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# 4B project will go to vote

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Members of the Big Spring City Council may have mixed feelings about how to fund renovations to the municipality's water and wastewater facilities, but there's little doubt they agree the citizens should be allowed to vote on the issue as the panel unanimously approved first reading of a measure calling for a special 4B election to be held on the matter.

The decision came following a tumultuous outpouring of testimony from area residents both for and against the proposed project, which, if approved by Big Spring voters, would use funding from the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to fund a \$11-million re-vamp of the city's existing water and wastewater facilities, as well as a portion of the city's aging water lines.

The Big Spring EDC, designated a 4A corporation by the state, would have its operating budget cut in half if the project is approved,



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Members of the Big Spring City Council listen as citizens express their support or opposition of the proposed 4B project to divert economic development funding for the next 20 years to re-vamp existing city water and wastewater facilities during Tuesday night's meeting. The council voted unanimously on first reading of the measure to send the project to a citywide vote.**

providing between \$800,000 and \$800,500 a year for the water project's debt service and approximately \$800,000

to \$850,000 annually for the EDC to operate on. District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen said he supports

taking the issue to the voters, but said he thinks they

## Citizen reaction mixed

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

While the members of the Big Spring City Council seemed to speak in unison Tuesday night, citizens voicing their opinion on whether or not the city should fund renovations to its water and wastewater infrastructure through economic development funding were anything but.

Citizens took turns at the podium, speaking out either in favor — or against — the proposed 4B project, which if given a thumbs up by the council Feb. 14, will go before voters in a special election later this year.

The project would use

## Arrow to mark city as part of the Quanah Parker Trail

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

An arrow marks the spot, at least for Howard County.

Thursday at 1 p.m., installation of a giant arrow recognizing

Howard County as one of the sites along the Texas Plains Trail Region Quanah Parker Trail will take place at Comanche Trail Park.

"Big Spring has been designated as one of the sites of the Quanah Parker Trail signifying the historical

presence of the Comanche Tribe in our area," Convention and Visitor Bureau Coordinator Debbie Wegman said.

The Quanah Parker Trail is a road trip guide compiled for the Texas Plains Trail Region, with each dot on every road trip map representing a place where



Hanaba Welch photo

a real or legendary connection is present to the famous chief, according to informa-

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## Attendance zones on BSISD agenda

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Where's your student going to school next year?

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will hear a report on proposed new student attendance zones when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

With four new elementary campuses being built and one campus — Bauer Elementary — scheduled for closure in the near future, BSISD's attendance zones and bus routes will have to be reworked for the 2012-2013 school year, Assistant Superintendent Danny Ferrell said.

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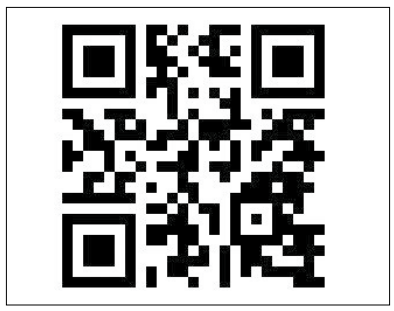
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## Stock show gets under way today

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

The show has begun. The Howard County Junior Livestock Show — which has been running for 76 years — will continue through Saturday.

Youth will have an opportunity to show off their rabbits, steers, barrows, goats and lambs. According to Brenda



Dunlap, office manager at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office, there are about 300 entries and more than 100 exhibitors involved in the show this year.

"This is a family organized event," Perry Gamble, president of the Howard County Junior Livestock Association said. "The entire family is usually involved with the preparation and attendance."

By taking part in the livestock show, according to Gamble, youth are able to learn responsibility in caring for the animals and the experience gives them an opportunity to see the expense and maintenance involved.

"The friendships made lo-

cally extend to the major livestock shows they will attend in the spring," Gamble said. "Another important point is this is an agricultural area and livestock are an important part of our community; therefore, being involved in the livestock show is, in effect, being involved in the community."

The show opened today with the lamb show at 3 p.m., followed by judging of the goats. Thursday's shows will continue with rabbits, steers and barrows. All rabbits must be checked in by 4:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Steer weigh-ins are due by 6 p.m. and barrow weights must be in by 8 p.m.

Friday's events will begin at 9 a.m. with the heifer show followed by steers. At 1 p.m. the barrow show will begin.

Saturday will conclude with an 11:30 a.m. buyers barbecue lunch and a 1 p.m. auction. During the buyers lunch, belt buckle awards will be presented. Grand champions will be announced after each species of animal show.

The junior livestock show is being held at the County Show Barns, located off FM 700.

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## Obituaries

## Rheba Guy McCartney



Rheba Guy McCartney, 81, of Amory, Miss., passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Oak Tree Plantation in Amory. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Abilene Funeral Home Chapel of Hope, located at 3349 N. 12th St., Abilene, Texas, with Brother Butch Pesch officiating. A time of visitation will follow immediately after services. Private graveside rites at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery will precede the memorial service.

Mrs. McCartney was born to the late William Buford and Jewell Arlene Powers Guy on Nov. 7, 1930, in Winters, Texas. She worked as a receptionist for several doctors and dentists. Always happy and thinking of others first, Mrs. McCartney enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, cooking and listening to gospel music.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis E. McCartney of Amory; a daughter, Arlena McCartney Stevens (Steve) of Amory; two sisters, Dorothy Fay Minor of Abilene and Lela Mae Adcock of Odessa; a granddaughter, LuAnn Stevens Green (Brian) of Abilene; a great-granddaughter, Ryleigh Ann Green; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. McCartney was preceded in death by her stepmother, Ila Guy; four sisters, Ouida Guy, Lydia McHugh, Erleen Trusdell and Gwendolyn Bosch; and eight brothers, H.M. Guy, Forrest Guy, J.B. Guy, William B. Guy, M.L. Guy, Doyle Guy, L.C. Bailey and Dutch Bailey.

Memorials may be given to Community Hospice, P.O. Box 333, Sherman, Miss. 38869. Online condolences and guest book may be signed at [www.abilene-funeral.com](http://www.abilene-funeral.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Elizar Cantu



Elizar Cantu, 68, of Ackerly died Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Larry Hood officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Ackerly.

He was born Dec. 30, 1943, in Karnes County, Texas, to Elvira and Domingo Cantu. As a young man, he worked on the King Ranch. He came to Ackerly in 1970 from South Texas. He farmed in Ackerly until 2006, having worked for Darrell Bearden for 33 years. He also ranched in Dawson County. He was a Catholic. He married Dolores Garza on Nov. 17, 1971, in Lamesa.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores Cantu of Ackerly; one daughter, Robin Molina and husband Toby of Ackerly; one son, David Renteria of Ackerly; one granddaughter; mother, Elvira Cantu of Big Spring; five brothers, Rudy Cantu and wife Mary of Charco, Enrique Cantu and wife Yolanda of Rowlett, Silberio Cantu and wife Olga of Roanoke, Domingo Cantu Jr. and wife Macaria and Jesse Cantu and wife Sylvia, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Irene Perez and husband Jose of Goliad and Sandra Hensley and husband Andy of Ackerly; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Domingo Cantu Sr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Elisa A. Hart

Elisa A. Hart, 36, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Alvah Ruth Hollis

Alvah Ruth Hollis, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Selestino 'Pepe' Hernandez



Selestino "Pepe" Hernandez, 61, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 1, 1950, in San Angelo to Dominga and Jesus

Hernandez. He had been a cook at Furr's Cafeteria for many years and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Maria G. Hernandez of Big Spring; two sons, Selestino Hernandez Jr. and wife Tonya of Midland and Selestino Hernandez III of Big Spring; three daughters, Dianna Perez and husband Ariel and Amy Hernandez, all of Big Spring, and Lisa Granado of Midland; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Luis Hernandez of Big Spring; and four sisters, Rosa Aguiere and Juana Walton, both of Big Spring, Esther Hernandez of Denver, Colo., and Mary Gomez of Odessa.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Jesse Hernandez.

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## Glen R. Overton

Glen R. Overton, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the family receiving friends immediately following the service. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 2, 1931, in Big Spring to Fannie and James Overton. He worked in construction in Arizona for 35 years. He married Frances Edens on Oct. 9, 1993. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Edens Overton of Big Spring; one son, Glen W. Overton of Big Spring; one daughter, Vicky Fontana of Coahoma; one step-daughter, Annette Williams of Big Spring; three step-sons, Barney Edens and wife Jo Lee, Buster Edens and wife Mary and Dan Edens, all of Big Spring; one sister, Cora Conn of Big Spring; and a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Donald M. Overton; one sister, Ruby Pike; and two brothers, Raymond Overton and Maurice Overton.

