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Settling in

It's taking longer than expected but the majestic hotel will open again

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

More than five years — and \$25 million — after announcing their plans to renovate the historic downtown Settles Hotel, Big Spring natives

Brint and Kristopher Ryan may be close enough to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

However, after plenty of missed deadlines already behind them, Kris Ryan, general manager of the Settles Hotel Development

Company and overseer of the restoration project, said any projected completion date is a nightmare just waiting to happen when dealing with a project of this magnitude.

"With a project like this,

it's almost impossible to put a completion date on it because you just don't know what you're going to find next," Ryan said, motioning to a wall on the second floor. "Take these walls, for instance. You get water moving through here and you know

it's going to do damage. However, trying to determine how much of these walls can be saved and how much have to be replaced is almost impossible. A lot of these guys working on this project have been in the

business for 40 or 50 years, and they will tell you, so much of this is simply unpredictable.

"This project has been a nightmare for me and most of the contractors and subcontractors. They will tell you, without

a doubt, this is the hardest project they have ever worked on. However, we'll all be in the ground when our kids and our kids' kids are still here to see what we've done here. This is something for these men and Big Spring to take pride in."

Brint Ryan announced plans for the multi-million dollar renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

These contractors work to repair a wall on the ground floor of the historic Settles Hotel Tuesday afternoon. The hotel — which is currently undergoing restoration — is expected to be reopened to the public later this year.

property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. The project's budget has ballooned from \$12 million to \$25 million since its inception.

"Our most recent goal has been to open in April, but

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Burn ban lifted

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

County Judge Mark Barr gave the word Monday, lifting the burn ban in Howard County for the first time in more than a year-and-a-half, a move that comes in the wake of recent rain and snowfall local fire officials say have lessened the risk of wildfires

Barr discussed the measure with county commissioners during a special called meeting of the court.

"A county judge has the ability to revoke the burn ban without a vote from the commissioners court; however, I wanted to take the matter before them for discussion, just to get their thoughts and ideas on the matter," Barr said. "This is something that will have an impact on all of their precincts and their constituents and they should have a

voice in the matter." Barr said revocation of the burn ban should not be interpreted by local citizens as a

total lack of danger. "I've discussed this with Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan and I don't want people out there to think just because we are lifting the burn ban they should go out and just start burning," Barr said. "The conditions, while

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Water main break washes out school classes today

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

No school, but this time it wasn't because of ice and

A 20-inch main water break, which occurred Tuesday night on the north side of the Big Spring High School campus, caused the Big Spring Independent School District



and Howard College campus to cancel classes for the day.

"We discovered the issue about 6:30 this morning when a parent called, which caused us to discover the break," Director of Maintenance and Transportation at BSISD Wayland Pierce said. According to Pierce, the

line that broke feeds water to the high school, junior high, and the entire north side of Big Spring as well as Sand Springs and Coahoma.

"We have contingency plans for when one campus is effected, but when it comes to more than one campus being

effected there isn't much we can do." The decision to close the BSISD schools for the day was contributed to sanitation reasons, according to Pierce.

"Another thing we had to consider was, what if the problem worsened and we had no water?" Pierce said. Howard College made the

same decision after discovering low water pressure on campus. "We made the decision about

7:30 this morning. It just seemed appropriate to cancel classes and not have people here on campus when we had no water," Cindy Smith, director of information at Howard College, said. According to Smith and

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ISD board convenes Thursday

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

called for the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees. The meeting will take place 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room. An action item to be con-

A special meeting has been

sidered is the expenditure of more than \$75,000 toward new technology for the four new elementary schools.

Approval will be sought by Debbie Green, business manager, for the the audit report for year ending

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Obituaries

Linda Tubbs



Linda Tubbs, 69, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ron Westbrook officiating. Burial be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Linda was born March 4, 1942, in Brownwood to Loena and Bud Smith. She moved to Big Spring in 1954 from Brownwood. Linda married Grady Tubbs on July 6, 1962, in Big Spring. She worked several years at Malone and Hogan Hospital. She worked at Walmart, starting in 1997 and was still employed at the time of her death.

