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Prep work begins on treatment plant

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Preliminary work has begun on a facility which water district officials hope will eventually add up to 2 million gallons a day to the area's water supply. Crews have begun preliminary foundation work on Colorado River Municipal Water District's new raw wa-

ter production facility at the intersection of FM 700 and 11th Place, said John Grant, CRMWD general manager. Grant said workers are trucking in highway millings to weigh down and compact the soil prior to the start of foundation work for the facility, which will be designed to blend treated wastewater with the district's raw lake supplies.

"The soil at the site is very loose," Grant said. "By bringing in the millings, we hope that will help compact the soil. It could save us \$300,000 to \$400,000 on the cost of the facility." Grant said construction bids are expected to be awarded in March, with completion of the facility projected for fall 2012. Once the facility is opera-

tional, it will accept treated wastewater from the Big Spring treatment plant, then subject it to a three-step process in which solids and salt are removed and the water is disinfected before it is blended in with CRMWD lake supplies, Grant said. "We started studying this problem about 10 years ago," he said. "It's been a long process."

With West Texas drought conditions shrinking the district's water capacity, any infusion of water to CRMWD's inventory will be welcome. "We think it will produce between 1.5 million and 2 million gallons of water a day," Grant said. "It won't solve all the world's problems, but if you can bring another 2 million gallons of water into our

Soup is on!

Cook-off to help restore monastery

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

STANTON — Nothing goes better with cold weather than a bowl of soup, except maybe multiple bowls of soup. The 22nd Annual Great Texas Soup Cook-off is fast approaching. For two hours on Feb. 19, the aroma of soup will overtake the Martin County Community Center in Stanton. Chefs from the Permian Basin will serve it out to try and obtain the title of best-tasting soup. The public will be able to sample the different soups from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. "All the proceeds will go towards restoring the Convent," Kim Baker, representative of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, said. The cook-off is a yearly fundraiser put on by Martin County Convent Inc., in hopes of raising enough funds to restore and protect the historic Carmelite Monastery building.

For those wanting to submit recipes for the cookbook and partake in the competition, entry forms must be filled out and returned no later than Feb. 15. Recipes must also be submitted, otherwise they will not be included in the cookbook. Entry forms can be mailed to The Great Texas Soup Cook-Off, 3508 FM 829 Unit 9, Lenorah, 79749. There is no entry fee for contestants. Contestants should bring at least two and a half gallons of hot soup and a serving

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Courtesy photo/Amber Ritz, HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
A small vehicle was driven through the front window of Maurices on Wednesday. The damage has been repaired and the store is open for business as usual today. Witnesses said there were no injuries as a result of the mishap. The driver of the vehicle was cited for the accident.

Despite weather, Austin trip a success

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Weather kept some from attending, but even a slightly abridged version of Howard County Day in Austin was a success Wednesday, organizers said. About 100 county residents attended the semi-annual affair, which is designed to make state legislators aware of Howard County and its concerns. Even more people were expected, but icy roads in Central Texas forced cancellation of several bus trips scheduled to leave Big Spring early Wednesday morning. However, most planned events went off as scheduled, said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Area representatives were recognized during ceremonies in the House and Senate, a group photo was taken in the Capitol Rotunda and State Sen. Kel Seliger addressed the group during lunch at the Doubletree Hotel. State Rep. Jim Landtroop was unable to attend the lunch because of House business, ValVerde said. The only scheduled event to be cancelled was an ice cream social on the Capitol



ValVerde

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Rep. Giffords speaks for first time since shooting

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS**
and **RAMIT PLUSHNIK-MASTI**
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is able to speak: She asked for toast at breakfast one recent morning. Her ability to say even just a word, a month after being shot in the head, pleased her family, friends and doctors. It may also provide valuable clues about the condition of her injured brain. "We're elated at this," said her spokesman C.J. Karamargin, who added that she is speaking "more and more." "We always knew Gabby

is a fighter and that she's not going to let this thing win. And you know, every day is proof of that." Few details have emerged about her recovery since she began intensive rehabilitation at TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital late last month. But doctors not involved in her care said her simple request for toast could indicate higher level cognition. The lawmaker was apparently asking for something in an appropriate context, said Dr. Richard Riggs, chair of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Cedars-Sinai Medical

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Labor challenges spread in Egypt as drivers strike

CAIRO (AP) — Labor challenges spread Thursday, with bus drivers and other public transportation employees going on strike as mass protests demanding President Hosni Mubarak's ouster unleashed public anger over economic disparity.

Thousands of protesters packed into Cairo's central Tahrir Square for a 17th day, vowing not to give up until the longtime leader steps down despite a host of sweeping government concessions.

Organizers planned another swelling of protesters on Friday, hoping to repeat a showing on Tuesday that drew about a quarter-million people and helped revitalize the movement.

Khaled Abdel-Hamid, speaking for a coalition of groups behind the protests, said they wanted Egyptians to show up at six separate rallies on main squares in Cairo from which they would all march to Tahrir Square, which has been the focal point of the demonstrations.

Protests calling for Mubarak's ouster have been spreading since Tuesday outside of Cairo's Tahrir Square. Strikes also have erupted in a breadth of sectors — among railway and bus workers, state electrici-

ty staff and service technicians at the Suez Canal, in factories manufacturing textiles, steel and beverages and hospitals.

Intelligence director says fighting al-Qaida and offshoots 'job No. 1'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid criticism that intelligence services missed the signs of Arab revolt in Tunisia and Egypt, the nation's top intelligence official will tell Congress that the threat from al-Qaida and its affiliates remains his No. 1 priority, U.S. officials said.

In testimony scheduled Thursday before the House Intelligence Committee, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper will stress that counterterrorism to keep Americans safe is the focus of the intelligence community, according to one of those officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss matters of intelligence.

Clapper is expected to defend how the intelligence community tracked the revolts that have swept through two major American allies in the Arab world, toppling the leader of Tunisia and threatening the regime in Egypt, the officials said.

SOUP

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utensil. Contestants will also need their own crock pot and extension cord, in order to keep the soup warm. However, there is no need to worry about a table, cups, spoons or crackers; they will be provided. Considering that there will be a table decorating award, decorations are encouraged. The decorations will not only be judged, but will help bring people to each table to sample the soup.

"This year really isn't going to be any different than last year's cook-off," Baker said. "Everyone seems to have fun and

that is the important thing."

The winners of the decorating contest and best soup will be determined by the public. The top three soups will receive plaques and the best decorated table will also receive a plaque.

"A good soup and a great gimmick really helps to earn votes for the winner," Baker said.

All votes must be cast by 6:50 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. Each attendant will receive five votes, with their paid entry of \$5 at the door. There is no limit to the soup that can be tasted, but additional votes will be sold for \$1. The admission price includes tea and coffee. Desserts will be available for \$1 and a dessert auction will also take place at 6:30 p.m.

AUSTIN

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grounds, ValVerde said.

A group of high school students made the trip and Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Randy Brown thought it was of enormous importance for the teenagers to get a chance to observe the governmental process first-hand.

"I think it was a good experience for our kids, getting to see the House and Senate in action."

Brown said he hoped the event helped legislators become more aware of West Texas issues and concerns.

"The main thing is that we don't want them to forget about us," Brown said. "We want them to know we need their help and support."

His comments were echoed by ValVerde.

Desserts that will be auctioned off will be prepared by local award-winning bakers.

"We want to invite everyone to attend," Baker said. "There will be fun and the chance to learn some of the history of the Convent. Come visit with lots of friendly folks, try some tasty soup, and know that you have helped a good cause."

For more information contact The Great Texas Soup Cook-Off Martin County Convent Inc. 3508 FM 829 Unit 9, Lenorah, 79749 or call Baker at the Martin County Chamber of Commerce at 756-3386.

Amanda Moreno can be reached at 432-264-7331 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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system, that will be significant."

The biggest plus to the facility, Grant added, is that the amount of water delivered will not hinge on how much rain falls into area lakes.

"It's reliable," he said. "Even if we have a drought, the water will be there."

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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 were 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. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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.

Betty Merworth, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Center in Los Angeles.

"It was a desire. It was a want. It was something that would be preferable rather than just a basic need," Riggs said. "It was encouraging. I was very excited to see it . . . and the fact that it was an appropriate context gives it more meaning."

Brain injury patients who regain speech typically begin to do so about four to six weeks after the incident, Riggs said.

"We're beginning to see what her true abilities will be," he said. "We'll also see her impairments."

Doctors said in late January that they planned to insert a speaking valve into her tracheostomy — a tube inserted into Giffords' throat to assist her breathing immediately after the shooting in Tucson, Ariz.

Her doctors have not said whether that pro-

cedure took place or whether the tube was removed since she no longer needs it.

Other news organizations, including Politico, earlier reported that Giffords had asked for toast and was able to speak.

Riggs said some patients can speak despite the tube. It would not necessarily have to be removed or have a valve inserted to make speech possible, he said.

Since Riggs has not seen or treated Giffords, he could not say how her speech might develop and progress. Depending on the extent of the injury, its position in the brain and the patient, that can vary greatly, he said.

"That's what's so mysterious and great about this, because she is recovering and no one can really give you the goal line and when it will be finished because it's really unknown," Riggs said.

At this stage of recovery, it is unlikely that

Giffords would be able to say more than one to two words at a time, said Katherine Sullivan, president of the neurology section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

In rehabilitation, a patient would progress from saying one word, to possibly a few and finally to a full sentence, said Sullivan, also a neuroscientist at the University of Southern California.

"So it might be one word, 'toast,'" in this case, Sullivan said. The bullet pierced the left hemisphere of Giffords' brain, Sullivan noted, the side that is associated with language, which includes three crucial elements: hearing, comprehending and responding.