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## Police blotter

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

- CARLOS G. DIAZ, 22, of 600 Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for open container in a motor vehicle – driver and expired registration.
- PALADIO GARZA JR., 30, of 3100 Webb Lane, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 31, of 610 N.W. Seventh St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on judgments/sentences for assault causing bodily injury (two counts).
- CARLOS GUILLERMO DIAZ, 22, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on munic-

## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/13	Sat 1/14	Sun 1/15	Mon 1/16	Tue 1/17
52/31 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	57/35 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	63/41 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	68/37 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	60/32 Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM

## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	54	34	pt sunny	Kingsville	64	39	pt sunny
Amarillo	50	27	pt sunny	Livingston	56	29	pt sunny
Austin	57	32	pt sunny	Longview	51	33	pt sunny
Beaumont	57	33	pt sunny	Lubbock	50	26	pt sunny
Brownsville	63	46	cloudy	Lufkin	55	29	pt sunny
Brownwood	56	34	pt sunny	Midland	53	33	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	60	40	pt sunny	Raymondville	63	43	pt sunny
Corsicana	53	34	mst sunny	Rosenberg	56	33	pt sunny
Dallas	55	35	mst sunny	San Antonio	60	34	pt sunny
Del Rio	58	34	cloudy	San Marcos	58	32	pt sunny
El Paso	56	29	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	51	35	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	54	33	cloudy	Sweetwater	52	33	pt sunny
Gainesville	51	31	mst sunny	Tyler	52	31	pt sunny
Greenville	51	31	mst sunny	Weatherford	53	32	pt sunny
Houston	56	34	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	54	32	mst sunny

ipal warrants for open contain in vehicle – driver and displaying expired registration.

• PALADIO GARZA JR., 30, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• LYNDLELL BURL KNOX II, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of speeding and a municipal warrant for speeding in a school zone.

• ZABRINA LOZANO, 25, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ann Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the area of Tucson.

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COUNCIL

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should have more options to choose from. "I've never had a problem with taking this to the voters. I do think it's their right," Hansen said firmly. "Let's look at ways we can save money. We can possibly do some things in-house, and, as Councilwoman (Gloria) McDonald said, there might be grants out there, and we should look at that. I don't know if that's going to be possible. We also know there is going to be savings from maintenance and operation. We've been maintaining an older plant, and, at least in the beginning when this plant is new, we know we're going to save (money). "I guess my position

is rather than just going with a one-phase approach, I want to look at all of the alternatives and see what we can do working together. We do need to work together. I also like the idea of having alternatives. If we're going to give the voters an opportunity to make decisions, I think giving them choices even improves on their ability to determine what they want to do with their money.

District 5 Councilman Craig Olson was straight-forward in his support that the issue should go forward to an election.

"If the people will remember correctly, in the last two years this very council has denied the people the right to have a say-so in a water park ... and it has resulted in four new people sitting up here, and it's

my guess it will result in three new people sitting up here this coming May," Olson said. "I, for one, think the people have a right. It's their money. They pay the tax. If they do not want us to do this, they will tell us with the election, but I think we need to have an election and let the people voice how they want the money spent."

District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said she would like to see more teamwork between the council and the Big Spring EDC board of directors on the project.

"This should go to the people to vote on," McDonald said. "I would like to see if we can work with the economic development board so we're not saying it's either this or that and give us the whole thing

or else. I really would like to see if we could tweak this and see if we could put something else in there from them, I don't necessarily know what that is. I suppose if I did we wouldn't be here tonight. However, I do think it needs to go to the vote and I am for that. But I'm for continuing to work together, and that's what we need to do."

District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan echoed the other members concerns, saying the citizens of Big Spring should have the right to decide how the EDC funding is used.

"If we're talking about a lot of money or we're talking about something controversial — or both, as in this case — I think the people ought to have the right to vote for it," Carrigan said. "I don't think we seven people

need to make decisions for 27,000 people. I think that's very important and that's a promise I made when I was brought in."

District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. said he, too, believes the issue should go before the voters.

"The only true interest I have is for my constituents. I've had people on the EDC call me. I've had people on the north side call me," Ramirez said. "I am firmly in favor of letting the Big Spring citizens vote on this."

Finally, District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez said he feels confident the voters of Big Spring will do what's best for the municipality.

"The EDC has done good things for the town and for our people, but we have to work together," Fernandez said.

"I come from a family where there are seven members, and if the kids brought somebody to the table, we always made another place at the table, even if everyone had to eat a little less. So, I don't appreciate anyone coming to the table and telling me they will not share. I will vote in favor of allowing the citizens to vote on this issue because I know they can make the right decision."

Final reading of the ordinance calling for the special election, which had been scheduled for Thursday, has since been postponed until the council's regularly scheduled meeting slated for Feb. 14. due to the large number of residents who spoke during Tuesday's meeting.

CITY

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funding from the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to fund an \$11-million re-vamp of the city's existing water and wastewater facilities, as well as a portion of the city's aging water lines. EDC, designated a 4A corporation by the state, would have its operating budget slashed in half if the project is approved, providing between \$800,000 and \$800,500 a year for the water project's debt service and approximately \$800,000 to \$850,000 annually for the EDC to operate on.

Local resident John Currie, who was instrumental in helping create the Big Spring EDC more than 20 years ago, said a project like the one proposed is something he and other economic development pioneers feared many years ago, vowing he

would rather see the corporation destroyed than turned into a cash cow for the city.

"When the economic development tax was enacted, the biggest worry people had when we went out to sell it was the city would find some way to divert those funds to uses that didn't have anything to do with economic development, for things they are required to do," Currie said. "That is coming to pass, and I would certainly hate to see this happen. I would strongly oppose it. I think if you are going to do that, you should go back to where we were and put a companion issue on the ballot that would revoke this tax. In other words, if you're going to give them a choice, give them a real choice."

Former Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear said he staunchly opposes the move, saying cutting this deeply into the EDC's budget for 20 years is essentially "giv-

ing up" on Big Spring.

"I was active when Moore Development was enacted and I think it is good for our future to have this money. However, I am not opposed to using some funds to get this project going," Blackshear said, "but to tie it up for 20 years for a certain percentage of it, I'm totally against that. I think it shows we've totally given up on the future of economic development in Big Spring, thus giving up on Big Spring, when we tie that money up for that length of time. We're basically about to dismantle something that took a while to build and it's something we can continue to build on in Big Spring, and without that full amount or close to that full amount we're going to be hamstrung and hogtied for many, many years."

Former EDC president and board member Larry McLellan also spoke, saying the project would spell disaster

for economic development in the Crossroads area.

"It's a part of our community that has vision for the future, and if we do something like this, then we are not looking toward the future. Twenty years of using 68 percent of the available operating revenue for EDC is a death penalty," McLellan said sternly.

Former Big Spring Mayor Cotton Mize said Tuesday's vote marks a different era in Crossroads history.

"I think it's time we realize we're in a different era. Our country and our city is completely different," Mize said. "We need water, drinkable water in our community. I think it would be a tremendous asset for the EDC to be able to say we have drinkable water in our community and to spend some of the money for that."

"I listen to both sides, and both sides have good merit. But I firmly believe if the EDC would

take half the money and use it a little more wisely, I think we could still get along working both ways."

One resident who has had close contact with the EDC, CeRam-Kote President Kevin Freeman, said the corporation was vital to his company.

"We could not be in business without the EDC's help. We used them about a year ago to help us with a \$1.3 million project, which they funded about a third of that on city property, so it was a win-win situation," Freeman said. "We've been able to double our production. We've also been able to double the number of people we've hired from about 13 up to 28 and we envision another 25 percent increase, and all of this is because of the help we received from

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Tammy Lynn Torres, 47, died Sunday, January 1, 2012. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Selestino Hernandez, 60, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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BSISD

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Preliminary work has begun on the new maps and officials will present trustees a couple of options for their consideration, Ferrell added.

No final action will be taken on the matter Thursday.

Another report trustees will hear may also have long-range impact — officials will discuss the possibility of adopting a standardized dress code for BSISD students.

Ferrell was quick to note that "standardized" does not mean "uniforms." "We're looking at forming a committee to study the issue," Ferrell said. "I've visited with people at the high school and junior high ... We're looking to change the public perception of our students as to their appearance."

BSISD currently has a student dress code, but

Ferrell said it is very broadly interpreted.

In other action, trustees will begin laying the groundwork for the 2012 school board elections when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said the district will hold elections for three seats on the school board — District 2, currently held by Maria Padilla; District 4, held by Tony Kennedy; and the remaining two years of the unexpired District 3

term.

The District 3 seat is currently held by Kenneth McIntosh, who was appointed by the board to serve until May.

None of the incumbents have yet announced whether they will seek re-election.

The filing period for the school board elections will be from Feb. 4 until March 5. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, be reg-

istered voters and have been residents of Texas for at least a year and the school district for at least six months.

Also Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Forming a committee to receive student, parent and staff input on what designs should be put on the new Memorial Stadium artificial turf.
- Bids for bond-related demolition at Big Spring

High School.

- Personnel matters.

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# EDITORIAL

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## 'I column as I see 'em' weekly

For those of you who have become regular adherents of this weekly expedition into the cogitations which occupy the cerebral geography located between my ears you have learned I am, much like Superman of comic book fame, an unapologetic crusader for truth, justice and the American way.

While not claiming to be highly intellectual or even able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, I do consider myself to be relatively knowledgeable about a few things and when people who have absolutely no clue are in control it makes me uneasy.