Linda is survived by her husband: Grady Tubbs of Big Spring; one son: John Tubbs of Big Spring; one granddaughter: Sohnna Williams and her husband Jason of Big Spring; two great-grandsons: Caleb Williams and Ayden Williams, both of Big Spring; one sister: Lougenia Langdale of Lubbock; one niece: Kim Thomas and her husband Thornton of Lubbock; one nephew: Duane Cadzow of Hale Center, one great-niece: Tonya Lott of Lubbock; two great-nephews: J.J. Lott and Justin Cadzow; and four great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter: Susan Crawford on Dec. 7, 2004.

Pallbearers will be Thornton Thomas, J.J. Lott, Jason Williams and Brian Allen. Honorary pallbearer will be Caleb Williams.

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

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Police

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

- CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 28, of 610 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for no driver's license when unlicensed. • MICHAEL THOMAS MERRILL, 33, of New Or-
- leans, La., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication and use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia. ALLEN TRISTAN JACKSON, 27, of 1500 Wood,
- was arrested Tuesday on four warrants from other agencies and warrants for failure to appear (four counts) and disregarding a stop sign. • BENITA KAY PADRON, 38, of 1300 Virginia St.,
- was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of a protective order. • JOE CRUZ GUTIERREZ, 24, of 1010 N.W. Second
- St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from anoth-• FIDEL GALVAN, 17, of 2611 Cindy, was arrested
- Tuesday on a charge of no driver's license when • WILLIAM SCOTT SIMPSON, 49, of 1300 Stan-
- ford, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, of 509 N. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for public intoxication with three prior convictions (two counts).
- ADAM MAURIEIO TORRES, 38, of 2504 Hunter, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 900 block of W. Fifth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the:
- In the 300 block of Tulane.
- In the 5000 block of Sterling Road. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400
- block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster.

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Mary Ferrell



Mary Ferrell, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Me-

morial Park.

Mary was born Sept. 11, 1937, in Webb City, Mo., to Alice and Harold Riddle. She came to Big Spring in 1973 from England. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God

Mary Ferrell A Tribute by her children

Mom was a gentle, compassionate lady who selflessly and continually gave of herself. She blessed others through her acts of kindness, her kind words and her baking. She spread joy to loved ones and strangers alike by caroling each Christmas season, by spending time in visitation with those in need of encouragement and cheer, and by sending cards to those who God placed on her heart. She gave with quiet enthusiasm and compassion while neither drawing attention to herself nor expecting anything

Throughout the last nine years, Mom's physical endurance was tested, but her spiritual faith remained steadfast. Despite numerous continual physical battles, including one previous battle with cancer and the raging reoccurrence of cancer in the last eight months of her life, she never bemoaned her struggles or the uncertainty of her life. She loved the Lord and knew, despite all, that He was by her side every moment of every day and that He would guide her from this earthly life to her Heavenly eternity. Mom was, and will always be, the epitome of earthly courage and unwavering faith-

Mary is survived by two sons: David Ferrell and his wife Maria of Hueytown, Ala., and Danny Ferrell and his wife Donna of Big Spring; three daughters: Debbie McCain and her husband Jimmie, and Denise Ferrell, all of Big Spring, and Diane Fulton and her husband Tim of Lubbock; three grandsons: Jason McCain and his wife Amanda of Commerce, Brian Ferrell of San Angelo, and Jacob McCain and his fiancée Devin Adamson of Big Spring; one granddaughter: Nicole Fulton of Allen; two sisters: Frances Michelle of Webb City, Mo., and Jeanie Hart of Joplin, Mo.; one brother: Ronnie Riddle and his wife Judy of Webb City, Mo.; and two sisters-in-law: Glenda Shaw and her husband Jay of Webb City, Mo., and Doris Donham and her husband Wayne of Carl Junction, Mo.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Roy Andrew Ferrell on July

The family suggests memorials to Gideon's International, Big Spring Camp #U42060, P. O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0133.