All three are needed for communication and, based on the reports,

Giffords can do this, Sullivan said.

"There's nothing surprising about the plasticity of the brain especially in a young healthy person and that's the good news," Sullivan said. "I have seen the most miraculous things so I can't say I'm surprised."

"I can say she has a long road left on her recovery because of the very serious injury," she said.

Arizona state Sen. Ken Cheuvront, a friend of Giffords who shared a house with her and another lawmaker when they served together in the Legislature, said he was excited to hear that she can speak.

"It gives all of us a lot of hope that she'll have a full recovery," Cheuvront said.

Six people, including a 9-year-old girl and a fed-

eral judge, were killed in the attack outside a grocery store where Giffords was meeting with constituents. Thirteen people, including Giffords, were injured.

The FBI and the Pima County Sheriff's Office have finished their investigations into the shooting. The 22-year-old man accused in the shooting, Jared Loughner, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges of trying to assassinate Giffords and kill two of her aides.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD



By Eddy Pitchford

Watching the Green Bay Packers win this year's Super Bowl reminded me of a conversation I had over forty years ago. I commented to a man working on our house that Elijah Pitts was a good football player.

I knew very little about professional football and preferred the Dallas Cowboys over Elijah Pitts and the Packers. I was merely repeating what others had told me and was simply attempting to sound grownup. I was surprised when the man replied, "Yeah, but he's black."

The lesson I heard but rejected was that people are to be judged by the color of their skin. The lesson I learned and accepted was that words are very powerful. Indeed they can be recalled over forty years later.

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OTHER VIEWS

Temporary freeze is called for

Back when the national economy was robust, many states including Texas got into the incentives game to lure businesses, and the jobs they brought, across state lines.

Texas and other states also have used state money to help jump-start high-tech start-ups that carried the promise of jobs.

It was a battle to behold, state versus state versus state, as businesses could pick and choose among incentive packages.

This peaked when the national economy was robust. And though there are positive economic indicators out there, robust is a memory and a goal. All states are dealing with having to try to do more with less. The reality, of course, is that — barring tax hikes — many states will do less with less.

Texas, regardless of what Republican candidates told you last fall, is in that category. And, for that reason, we believe it is time for a hiatus on the two main state-funded economic development programs — the Emerging Technology Fund and the Enterprise Fund.

"We want Texas to grow, but we don't have the money," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, told the American-Statesman.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, never a big fan of the funds, said finding any money for them in the 2012-13 budget will be "a tough sale."

We believe it's a tough sale for the right reason: Facing a massive projected shortfall, Texas has better things on which to spend money at this point. We're not talking about a lot of money (hundreds of millions of dollars out of a projected \$79 billion in tax revenue) in the grand scheme of things, but a wide variety of relatively small cuts could reduce the pain of the large cuts to come.

House and Senate budget writers are at the starting point of what will be a lengthy process. The House's initial plan includes no new money for the Emerging Technology Fund or Enterprise Fund, leaving only unspent money still available. The Senate's starting-point budget diverts a third of the \$151 million balance in the Enterprise Fund to job training programs.

Separate legislation has been filed to eliminate both funds. We don't see that as the way to go. Properly administered and funded, both funds — or something like them — remain part of a solid concept aimed at making Texas as attractive as possible to employers.

But the current money woes make this a good time to make sure the funds are properly administered when the state can resume funding them. The current setup places too much discretion in the governor's office, a fact hammered home by Gov. Rick Perry's heavy involvement in steering money to political allies. We're with those — including Rep. Mark Strama, D-Austin — who believe the process could stand some more sunshine.

Another thing that caught our eye about the funds was contained in a report by Comptroller Susan Combs, who concluded that only about 1 percent of Texas job growth resulted from incentives.

Back during robust economic times, we believed it would have been foolish for Texas to unilaterally disarm while other states were offering attractive incentive packages. But now, a temporary shutdown (accompanied by a comprehensive review of the process) would not amount to unilateral disarmament as many states, faced with shortfalls, potentially cut their economic incentives.

In Texas, cutting these incentives falls in a growing category as lawmakers try to do as little harm as possible to functions such as education: We hate to do it, but we have to do it.

Austin American-Statesman

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we let You, Lord, make a Heavenly entrance into our hearts. Amen

A day to love (and dread)

Love is in the air. At least, that's what society says when it comes to Valentine's Day.

It seems as it gets closer, more red starts appearing. Stores start stocking their shelves with Valentine's Day cards, teddy bears, chocolates, flowers and many more "expressions of love."

Valentine's Day comes around every year and star-crossed love birds tend to pop up everywhere and the not so star-crossed go into hiding.

Depending on which side of the fence one is on, Feb. 14 is either the most anticipated or the most dreaded day.

Valentine's Day has been turned into a day of love. Society has designated one day out of 356 days for everyone to show their significant other just how much they are loved. It has also come to be the one day that can either make or break two people; of course, by no fault of anyone but society.

For those who are attached and forget, it can and probably will be the biggest devastation to their partner. Then there are those who remember, but don't make a grand enough gesture. The point has become about how much you can do and has somehow faded from how much love is actually involved. Honestly, this wonderful day of love can actually change tides rather quickly.

When one stops and looks at the history of Valentine's Day, the present day repercussions actually make sense.

According to one version, Valentine was a priest, serving in Rome during the third century. This particular priest believed in the importance of love and the bond of marriage so much so that even after it became illegal for young men to marry, he continued to perform secret ceremonies. Once his forbidden actions were discovered, he was put to death. He was a martyr for love.

Another version, not so closely

related to love, shows how one human being's big heart led to his death. There is even a version that shows that not even confinement can stop the power of love. According to this legend, Valentine fell in love with a jailer's daughter while he was in prison. During his confinement, the lady came to visit him and a connection was formed. Before his death, he sent a letter signed "From your Valentine."

Centuries later, the true origin is still uncertain. The chances of anyone truly discovering how it all began are diminishing, but either way, each story reflects the power of the human heart. It demonstrates the lovingness, understanding and compassion that any and every heart can hold.

February 14 is meant to be about love. It's a day for two people to express their love for one another. During these hard economic times, despite the slow uprise, making grand gestures is a hard thing for the majority of the population to accommodate. Then again, it wouldn't be such a big issue if society hadn't forgotten that love isn't expressed through money.

Don't get me wrong, I'm as impressed by diamonds, flowers and gifts as much as the next girl, but in this past year I have also come to see things with a different perspective. Love isn't something that I'm an expert at and I won't claim to be, but I have noticed that when times are tough the true meaning of love comes out.

Last year and all the years before, my definition of love basically was determined by how much money could be spent and how grand of a gesture was offered. This year, as much as I want to be able to enjoy the big presents and extravagant night out, I have to say that I will be happy with a simple, but true expression of love.

This past year has taught me something that I want to share with everyone, young and old. Love truly is the one thing that can't be bought. It's a feeling, a desire deep within that is only true when nothing else seems to matter.

Love isn't expressed with big diamonds and fancy meals; anyone with money can make that happen. It's expressed through the look in a person's eyes, the feeling of butterflies that appear when the thought of that special someone enters your mind. It's expressed through a smile, a laugh, even a tear.

Love is about being able to enjoy a simple picnic next to a fireplace on a cold day. It's about being able to look beside you and realize that someone supports your dreams, your desires and ambitions no matter how hard of a road lies ahead. It's about being able to look in the future and see happiness and companionship.

Diamonds, flowers, teddy bears and cards are tokens of love that can be held. They are things that can be lost, forgotten and destroyed. In time, they can become unimportant and lose all value, but the emotions and the memories are the things that will last forever.

This Valentine's Day don't forget to express the love you have, whether it be for a significant other, a family member or an amazing friend. We have one day designated to express our emotions so why not use it to the full extent? Tomorrow is not promised and it could be the last chance you have. Take advantage of the day — buy a card, make a card, buy a gift, make a gift — no matter what, show that certain someone that they matter.

Love isn't something that should be taken for granted and it definitely shouldn't be ignored or abused. If you are lucky enough to have someone that you truly love and loves you in return, treasure them.

True love will transcend this lifetime, but only if you embrace it and nurture it. Say "I Love You" and enjoy the moments.

After all, Valentine's Day only comes but once a year.

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Basic courtesy not quite so basic

Society has some very basic rules which everyone must follow or the whole world comes crashing down. In order to live amongst each other without falling into chaos, we all agree to a basic social contract that involves things like stopping at red lights, wearing clothes in public and other expected niceties.

We might debate all sorts of laws, rules and other aspects of how we interact, but in a few very basic areas, everyone abides by the same rules and some semblance of order exists. Basically, we all agree that if possible we will do our best to not inconvenience other people or make their lives extra difficult for no reason.

People can screw each other over if there's a reason, but if it doesn't make my life appreciably worse, I won't actively do anything to bother you. As part of this unofficial social contract, everyone agrees that certain, let's call them lifestyle rules, prevail.

One of these rules is the concept that if I invite you to a party

and request that you RSVP by a certain date, you will do that. Never mind that you didn't ask to be invited to the party and sending me an e-mail or leaving me a phone message when you know I'm at work is a little bit of effort for you, the entire system of holding parties collapses if people don't follow the instructions and let you know if they are attending.

Unfortunately, not everyone considers certain rules quite as rigid which brings about party-planning disaster for the hosts (my wife and I) who simply wanted to take my son's class bowling for his birthday. The invitations to said party, which, of course, featured Star Wars characters, contained a very specific date by which we asked people to reply. As that date passed, only three kids' parents out of 18 had let us know their child was coming.

The other 15 members of his class simply did nothing. This, of course, led us to assume that our son's birthday party was going to be a disaster with almost no attendees. Not wanting to put our child through the rejection of nobody attending his birthday party, we lined up kids we knew from places besides his class.

