 2 Martin Kaymer on Thursday and Friday.

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### Forsan boys

SLATON — Forsan fell to 4-8 in District 3-2A play with a loss to Slaton. Ty Johnson and Patrick Robles had 12 apiece, but it wasn't enough to get the win. Lubbock Roosevelt is on tap for Forsan in the season finale.

SLATON 74, FORSAN 48  
Forsan 8 11 15 14  
—48  
Slaton 24 15 21  
14 —74  
Forsan — T. Johnson 12, P. Robles 12, K. Self 11, E. Suazo 6, D. Bagnall 4, J. McDonald 3.  
Slaton — Wlton 14, Thomas 12, Fitts 11, Samuels 10, Hollis 9, Heinrich 5, Fennimore 5, Judd 3, Marton 3, Patino 2.  
3-point goals — Forsan 6, Slaton 6  
Free throws — Forsan 4-12, Slaton 6-18  
Total fouls — Forsan 19,

Slaton 12  
Next game: Lubbock Roosevelt at Forsan, 6:30 p.m. Friday

### Forsan girls

SLATON — The Forsan Lady Buffs' season ended with a 48-41 loss to Slaton. The finished fourth in district play at 6-8, 14-14 overall. Head coach Robert Hillger said his seniors, Kay'C Stanley and Morgan Forshee, will be missed, but hopes his young team can make strides next year.

SLATON 48, FORSAN 31  
Forsan 11 4 9 7 - 31  
Slaton 8 17 14 9 - 48  
Forsan — Hill 9, Roemer 6, Stanley 4, Forshee 4, Galloway 3, Wilson 2, Hergert 2, Crane 1

**Other scores:**  
**Garden City boys**  
GARDEN CITY 49, WATER VALLEY 44  
Garden City 4 14 16

15 —49  
Water Valley 17 14  
6 7 —44  
Water Valley — Doss 14, Copley 10, Hahn 7, Williams 4, Kirkland 3, Demere 3  
Garden City — Brett Chudej 20, Hayden Halfmann 11, Sam Miller 7, Josh Colunga 6, Reggie Halfmann 3, Brian Hirt 1, Peyton Schaefer 1  
3-point goals — GC 2 (Miller, Halfmann), WV 6 (Copley 2, Doss, Kirkland, Williams, Demere)  
Free throws — GC 19-32, Water Valley 11-17.  
Total fouls — GC 17, WV 27. Fouled out — WV, Doss, Williams.  
Records: Garden City (12-5, 10-2)  
Next: Robert Lee at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

### Grady girls

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Grady — Sarah Clay 12, Savannah Sawyer 4, Julia Schuelke 6, Kelly Cook 4  
Borden County — Lester 2, Barr 1, Cooley 4,

Richey 18, Voss 4, Bologna 9  
3-point goals — Grady 1 (Clay), BC 1 (Richey)  
Free throws — Grady 5-11, Borden County 11-23  
Total fouls — Grady 14, BC 14. Fouled out — none.  
Records: Grady (18-10, 9-5 in 8-A, Division II), Borden County (12-2 in 8-A, Division II)  
Next: Grady vs. Wellman-Union, Friday for third place

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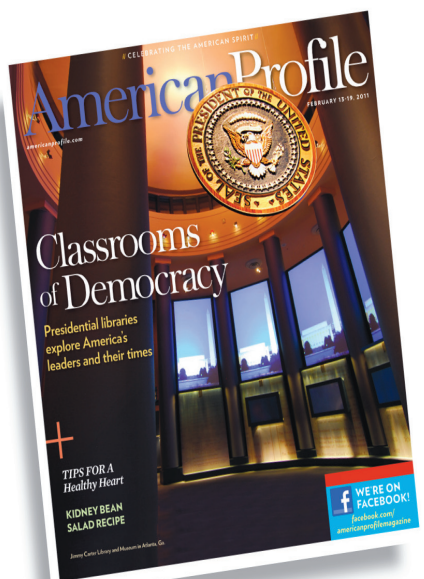
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# Grizzlies top Thunder 105-101 in OT

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — On both ends of the court, Tony Allen proved to be a more than capable replacement for Rudy Gay.

Allen started in Gay's place and scored a season-high 27 while harassing NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant, and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 105-101 in overtime Tuesday night.