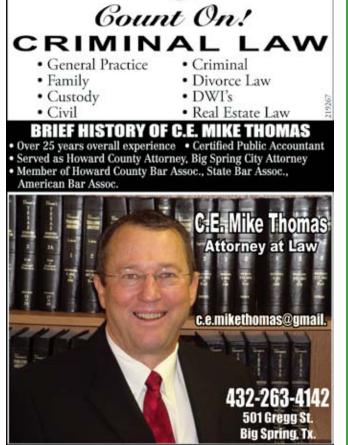
Pallbearers will be Jason McCain, Brian Ferrell, Jacob McCain, David White, Cliford Goff and Bob Chase. Honorary pallbearers will be Juan Jojola, Bobby McDaniel and Jim Fort.

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

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Jimmy A. Bailey



Jimmy A. Bailey, 70, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, in a Lamesa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating, Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at the funeral home. He was born Oct. 15, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas,

and married Diana Spivey on June 15, 1963, in Big Jimmy was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1959. He

owned Big Spring Iron and Metal and JB's Amuse He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Diana Bailey of Big

Spring; two sons, Bryan Bailey of Big Spring and

James Bailey of Kerrville; one daughter, Kim Rios of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; one sister, Frances Overton of Kirkland, N.M.; and one brother, Charles Bailey of Big Spring. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Marcus and Viola Willie Burt Bailey; one brother,

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

Jesse Marcus Bailey Jr.; and one brother-in-law,

Beverly Ann Shockley



Beverly Ann Shockley, 71, of Plano, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, in a Carollton nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday Jan. 20, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memo rial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born March 10, 1940, in Big Spring, Tex

She was an honors graduate from Texas A&M University. Beverly was a school teacher and librarian in Knott and then a librarian in Plano. She then went to work for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in surance in Plano, retiring as the secretary to the president.

Survivors include her mother, Hazel Shockley of Big Spring; one brother, Junior Casas and wife Sue of Knott; four nephews; and very dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father, J.B

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SETTLES

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it's not looking like we're going to make that date," Ryan said. "A big part of that is because of the plaster work on the first three floors. When the plaster lets go of the block, you're talking about three or four layers of plaster that have to be replaced, and that takes a lot of time. We've gone all over the place looking for people to do our plaster work.

"We've brought people in from

all over the state of Texas. We even have one guy who liked it so much here in Big Spring he bought a house here and moved his family here from California. But there aren't many people out there who do this type of work, especially the type of historic restoration we're aiming for with the Settles. You can look around the state right now and there are only a handful of projects like this going on. The project at the governors mansion is one of them, but finding these guys who can do this type of work is tough.

"I believe we're looking at some time in June or July. That's when we'll be able to hand it over to the La Corsha Hospitality Group, and I'm sure it will take them at least another month before they are ready to open the doors for their operation. However, I truly believe when the project is completed and the doors open on the Settles, the people of Big Spring will be blown away by what we've accomplished. It will be worth the wait.'

In the meantime, Ryan said there is plenty left to do, as contractors look to finish work on the the top 12 floors, as well as the more historic bottom-level

"We've one-sided with sheetrock on floors 14 and 15, which are the penthouse suites. Those areas, more than likely, won't be completed by the time we open, but we will continue to work to finish them out," Ryan said. "Floors 13 through four have all

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much better than they

were a few months ago,

are still dangerous,

especially with the high

winds we've been see-

ing. It's still not a good

idea to be burning trash

or welding, as the wind

can catch those embers

and carry them a lot fur-

ther than you can safely

catch up with and put

out before they cause a

While the recent rain-

fall has given the Cross-

roads area a bit of room

to breathe, Sullivan said

without more of the wet

stuff, that comfort — as

well as the break in the

burn ban — could be

"Unless we get some

more rainfall, what

we've received here re-

cently will last us for

the next 20 to 30 days.