And then, of course, the RSVPs started flowing in up to and

including the day of the party. That left us with a party where we had expected 8-12 kids ending up having close to 20 — a major expense made significantly worse by the efforts we had made to fill the party when it seemed like nobody was attending.

I'm not asking that people start being nice to each other or that we actually care about our fellow human beings, I'm simply asking for the most simple of consideration. If I offer to spend money to entertain your kid for the afternoon, you should let me know by the appointed date whether your child will attend.

If we can't count on each other for something that simple than we're rapidly heading towards lawless anarchy. Since I'd prefer to not be part of a roaming pack of hooligans hoarding gas and terrorizing the few remaining innocent people, I would rather we just show each other common courtesy. That hardly seems like a lot to ask for.

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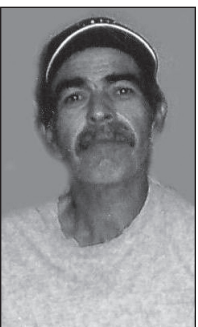
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Obituaries

Louis D. Bustamante Sr.



Louis D. Bustamante Sr., 58, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at Lubbock Heart Hospital. He will lie in state Friday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Memorial services will begin at 7:00 P.M. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born April 11, 1952, to Balbina and Julian Bustamante in Carlsbad, N.M. He drove a truck for many oil companies and retired due to ill health. He has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by four daughters, Ann Marie Salinaz and husband Marc, Jennifer Bustamante and husband Margarito, all of Haltom City, Rachael Perez and husband Carlos of Shreveport, La., and Melissa Bustamante and husband Ramiro of Haltom City; one son, Louis Bustamante Jr. of Haltom City; three brothers, Ruben Bustamante of Grand Prairie, Phillip Bustamante of Midland, Albert Dominguez of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Adelina Barrera of Big Spring; 8 grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Betty Merworth

Betty Merworth, 78, died Wednesday, February 9, 2011. 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. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 15, 1918, in San Jacinto County and married Vivian Earwood on Jan. 1, 1942, in San Antonio.

Maurice came to Big Spring in 1947 and worked as a brakeman for the Union Pacific Railroad for 34 years before retiring. He was a member of the United Transportation Union and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Griffith of Big Spring; one son, Wayne Griffith of Austin; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister, Fay Simmons of Georgetown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert E. Griffith in 1969; two brothers; and one sister.

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-19-21-31-35-41.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 17-18-23-29-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$20,719.
Ticket sold in: Beckville.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-0-3-2. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-2. Sum It Up: 11.

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 Cantu 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 Chavarría family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it is visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference.

We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options are available.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- MARIO IRENEO YANEZ, 30, of 800 Willia, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- CHRISTOPHER BENNETT WOOTEN, 50, of 301 State, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 20, of 1601 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- JESSE RAMIREZ GONZALES, 27, of 102 Circle, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- PHILLIP RENE ALCANTAR, 22, of 500 N. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- KIMBERLY KAY PINEDA, 29, of 805 W. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 313, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to appear (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to maintain financial responsibility - second offense and a warrant from another agency.
- RANDY RAMIRO RAMIREZ, 27, of 407 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces, less than five pounds.
- PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT, 24, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- ASSAULT was reported:

In the 600 block of Ridgelea.
In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth St.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
In the 500 block of Westover Road.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Circle.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAVID JOE VILLAREAL JR., 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on an indictment for aggravated sexual assault of an elderly/disabled person and a Tom Green County warrant for motion to revoke probation.
- CHRISTOVOAL MOREN CORRALEZ, 51, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.
- JESSIE RAMIREZ GONZALES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- DELISHA LA-QUETT FRANCIS, 39, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond - manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and bondsman off bond - possession of a controlled substance.
- PRINCE VANDERBILT, 24, was

transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

- KIMBERLY KAY PINEDA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear and municipal warrants for failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility - second offense.
- PHILLIP RENE ALCANTAR, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
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the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Clanton. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Virginia. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

The Truth about the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Movement

Does it stand for Middle East peace or does it seek Israel's destruction?

Leaders of the effort to boycott, divest from and apply sanctions against Israel—the so-called BDS movement—say they stand for an “end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories,” “justice in Palestine” and “freedom for the Palestinian people.” But what are the real motives of BDS leaders—do they really want peace between Israel and the Palestinian people?

What are the facts?

While the BDS movement uses highly emotive language in their appeals for support—such as “ending repression” and “Israeli war crimes”—a closer look at the real motives of the movement reveals a more sinister goal.

First, note that the BDS movement focuses only on alleged war crimes and repression by Israel—and ignores real war crimes and tyrannical repression by other Middle Eastern nations and terrorist organizations. When Hamas and Hizbollah target thousands of rockets at Israeli civilian populations in violation of international law, BDS utters not a word of criticism, let alone a call for boycotts or sanctions. When Iran's government violently crushes peaceful protests and Egypt stifles its press and political opposition with a dictatorial hand, BDS is likewise silent. Why?

By singling out Israel for criticism and economic pressure, BDS employs a double standard—a hypocritical and dishonest tactic frequently used by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic hate groups.

The reason, as we'll see, is that the BDS movement is not really interested in alleged war crimes or repression. Rather its purpose is to delegitimize and then destroy Israel.

The second critical fact about the BDS movement is that while it masquerades behind words like “freedom” and “occupation,” one need only listen closely to its rhetoric to realize that these are code words for the elimination of Israel.

BDS leaders oppose a two-state solution—why? While the United States, Western European powers, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a “two-state solution” as the basis for peace in the Middle East, BDS leaders, such as Ali Abunimah and Omar Barghouti, are clear: They openly and outspokenly oppose a two-state solution. Why?

Because when BDS supporters talk about “the occupation of Palestine,” they refer not to disputed West Bank territories, but to all the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea—including all of Israel. When they talk about “freedom,” they don't mean freedom from security roadblocks, they mean freedom from Jews in their midst. When they talk about “occupation,” they mean not just Israelis

security forces in the West Bank, they also mean Israelis “occupying” the state of Israel.

The third telling fact about the BDS movement is that it consistently and vehemently opposes any efforts to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to work in peace and on peace. For example, BDS leaders advocate boycotting cultural exchanges between Israelis and Palestinian artists. They condemn educational cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian universities. Most revealingly, they oppose peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian leadership, calling them “collaborationist.”

BDS is not about “occupation.” In short, BDS is not about peaceful coexistence or ending the “occupation” of the West Bank. Indeed, Omar Barghouti, a graduate student at Tel Aviv University and BDS founder, admits, “If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No it wouldn't—no.”

Not only do BDS leaders admit this, but they implacably support the “return” of nearly five million descendants of Arab refugees who left during Israel's war of independence in 1947. In fact, most of these Palestinians are not truly refugees—fully 95 percent of them have never set foot in Israel.

Most importantly, the immigration of millions of Arab refugees' descendants to Israel would make Jews a minority in their own state. As President Obama has correctly noted, “The ‘right of return’ would extinguish Israel as a Jewish state, and that's not an option.” Yet destroying Israel by flooding it with millions of Palestinians is precisely what BDS leader Barghouti insists upon: “This (the right of return) is something we cannot compromise on.”

BDS's goal: “Extinguish Israel as a Jewish state.” BDS unequivocally rejects Israel's many peace offers—including numerous land-for-peace proposals supported by the United States—and rejects Israel's willingness to sit down to direct peace talks without preconditions.

Thus, the facts make BDS's intentions clear: Rather than being a movement that seeks peace and freedom, it is a movement motivated by an obsessive hate of Zionism and Jews and opposition to the Jewish state—one bent on fomenting strife, conflict and enmity until Israel is utterly defeated.

If you support peace between Israel and the Palestinians, if you support two states for two peoples—living side by side in cultural, social and economic harmony—please oppose the ill-intentioned BDS movement in your community. Speak out against hateful, one-sided campaigns to boycott Israeli goods, to divest from companies that do business with Israel and to enact sanctions against the state of Israel. This is not the path to peace!

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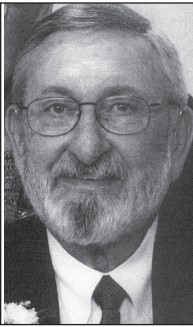
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Obituaries

Charles Melvin Condray



Charles Melvin Condray, affectionately known as "Concho Chuck," loving husband and father, died Jan. 31, 2011, at a local nursing home.

Concho Chuck was born Oct. 3, 1932, to Carl Hickson Condray and Minnie Lee Robinson Condray in Dallas.

Concho Chuck proudly served in Germany with the United States and was discharged as corporal in 1954. He was also a Dallas County Deputy Sheriff and Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper.

He married Betty Ann Moore on Jan. 21, 1955. Chuck and his "soul mate," Betty, were full-time RVers and made friends all over the country.

Concho Chuck attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and graduated in 1974 with a MS in psychology. He worked as a psychologist in Big Spring until he retired in 1994. While there, he served as a city councilman and president of the local Rotary Club. Chuck was also a Scottish Rite Mason for 56 years.

Concho Chuck was a member of St Paul's Presbyterian Church in San Angelo and enjoyed making custom birthday/get well cards, delighting his church members and many friends.

He is survived by his sister, Clara Galleshaw of Clarksville, Ga.; sons, Curtis Condray and wife Danita of Denton, Ken Condray of Lubbock and Carl Condray and wife Jan of Big Spring; grandsons, Wesley Condray of Canyon and Sterling Condray of Midland; granddaughters, Kay Sea Spiller of Provo, Utah, and Bobbi and husband Kevin Jones of Round Rock; and great-granddaughter, Avery Jones of Round Rock.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ann Condray, who died Oct. 3, 2009; father, Carl H. Condray; and mother, Minnie L. Condray.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Glenda Harbert officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign an online guest book at johnsons-funeral-home.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 199300, Dallas 75219-9842.