Ignorance is not illegal or an indictment against one's character or human worth. By definition, ignorance is simply "uninformed" or "lacking knowledge or information about any subject or fact." As an example, it would be a colossal blunder to assign me the task of piloting a jet airliner because, even though I have been a passenger on them countless times, I am totally ignorant of every technical aspect of flying an airplane.

A cousin of ignorance is naivety, which is basically showing a simple level of understanding due to a lack of knowledge about any subject or fact. That's essentially what would be in evidence if I presumed myself to be capable of piloting the aforementioned 747.

An ignorant or naïve person can be entertaining but what concerns me about both of these conditions is the danger that is present when the welfare of anything valuable is involved in the

equation, like the unfortunate passengers on that flight.

America's future and her freedoms are very valuable treasures that should be guarded and yet it seems to me the masses are being naive and ignorant about some of the things that matter the most. It is ridiculous to think our government can continue to operate the way it has for the past few years and survive. Morally, spiritually and fiscally we are headed in a frightening direction in this country and I am genuinely concerned.

Tragically we are witnessing the deterioration of the foundational stability of our country because of an epidemic of ignorance, indifference and even antagonism by both leaders and followers toward the things that matter the most.

There is a thin line between ignorance and stupidity when it comes to the way our government spends our money and yet voters continue to be swayed by slick orators and political con artists while the startling facts flash like a neon sign in front of our eyes. Did you know in 2011 our tax dollars paid \$10 million for a remake of "Sesame Street" for Pakistan? How about you and I shelling out \$764,825 to study how college students use mobile devices for social networking? Congress decided \$550,000 for a documentary about how rock music contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union was a good way to use our tax dollars.

Think you can stomach a few more classic examples of this insane level of Congressional imprudence? They wrote checks on our account for \$35 million for political party conventions in 2012, \$765,828 to subsidize "pancakes for yuppies" in the nation's capital, and \$75,000 to promote awareness about the role Michigan plays in produc-

ing Christmas trees & poinsettias.

U.S. Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. (R-OK) released a new oversight report in December entitled "Wastebook 2011" that highlights over \$6.5 billion in examples of some of the most egregious ways our taxpayer dollars were wasted. His report details 100 of the countless unnecessary, duplicative and low-priority projects spread throughout the federal government and paid for by you and me.

He stated "The theory in Washington all too often tends to be if you throw enough money at a problem, you can solve all our nation's problems. But when Congress commits the nation to significant increases in spending, Congress owes it to the U.S. taxpayers to pay careful attention to how those dollars are being spent." Mr. Coburn, I agree.

How can Americans be so ignorant as to believe that things can continue as they are and somehow the world will just magically get better? Are we naive enough to be swayed by persuasive rhetoric and promises based on personality instead of substance or fact?

We are in for several excruciating months of political balderdash and I will be listening with prayerful and informed consideration because I am ready for major change, but not the "fundamentally transforming America" kind that that was promised in 2008. We need a restoration of respect for God, country, morality, and righteousness and unless it happens soon the fiddler will have to be paid.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

*Eddy Prince is the senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com*

## Mostly good days at the Herald

Most days here at the Herald, life is good, especially those when I get to enjoy the beauty of a nice snowfall, a hot cup of coffee and some good tunes on my MP3 player. Sure, it's a bit chilly and my socks are still wet from traipsing through the snow to shoot photos of a vehicle wreck first thing this morning, but that's just part of the job, the life of a newshound.

Unfortunately, all is not well.

Normally, one of my favorite chores on a Friday afternoon is proofing our letters to the editor. In all honesty, I think that section is probably one of the most important services a newspaper can

provide to a community, giving its readers a voice when it sometimes seems like the world has gone deaf. Sometimes people use it to say thanks, others use it to rail on and on about what they feel has gone wrong, but either way it's one of my favorite sections.

In the weekend edition, Ardis McCasland Jr., one of our regular contributors to this section, wrote regarding the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and its use of taxpayer money.

McCasland seems to be extremely dissatisfied with the way the Big Spring EDC is utilizing its funding and, moreover, is reporting those expenses to the general public, saying, "All we ever hear about its function is when they pat themselves on the back for something they consider to be a positive."

Now, normally I wouldn't have a problem with someone expressing their opinion in such a way, however, Mr. McCasland is so far off base here it's not even funny.

Add to that the fact we're at a crossroads here in Big Spring where the effectiveness of the Big Spring EDC is about to be called onto the carpet, thanks to Mayor Tommy Duncan's recent decision to call for a 4B water and wastewater project that could possibly cut the agency's

budget in half for the next several decades, and you have a situation where one man's outspokenness has the potential to sway local voters into a not-so-informed decision.

Here are the facts, whether Mr. McCasland wants to acknowledge them or not.

The Big Spring EDC board of directors meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the conference room at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office building, which they share, located on the corner of Third and Gregg Street.

"Little is published on the detailed operations of the Big Spring EDC," Mr. McCasland said in his letter. "All we ever hear about its function is when they pat themselves on the back for something they consider to be a positive. No organization is perfect, not even the EDC."

"The Midland, Texas, equivalent to our EDC periodically issues a detailed report, published in the Midland Reporter Telegram, giving a resume of all aspects of their operations. It gives details of all of its finances, to whom the moneys were obligated, and, last but not least, a listing of all of its failures in addition to its successes. Our local EDC should be required to do the same, to be published in the Big Spring Herald. If the EDC objects to this, they must not be very proud of their operation."

The truth, Mr. McCasland, is that same information is shared — and is readily available — at each of the local meetings, if you care to attend. Unfortunately, our pages — and resources — at the Herald are limited, and we are unable to print the complete financial report from the EDC in our pages. However, I have seen, for many, many years several die-hard residents attend those meetings with notebooks and pencils in hand, keeping records of those finances, so, if you are unable, or just unwilling to spend one evening a month with the board, you might want to get in touch with those who are.

One of the things in Mr. McCasland's letter that really chapped my hide was his continued use and referral to the term "tax dollars" and "taxpayers" because I often wondered if he really had a firm handle on exactly who and

what he was referring to.

"Mr. Wegman does not want to even give the citizens the chance to say yes or no," he writes. "This indicates he feels the taxpayer would like to save some money by using tax moneys already in hand rather than having an additional tax burden placed upon them."

First of all, the funding the EDC receives is certainly tax dollars, but it doesn't come from taxpayers in the sense we normally think of, namely property owners. It comes from sales tax paid by everyone in the community, whether they own property or not. In fact, you don't really even have to live in Big Spring to have chipped in toward the EDC's funding, just passed through the city and stopped and bought gas or a meal.

This is what we writers like to refer to as a red herring. It's a term or phrase that misleads the reader, usually intentionally. OK, so maybe Ardis isn't trying to intentionally mislead us here, but you get the picture. Either way, it makes property owners, or "taxpayers" want to kick their feet because their "tax dollars" are being "misspent," when in reality we're not talking about the same tax dollars or even the same taxpayers.

I've worked with the Big Spring EDC — formerly Moore Development — for many, many years. Terry Wegman, and his predecessor, Kent Sharp, have worked hard to make Big Spring a better place to live and work, and deserve our praise.

On the other hand, dear Ardis, I'm afraid you have been led astray. You facts are lacking, your logic faulty and you seem content to jump to conclusions without a second thought about what rocky shores lay beneath you. Does Big Spring need better water? Certainly. However, is looting the economic development corporation for the next 20 years and sacrificing our community's foothold in an already struggling job economy the way to get there?

Think before you leap.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we trust in You, Lord, You will guide us in the right direction.

Amen

# Senate mulls drought impact on power supply

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press  
AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Senate Democrats worried Tuesday that continued drought could lead to brownouts and keep major firms from expanding statewide because of fears about an unreliable power grid.

A growing population has left state planners rushing to approve coal-fired power plants, expand nuclear facilities, create more wind power, build transmission lines and extract natural gas to meet rising demand. But vast amounts of water are often necessary to generate electricity — an increasingly complicated prospect for a state still struggling through what has already been the worst single-year drought in its history.

Trip Doggett, president of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, told a meeting of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce that the lack of rainfall is already impacting electricity generation

but that it's not likely to cause significant power shortfalls through the end of this year. Should the drought continue into 2013, however, its impact on energy generation could be more severe, he said.

While power plants require a lot of water to generate electricity, most of it is simply heated up and then returned to the environment. John Fainter, president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, said facilities that generate electricity only account for about 3 percent of the state's water use. Still, they have to enough water on-hand to keep production going.

"We were in pretty good shape making it through this last summer," Fainter said.

But senators heard testimony from state utility authorities who said part of the problem is that energy is currently so inexpensive to produce in Texas that there is little incentive to improve infrastructure

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and make energy generation more efficient to guard against shortfalls sparked by water shortages.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, said the continued lack of rainfall poses serious concerns "about the ability to keep the lights on" in the short term and that things will only get more complicated in the future. He said Texas should have a contingency plan for coping with future energy needs similar to

the \$16 million it spends on a long-term water plan it produces every five years.

San Antonio Democratic Sen. Leticia Van de Putte said, "we are advertising that if you're a major company, in the United States or foreign, and you want to come to Texas to expand, 'well watch out because they don't have any water' or 'look, they're having problems with their electricity grid.'"