After that, we'll basi-

cally be back in the

same situation we were

in before," he said. "In

the meantime, the big-

gest challenge we face is

the high winds. Those,

along with the gusts,

short-lived.

fire to get out of hand."

been painted, except for floor four, which is lagging a bit behind the others. I expect to have that floor completed in the next week or so. "We've installed millwork on

five of those floors and really all we're waiting on before we install the carpeting is to get the stone tops in for the bar sinks and vanity millwork in the bathrooms. Then we can trim out the units, put carpet in and they will be ready for furniture. We've done that on five floors and we're waiting for the millwork for floors four through eight, and that should be delivered in the next week. Once we're done with that, we'll be able to lock up all of those rooms, and once my painter is finished with four next week, we're going to start on the corridor and get those finished."

Ryan said many local residents may be surprised to find out plans have changed since the project was originally written.

"When we originally went to the economic development board, we had planned to just restore the first three floors and then wait on most of the upstairs floors," Ryan said. "However, those plans changed. Now, the plan is to do the Settles from top to bottom. It's really amazing how fast it has come along, too. Most of the rooms are ready for the millwork and carpeting and we've only been working on those floors for a couple of

"We've finished all of the plaster work on the third floor and we're in the process of ordering doors for the first, second and third floors, as well as the basement. Once we get those doors in, that will allow us to finish all of the trim and go to the bathrooms. The third floor is our historic floor, and we're trying to restore the tile and fixtures in there, so there's a lot of work in-

"The rooms have gone fairly smoothly because once you do a floor up there they are pretty much all the same, so it kind of just flows. One of the major issues we faced on those floors

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Sullivan also encour-

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stroyed by a wildfire,

including creating fire

breaks around their

"One of the most im-

portant things they can

do is clear at least a 50-

feet area around their

house. Personally, with

the high winds we have

out here in West Tex-

as, I suggest a 100-feet

circle," Sullivan said.

"Make sure the grass

is scalped down as low

as you can get it within

that area, because fire

can move really fast

"Also, if you have

trees, it's not necessary

to get rid of all of them,

just make sure they

aren't touching. You

don't want the fire to be

able to jump from one

through it.

going wrong."

home.

was the exhaust. Each unit has its own HVAC unit, and there is a fresh air duct. So you have to incorporate fresh air into each room and then exhaust it out, and we had some issues with low ceilings, so we had to run a separate riser for our fresh air duct. However, for the most part you finish one and they are all

Like most construction projects, the effort to restore the Settles Hotel has hit its fair share of roadblocks, Ryan said, but there is no doubt in his or his brother's mind the project will be fin-

"I know there are rumors flying around that the project won't be completed, or that it can't be completed. There's no doubt in my mind it will be completed,' he said firmly. According to information

provided by SHDC, the original cost of construction for the Settles Hotel was reported to be \$500,000. Opening in October of 1930 to great fanfare and support by the local community, the Settles Hotel was often compared to the finest hotels of its day. In its prime, the Settles hosted dignitaries and celebrities such as Elvis Presley, Lawrence Welk, Herbert Hoover and many oth-

For more information on the project, visit http://www.settleshotel.com

Support group to meet Thursday

An organizational meeting for Visual Awareness Support Group will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad VASG is forming to provide help to individuals who have poor or deteriorating vision. The meeting is open to everyone but will focus on people who have significant vision problems, their family members, friends and caregivers. For information, call 263-2501 or email eyeassocone@ccrom.

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Area residents who there's a burn ban in need to perform a conplace, it's just not worth trolled burn but aren't sure they can safely do so are encouraged to contact Sullivan for more information.

and still make it safe."