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Dr. Howard Wayne Hornsby



Dr. Howard Wayne Hornsby, DC a loving son, brother and friend, was born Aug. 4, 1958, in Dallas and passed away Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at his mother's home in Bedford. Howard was 52 years old and a resident of Big Spring for 21 years. Howard's passion was first for God and missionary work, which took him to Brazil, Africa, India, Nepal, Venezuela, Belize, Guatemala, Ireland, New Zealand

and Mexico. He loved his family and friends, his practice and patients and hunting. Howard will be missed by all.

Howard is survived by his mother, Amarylis Willis Hornsby of Bedford; two brothers, Paul Scott Hornsby and wife Mae of Houston and David Brent Hornsby and wife Erika of Bedford; and a niece, Amy Bauer and great-niece, Julia Bauer of Shreveport, La. He was preceded in death by his father, George Jenkins Hornsby Jr.

Howard graduated from Sharpstown High School in Houston in 1976. He received a B.A. in marketing from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1982 and in 1988 graduated from Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, Texas. Upon graduation, Howard moved to Big Spring where he began his chiropractic practice.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700, Big Spring. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Trinity Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Howard's Fund c/o State National Bank, P.O. Box 1271, Big Spring 79721; or Signal Mountain Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 2997, Big Spring 79721.

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Clint Matthew McAlister

Clint Matthew McAlister, 57, of Kingsland died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, in an Austin hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Kyle McAlister officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

Clint Matthew McAlister was born on Aug. 4, 1953, to George and Lavonia McAlister in Big Spring.

Clint graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971. He then attended the University of Texas at Austin and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

After college, Clint was involved in the Austin music scene, which was his true passion in life. Clint was also in the plastics business for more than 20 years.

In 1987 Clint wrote the song "The Price of Freedom," which became the official recruiting song for the United States Air Force in the 1990s. The song is still played hourly, every day at the River Walk Mall IMAX Theater in San Antonio.

Clint Matthew McAlister is survived by his aunt, Angie Montgomery; two brothers, Mike McAlister and Kyle McAlister; one sister, Cindy Hillman; five nephews and two nieces, as well as thousands of wonderful friends.

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

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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 held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held 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 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 and wife Rosa of Sweetwater, Eliodoro Reyes and wife Dianna of Westbrook, Ernesto Reyes and wife Leslie of Vincent, Enrique Reyes and wife Jeanie of Midland, and Mike Reyes and wife Nadine of Big Spring; two daughters, Emerlinda Gutierrez of Big Spring and Erlinda H. Juarez of Austin; one sister, Jesusa Torrez of Lubbock; 19 grandchildren, Sandy Casterno, Christy Casterno, Johnny Casterno, Eliodoro Reyes Jr., Jeremy Reyes, Margaret Devora, Christy Reyes, Mary Helen Aguirre, Vanessa Calderon, Shalina Bogard, Jolene Goodmon, Joshua Joe Hernandez, Petra Yvonne Hernandez, Alexander Daniel Hernandez, Ana Alicia Hernandez, Michael Reyes Jr., Megan Reyes, Joanna Alvarez, and Hannah Peckenpaugh; 38 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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.

Pallbearers will be Pete Hernandez, Mando Sosa, Josh Preston, David Cole, Manuel Marquez, Jr., and Luis Martinez.

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

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Richard E. Enderle



A memorial service for Richard E. Enderle will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Coahoma Church of Christ.

This will be a celebration of his life. All who knew Richard are invited. If you wish to have a statement read, please bring it with you. Richard was born Feb. 7, 1926, and died Jan. 31, 2011.

Waymon L. Phillips

Waymon L. Phillips, 83 of Brownwood, died Feb. 7, 2011, at home, surrounded by family and friends. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, in Eastlawn Memorial Park of Early.

He was born in Rural Shade, Texas, the son of Nellie and John Phillips. He was the youngest of four siblings. In January 1970 he married Carmen Porter, who survives him. He served in the U.S. Armed Services. After serving, he married Linda Beasley in 1948 and located to Big Spring. He was employed by Cosden Oil and Chemical as an electronics technician.

He enjoyed fun and laughter with grandchildren, family gatherings and the many friendships he fostered. He was a skilled craftsman, marksman and enjoyed outdoor activities and work.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Debi and Robert McNabb of Houston; son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Cynthia Phillips of Colleyville; step-daughter, Linda Padgett of Waco; daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Jordan Eighmy of Henderson, Nev.; son, Joey Phillips of Brownwood; daughter-in-law, Ellen Phillips of Big Spring; daughter-in-law, Virginia Padgett of Brownwood; grandchildren, Amy, Connor and Brady Phillips of Big Spring, Cameron Phillips of Colleyville, Andrea Phillips Casteel of Eugene, Ore., Robbe McNabb of Houston and Shiloh and Cheyenne Padgett of Clyde.

Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Greg Phillips of Big Spring; and a step-son, Michael Padgett of Brownwood.

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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 held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial 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 Oct. 22, 1981. She had one brother, Buddy Burrell, and one sister, Elizabeth Carpenter, whom also preceded her in death. She was a member of Big Spring Senior Circle, 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 wife Tancie of Big Spring; her daughter, Dru Heinatz and husband Jeff of Alpine; three grandchildren, Tim Rigdon and wife Sheri of Austin, Jarrod Heinatz of San Angelo and Jesseca Heinatz of Alpine; two great-granddaughters of Austin; and a niece, Joanne Guffey and husband Jim of LaPine, Ore.

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with Kris

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The recipe this week is like a warm, fuzzy blanket wrapped in love. Thank goodness it doesn't taste like a warm fuzzy blanket, because it's super delicious.

Back when I was 22 years and living in Blacksburg, Va., there was this restaurant that we went to called Pargo's. The soup of the day sounded really good so I had some, and, well, it was so good I never looked back and have been making it this way ever since.

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- 4-6 slices of bacon
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- 1-2 cups of cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper

Peel and dice potatoes like you are making mashed potatoes. Place in large pot and just cover with water; salt and pepper, bring to a boil. While the potatoes are boiling, dice the bacon and at medium heat, begin to cook. Add a small splash of oil and onions and let saute with bacon until tender and bacon is just crisp. Remove from heat.

Check potatoes to see if they are soft and continue boiling until they are. As potatoes become soft, stir them with a wire whisk to help break them down. You will have some chunks that will thicken the soup. When potatoes are soft and you have mushed some of them, add onion, bacon and heavy cream. Continue to boil on medium heat, while soup heats up the cold cream. When the soup is warm and has cooked a little longer — and is thick — add the cheese and let that melt for about 10 more minutes.

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Barea leads Mavs past Kings

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Overshadowed at times on a team stocked with scorers, Jose Barea is rarely the offensive focus late in the game for the Dallas Mavericks.

But it was Barea playing the biggest role late in Mavericks's 10th straight games.

The backup guard had 15 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter for the Mavericks, who held off the Sacramento Kings in a 102-100 victory Wednesday night.

With All-Star Dirk Nowitzki nursing a sore wrist and having an off game, Barea was encouraged to make plays in the fourth.

The 6-foot guard did just that, hitting a pair of 3-pointers and connecting on 6 of 8 shots overall in scoring over half of Dallas's 28 fourth-quarter points. It was Barea's fourth 20-plus point game of the season.

"They kept giving me the ball and it kept working out," said Barea, who

played 12 of his 21 minutes in the fourth quarter. "I love it. I love having the ball in my hands and making things happen."

Samuel Dalembert had a season-high 20 points for Sacramento, including 12 in the fourth quarter. DeMarcus Cousins, who was ejected from the game with a pair of technicals, had 19 points and 15 rebounds and Tyreke Evans contributed 16 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

The Kings have lost four straight, and for the 18th time this season they squandered a fourth-quarter lead. They have dropped seven straight games to the Mavs.

"Whatever problems we have had closing games, that was not evident tonight," Kings coach Paul Westphal said. "We did everything that you need to win a game and came up short against a great team that did a little bit more to win the game."

Jason Terry scored 22 points for Dallas, Jason Kidd had 14 points and

eight rebounds and Tyson Chandler added 13 points. Nowitzki had 10 points on 4 of 14 shooting.

With Nowitzki missing all three shots in the fourth quarter, the Mavericks needed their typically reliable bench even more than ever. Nowitzki hurt his wrist in the first half Monday against the Cleveland Cavaliers. The X-rays were negative, but he had only three first-half points on 1 of 4 shooting.

"Dirk was struggling with the wrist," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "Clearly his shot doesn't feel right. Barea had a great game. In the fourth quarter he was our go-to guy and was making plays. He did a great job scoring and was battling on defense."

The Mavericks took the lead on Terry's 3-pointer and Barea added another one with the shot clock running down to put Dallas in front 100-95 with 1:31 remaining.

"The shot felt great, thank God it

went in," Barea said.

With the Kings trailing 100-98, Evans drove into a crowd and put up an airball and Nowitzki grabbed the rebound. Terry made two free throws with 4 seconds left to put the Mavericks ahead 102-98.

"Coach drew up the play. DeMarcus set a pick, Sam (Dalembert) set a pick, and I just tried to be aggressive," Evans said. "They didn't give us the call so I probably should have pulled up (for a jumper). It's rare when a ref calls a foul like that at the end of the game."

Terry made a free throw following a technical foul on Cousins. On Dallas' next possession, Kidd buried a 3-pointer from the corner with 6:46 left to give the Mavericks an 89-84 lead.