Allen had five of the Grizzlies' 11 steals and prevented Durant from having much of an impact in overtime as Memphis won on the road in the second game of a back-to-back, despite being without two key players.

"The guy was an all-pro all night on both ends of the floor — 27 points and he made Kevin work for every shot. I thought he won the game for them," Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said.

"Certain guys in this league compete every possession, and he's one of them. He competes every possession, and I love guys that hate getting

scored on."

Durant still had 31 points and 11 rebounds, but got off just one shot in overtime and also had a key turnover in the final 20 seconds with the Thunder down by three.

"He was just an unbelievable player on defense," Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins said of Allen. "Durant is a great player and he's going to score. I thought Tony kept him from going off and getting 40 on us."

Zach Randolph had 31 points and 14 rebounds, and all five Memphis starters scored in double figures.

Sam Young scored 14, Mike Conley had 13 and Marc Gasol finished with 12.

Gay sat out with a sprained big right toe, and the Grizzlies were already without O.J. Mayo because of a league-imposed 10-game suspension.

"Having Rudy out and O.J. not here and guys banged up here and there but to still come out and beat a good team like Oklahoma City, it shows a lot about our team," said Conley, who

put Memphis ahead to stay, with a free throw with 2:55 left in overtime.

Young's baseline jumper bumped the lead to 100-97 and Russell Westbrook missed two critical free throws before Durant made two to get Oklahoma City back within one. Randolph then converted inside for a layup with 28 seconds left to make it 102-99.

Durant tripped while trying a cross-over dribble at the other end, and the Thunder were forced to foul Conley. He went 1 for 2 but it was enough to keep Oklahoma City from getting a shot at the tie.

After Jeff Green tipped in Serge Ibaka's missed 3-pointer, Conley hit two more free throws to ice it with 5.4 seconds left.

Oklahoma City made just one of its first eight shots in overtime, with Durant connecting on his only attempt in that span. But when he did get the ball late, he couldn't bail out the Thunder.

"Tony Allen did a great job making sure that Durant didn't get too many

touches, making sure that if he did get touches, he was right there in his face and made him take a tough shot every time," Young said.

Westbrook added 21 points and 11 assists, but also tied his season-high with eight turnovers for Oklahoma City, which lost for the first time in six overtime games this season.

Memphis, which leads the league in steals and forced turnovers, had 23 takeaways that produced 31 points. Allen was the catalyst for it all.

"I just played hard, and that's it. That's all," Allen said. "It was a team win, and I was able to take advantage of my opportunity."

James Harden scored 13 and was the only other player in double figures for the Thunder, who lost despite a 58-36 rebounding advantage.

Durant's jumper from the left wing put the Thunder up 95-92 with 1:43 left in regulation.

After a Westbrook miss, Allen raced down for a fast-break layup that led to a tying three-point play.



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The stress on our personal lives lets up as Venus and Pluto cuddle up close in the sky. The petty differences don't seem nearly as important as they did a few days ago, and we can feel our connections on deeper levels. It's no longer essential that loved ones prove their affections by behaving in any one particular way. Love is free.

**ARIES**

(March 21-April 19). You are closely connected to a loved one in ways you cannot explain. You feel the intensity of this bond throughout the day, and you can almost hear the whisper of destiny in this relationship.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are a strong leader, though you are careful not to come across in a way that hurts anyone's feelings or offends the more delicate sensibilities of certain team members.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You find meaning as you labor to make someone else's life better. Somehow this is even more satisfying than acting to fulfill your own needs and desires, but that will change tomorrow.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're brilliant about social matters and logistics. You could single-handedly organize