"We'll be happy to help any way we can," Sullivan said. "We would much rather be called out to help watch over a controlled burn than

out someone's house because a fire got away from someone. These fires are dangerous. Make no mistake, they can kill."

to be called out to put

For more information, contact Sullivan at 432-268-1165.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Pierce, classes at Howard College and BSISD campuses should be back to normal Thursday. "We are working with

the city to get the repairs made," Pierce said. According to officials

at the YMCA the facility will be closed in the afternoon today because there is no water available at the building. Suzuki Students of Big Spring

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 77 inmates at the time of this report. ASHLEY ELAINE ELLISON, 24, was arrested

Tuesday on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest, search or transportation. CHRISTINA JEAN DIAZ, 28, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a judgment/ sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces

or less and a municipal capias warrant for no driv-• ORLANDO TORRES SANCHEZ, 55, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

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into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charg-

es of displaying expired license plate, speeding and

violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for running a stop sign, violation of a promise to appear, failure to appear (two counts) and a Lubbock County warrants for application to revoke probation for assault of a public servant. MICHAEL THOMAS MERRILL, 32, was booked

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booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: • MEDICAL was re-

ported in the area of Canterbury North. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was re-

ported in the 200 block of S. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was re-

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ported in the 100 block of Carey. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Karen Hernandez, 55, died Monday. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. today Mount Olive Memorial Park. Linda Tubbs,

died Monday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial

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Penny Linebaugh, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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agenda include: presentation of Lead-

ership Academy participation certificates transportation

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THER VIEWS

'n the state of Texas, the office of the Attorney General (OAG) is charged with running the state's child support collection agency. As Attorney General, I am responsible for collecting child support for more than one million Texas families. Fortunately, the vast majority of Texas parents provide their children the financial resources and support they need to grow healthy and strong. Because some cases require additional

work, however, we have a team of professionals who work to ensure parents fulfill their court-ordered child support obligations.

Thanks to the thousands of Texas parents who complied with their child support orders – and a lot of hard work by the dedicated folks in our child support division, we col-GREG lected a record-breaking \$3 billion

during the last fiscal year. For the past Abbott five years, Texas has ranked first in the nation for total child support collections – despite the fact that we did not have the nation's highest caseload The Texas child support program was also among

the highest-ranking in the nation for efficiency and effectiveness.

Collecting child support is about more than providing young Texans the food, clothing and support they need today. It's about laying the foundation for them to become successful adults. Research shows that children who receive support from their parents have fewer behavioral problems, make better grades and stay in school longer than children whose parents are uninvolved in their lives and fail to support them. In addition, studies show that children with two involved and caring parents are more self-confident, more likely to exercise self-control and less likely to engage in risky behaviors as teenagers.

Unfortunately, some young Texans never benefit from steady child support payments. Many of their mothers and fathers have the ability to pay, but refuse to fulfill their legal obligations to support their children. After a parent repeatedly refuses to pay child support, law enforcement may have to get involved. When that happens, our office works closely with local authorities to ensure parents comply with the law.

Child Support Roundups

When other enforcement efforts fail, the OAG can ask a court to impose jail time for delinquent parents who violate court orders to pay child support. In 2011, the OAG Child Support Division partnered with eight local law enforcement agencies to launch countywide sweeps that locate and arrest parents who were wanted by authorities for failing to pay court-ordered child support. Because of these initiatives, local law enforcement officers arrested 150 parents who violated court orders requiring them to pay child support.

Most Wanted Child Support Evaders

When delinquent parents owe more than \$5,000 and are subject to an arrest warrant, they may be placed on the State's "Most Wanted Child Support Evader" list. Delinquent parents who are included on the annual Evader list have the ability to make their court-ordered child support payments but simply refuse to do so. Unfortunately, incarceration is the only option for parents who willfully and repeatedly violate the law.

Consider the case of Dr. David Z. Martin, 55, who was apprehended at John F. Kennedy International Airport after a Texas court issued a felony arrest warrant because he failed to pay thousands of dollars in child support. Police officers with the New York and New Jersey Port Authority, which operates JFK Airport, arrested Dr. Martin as he exited a flight from Oman. The warrant stemmed from criminal nonsupport charges that were filed in 1998 by authorities in Carson County, Texas.