Following an unproductive first half, Cousins was aggressive in the third quarter, getting 12 points and six rebounds to help the Kings rally

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Suit filed over Super Bowl seat problems

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Ticket-holding football fans who ended up with no seats or what they considered bad views of the Super Bowl have filed a class-action lawsuit against the NFL, the Dallas Cowboys and team owner Jerry Jones.

The federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in Dallas — just two days after the big game — alleges breach of contract, fraud and deceptive sales practices on behalf of people who ended up watching the game on TV at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, or had seats the lawsuit labeled "illegitimate."

The NFL had announced just hours before the Green Bay Packers played the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday that about 1,250 temporary seats were deemed unsafe, and the league scrambled to find new seats for about 850 people. The remaining 400 were forced to watch from standing-room locations around the stadium.

One plaintiff is a Steelers fan from Pennsylvania who was among the 400 with a ticket but no seat. The other is a Cowboys season ticket holder who claims many of Jones' biggest-spending fans were stuck in metal folding chairs without a view of the stadium's giant video board.

Spokesmen for the Cowboys and the NFL had no comment Wednesday.

Los Angeles-based attorney Michael J. Avenatti said he expects the suit to cover about 1,000 people.

"No one is attempting to get rich from this," he said. "People are merely interested in being compensated for what happened (at the stadium) and the cost that goes with that."

Avenatti said he's a Cowboys season ticket holder who attended Sunday's game. He said he wasn't one of the fans affected by the seating issues but heard plenty of complaints.

"People at the game were disgusted, but it doesn't take long to be disgusted with a situation like this," he said.

Avenatti said Steve Simms, the Steelers fan named in the lawsuit, was so put off by trying to watch the game from standing-room areas that he left at halftime.

Mike Dolabi, the Cowboys season ticket holder in the lawsuit, is among a group called "Founders" who paid \$100,000 per seat just for the right

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Tramel White (20) and the Howard College Hawks are in action against New Mexico Military Institute at 6:30 p.m. today in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Howard women took care of business at University of Southwest JV 85-51 in a make-up game Wednesday night.

Cavaliers fall to Pistons, lose 26th in a row

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers' record-setting losing streak is intact.

Byron Scott finally snapped.

Cleveland's first-year coach unloaded on his team during and after a listless 103-94 loss on Wednesday night, extending the Cavs' NBA record skid to 26 and tying them with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers — the longtime national punchline for failure — for the longest stretch of incompetence in major American pro sports.

"I'm mad as hell," said Scott, who kept the post-

game locker room closed for more than 30 minutes. "I can deal with losing, especially when our guys play as hard as they have in the last couple weeks, but I find it very hard to deal with when guys don't come out ready to play."

The Pistons were supposedly a beatable opponent for the cellar-dwelling Cavs (8-45), still winless since Dec. 18 and now losers of a hard-to-imagine 36 of 37.

Instead, Cleveland's season slipped further into shame.

"Everybody's mad as hell," guard Daniel Gibson said when told of his coach's surly mood. "To lose

like that and for it to get to this point and still sometimes not see a sense of urgency, I can see why it would push you to that point. What are you going to do? It's either do it or don't."

"The guys have to figure that out."

The Cavs' next chance to end the slide will be Friday against the Los Angeles Clippers. After that comes a home game against the road-winless Washington Wizards on Sunday.

"Something has to give when they play the Wizards," said two-time reigning NBA MVP LeBron

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Smith's career night leads Duke past UNC 79-73

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Nolan Smith scored 22 of his career-high 34 points in the second half, and No. 5 Duke rallied from 16 points down to beat No. 20 North Carolina 79-73 on Wednesday night.

Seth Curry added a season-high 22 points for the Blue Devils (22-2, 9-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). They trailed 43-27 in the final minute of the first half and were down 14 at halftime before clamping down on the Tar Heels, outscoring them 50-30 in the final 20 minutes to keep hold of first place in the league.

Tyler Zeller had 24 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, and John Henson added 14 points for North Carolina (17-6, 7-2), which had its five-game winning streak snapped and lost for the third straight time in college basketball's fiercest rivalry.

Kyle Singler finished with 10 points on 3-of-17 shooting for Duke, but hit three important free throws in the final minute — including two with 25.2 seconds left to make it 75-70 after North Carolina had made it a one-possession game.

Then, after Kendall Marshall hit a free throw to pull the Tar Heels within four with 17.2 seconds

left, Smith beat everybody downcourt and soared for a breakaway dunk that all but ensured the Blue Devils would avoid their first loss at Cameron Indoor Stadium in almost exactly two years. Duke extended its NCAA-best winning streak at home to 33.

The Blue Devils were in the unfamiliar position of being dominated on their home court when their guards got things rolling in the final seconds of the first half, with Curry's jumper at the 5-second mark starting the 18-6 run that made it a game again.

Smith's jumper from the elbow pulled Duke to 49-45 with 14½ minutes left, about 4 minutes before Curry started the 13-1 run that put the Blue Devils up for the first time.

Curry reeled off seven quick points in little over a minute before Ryan Kelly delivered the game's only lead change. His 3-pointer put Duke up 57-55 with 9:15 left, and Smith's three-point play roughly a minute later stretched it to 60-55.

Smith finished 13 of 23 and surpassed his previous career high of 33 points set a month ago against UAB. Curry hit two free throws in the final seconds to surpass his 20-point performance Jan. 27 against

Boston College. They helped the Blue Devils deliver a comeback for the ages: Duke hadn't erased a half-time deficit that big to win since 1959, when Navy led the Blue Devils by 14 at the break.

Nobody on North Carolina's reconstituted roster had ever played in a victory at Cameron — a 180-degree reversal from Feb. 11, 2009, when Tyler Hansbrough and Danny Green won for the fourth time in four trips to Duke while handing the Blue Devils their most recent loss at home.

The only current scholarship Tar Heel who was on the team that year — Zeller — didn't play in that game because he was injured.

But for essentially the entire first 20 minutes of this one, it was North Carolina that was in complete command.

The Tar Heels never trailed during the first half, reeled off the first eight points and methodically stretched their lead to 16 on Zeller's stickback with 1:10 before the break. They did it largely by outworking the Blue Devils — beating them downcourt with regularity, with the big men dominating the paint. By halftime, Zeller had 13 points and nine rebounds while Henson added 10 points.

No. 13 Wisconsin holds off Iowa 62-59 in OT

The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — What was supposed to be Wisconsin's tuneup for top-ranked Ohio State quickly turned into an ugly and draining slugfest with last-place Iowa.

The 13th-ranked Badgers barely pulled it out, overcoming a horrid start with defense, toughness and just enough plays in overtime.

Jon Leuer had 19 points and 15 rebounds, Jordan Taylor added 16 points and the Badgers held off Iowa 62-59 on Wednesday night for its sixth win in seven games.

Keaton Nankivil added 10 points for Wisconsin, which survived despite shooting just 35 percent — and 18 percent in the first half.

"That's life in the Big Ten. Sometimes there's going to be nights like that on the road in a tough environment and you have to be able to grind it out," Leuer said. "It was a gutcheck in overtime. We came through in the end."

That they did, though it was messy at best.

Wisconsin's Tim Jarmusz hit a 3 and Leuer followed with a jumper to give the Badgers (18-5, 8-3 Big Ten) a 61-57 lead with 51 seconds left. Bryce

Cartwright answered with a jumper for Iowa, but Wisconsin wisely called timeout on a loose ball with 8.7 seconds to go.

Taylor was then fouled after appearing to lose the inbound pass. He hit a free throw, and Cartwright missed a 3 at the buzzer.

Cartwright had 14 points and Melsahn Basabe had 13 with 11 boards to lead Iowa (10-14, 3-9), which was seeking its first three-game winning streak in the Big Ten in four years.

"I think this team has consistently fought back, I'm really proud of them for that," McCaffery said.

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James, whose departure from Cleveland for Miami has led to the Cavs' stunning collapse in their first season without him, on Tuesday night after the Heat beat Indiana at home. "I think that should be a nationally televised game, honestly."

Rodney Stuckey

scored 22 to pace the Pistons, who didn't want to be remembered as the team that let the Cavs get off the mat. Detroit's players said they were motivated by ESPN analyst Tim Legler, who predicted Cleveland would end its streak against the Pistons.

"You don't want to be the team that loses to them," Tracy McGrady said. "Tim Legler, we heard you. You gave us some bulletin board material. We used that."

Like James, McGrady is looking forward to

seeing the Cavs-Wizards tilt.

"As crazy as it sounds, I want to see them and Washington play," McGrady said. "I don't wish anyone to have a bad losing streak, but I want them to get to Washington, 0-and-whatever they could be, and see whose streak ends."

"That would be something that would be interesting to watch."

The Cavs and their fans had hoped this was the night this streak that has stretched through

the holidays, the NFL playoffs and almost two months, stopped.

Cleveland had played well in its previous four games, losing by a combined 21 points and actually came into the matchup favored to beat Detroit, which was playing its second straight after hosting the league-leading San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday.

But the Cavs fell into a 12-point hole at half, and although they pulled within three in the third, they fell apart early in the fourth. Only

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from a nine-point deficit and close the gap to 74-73 heading into the fourth.

The Mavericks trailed for a large portion of the first, but closed out the second quarter with a 19-4 advantage that included a pair of 3-pointers by Kidd that sent Dallas into halftime with a 56-47 lead.

Terry scored 12 first-half points and Chandler had 11 for the Mavericks, who outscored the Kings 36-19 in the

second quarter. Evans and Dalembert had eight points for the Kings.