"That's not the mes-

sage we need to send," she said, "so the electricity grid has to match and align itself to reality."

Van de Putte said would-be job creating companies eyeing expanding in Texas have already begun to take notice.

"I can tell you, we've already heard in board rooms where the cities have been going after major businesses to come it's been slowing down," she said. "And the reason is there are questions about electricity."

The committee heard that about six weeks of increased rain and snowfall recently has helped some but not enough. About 67 percent of Texas is now in extreme or exceptional drought, compared to 88

percent in September. State meteorologist George W. Bomar said very little of that rainfall reached streams, meaning lakes and water tables remain low.

He said that due to La Nina weather conditions, the drought is likely to continue but is also believed to be reaching its peak — meaning normal weather conditions could return to the state by mid-2012.

"When you get the drought with the heat of last summer we've experienced a once in a lifetime experience," Bomar said. The state's average temperature of 86.8 degrees between June and August set a new record, breaking the previous mark of 85.2 degrees set by Oklahoma in 1934.

## ARROW

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tion from the Quanah Parker Trail website.

The story of Quanah Parker, son of Comanche warrior Peta Nocona and White captive-turned-Comanche Cynthia Ann Parker, stretches far beyond this site in geographical scope and in historical and cultural significance. More meaningful than the miles traveled by Quanah is the distance he covered between disparate cultures and the transition he made between different ages in the history of the American West. For better or worse, Quanah led his people into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, according to the website.

The installation of the giant arrow will take place near the historic spring. The giant arrows were sculpted by Charles A Smith of New Home, Texas. He presented the arrows as his gift to Texas Plains Trail Region Counties of the Texas Panhandle.

"These unique markers have been placed throughout the Panhandle, indicating researched and authenticated locations of interest along the Quanah Parker Trail," Wegman said. "This historic trail honors landmarks, sites, events and artifacts that link the Panhandle region to the Native Americans who once roamed the plains of the Texas Panhandle."

Once the arrow is placed it will serve as a symbol of the Comanche people's presence in a region once known as "The Comancheria." There are 52 counties involved in the Texas Plains Trail.

Big Spring played an important role by providing a feeding ground for buffalo near the big spring. The spring also marks the location where the Comanche fought for hunting and

water rights, according to information provided by Wegman.

"As the last stronghold of the free Comanche, the Panhandle region is unique for being the last frontier of the 48 contiguous states of America," Wegman said. "These arrows provide an object of discovery, as well as an incentive for travelers, scholars, educators and students to locate."

According to Wegman, the installation of this arrow helps designate Big Spring as a place for those interested in tracing the path of the Comanche Tribe and Quanah Parker. The arrow will be the 22nd one installed in this region, at this point, but officials said additional counties will be added as their documentation is provided to the Texas Plains Trail.

"Hopefully, this giant arrow will attract tourists to stop in our community to see the arrow and to stay and see other sites in our community," Wegman said.

The installation of the arrow comes in conjunction with Big Spring and Howard County being part of the Texas Plains Trail Region — represented by Wegman and Debbye ValVerde. Both are responsible for keeping other counties informed of activities taking place.

"The TPTR board also provides marketing of Big Spring, along with other communities in the region, through distribution of printed material and publicizing our events on the TPTR website," Wegman said. "This is one more way we can draw visitors to Big Spring."

To find out more information about the Quanah Parker Trail visit [www.quanahparkertrail.com](http://www.quanahparkertrail.com)

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## News in brief

### Shooting at Houston high school injures student

HOUSTON (AP) — An 18-year-old student brought a gun inside a Houston high school and shot a classmate in the leg Tuesday despite metal detectors that are supposed to keep weapons off campus, school officials said.

The other student, a 16-year-old freshman who was apparently a bystander to a dispute involving the shooter and others in an upstairs hallway, was taken to a hospital in stable condition, said Sue Davis, a spokeswoman for the North Forest Independent School District.

A government teacher who happens to also work as a deputy constable wrapped up the alleged shooting without a struggle, Davis said. That student, North Forest High School senior Warren Eugene Lewis, was taken to a Houston jail for booking on an aggravated assault charge, Davis said.

Jail records did not yet list Lewis or his attorney as of Tuesday night.

The shooting happened around lunchtime while most of the other 1,200 students were in the cafeteria, Davis said. No one else was injured.

The North Forest campus has metal detectors but they are only used in the morning, Davis said. Mere hours after the shooting, the district announced it would extend the hours the detectors would be operational and also pledged to purchase every student see-through backpacks.

### Mother of 3 killed at South Texas welfare office

ALICE (AP) — A mother of three is dead and her common-law husband is jailed after the woman's bloodied body was found in a restroom of a state welfare office in South Texas.

Police say a cleaning crew found the body of Kimberly Lee Gonzalez about 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, slumped in a rest room at the Texas Health and Human Services office in Alice. Police Chief Danuel Bueno says she was taken to Christus Spohn Hospital Alice, where she died.

Bueno tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the cause of the 26-year-old Alice woman's death is being withheld pending autopsy results. He says the woman's 25-year-old husband followed her ambulance part of the way to the hospital before veering off. Officers arrested him, but charges are still pending.

### Woman stopped at border on kidnapping warrant

MCALLEN (AP) — A Florida woman accused of kidnapping her two sons awaits extradition after federal border agents detained the woman at a South Texas international bridge.

Meanwhile, the two sons of Iris Sandoval have been turned over to Texas Child Protective Serv-

es.

A spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection says the Gibsonton, Fla., woman was stopped Monday at the Hidalgo International Bridge, near McAllen. He says the stop came after a database revealed the November 2008 warrant from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Florida accusing her of kidnapping her 7- and 8-year-old sons.

Sandoval was being held at the Hidalgo County Jail in Edinburg awaiting extradition to Florida.

### Garland man pleads guilty to 3 bank robberies

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area bank robber whose mother identified him to the FBI faces up to 20 years in prison for three holdups last year.

Prosecutors say 19-year-old Anthony Blue of Garland pleaded guilty Tuesday in Dallas to three counts of bank robbery.

Sentencing has been set for April 9 for Blue, who was captured after his mother called the FBI to say she believed her son robbed two banks last June 14.

Investigators say Blue held up State Bank of Texas in Garland, then robbed Community Bank in Rockwall by using the same note demanding cash.

Authorities say Blue robbed American Nation Bank in Quinlan last July 8 using a different note.

Nobody was hurt. Officials did not immediately release further details on the stolen cash.

### Woman accused of lie that led to death sentenced

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman accused of falsely accusing a boyfriend of rape, leading to the man's murder, has been sentenced to eight years in prison after pleading "no contest" to robbery in a plea deal.

Melissa Ann Ramos was originally charged with manslaughter in the June 2007 shooting death of Nathan Ramirez. The 23-year-old woman's attorneys had asked for deferred adjudication probation.

The San Antonio Express-News reports she is the third of four people to be sentenced in the Ramirez slaying. Forty-year prison terms have been assessed convicted triggerman John McBurnett and Ramos' other boyfriend, James "Clay" Kelly, who was convicted of arranging the killing.

### Man jailed in Grand Rapids in couple's '88 slaying

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Western Michigan authorities are holding a 42-year-old man as a suspect in the 1988 gun slayings of a Canadian couple at their South Texas trailer home.

Authorities say DNA evidence led to the charges against Arturo Almaguer.

Police say 70-year-old Evan and 65-year-old Wilda

Squire were gunned down in their seasonal trailer home Nov. 13, 1988 in Weslaco, Texas. Police say several intruders entered the home while the couple slept.

Almaguer has been in the Kent County jail since Dec. 27. The Grand Rapids Press says he's being held on burglary and probation violation charges, as well as murder charges.

The McAllen (Texas) Monitor says officials made the DNA match after Almaguer was arrested in Grand Rapids.

### Texas suit against J&J over drug goes to trial

AUSTIN (AP) — A clash between Texas and Johnson & Johnson that could end up costing the drug maker \$1 billion opened Tuesday with prosecutors accusing the company of plundering the state Medicaid program by overstating the safety of an expensive anti-psychotic drug and improperly influencing officials and doctors to push the medication.

In their opening statements, lawyers for Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and whistleblower Allen Jones accused Johnson & Johnson and some of its subsidiaries of committing fraud against Medicaid, the joint state-federal health care program for the poor, by making false or misleading statements about Risperdal and its safety, cost and effectiveness compared to other drugs in the 1990s.

Risperdal is used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

The lawsuit, one of several filed by states against the company, was originally filed in 2004 by Jones, a former employee of the Office of Inspector General in Pennsylvania, who said he learned of Johnson & Johnson's actions in Texas while investigating similar claims in his home state. Texas joined the case in 2006.

### Mistrial in Fort Worth over ownership of antlers

FORT WORTH (AP) — A mistrial has been declared in a North Texas trial over who owns some deer antlers found in a park.

A judge in Fort Worth had barred attorneys, in the theft trial of William E. Fox Jr. and George "Tom" Wood, from mentioning the two were dismissed as deputy marshals after the incident. The judge declared a mistrial Tuesday after a witness referred to the firing.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports jurors examined the antlers that Anthony Brown discovered in March 2010. Brown considers the shed antlers worthy of trophy status.