Criminal Nonsupport

As Dr. Martin's case demonstrates, failure to pay child support is not just a civil violation. Under Texas law, parents who intentionally or knowingly fail to comply with a court's child support orders commit a state jail felony. Prosecuting violators for criminal nonsupport holds them accountable for breaking the law and discourages parents from refusing to make court-ordered child support pay-

In light of the national economic downturn, some delinquent parents may have lost their jobs or suffered salary reductions. In these cases, parents can ask the courts to modify their support obligations. This process helps ensure that parents who are unable to fulfill their child support obligations do not face prosecution because of their changed economic circumstances.

Greg Abbott is the Texas Attorney General. To find out more visit, www.texasattorneygeneral.org.

Tebow making his name known

f you aren't somehow familiar with the name Tim Tebow you may want to consider getting a new source for your news.

His intriguing story has headlined almost every sports report in the country for the last couple of months, as well as many mainstream news casts and

shows, and he has become one of the most celebrated and controversial athletes to capture the attention of the masses in quite some time. For several weeks he seemed to be bigger than life with all the attention he was garnering. The source



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and focus of this Tebow-mania is a young homeschooled quarterback who, after having a stellar college career at the University of Florida, was drafted in 2010 by the Denver Broncos. He was not touted to do well in the NFL by many so-called experts, but he became the Bronco's starting quarterback beginning with the sixth game in the 2011 campaign and led them to a playoff appearance with several heroic performances during the latter part of the regular season.

Last Saturday he and his fellow orange-clad Bronco teammates had the misfortune to face a seasoned veteran named Tom Brady and his talented New England Patriot team and they schooled the young and inexperienced Mr. Tebow on the fine points of being in an NFL playoff game. Now he and the Broncos are playing golf and fishing, or whatever players do when they have been eliminated from postseason play.

I have been an ardent observer of the media coverage concerning Tim Tebow and I have been thoroughly irritated by the defin-

itive and glaring double standard that many have employed concerning this young man and his lifestyle.

One of the most disgusting and vile television personalities of all time, HBO's Bill Maher, tweeted something so vulgar and obscene about Tebow and Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve it raised the ire of thousands and once again revealed the limitless scum he is capable of spewing onto the public.

He hasn't been alone in making a mockery of this young athlete during his brief exposure to the media spotlight. He has been ridiculed by other athletes, coaches, sports talk shows, and so-called comedians, such as the above mentioned blasphemous Maher, and has handled it all with a smile and a grace seldom witnessed in a world full of egomaniacal superstars.

Tim Tebow isn't suave and debonair. He isn't flashy or flamboyant. He isn't a materialistic party animal who makes headlines with his bizarre and extravagant lifestyle. What has made him so controversial and the target of media attacks is his unapologetic Christian witness that manifests itself in his words and actions, on and off the field. He glorifies Jesus Christ in interviews and has become most recognized for kneeling and bowing his head in prayer on the field, an action which has now taken on an identity of its own called "Tebowing."

A double standard is blatantly on display in this matter because many of the same magazine writers, radio and television commentators and talk show hosts who are mocking and degrading him have celebrated and glorified athletes, actors, singers and musicians, and politicians whose actions are disgusting and even criminal. Yet, they unabashedly spew hatred and disdain at Mr. Tebow simply because he is an outspo-

ken Christian and a positive role model.

His story is incredible and inspiring. He is the youngest of five children born to parents who were serving as missionaries. While pregnant, his mother suffered a life-threatening infection with a pathogenic amoeba. Because of the drugs used to rouse her from a coma and to treat her dysentery, the fetus experienced a severe placental abruption.

Doctors had expected a stillbirth and recommended an abor tion, even though illegal in the Philippines, to protect her life but she refused to have one. Her son was born healthy and went on to accomplish many great things including becoming the first college sophomore in history to win the coveted Heisman Trophy and leading his Florida Gators to the National Championship twice.

This generation didn't invent the double standard and I don't really expect it to change. Anyone who believes Hollywood or the liberal media will ever say or do anything that portrays Christians or people of integrity in a positive light is simply naïve. The fascination with the rebel and the ludicrous eccentric is too compelling and people who do good things and live a clean life are just too boring.