Notes: Prior to the game, Kings part-time announcer Bill Walton held a Grateful Dead meet-and-greet with fans that included Mickey Hart, the band's drummer. ... Dalembert came off the bench and connected on his first four shots over a three-minute period. ... Former Kings player Peja Stojakovic missed both his 3-pointers and remains tied with Dale Ellis for fourth on the all-time 3-point list with 1,719. Stojakovic made 1,070 3-pointers in his nine seasons with the Kings.

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to buy tickets. Those so-called personal seat licenses resulted in more than \$100 million in revenue for Jones, according to the lawsuit, which seeks \$5 million in damages.

Some of those fans were in temporary seats under overhangs and couldn't see the giant video board above the field, "which defendant Jones and the Cowboys routinely claim is one of the most unique and best features of Cowboys Stadium," the lawsuit said. They could see the field, and extra TVs were installed in those areas.

"You were effectively in a bat cave," Avenatti said. "You don't take your 400 best customers and treat them like that."

The lawsuit alleges the Cowboys have offered no compensation to their ticket holders for "their obstructed and illegitimate seats."

The NFL has said the roughly 400 fans without seats have two options. The first is a ticket to next year's Super Bowl and a cash payment of \$2,400, three times the face value of the ticket. The second is a ticket to any future Super Bowl, along with round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations.

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No. 22 A&M rallies for win over CU

The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Mark Turgeon and his good friend Tad Boyle tend to think alike.

So with the game on the line at the end of regulation, Turgeon, the coach of No. 22 Texas A&M, drew up a play on the fly to confuse his Colorado counterpart.

That improvisation caught Boyle, the Buffs and the whole building by surprise.

B.J. Holmes hit a long 3-pointer with 1.9 seconds remaining to send the game into overtime, helping the Aggies rally for a 73-70 victory over Colorado on Wednesday night and snap a three-game skid.

"We beat a really good basketball team," Turgeon said. "It looked like they had it and B.J. made the big 3."

Originally, the play wasn't even designed for Holmes.

During a late timeout, Turgeon

squiggled lines on his dry-eraser board as he hatched a plan to get the ball to leading scorer Khris Middleton.

Then, he looked in the direction of Holmes, who's made a couple of big shots in his career.

"Coach asked me if I had another one in me," the senior guard said. "I said, 'Yeah.'"

Turgeon wiped the play for Middleton away and started again.

His plan worked to perfection as a wide-open Holmes drilled the long 3-pointer to rescue the game and possibly even the season for the Aggies (18-5, 5-4 Big 12).

Once in overtime, Texas A&M took control early, scoring the first six points. The Buffaloes (15-10, 4-6) worked their way back into the game, trailing 73-70 with 8 seconds remaining.

But Levi Knutson's shot at the buzz-

er came up short as the Buffs lost their eighth straight to Texas A&M.

"We had the game won and we let it get away," a dejected Boyle said. "I won't sleep a wink tonight."

Understandable.

With 5:28 left in regulation, the Buffs reclaimed the lead on a trip down the floor that resulted in seven points, turning a one-point deficit into a 54-48 advantage.

Alec Burks was fouled by Middleton on his way to the basket and then given an elbow from Kourtney Roberson as well, resulting in a technical foul on Roberson. Burks converted two free throws and Cory Higgins nailed a pair on the technical.

After getting the ball on the side, Higgins drained a 3-pointer.

The momentum was firmly in Colorado's court.

And then it began to shift. Burks grabbed a rebound with 10.6

seconds remaining and was immediately fouled. He made both free throws, extending the lead to 60-57 and setting the stage for Holmes, who didn't even hesitate as he launched the deep 3-pointer.

"That gave us a boost of confidence," said Nathan Walkup, who led the Aggies with 18 points. "It was our game."

Early in the second half, Turgeon, incensed over a no call, was assessed a technical.

The outburst lit a fire under the Aggies, who stormed back from a seven-point deficit to take a 48-47 lead on Walkup's runner.

"Our coach got a technical sticking up for his players," Holmes said. "That's the kind of coach you want."

With a soft shot 3 minutes into the second half, Burks became the 27th

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Baylor takes 74-70 win over Nebraska

The Associated Press

WACO — Even with a sub-par shooting night, Lace-Darius Dunn found a way to score a lot of points for Baylor. And the senior guard came through when needed the most.

Dunn scored 20 of his 24 points after halftime, including a nifty baseline layup and two free throws in the final minute, and the Bears defeated Nebraska 74-70 on Wednesday night.

"I was just trying to get a spark going," Dunn said. "The second half, I knew I had to take it to another level

on both ends of the court. And I just tried to be more physical and make plays. ... I think I did a good job of getting to the free-throw line."

One of the Big 12's top shooters, Dunn was only 5-of-13 shooting from the field and made only 2 of 7 3-pointers. But he made 12 of 13 free throws.

Dunn scored the first seven points after halftime for Baylor (16-7, 6-4 Big 12), with four free throws before a 3-pointer that broke a 36-all tie and put the Bears ahead to stay. Right after that, Baylor's A.J. Walton had a steal and a break-away layup.

Nebraska (15-8, 3-6) was still down only by a basket when Dunn was stripped of the ball by Toney McCray, but McCray gave the ball right back when he lost it out of bounds for a turnover of his own. The Bears converted when Dunn found a gap in the defense, drove the baseline and made an over-the-shoulder layup for a 71-67 lead.

"The real one was that baseline move," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "That's what you expect from your senior. You expect them to step up and lead by example. And I thought down the stretch, he made big plays, really com-

municated well."

Dunn hit two more free throws with 16 seconds left after Anthony Jones blocked a long 3-point attempt by McCray.

"It's hard to guard Lace-Darius when he goes to the free-throw line 13 times," Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said.

McCray led the Cornhuskers with 23 points and Lance Jeter had 13.

Quincy Acy added 15 points and seven rebounds for Baylor. Freshman sensation Perry Jones had 11 points and seven rebounds.

Dunn now has 2,153 career points, only 36 short of match-

ing Terry Teagle's school record. Dunn is also within 103 points of the Big 12 scoring record.

Baylor took a 32-30 halftime lead despite shooting only 33 percent (6 of 18) in the first half, with just two field goals in a 14-minute span after Walton's 3-pointer on the opening possession.

The Bears finished shooting 50 percent overall (20-40) and made 31 free throws — 12 more than Nebraska attempted in the game.

"I couldn't be any happier with the effort that my team

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Vrbata's OT goal lifts Coyotes over Stars

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Radim Vrbata's patience was rewarded, earning the Phoenix Coyotes an extra point in the tight Pacific Division standings.

Vrbata's power-play goal at 1:13 of overtime lifted the Coyotes to a 3-2 victory over the Stars on Wednesday night, extending Dallas' losing streak to a season-high four games.

Dallas' Jamie Langenbrunner was penalized for tripping with 19 seconds left in regulation. Vrbata waited while Stars defenseman Karlis Skrastins slid past him on a shot-blocking attempt, then Vrbata capitalized on the 4-on-3 advantage in the extra period with a wrist shot from low in the right

circle.

"When the puck got to me, I saw one of their defensemen sliding in front of me so I toe-dragged it a little, got free and put it on net," Vrbata said. "Luckily it went in."

Michal Rozsival added a power-play goal, Mikkel Boedker scored the tying goal in the third period, and Ilya Bryzgalov made 16 saves as the Coyotes won their third in a row.

The Stars had sole possession of the division lead since November, but now they have company.

San Jose moved into a first-place tie with Dallas, both with 66 points, after the Sharks took a 3-2 decision over Columbus earlier Wednesday night.

With the two points

for the victory, Phoenix has 65 points.

"Every game's going to be important now and when you have games within your division, you look at our division and how tight it is, games within the division have an extra set of circumstances to them," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said. "Unfortunately, we gave them a point tonight, but we got our two, so we'll move on."

Brad Richards had to wait a few anxious minutes before his 22nd goal of the season was confirmed on video review, and Kari Lehtonen stopped 32 shots for Dallas.

Steve Ott also scored for the Stars, 1-5-1 in their past seven.

Phoenix dominated after the second period with a 14-4 shots advantage in the third period and overtime, but those

weren't the numbers that concerned Dallas coach Marc Crawford.

The Coyotes converted 2 of 3 power plays.

"They scored a couple of power-play goals, so we've got to try to limit

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Marquette rallies to edge South Florida 59-58

Former HC Hawk Jae Crowder scores 14 points in win

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Down 16 in the second half, Marquette didn't flinch.

Jae Crowder made two big 3-pointers down the stretch and the Golden Eagles overcame cold shooting against South Florida on Wednesday night to rally for a 59-58 victory that had coach Buzz Williams searching for words to describe it.

"I'm not sure there's an appropriate way. ... I don't think there's words to justify the ebb and flow of that game," Williams said following a wild finish that saw his team hold on despite missing seven straight free throws in the final 1:03.

"I'm tremendously proud of our players' energy and effort and execution in the second half. But for it to play out the way that it did, relative to the

result from our perspective, I don't know if there's any philosophical way to describe it. South Florida easily could have won. If you look at the numbers statistically, you could argue that they should have won. I'll just leave it at that."

Crowder finished a 26-9 run with a long 3-pointer that gave the Golden Eagles (15-9, 6-5 Big East) their first lead since the opening minutes of the game, then made another to make it 59-55 with 1:28 remaining.

Marquette rallied despite shooting 39 percent from the field but nearly let the game slip away at the end when Chris Otule, Dwight Buycks and Darius Johnson-Odom went to the foul to the foul line and failed to put it away.

The Golden Eagles finished 7 of 19 from the line.

"If we make five out of those seven, then we don't have the end that we have. But I do think that the end that we have will (help us) grow," Williams said. "So is that wrong or right? I don't know, but that's what I believe."