Prosecutors say the officers warned Brown about driving his four-wheeler on streets and in the park. The deputies, at Brown's request, photographed him holding the antlers before surrendering them.

Prosecutors say a new trial date will be set.



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### Federal stalking statistics

In January, the Bureau of Justice Statistics released the largest-ever study of its kind on stalking, "[Stalking Victimization in the United States](#)," (pdf) an Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)-sponsored report based on supplemental data gathered from the National Crime Victimization Survey.

The report showed that technology, including Internet-based services like e-mail and instant messaging along with other technology such as GPS and computer spyware, have been used to harass one in four stalking victims. That translates into about 1.2 million victims whose stalkers used some form of technology to find them.

However, law enforcement remains under-equipped to deal with stalking. When it comes to technology use in the crime, the problem worsens. There are many reasons for this, but the end result, as revealed in the survey, is that victims have mixed feelings about police response to their problem.

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# News in brief

## GOP race shifts to S.C. as Romney eyes sweep of early primaries

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Next up, South Carolina. And it's shaping up to be a dogfight. The Republican presidential race turns to this state Wednesday as Mitt Romney's rivals set their sights on trying to tear down the GOP front-runner.

A rougher tone and a tougher ideological terrain await the former Massachusetts governor, who is looking to force his opponents from the race with a four-state win streak that cuts through South Carolina on Jan. 21 and Florida 10 days later. He posted a double-digit win Tuesday night in New Hampshire after a squeaker the week before in Iowa — making him the first non-incumbent Republican in a generation to pull off the back-to-back feat.

"Tonight we celebrate. Tomorrow we go back to work," Romney told a raucous victory party in Manchester, N.H., probably mindful of the minefields that South Carolina held for him four years ago when he failed to win over Republicans skeptical of his Mormon faith and reversals on some social issues. "We are asking the good people of South Carolina to join the citizens of New Hampshire."

With just 10 days before this state's primary, Romney has a target on his back as five others work to emerge as his chief challenger by wooing tea party and religious conservatives who now dominate the GOP here.

## Analysis: Romney's victories will force rivals to make crucial decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney's back-to-back victories in Iowa and New Hampshire will force his weak-but-still-standing GOP rivals to make a crucial decision: Keep eviscerating the man that many see as the inevitable nominee, or temper their criticisms and dampen whatever hopes they have of overtaking him.

"President Obama wants to put free enterprise on trial. In the last few days, we have seen some desperate Republicans join forces with him," Romney said in his victory speech Tuesday night, chastising his critics while acting as though he is already the nominee. "This is such a mistake for our party and for our nation."

The former Massachusetts governor's easy win in the New Hampshire primary comes just as two of his opponents have opened the most scathing line of attack yet in the Republican contest. Seizing on Romney's record at the venture capital firm Bain Capital, they are painting him as a heartless profit-seeker who shuttered dozens of workplaces in the 1980s and '90s, laying off thousands of workers.

The attacks have delighted President Barack Obama's backers as they brace for an election focused on jobs. They planned all along to bash Romney with the Bain legacy and are happy to see Republicans get it started.

But the events have alarmed a cross section of establishment Republicans and conservative leaders who feel Romney can beat Obama next fall if he's not badly bloodied in a nominating process he has led from the start.

## U.S. fires 1st drone into Pakistan since strike that killed troops

BANNU, Pakistan (AP) — The U.S. carried out its first drone strike into Pakistan since errant November airstrikes by U.S. forces killed two dozen Pakistani troops along the Afghan border. The latest missile attack killed four militants, three of them Arabs, according to Pakistani intelligence officials.

The drone strike took place Tuesday near Miran Shah in North Waziristan, an al-Qaida and Taliban stronghold that has been pounded by the U.S. since the drone program began in earnest in 2009. The intelligence officials didn't give their names because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Relations with Pakistan plummeted after the Nov. 26 airstrikes prompted Islamabad to shut down vital supply routes into Afghanistan and force the U.S. to vacate Shamsi Air Base in southwestern Baluchistan province. The U.S. used the base to service drones that targeted militants in the tribal regions close to Afghanistan.

American officials say there had been no prom-

ise by Washington that drone operations would be avoided since the deadly airstrikes, but that the lull was part of a broad effort to tamp down tensions with Pakistan. While there has long been some level of agreement by Pakistan over the drone attacks, their scope and frequency has been a source of friction between the two countries.

An American investigation into the November airstrikes concluded that a persistent lack of trust between the U.S. and Pakistan, and a series of communications and coordination errors on both sides, led to the attacks. Pakistani officials have rejected that probe and there has been little public sign that relations between the two countries are improving.

## N. Korea keeps door open to food-for-nuke-disarmament offer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea signaled Wednesday it remains open to suspending uranium enrichment in exchange for U.S. food aid, a deal that appeared imminent before leader Kim Jong Il died last month.

The North complained that the United States had "drastically" changed the amount and kind of aid it would send, but said officials would wait and "see if the United States has a willingness to establish confidence" with North Korea — which observers saw as Pyongyang's precondition for making the food-for-uranium-suspension deal happen.

The North's statement offers an early look at how the government now led by Kim Jong Il's son, Kim Jong Un, will handle two of North Korea's most pressing issues: a long-running food crisis and years of international pressure to end its nuclear program.

"The North is saying it is willing to go ahead with nuclear steps if it gets the food aid it wants," said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea professor at Seoul's Dongguk University. "The North is telling the United States to provide a goodwill gesture. If Washington doesn't, Pyongyang is threatening it will go down its own path."

Some have feared Pyongyang may attempt to rally support around the younger Kim's rule with a nuclear or missile test or an act of aggression against South Korea, but Wednesday's statement from an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman in Pyongyang suggests it may instead choose to pursue an agreement that could be trumpeted as a diplomatic victory.

## First lady announcing effort to train medical students to treat veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michelle Obama has gotten a new commitment from medical schools to

boost training and research for the treatment of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health injuries.

The initiative is part of the first lady's Joining Forces campaign, which focuses on issues affecting veterans and their families.

Mrs. Obama was to announce the commitment from more than 100 medical schools during an appearance Wednesday at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. The schools are agreeing to step up training for medical students in how to treat PTSD and traumatic brain injury, increase research into the conditions and share new information and best practices.

## NASA mega-rover to tweak flight path and head for landing in crater

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A NASA spacecraft hurtling toward Mars prepared to fire its thrusters Wednesday to put itself on course for an August landing.

Engineers closely tracked the one-ton rover nicknamed Curiosity, which has been cruising along since rocketing from Earth last November.

The engine firing is the most important task Curiosity will perform during its 352-million-mile flight to the red planet, but it's not unprecedented. Previous robotic explorers have had to adjust their paths several times en route to ensure a bull's-eye landing.

"Just because this is a well-traveled road to Mars given the number of trips we've made, I'm very careful to not let that experience cause us to be complacent," said Arthur Amador of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Lead's the Thing

North dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 7 6 4  
♥ 9 8 2  
♦ —  
♣ K Q J 5 4

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 5  
♥ A K 5  
♦ K 6 5 2  
♣ 10 9 3

**EAST**  
♠ A Q 8  
♥ 7  
♦ A Q J 4 3  
♣ 8 7 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 3 2  
♥ Q J 10 6 4 3  
♦ 10 9 8 7  
♣ A

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 2 ♦  
2 ♠ 3 ♦ 3 ♥ 4 ♦  
4 ♥ Pass Pass Dble  
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

Many seemingly normal leads turn out to be very costly. Consider this case from a team match where South wound up in four hearts doubled at both tables.

At the first table, West led a diamond, and South had an easy time of it. He ruffed in dummy, led a club to his ace, ruffed another diamond, then discarded both of his spades on the

K-Q of clubs.  
After ruffing a spade, declarer trumped a third diamond in dummy, then discarded his last diamond on the jack of clubs. West ruffed with the heart five and also got his A-K of trumps, but South had the rest for a score of 590 points.

The deal illustrates the devastating effectiveness of a crossruff. South made 10 tricks even though he and dummy together had only 17 high-card points to the opponents' 23!

At the second table, where four hearts doubled was reached on similar bidding, West decided to lead the king of hearts in order to take a look at the dummy. Upon seeing dummy's dearth of diamonds, he then continued with the ace and another heart.

This left South in sad shape. He could not ruff any of his diamond losers in dummy, nor did he have any way to reach dummy's clubs. All told, South lost two spades, two hearts and four diamonds to finish with only five tricks! He thus lost 1,100 points with the very same cards with which the first declarer had scored 590, a 1,690-point swing brought about by West's seemingly innocent lead of a diamond at the first table.

Tomorrow: It's magic.  
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# SNOW BEAR



Pricilla Davila photo

Winter fun in Big Spring. This snow bear was made by local residents Juan Ontiveros, 9, and his mom, Pricilla Davila

# Casual cooking

With Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

Happy New Year everyone! This week's recipe is inspired by my favorite meat, the other white meat — pork. Pork chops, pork steaks, pork ribs, pork sausage and so on. If I were single, that information alone would make me marriage material. Am I right, guys?