Through the years many athletes and performers have been candid about their faith and I personally salute Tim Tebow and pray he will continue to use the platform he has been given to share his witness in spite of the double standard in evidence against him.

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

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Promise them anything at all, but always give them death

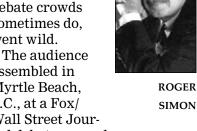
ust in case you sometimes get Mormons and Quakers confused, Mitt Romney cleared things up Monday night.

"Bin Laden got what he deserved," Romney, a Mormon, said at a Republican debate in

South Carolina. "A bullet in the head."

The crowd, as debate crowds sometimes do, went wild.

assembled in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at a Fox/ Wall Street Journal debate seemed



so amped up even before the debate began, in fact, that I thought they were going to have to string up chicken wire to protect the candidates.

The primary is Saturday, and it is generally agreed that if Romney wins — it would be his third victory in a row — the Republican nominating race effectively will be over, just 18 days after it began.

So spirits are running high, and all the other Republicans are running hard at Romney.

This was the 16th time the Republican field has debated, and the object for the moderators was similar to the previous 15 debates: Get the candidates to snarl and snap at each other, because snarling and snapping is a lot better TV than a discussion of Iran's possible closing of the Strait of Hormuz (which didn't come up).

Romney's opponents have been hoping ever since he began leading in the polls that he has a glass (if not crystal) chin and that it will shatter after a few quick punches.

And the evening did not begin well for Romney.

"Mitt, we need for you to release your income tax, so people can find out how you made your money," Rick Perry said. "The people of South Carolina have to decide whether they have a flawed candidate or not. We cannot fire our nominee in September. We need to know now."

Romney simply ducked the punch, but later in the evening, a moderator made him answer. Romney replied that he would "probably" release his tax returns in April — a point at which he hopes to have the nomination already wrapped up.

Other punches were thrown, but they were glancing blows. Rick Santorum favors letting felons who have served their time get back their right to vote.

And Santorum correctly pointed out this is a big issue in the African-American community, which sees too many of its members being disenfranchised for life.

But the Republican voting population of South Carolina is only 2 percent black, and so it didn't cost Romney much to disagree. "I don't think people who have committed violent crimes should be able to vote again," Romney said. "That's my view."

There was some applause, but the crowd didn't get into real cheering until death raised its zany head.

The candidates were asked about launching an attack into Pakistan, as we did with the killing of Osama bin Laden, and Newt Gingrich, a historian (as he never tires of reminding people), brought up America's seventh president, Andrew Jackson.

"Andrew Jackson had a pretty clear idea about America's enemies," Gingrich said. "Kill them."

This excited the members of

the audience so much, I thought they might burst out of the debate hall, charge down the coast and shell Fort Sumter again.

In the past months, Republican debate crowds have also cheered for the execution of 234 people in Texas under Perry (a number that afterward rose to 235, so don't say Perry isn't doing his job) and letting a person without health insurance die rather than treat him for free in an emergency room.

So the best thing a Republican candidate can do is promise them anything — as long as it involves somebody dying. Monday night, Ron Paul said: "Maybe we ought to consider a golden rule. Don't do to other nations what we don't want them to do to us."

He was roundly booed.

The evening dragged on for more than 90 minutes, and the only real humor came when Romney complained about campaign finance laws, saying, "McCain-Feingold is a disaster.'

Maybe I'm the only one who laughed, but I found it hilarious that Romney had failed to mention that when he appeared with John McCain at event after event in New Hampshire recently after McCain endorsed him.

The press likes to pick winners and losers after these debates, but after this one I just felt relief. Relief that these guys won't be debating again.

Until Thursday.

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Howard County Junior Livestock Show results

Showmanship winners

Lambs — Junior, Reagan Hamlin: Senior, Ashley Luce Goats — Junior, Kobyn Ramey: Senior, Morgan

Rabbits — Junior, Brynn Workman: Senior Hayden Tubb

Steers — Junior, Seth Brooks: Senior Ali Knight Swine - Junior, Will Thomas: Senior, Julia Castilaw

Champion Steer, Braxton Iden, CFFA; Reserve Champion Steer, Ali Knight, HC 4-H.