Crowder scored 14 points and Jimmy Butler added 12. Toarlyn Fitzpatrick led South Florida (8-17, 2-10) with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Marquette, coming off three losses in four games to ranked opponents, was held to a season-low point total. The Big East's top scoring team missed 13 of its first 17 shots and trailed by as many as 11 in the opening half.

USF shot 68.4 percent in taking a 31-24 halftime lead. The Bulls built the advantage to 44-28 before being outscored 31-14 over the final 14 minutes — a stretch in which

Marquette used its trapping full-court press to speed up the game and force turnover after turnover while limiting USF to just four field goals — none in the final three minutes.

"They laid a trap for us, and we fell into it," South Florida coach Stan Heath said. "They wanted to speed us up and get us out of control, and we helped them."

Marquette prevailed despite getting just seven points from Johnson-Odom on 2-of-6 shooting. The Golden Eagles' leading scorer also struggled from the foul line, missing four straight free throws in the final 17.1 seconds to keep South Florida's hopes alive.

Fitzpatrick went to the foul line with 1.1 seconds to go, hoping to make the first and intentionally miss the second to give USF a chance to force

overtime. The 6-foot-8 sophomore wound up making both, banking in the second shot instead of clanking it off the rim.

"They wanted it a little bit more than we did at the end, and they started turning us over and turning up the pressure. That's why we're sitting here with our heads down," Fitzpatrick said.

"When you're up 16," USF guard Anthony Crater added, "there's no way you're supposed to let a team come back and win."

Augustus Gilchrist finished with 11 points for South Florida, which shot 38.5 percent in the second half.

Crowder was 5 of 6 from the field, including 4 for 5 on 3-point attempts. Joseph Fulce came off the bench to score 10 points for Marquette.

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the number of penalties we take," Crawford said. "We only had one opportunity on the power play and when you lose that battle, that's one you don't like to lose. That's one we pride ourselves on, that we don't give other teams more opportunities on most nights to get on the power play."

Bryzgalov was coming off two consecutive shutouts for the first time in his career, but the Stars broke that streak when Ott fired into the upper

right corner of the net from low in the left circle at 10:48 of the first period.

Phoenix tied it at 1 when Rozsival tapped in a rebound at 18:22 of the opening period.

Richards' rebound gave Dallas a 2-1 edge at 5:56 of the second period.

Teammate Nicklas Grossman took the original shot seconds after exiting the penalty box, and Grossman was pushed into Bryzgalov by a Phoenix defenseman as Richards took his shot.

The review was necessary to determine whether the puck crossed the goal line, and an inconclusive replay meant that the goal stood despite Tippet's

protests. "I've been looking at the clips and the referee behind the net said he saw it conclusively in, but I don't see that in the replays," said Tippet, who coached the Stars for six seasons. "Those are hard plays for the referees. And the other one is, you're supposed to allow the goaltender to make a save and their player ended up on top of our goaltender. It should have been no goal. But I thought our guys bounced back hard after that and we found a way to win."

Richards also assisted on Ott's goal, giving him 700 career points.

Mississippi knocks off LSU 66-60

The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — With Mississippi fighting to get in the Southeastern Conference Western Division race, the Rebels' two seniors kept their win streak going against LSU.

Chris Warren tied a season-high with 26 points and Zach Graham broke a tie with 2:02 remaining as Ole Miss defeated LSU 66-60 on Wednesday night.

"I'm going to continue to challenge them," Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy said of Warren and Graham. "That's who we're going to run the offense for. We try everything, trust me. We run out of options at times. We went with our seniors and they stepped up."

Warren, who has 1,821 career points, moved into fourth place on the school's all-time scoring list, passing Elston Turner, who had 1,805 points from 1978-81. Warren is one point from tying Carlos Clark's point total from 1980-83.

Warren's other 26-point outing this season came in a season-opening victory over Arkansas State.

LSU coach Trent Johnson said Warren was the difference.

"They have a guy who is a hell of a player," Johnson said. "He's as good as anyone in the country, let alone this league. He shoots 94 percent from the free-throw line and can play."

Graham finished with 17 points, including the jumper to provide the final lead change.

"We didn't play great. We were kind of tentative," Graham said. "But we stayed in the game and grinded out a win."

No matter who the opponent is, a win is a win. We're happy we won the game. There's no easy games.

Ole Miss (16-8, 4-5) won its third straight conference game and fourth out of five after starting 0-4.

The win sets up an crucial game on Saturday, when Ole Miss plays at Western Division-leading Alabama (15-7, 7-1). The Crimson Tide plays at Vanderbilt on Thursday.

"Record-wise, (Alabama is) the best team in the SEC," Kennedy said. "That's indisputable right now. They're 3-0 versus the (SEC)

East. They've handled their business. They've been playing excellent. They're playing with a lot of momentum, a lot of confidence."

LSU (10-14, 2-7) had an eight-point, second-half lead, but Graham's jumper tied it at 51 with 6:29 left, and the Rebels ended the game on a 9-3 run.

Down 57-55, Warren scored seven of Ole Miss' final 11 points.

He tied it with a layup, hit a 3-pointer for a 60-57 lead and pushed the advantage to two possessions with two free throws with 25 seconds remaining.

Freshman Matt Derenbecker scored a career-high 19 points, Ralston Turner scored 16 and Storm Warren added 10 for LSU. Derenbecker's previous high was 17 points.

Derenbecker hit three 3-pointers in a 150-second span in the second half to give LSU its largest lead at the 11:29 mark.

Turner was inactive for the teams' first meeting this season, a 27-point Ole Miss victory.

Reginald Buckner led Ole Miss with seven rebounds and the Rebels outrebounded the Tigers 39-30.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Right Play at the Right Time

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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- ♠ Q 7
- ♥ J
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- ♣ A K Q 8 5 2

WEST

- ♠ K 2
- ♥ A 9 7 2
- ♦ 10 8 5
- ♣ 10 6 4 3

EAST

- ♠ A J 10 9 8 4 3
- ♥ 4
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- ♣ 9 7

SOUTH

- ♠ 6 5
- ♥ K Q 10 8 6 5 3
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The bidding: West Pass 1♣ East 3♠ South 4♥ Opening lead — king of spades.

Assume you're West defending against four hearts following the auction shown. You lead the king of spades, which holds as East plays the jack, and the question is what you should do next. Remember, all you see is your own hand and the dummy.

There is a real danger that you might relax at this point and mecha-

ically lead another spade. If you followed this impulse, though, it would cost you dearly.

East would win the second spade with the ace, but no return by him could then defeat the contract. His best play would be a third round of spades, but declarer would ruff low in his hand, and, whatever you did on this trick, your only other winner would be the ace of trumps.

The proper play at trick two is to cash the ace of hearts before leading a spade. When East takes his ace and continues with a third spade, South cannot prevent your nine of trumps from becoming the setting trick, regardless of whether he ruffs high or low.

The recommended play is certain to beat the contract unless East started with eight spades rather than seven. This remote possibility should be ruled out by you, if only because the contract cannot be stopped in that case.

Upon reflection, the ace-of-trumps play at trick two stands out a mile, but it is admittedly not an easy play to see unless you are totally focused at the critical moment.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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player in team history to reach 1,000 points. The talented sophomore needed 55 games to achieve the milestone, the same number as former Buffaloes great Chauncey Billups, who finished with 1,020 points during his two seasons in Boulder.

Burks finished the contest with a team-high 24 points, while Higgins added 19.

"Tough," Burks said. "We fought back. We didn't hit our shots at the end."

This was the first meeting between Boyle and Turgeon, who forged a bond while playing for the Kansas Jayhawks in the 1980s.

The tandem spent more than a decade coaching together, beginning as assistants at Oregon. Boyle

then followed Turgeon to Jacksonville State and later Wichita State.

The buddies split up the partnership after Boyle received his first head coaching gig at Northern Colorado, where he resurrected the Bears' program before bolting for the Buffs.

Turgeon hasn't been looking forward to coaching against his friend, saying, "Hopefully we don't have to do it in the future."

They may not for a while, especially since Colorado will move to the newly formed Pac-12 next season.

From their coaching styles to their fashion sense — black suits, white shirt and school-colored ties — they tend to think along the same lines.

They even feel for each other.

"When he loses, I hurt. I really do," Turgeon said.

"I hurt, because I know how much he puts into it."

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gave. But when you look at the free-throws situation," Sadler said. "When one team goes to the free-throw line 44 times, and you've got a chance to win it, I think that says probably how good we did play."

The Cornhuskers made 16 of their 19 free throws.

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surroundings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be most imaginative when things don't go as expected. That's when your eyes open to new challenges. And this afternoon you'll have a partner in this fun, as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some of the people

around you are stressed but not unhappy. Some kinds of stress actually help your situation. Look deeper and you'll find that everything is not what it seems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are still a few changes you'd like to make around your domestic realm. You can't take it all on at once, but if you make a list, prioritize and focus on one thing at a time, you will make progress by the end of the day.