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

and coordinate an event that will later be considered one of the most memorable of the year.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll avoid mistakes by being extra vigilant. Double back on your efforts, and check your work, as well as the work of your colleagues. Then take a walk and come back to assess things with new eyes. You can't be too careful.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will come to your own conclusions about your work. You will be indifferent to the praise or criticism of others because you realize that no one is as qualified to judge your choices as you are.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your imagination could get the best of you this afternoon. You can steer this in a positive direction, though, by focusing your attention on what you wish for and not on what you're afraid will happen.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'd rather work to live than live to work. That's why you might make an executive decision to put off some mundane and minor responsibilities in favor of catching some bit of much-needed leisure.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your primary aim is to please your loved ones, but they give you very little indication as to how this might be accomplished. It is a compliment that they leave it all up to your discretion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your memory is strong. Make notes about your past. Even if you only capture a sentence or two, you'll be glad you did. This will be a trigger for future thought, discussion and storytelling.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you hang on too tight to your responsibilities, you will strangle the fun out of your day. There is a time to let go and get a little bit wild. Be open to oddball suggestions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When you see someone who could use a hand, your first reaction is to volunteer whatever help you can give. Someone is glad to take what you offer. Be judicious, though.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 9). Your will to succeed will be the overriding factor in making it so. In the next three months, you'll make connections that give you the knowledge, emotional backing and networking resources to improve your financial condition. You'll move in an exciting social circle in June. A promise is made in August. Leo and Pisces people are enthusiastic supporters. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 1, 28 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "How do you know when a relationship is beyond repair? I've been with my Cancer husband for 14 years. The things I used to find mysterious and charming I now find dull and annoying. Why does

it always have to be me who does the work in the relationship? It's all so one-sided. I wish he'd make a romantic suggestion — like, "Let's go to Morocco." That will never happen. If I do nothing, we're just going to keep drifting apart. What do you think? I'm an Aquarius."

You sound tired and bored. It's hard to be the only one working on a relationship. But are you sure you're giving enough credit to your husband? Is it possible that he does more for the relationship than you give him credit for? Is he pleasant? Does he contribute financially? Is he appreciative? Is he easy to live with? Perhaps you've always been the idea person in the relationship — Aquarius is so imaginative — and your romantic suggestions are simply what's needed to keep the fire alive. Is that so bad? Don't give up out of boredom. Fight for your marriage.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Carole King is one of the great treasures of American pop music. This prolific singer/songwriter has had seven Top 10 albums, including the iconic "Tapestry," which spent nearly six years on the Billboard Top 200 chart. Her sun, Mercury and Venus in musical Aquarius are accorded nicely with three major Taurus influences in her natal chart. Taurus rules the voice.

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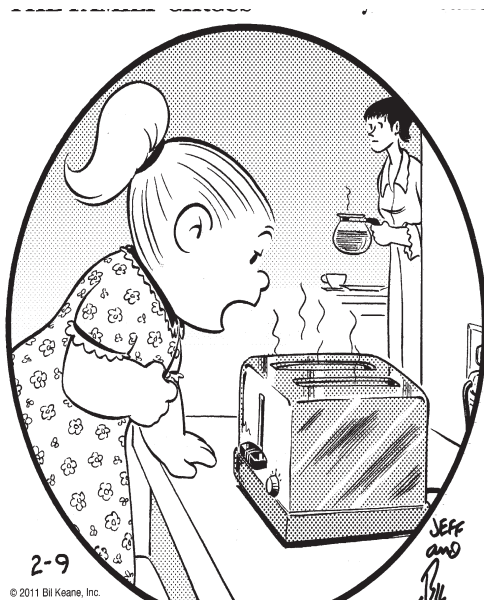
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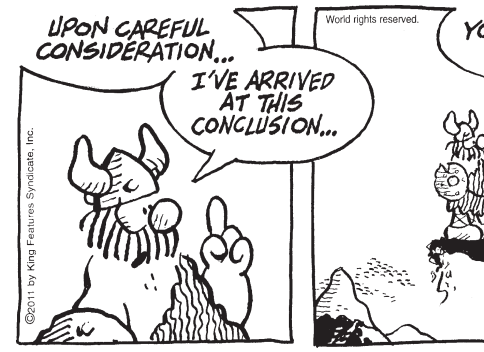
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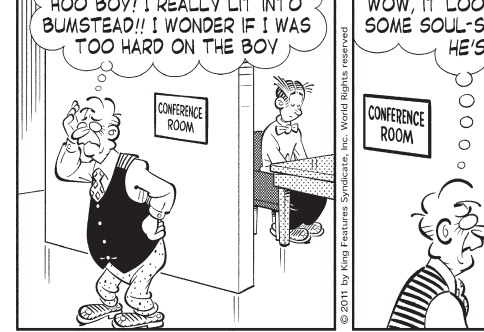