I have always been fond of the children's story of This Little Piggy Went To The Market, mixed with the children's song that I have altered called "How Much is That Piggy in The Meat Market Window." To me, pork is the beef alternative; I hope not to offend any cattle producers. I do like beef, but pork has a milder flavor that leaves me with more opportunities to create masterpieces.

I had some chops thawed out the other day and I have three ways of cooking them that my husband and I enjoy. I was trying to decide when my tastebuds said, "We want something different." I looked at myself and thought "OK how different?" and then I spied the bacon drippings in a pan from when I made BLTs for lunch (keeping with my theme). After seeing the bacon drippings, that is where the creative juices took over and dinner was ready. I served this with a microwave baked potato and salad, but as you can see the side dishes are unlimited. Enjoy!



KRIS SOLIZ

- small sweet onion - sliced
- bacon drippings or cooking oil
- 2 Tbls grape or plum jelly (store bought or homemade)
- 2/3 cup chicken stock
- dried thyme
- salt and pepper
- garlic powder

In a large frying pan on medium to med/high, add two tablespoons of bacon drippings or cooking oil. Keep in mind, the drippings lend a lot of flavor to this dish.

Place pork chops in pan and season with salt, pepper, garlic powder and a small pinch of thyme rubbed between fingers on each chop. You will only use the thyme seasoning on one side of the chops.

Cook for about 3 minutes on one side, flip over and season other side minus the thyme (this is strong seasoning so you don't want it to overpower the flavor).

Cook until no longer pink, turn burner down to medium heat and remove chops to a plate and set aside. Lightly cover with foil to keep warm.

Pour a little more bacon drippings or cooking oil into pan and add onions. Salt a little to help the sweating process and saute until onions are soft, about 5-7 minutes.

Pour in chicken stock and scrape any stuck to the bottom of the pan goodies loose, add jelly and whisk until broken down and blended in. Bring to a boil and let liquid reduce until a thickened gravy like sauce and place chops back into pan to warm through.

## Sweet and Savory Chops

4 pork chops



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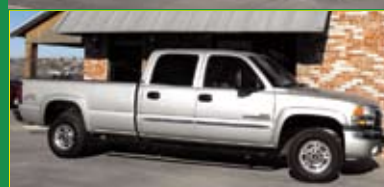
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# Baylor's Griffin set on turning pro

WACO (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III has decided to enter the NFL draft.

The exciting dual-threat quarterback is bypassing his senior season at Baylor and is projected to be one of the top picks in April.

The news came Tuesday, exactly a month after Griffin became the first Baylor player to win college football's highest individual honor.

ESPN, citing an anonymous family source, first reported that Griffin was going pro and in the final stages of picking an agent.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press that Griffin opted to declare for the draft. The person spoke Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because the quarterback had not yet made an official announcement.

Baylor officials had indicated this week the possibility of

a news conference on campus as early as Wednesday. There was still nothing officially scheduled Tuesday night.

Griffin set or tied 54 school records while playing 41 games at Baylor, and is the school's career passing leader. He completed 800 of 1,192 passes (67 percent) for 10,366 yards with 78 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. His 2,254 yards and 33 TDs rushing are records for a Bears quarterback.

He completed 291 of 402 passes (72 percent) for 4,293 yards and 37 TDs with only six interceptions this season, when he also ran for 699 yards and 10 more touchdowns. He was the nation's second-most efficient passer with a 189.48 rating, just behind Wisconsin's Russell Wilson, whose 191.78 rating came with 93 fewer pass attempts.

The Bears matched a school record with 10 wins and closed the season with a six-

game winning streak, including a record-breaking 67-56 victory over Washington in the Alamo Bowl for their first bowl victory since 1992. They were 13th in The Associated Press Top 25 released Tuesday, the first time they were ranked in the final poll since 1986.

Griffin played this season as a fourth-year junior. He had another season of eligibility remaining at Baylor because he got a medical redshirt after he tore the ACL in his right knee in the third game of the 2009 season.

During an interview with the AP last month, Griffin said he wouldn't be facing a decision on whether to stay for another season had he not gotten hurt two years ago.

"If I come back, people would be like why. If I leave, people at Baylor will be like why," Griffin said then. "So it's a tough decision."

But Griffin's draft stock

rose dramatically this season, especially during the Bears' last six wins. Griffin and Stanford's Andrew Luck, the Heisman runner-up, are likely to be the first two quarterbacks selected.

The deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft is Sunday.

Baylor swept their four November games, including overcoming its biggest fourth-quarter deficit ever with Griffin throwing three TDs before winning in overtime at Kansas. The Bears also beat Oklahoma for the first time, when Griffin threw for 479 yards and four touchdowns, including the game-winner with 8 seconds left that came right after the Sooners had overcome a two-TD deficit to tie the game in the final minute.

Griffin has repeatedly said that his NFL decision wouldn't be about money or draft status. He also said it wouldn't be about trying to

win another Heisman Trophy.

"If it's time for me to go, then it's time for me to go," he said the week after the Oklahoma game. "I'm definitely proud to be part of what's going on here at Baylor."

Before going 4-0 in November, Baylor had combined to win only four Big 12 games in November the previous 15 seasons combined. The Bears had never had a winning season in the Big 12 until 2010, in Griffin's return from the knee injury, when they also ended a 16-year bowl drought with a Texas Bowl appearance.

Griffin arrived at Waco as a 17-year-old freshman in January 2008 after graduating from high school a semester early. He completed an undergraduate degree in political science in December 2010 and has been working on master's degree in communications.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**WHEN STEERS FLY** — Big Spring's Tyler Graves gets some big air as he lays in a reverse layup in Tuesday night's game with Andrews.

## Coahoma falls despite late comeback rally

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**  
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs fell just shy of forcing overtime Tuesday night against Lubbock Roosevelt. A three-point shot at the buzzer rimmed out and the Bulldogs were forced to settle for a 47-50 loss.

"We dug ourselves a hole early," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "But we came back and had a shot at it at the end."

The hole coach Nichols mentioned began with a 6-16 first quarter, when the shots just would not fall for Coahoma. By the time the Bulldogs were able to retreat to the locker rooms at the half, they found themselves down 27-14.

The third quarter was not much better for the boys, as Roosevelt outscored Coahoma 16-12 in the period. This brought the fourth quarter on with Coahoma facing a 17-point deficit.

Cue the comeback. In a remarkable turn

of events, the Bulldogs — led by Tanner Ruiz and Aaron Acevedo, with 11 points each in the game — went on an offensive and defensive tear in the game's final frame, outscoring Roosevelt 21-7.

They would fall just one shot short of the unbelievable, but they found themselves right in the middle of spectacular in the quarter.

Jacob Echavarria was good for nine points in the game, while Caige Miller and Alex Hill each lit up the board with seven points to help the effort.

The Bulldogs will be at home to face the Colorado City Wolves Friday night in a district clash set to tip off at 8 p.m. The Wolves are the only remaining undefeated team in District 3-2A, after a 50-42 defeat of Denver City Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs need a win this week to remain in the hunt, so look for a hard-fought game Friday at Bulldog Gym.

## Briefs Titans baseball open tryouts Jan. 14

The Howard County Titans, an 8U traveling baseball team will hold open tryouts for their team on Saturday at 3:30p.m. The tryouts will take place at the American Little League Field. Please bring glove to tryouts.

For additional information, contact Manuel Cervantes at 432-935-0358 or Chris Martinez at 432-816-0050.

## Warriors rally late to take OT win from Heat

OAKLAND (AP) — Dorell Wright had been off to a quiet start this season, reverting to the form that forced the Miami Heat to part ways with the forward and land LeBron James in July 2010.

A visit from his former franchise provided

the spark the Golden State Warriors have been waiting for.

Wright scored 20 points and made a season-high six 3-pointers, including a tying shot late in regulation, and the short-handed Warriors rallied from 17 down to spoil Dwyane

Wade's return with a 111-106 overtime victory on Tuesday night.

"I had a feeling tonight would be the night," Wright said. "It couldn't have gotten any worse."

The former Miami forward also converted a go-ahead 3-pointer in the extra period, ending

Golden State's five-game losing streak and giving rookie coach Mark Jackson his most impressive victory. Wright, who spent six years in Miami after being drafted 19th overall out of high school in 2004, added 10 rebounds.

"Heck yeah I care, I

was there six years," he said. "It's your old team, you want to beat them."

Wright beat back one of his best buddies in the process.

Wade scored a season-high 34 points after missing the last three games with a bruised left foot, but missed shots

late in regulation and overtime. James had 26 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists before missing a potential tying 3-pointer in the final seconds of overtime.

With Miami's three-game winning streak

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# Raiders new GM fires Hue Jackson as head coach

ALAMEDA (AP) — Reggie McKenzie made clear on his first day as Raiders general manager that there's a new regime in Oakland.

Soon after officially signing his contract to be the first general manager since longtime owner Al Davis' death, McKenzie fired coach Hue Jackson in a bold first move as he looks to give the organization a fresh start.

"There comes a time when change is necessary," McKenzie said Tuesday. "For the Raiders the time is now. The Raiders organization, with respect and deference for all its tradition and history, is about to embark on a new era."