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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are happy to answer any question people want to ask you, as long as it's not about you. You're in a private mood, and the mysterious aura around you makes someone want to know you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are plenty of people who offer up possible solutions. Be careful who you listen to. Do not take advice from anyone who hasn't actually accomplished the thing you want to accomplish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have the gift of gab. Furthermore, you know how to fit in with people with whom you have very little in common. You will

skillfully schmooze your way into a sweet situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your body language is a communications asset. In fact, you don't even have to talk much today because people understand your every look and gesture — you're that clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will be proactive and progressive when it comes to helping your loved ones, colleagues and friends. Just be sure they really want it before you go after it for them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be in hot pursuit of an interesting piece of information, and you will quickly learn what you want to know. Your curious mind never rests, though, and you'll quickly be on to the next quest for knowledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are someone's rock, and that person will lean on you today. It always makes you feel good about yourself when you can do something that helps others, but this case is especially satisfying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a tricky balance between being a soft touch, an overall nice and sweet person, and being a pushover who can't get respect. You achieve that balance today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You are so comfortable in your own skin now that you may choose to wear something that gives your physical presence more magnetism. You'll get attention for this and will enjoy every bit of it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10). You attract a multitude of pleasant circumstances this year. New friends and colleagues come into your world in the next seven weeks. Lofty goals become realistic as you create a solid plan in March. April brings the resolution of an ongoing matter and a financial bonus, too. You'll travel in July. Aries and Leo people will be an uplifting presence. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 33, 25 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was trying to learn more about this Scorpio I'm dating. I asked him some questions I found on a website about things to ask before marriage — not that I want to marry him, I just don't know much about him. Also, sometimes the conversation goes dead during the date, and I'm trying to pick it back up with a good question. Anyway, he won't answer some of the questions, and I'm wondering if that's a bad sign. What do you think?"

A lot depends on the way you ask. If you're coming at him from out of the blue with all of these deep questions, he's probably going to feel like

he's being put on the spot. The whole energy of what you're doing is a little forced, isn't it? Scorpios are naturally guarded individuals. They like privacy and are comfortable with mystery. He will open up when he's ready, but only on those topics about which he feels like sharing at that moment. The good news for you is that you will learn much about him by being present with him and remaining playful, light and relaxed.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Actress, singer and designer Emma Roberts will star in "Scream 4" alongside an all-star ensemble cast. This multitabled, second-generation movie star was born when the sun, Mercury and Saturn were all in the philanthropic sign of Aquarius. Roberts has supported a wide variety of charities, especially those contributing to the health, education and empowerment of children.

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Legals

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is requesting proposals for the construction of the following project:

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TWDB Project No. 21663
Loan No. L100064

Sealed proposals must be addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) Big Spring, Texas 76033 and will be received at the District's offices located at 400 East 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 76721 until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday March 3, 2011 to be accepted. The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened.

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Contracts are also available for viewing free of charge at the District's Headquarters, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference for the project will be held on February 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 76721.

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Colorado River Municipal Water District
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Jackie Olson
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Dear Annie: I am 26 and have been living with my "husband" for a year. We had a religious ceremony, but didn't file the legal paperwork. Now I realize it was a huge mistake. I desperately want out of this so-called marriage.

"Justin" lied about completing his college education and was unemployed for the first six months we were together. He told me he was applying for jobs, but in reality, he spent his days playing video games and eating junk food.

Justin finally found part-time minimum-wage employment, but I still do the cleaning, bill-paying and cooking despite

working 50 hours a week compared to his 20. I have asked, begged and nagged him to help more, but he refuses to lift a finger. When I insist, he whines and takes an hour to do a 20-minute task.

Justin suffers from depression. Whenever I bring up the idea of an amicable separation, he either becomes enraged and throws the furniture, or dissolves into a sobbing mess and threatens suicide.

I, too, have fought and won my own battle with depression through therapy, medication and a wonderful support network. I feel the need to provide a stable environment for Justin,

but he refuses to seek treatment.

If I leave him, I am terrified he will harm himself. Justin's parents are less than sympathetic, and he cannot support himself.

I have moved into the second bedroom, and we haven't had sex for months. Justin insists we are married and everything is fine.

Our friends and family have no clue that it's not legal and our relationship is in shambles. We live in a small religious community. A messy breakup could cost me my career. Please help. — *Cornered in Kansas*

Dear Kansas: As much as you want to help

Justin, you are not responsible for his mental health or his unwillingness to seek treatment.

At some point, his dependence is self-destructive to both of you. You could tell him you will consider staying if he gets therapy immediately. But also talk to your local clergyman about your "marriage." Kansas recognizes common-law marriages, and you could, in fact, be legally bound to Justin. If walking out is not possible, you may need to file the legal paperwork and then get an actual divorce or have the marriage annulled.

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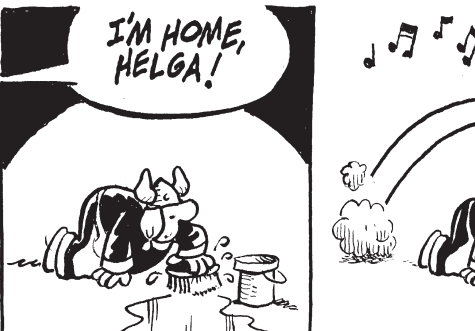
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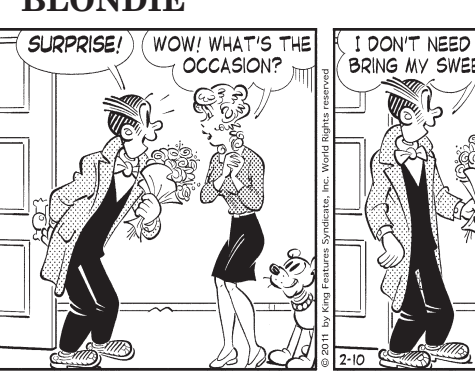


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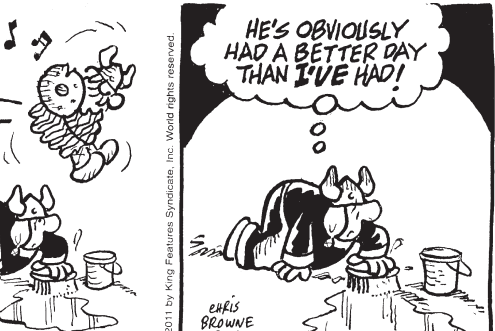
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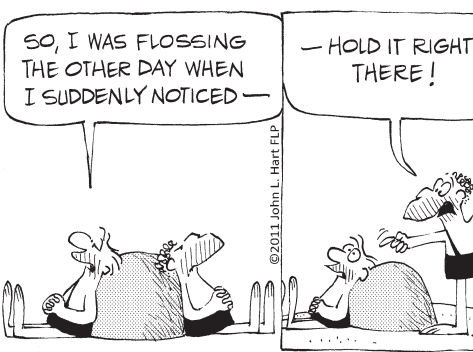
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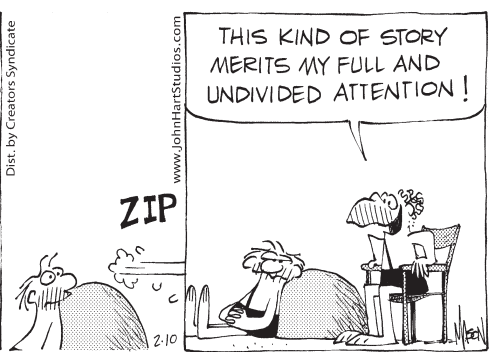
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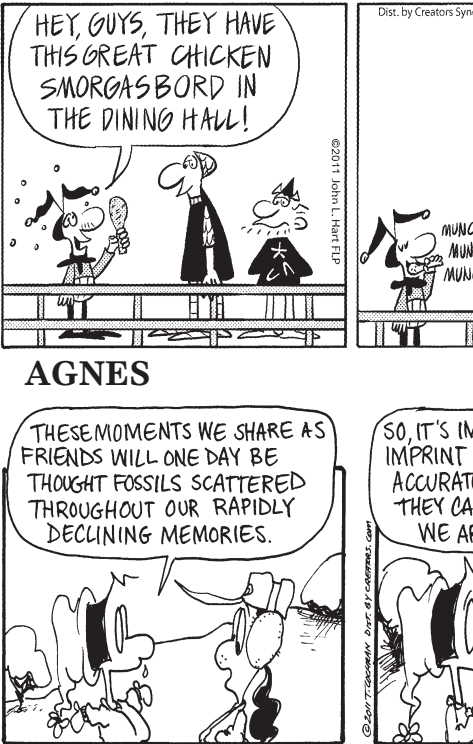
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Today is Thursday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2011. There are 324 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 10, 1949, Arthur Miller's play 'Death of a Salesman' opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater...

through the St. Louis, Mo., area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage. In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like SPADE, SAABS, NIP, AUJUS, EXILE, NISU, PRACTICERUN, TAO, SEXTANT, SETSAIL, TOSS FUNDS, ARISEN, ALMOND, BONES, STEER, BIG LIFE, ATBAT, RODE, ELI AREAS, CALLA, ETCETC, LATTER, MILLER, KHAN, ODDLOTS, EVASIVE, OAH, BANANASPLIT, NFL, ADORN, TULSA, SOY, TABBY, ANSEL.

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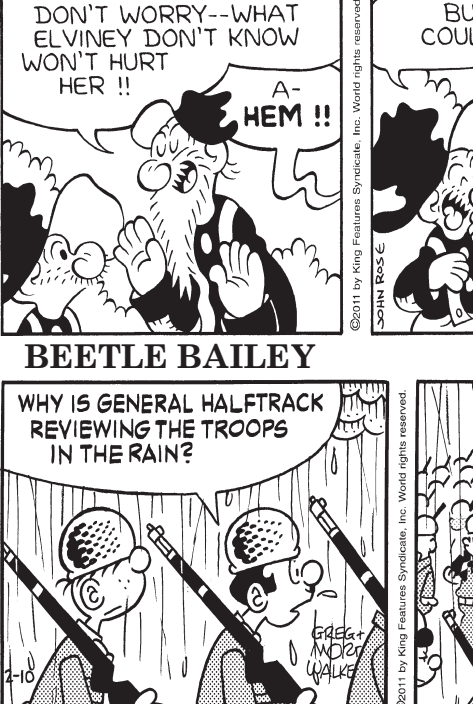
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