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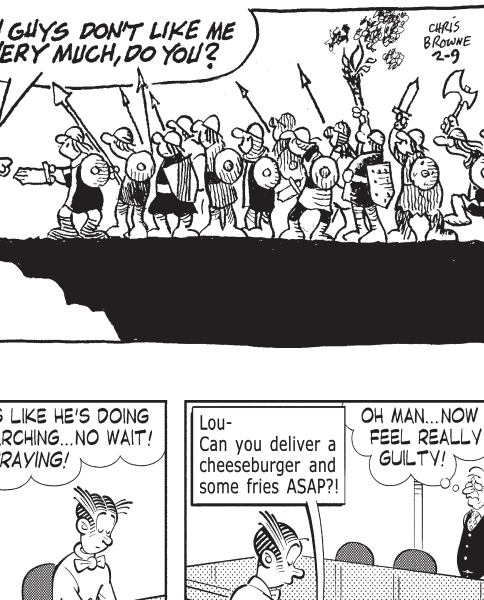
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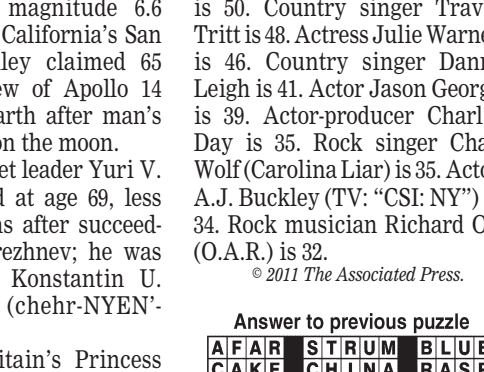
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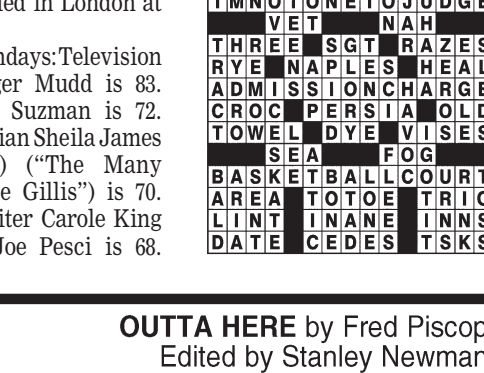
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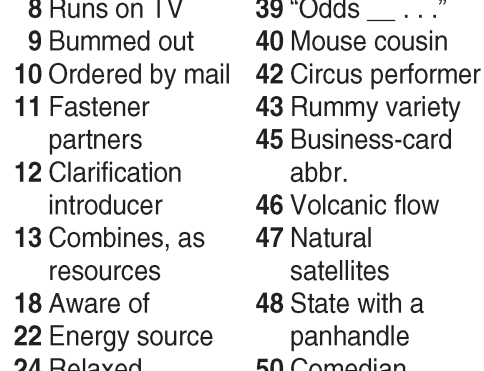
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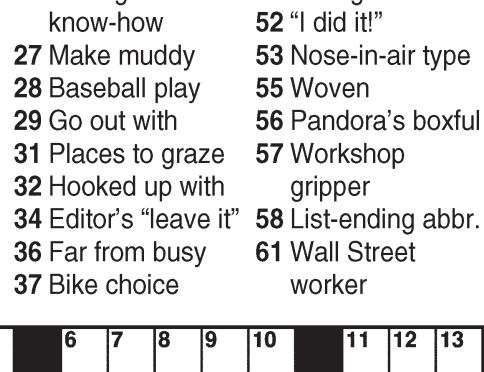
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2011. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected provisional president of the Confederate States of America at a congress held in Montgomery, Ala. (He was inaugurated on Feb. 18.)

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph

McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1961, The Beatles (with Stu Sutcliffe and Pete Best) first performed at the Cavern Club in Liverpool, England.

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS.

In 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Today's Birthdays: Television journalist Roger Mudd is 83. Actress Janet Suzman is 72. Actress-politician Sheila James Kuehl (kyool) ("The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 70. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 69. Actor Joe Pesci is 68.

Singer Barbara Lewis is 68. Author Alice Walker is 67. Actress Mia Farrow is 66. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) is 65. Singer Joe Ely is 64. Actress Judith Light is 62. Rhythm-and-blues musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 60. Actor Charles Shughnessy is 56. Former Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe is 54. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 50. Country singer Travis Tritt is 48. Actress Julie Warner is 46. Country singer Danni Leigh is 41. Actor Jason George is 39. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 35. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 35. Actor A.J. Buckley (TV: "CSI: NY") is 34. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 32.

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