The era will begin without Jackson, who was fired after going 8-8 in his first season as head coach. McKenzie wanted to bring in his "own guy" to rebuild the organization.

Finding that coach will be the first major task for McKenzie, who also must bulk up the personnel department and evaluate the roster in what promises to be a busy offseason.

Owner Mark Davis said McKenzie will decide on the new coach and the personnel decisions, with the coach ul-

timately reporting to the general manager.

That's a major change from how the organization was run before Davis' father, Al, died of heart failure on Oct. 8. Al Davis made all the major decisions when he was in charge of the team, with many of those now falling to McKenzie as Mark Davis focuses on finding a new stadium and other off-field issues.

"Change happened on October 8th," Davis said. "The one thing I know is what I don't know. The one thing I did know was I needed to bring the right people in here. ... My feeling always has been that if my father wasn't here we needed someone to run that football side of the building. I needed to find the right person. I truly believe that Reggie McKenzie is the right man for this job."

McKenzie had spent the past 18 years in the front office of the Green Bay Packers, last serving as director of football operations. He was well-respected for his role in helping to build a Super Bowl championship team with the Packers and also had ties to the Raiders, having played linebacker for four years with the team in the 1980s.

Many of his former teammates were on hand at the news conference introducing him.

"Guys, this is where I came from. I'm back home now. I'm back home," he said. "As soon as Mark told me 'We want you for the job' I couldn't, you know, I couldn't stop smiling."

Davis said he had targeted McKenzie as his desired general manager in the weeks after his father's death and noted it was awkward when he ran into him at the Raiders' game in Green Bay last month. About an hour after Oakland's season ended, Davis had the organization formally request permission from the Packers to interview McKenzie.

They sat down for a six-hour interview last Wednesday, with former Raiders coach John Madden assisting Davis. They quickly finalized the deal and McKenzie signed it Tuesday morning.

He then immediately fired Jackson, marking a rapid fall for the man who was in charge of personnel decisions and coaching after Davis' death.

Jackson made the trade for quarterback Carson Palmer

after starter Jason Campbell broke his collarbone, costing the Raiders a 2012 first-round draft pick and a conditional 2013 second-rounder.

While Palmer showed signs of giving the Raiders a big-time quarterback, he was unable to get Oakland to the playoffs for the first time since 2002, raising questions about how effective that trade was.

After starting the season 7-4, the Raiders lost four of their final five games to mark their ninth straight season without a winning record or a playoff berth. A late-game collapse at home against Detroit on Dec. 18 and a 38-26 loss to San Diego at home in the season finale did in the Raiders and ultimately Jackson.

Jackson joined the Raiders as offensive coordinator in 2010 under head coach Tom Cable and engineered a dramatic improvement as Oakland more than doubled its point total and improved to 8-8. That helped him get the job when Davis decided not to retain Cable.

The offense wasn't quite as effective with Jackson as head coach, with injuries to star running back Darren McFadden, receiver Jacoby

Ford and Campbell played a role in the decline.

But the biggest problems this past season were an inability to curb the team's propensity for penalties and on the defensive side of the ball. The team committed 163 penalties for 1,358 yards, setting records in both categories, as Jackson was unable to instill the discipline he promised.

The Raiders also had franchise worsts in touchdown passes allowed (31), yards per carry (5.1), yards passing (4,262) and total yards (6,201), while giving up the third-most points (433) in team history.

Oakland joined this season's Tampa Bay team as two of the four teams to allow at least 30 TD passes and 5.0 yards per carry in a season, a distinction achieved previously by only the 1950 Baltimore Colts and 1952 Dallas Texans. The Raiders also became the sixth team since the 1970 merger to allow at least 2,000 yards rushing and 4,000 yards passing in a season.

The new coach will be Oakland's seventh in the past 10 seasons, following Bill Callahan, Norv Turner, Art Shell, Lane Kiffin, Cable and Jackson.

## LPGA begins season with new tournaments

DAYTONA BEACH (AP) — The LPGA Tour begins a new season with four more tournaments and a lot more reason for optimism.

The tour took a big step toward beefing up its schedule by adding three tournaments in the United States, including the return of two popular events in Ohio and Virginia.

The biggest surprise Tuesday was the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic, which was not played a year ago. The LPGA also is going back to Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Va., a favorite among players that was last played in 2009.

The tour previously announced new tournaments in Hawaii and Canada, along with sanctioning the Women's Australian Open, which will kick off the new season Feb. 9-12 at fabled Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Right when it looked as though the LPGA Tour would suffer irreparable harm from the economic downturn, Commissioner Mike Whan delivered a schedule of 27 tournaments worth \$47 million in prize money that sig-

nals a strong recovery.

Along with the new tournaments, Whan said the North American events will get live television coverage on the Golf Channel on the weekend, instead of being shown on tape delay. That led to complaints from its fan base that it didn't know when to watch.

Another big improvement is the flow of the schedule.

A year ago, the LPGA was coming off its first major championship — Stacy Lewis winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship — when it took three weeks off before its next tournament.

Even with a global schedule in which tournaments will be played in a dozen countries, the LPGA will not go more than two weeks without playing.

It also might get more attention for its biggest event — the U.S. Women's Open, which in the last three years was held a week before the men's British Open. This year, the Women's Open will be played July 5-8, two weeks before the British Open.

## WIN

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over, Wade sounded adamant that he wants to play Wednesday night at the Los Angeles Clippers and quickly brush off this swift and stunning defeat.

"I did feel like I had a layoff but it was good to get back on the court," Wade said. "I just tried to be aggressive early. That's the only way you're going to know how you're feeling. Just came out with an aggressive mindset."

The NBA's first-place team seemed to be in control with a flurry of dunks, alley-oops and high-flying layups for most of the night.

The Heat clamped down on defense and broke away with a 21-8 run to open the third quarter, relying on the Big Three to provide the highlights: Wade flipped a pass that Chris Bosh finished with a one-handed scoop, James had a soaring finger roll and Wade flicked a spinning layup past a crowd of defenders to push Miami ahead 78-61.

All of Miami's positive vibes evaporated almost as quickly.

Nate Robinson ignited the Warriors with a 3-pointer followed by a layup late in the fourth quarter, finishing with 24 points off the bench. Udonis Haslem picked up a technical foul on the play, and Robinson's free throw tied the score at 93.

Wade made two from the stripe to extend the Heat's lead to 96-93 before Wright evened the score with a 3-pointer with 31 seconds left in regulation.

Wade missed a jump shot, and the Warriors called timeout before they botched the final possession: Monta Ellis dribbled around too long and time ran out when he passed to Wright, the glaring mistake on a night he scored 22 points, although he also had nine turnovers.

Golden State began to pull away from a tight overtime, going ahead 105-104 on Wright's 3-pointer with 86 seconds remaining. Robinson also intercepted Wade's pass on Miami's next possession, throwing it ahead to Wright for an uncontested dunk.

"I just knew today was going to be the day," Ellis said of Wright. "And it's not because we were playing Miami. I knew his body was going to be better. We have a secret weapon."

In a final attempt to even the score, James took a difficult 3-pointer with 7.9 seconds to play. The Warriors recovered and Robinson made a pair of free throws to seal Golden State's stunning victory.

"We got a couple good looks and they just didn't go through," James said.

The Warriors played without injured starters Stephen Curry and Andris Biedrins for the third game in a row.

Curry is not expected back for at least a week — and probably longer — while he rehabs in Charlotte.

"I thought there was a point tonight, just like in life, where you can fold the tent or you can begin to believe and fight back," said Jackson, whose team is 3-6 but has beaten playoff contenders Chicago, New York and Miami. "And we did that. And once you begin to do that, good things happen. Great for my guys, because the bottom line is; you need results, in order to trust the system."

Wade and James didn't take long to regain their rhythm.

They just couldn't sustain it. On Miami's second possession of the game, Wade raced up court and tossed a high-arching lob pass from the 3-point line just over the leaping hands of rookie Charles Jenkins. James sprinted from behind and finished above the rim, throwing down a powerful two-hand slam that drew roars even from the home crowd.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra limited Wade's minutes somewhat, but for the most part the slashing swingman played in his usual rotation — mostly because Miami couldn't put the Warriors away earlier.

The more athletic and aggressive Heat took advantage of Golden State's slow-footed transition defense.



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scene ready to be a stellar listener, and give others a quality of attention that will make them feel important.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There will be those around you who act as though the rest of the world was born to serve them. You'll be the reality check, politely drawing boundaries and restoring balance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're a sensual being. As intellectual as you may be, you're always operating on another level, too, a level that is affected by things like color, warmth and music. You'll gravitate toward beauty and comfort.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's one thing to talk about the things you appreciate and quite another to let those things generate a joy in you that radiates from your heart and rings out through your body and into the atmosphere.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Where you go in your imagination you can go physically, as well. The reverse is also true. You'll test the theory by trying to imagine yourself experiencing something you want. It may take several attempts to picture this, but keep trying.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Most people are their own worst enemy. Realizing that you've sometimes inexplicably acted to defeat your own interests, you'll seek victory over that part of yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How you communicate will convey much more than the actual words you say. Everyone around will read you loud and clear, and will sense how you really feel even if you don't speak of it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The chopping block comes out, and something has to go. The elements of your life that do not serve an obvious function will be up for scrutiny. Note that just because something is enjoyable doesn't make it superfluous.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Without your influence, there are those who won't be able to tear themselves away from the negativity of the world. You'll find an anecdote for the negative stuff going on, and you'll share it with others.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have the time for what you really want to do. If you find that you don't have the time for something you think is important, it might be because you actually don't want to do it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a cause speaking to your heart. You're still not sure what you can do that would make the biggest difference. Since this can't be predicted, the best thing to give is what you want to give.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're true to yourself, things might work out and they might not. But at least you will

be proud of your actions. If you succeed by doing something other than what feels right to you, the victory will be hollow.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 11). What you once thought was unfair will prove to be the best thing that ever happened to you. You'll build up your resources through February and March. Then in April you'll be ready to bring a new side of you to the world. You'll be met with applause, as well as some excellent advice about how to proceed. Libra and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 50, 31, 28 and 4.

**STRESS AND YOUR SIGN:** Each sign is different when it comes to stress. What one sign considers taxing another finds exciting, and tension remedies vary from sign to sign, as well. How does your sign deal with the more unnerving aspects of life?

**GEMINI:** GOOD STRESS: Gemini enjoys intellectual challenge, games and conversation. So social situations that would have more introverted personalities shaking in their boots are usually something Gemini looks forward to. The prospect of a pop quiz or a kind of test is also something that can motivate instead of frustrate Gemini.

**BAD STRESS:** Having to say “no,” deliver news that might be considered bad or disappoint people in any way can be a source of worry and fret

for the social twins. Also, Gemini is likely to run from situations that seem like they might get emotionally heavy or overly serious or somehow obligate Gemini to make a commitment.

**STRESS BUSTER:** Setting priorities will be a move that makes Gemini's life much easier. When twins know what they are saying “yes” to, they almost don't even have to say “no” to the other option, because it's implied by the path they are already on.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The lovely actress Amanda Peet will soon join an all-star cast in the next film by acclaimed filmmaker Terrence Malick. Peet's natal Venus and Mars in Capricorn reveals that she is competitive, strategic and driven to do what it takes to be great in both life and art. Several planets in Aquarius indicates a deep need to contribute to the public good.

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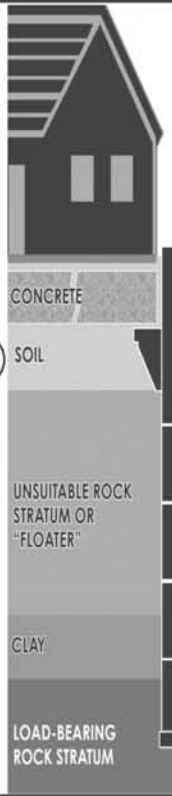
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10:PM 30	News Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond	Letterman	Sin Senos no	Jay Leno	Office Conan	Dr. Denis T. Smiley (Off Air)	Roseanne Focus 4	Charlie Rose	South Pk	UFC Un- leashed	CSI: NY	Wendy Wil- liams	Wizards Wizards	Good Fish	SportsCenter	
11:PM 30	Jimmy Kim- mel Live	Hasta-Dinero	Law Order: CI	Late	Decisiones (SS)	Late Night	Office Conan	Dr. Denis T. Smiley (Off Air)	Roseanne Focus 4	Charlie Rose	South Pk	UFC Un- leashed	CSI: NY	Wendy Wil- liams	Wizards Wizards	Good Fish	SportsCenter	
12:AM 30	Extra Paid	Mañana- Siempre	Raymond Fam. Guy	Insider	Pagado	News	Office Conan	Dr. Denis T. Smiley (Off Air)	Roseanne Focus 4	Charlie Rose	South Pk	UFC Un- leashed	CSI: NY	Wendy Wil- liams	Wizards Wizards	Good Fish	SportsCenter	
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### DENNIS THE MENACE

"DON'T CUT 'EM TOO SHORT, MOM. I WON'T BE ABLE TO SCRATCH MY ITCHES."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, have we stayed out long enough to get some hot chocolate now?"

### HAGAR

THERE'S A PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT IN EVERY MARRIAGE, SVENSEN... ...SO DON'T BE DISCOURAGED...

...SOONER OR LATER SHE'S GOING TO PUNCH HERSELF OUT!

### BC

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?  
PREPPING MY SNOW REMOVAL SYSTEM.

### CHOMP

CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP

### BLONDIE

I BET YOU COULDN'T GO A WHOLE WEEK WITHOUT DOCTORING UP ONE OF MY MEALS WITH YOUR HOT SAUCE  
A WEEK? ARE YOU KIDDING?  
THAT'S CHILD'S PLAY! I COULD DO A WEEK IN MY SLEEP, BLINDFOLDED!!  
THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?  
I'M GONNA START NEXT WEEK!

### WIZARD OF ID

I COULD NEVER MASTER PARALLEL PARKING

### AGNES

WHY IS AIR CLEAR?  
IT IS NOT.  
NO... IT'S JUST THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE SPECIAL POWERS THAT ENABLE THEM TO SEE THROUGH IT.  
WHAT COLOR WOULD IT BE IF I COULDN'T SEE THROUGH IT?  
I DON'T KNOW... I, TOO, AM BLESSED WITH THE SPECIAL POWER.

### HI AND LOIS

DAWG DOESN'T GET COLD OUTSIDE.  
HE HAS A FUR COAT.

SO WHY DOES HE WANT TO GO INSIDE?  
MAYBE HE FORGOT HIS LONG UNDERWEAR.

### THE OTHER COAST

SUDDENLY, CARL AND EDNA'S BOLD ATTEMPT AT WATER CONSERVATION CAME TO A CRASHING HALT.  
HON, I'VE FOUND THAT SQUIRREL THAT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED LAST MONTH...

### SNUFFY SMITH

HOWDY, DOC-- I'M SHORE GLAD YORE BACK !!  
DIDN'T YA LIKE DR. SHANK, LUKEY?  
HE'S OKAY-- JEST A LI'L TOO YOUNG FER ME !!

I PERFER A DOCTOR WHO AIN'T STILL PRACTICIN' HIS PRACTICIN' !!

### BEEBLE BAILY

HOW IS THE GENERAL DOING WITH HIS SENSITIVITY TRAINING?  
MUCH BETTER

LIKE JUST NOW, WHEN MISS BUXLEY STOOD IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW AND STRETCHED, HE COVERED HIS EYES

## This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2012. There are 355 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 11, 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Imperial Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

On this date:

- In 1759, the first American life insurance corporation, for "poor and distressed" Presbyterian ministers and their widows and children, was chartered in Philadelphia.
- In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.
- In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.
- In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).
- In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on

display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1927, the creation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was proposed during a dinner of Hollywood luminaries at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report that said smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1972, East Pakistan changed its name to Bangladesh.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1995, 52 people were killed when a Colombian airliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort

of Cartagena — however, a 9-year-old girl, Erika Delgado, survived.

**Today's Birthdays:** Producer Grant Tinker is 87. Actor Rod Taylor is 82. Composer Mary Rodgers is 81. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien (zhahn kray-tee-EHN), is 78. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 78. Actor Felix Silla is 75. Movie director Joel Zwick is 70. Country singer Naomi Judd is 66. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 60. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 56. Musician Vicki Peterson ('The Bangles) is 54. Actress Kim Coles is 50. Actor Jason Connery is 49. Contemporary Christian musician Jim Bryson (MercyMe) is 44.

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

AUTOS	STAR	GNAM
SHOVE	HALO	RASH
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SHORT	BREAK	VAST
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COMB	BITTER	COLD
ARIA	ACRE	AUDIO
SELL	NEAR	TRIAL
TOLL	ESPN	ALERT

## Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Not quite shut
  - "Huh?"
  - Veal cuts
  - Part of a Dracula costume
  - Existed
  - Minh City, Vietnam
  - Usual NBA field-goal score
  - Use as a dinner table
  - Clark's exploration partner
  - Percentage for the IRS
  - La Scala's city
  - When St. Nick visits
  - Kilimanjaro covering
  - Object of devotion
  - Great poker hand
  - Luau souvenir
  - Paperless exam network
  - Lenient
  - Lost temporarily
  - Do tailoring
  - Plus
  - Clarinet range
  - Hibachi residue
  - High salary, informally
  - Variety
  - Org. with a Colo. Spgs. academy
  - Flight-board stat.
  - Showy flower
  - Most skinny

- Exam giver
- General Mills brand
- Make raspy
- Gas-pump word
- Light unit in physics
- Muscles
- Have title to
- Finds innocent
- Grinding device
- Bit of inspiration
- Dolt
- Kitchen fixtures
- Western treaty grp.
- Prom hairstyle
- Prefix meaning "all"
- "Pale" beverage
- Japanese farewell
- SportsCenter network
- Part of Muffet's meal
- Sticks on
- Temporarily replace
- Wagner opera heroine
- Poetic paradise
- Speaks
- Pekoe holder
- Furry friend
- Brontë governess
- Stare at
- Bistro name starter
- Promise to pay
- Wheel part
- Speak

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