Champion British Steer, Laurel Nix, CFFA; Reserve Champion British Steer, Jerad Staggs, SFFA.

1. Laurel Nix, CFFA; 2. Jerad Staggs, SFFA: 3.Dalton Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H; 4. Seth Brooks, CFFA.

Champion Exotic Steer, Braxton Iden, CFFA; Reserve Champion Exotic Steer, Ali Knight, HC 4-H. Light weight Exotic

1. Braxton Iden, CFFA; 2. Seth Brooks, CFFA; 3. Kimberly Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H, 4. Braxton Iden, CFFA.

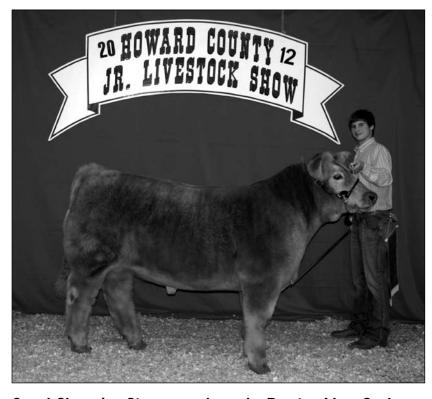
Heavy weight Exotic 1. Ali Knight, HC 4-H; 2. Laurel Nix, CFFA; 3. Jess Brooks, CFFA; 4. Jerad Staggs, SFFA; 5. Jess Brooks, CFFA.

Rabbits

Grand Champion Rabbit, Will McMorris, SFFA; Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit, Sydnie Gilbert, CFFA.

Light weight: 1. Coley Rinard, CFFA; 2. Aubrey Parum, HC 4-H; 3. Laurel Nix, CFFA; 4. Seth Brooks, CFFA; 5. Jessica Privett, CFFA; 6. Zack King, CFFA.

Medium Weight: 1. Sydnie Gilbert, CFFA; 2. Hayden Tubb, HC 4-H; 3. Brynn Workman, HC 4-H; 4. Christian Gamble. HC 4-H: 5. Zack King, CFFA; 6. Sydnie Gilbert, CFFA.



Grand Champion Steer was shown by Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA.



gan Hamlin, HC 4-H; Reserve Champion Finewool, Bryce Hamlin, SFFA. Class 1-1. Brance Work-

Champion Finewool, Rea-

man, HC 4-H; 2. Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; 3. Caleb Wigington, SFFA.

Class 2 — 1. Reagan Hamlin, HC 4-H; 2. Bryce Hamlin, SFFA; 3. Keveen Gilbert, CFFA; 4. Sloan Shaw, SFFA.

Champion Finewool Cross, Lukas Grantham, HC 4-H; Reserve Champion Cross: Reagan Hamlin, SFFA.

Class 1 — 1. Lukas Grantham, HC 4-H; 2. Keveen Gilbert, CFFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, SFFA; 4. Morgan Luce, CFFA; 5. Jessi Morgan, CFFA.

Class 2 — 1. Lukas Grantham, HC 4-H; 2. Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; 3. Ashley Luce, CFFA; 4. Caleb Wigington, SFFA; 5. Jessi Morgan, CFFA.

Class 3 - 1. Bryce Hamlin, HC 4-H; 2. Reagan Hamlin, HC 4-H; 3. Brynn Workman, HC 4-Ramey, SFFA.



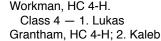
Grand Champion Lamb was shown by Lukas Grantham, Howard County 4-H.

Champion Medium Wool, Lukas Grantham, HC 4-H; Reserve Champion Medium Wool, Lukas Grantham, HC

Class 1 — 1. Nolan Beal, HC 4-H; 2. Nolan Beal, HC 4-H; 3. Keveen Gilbert, CFFA; 4. Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; 5. Kynlee Fontana, HC 4-H; 6. Marcus Dylan Smith, HC 4-H.

Class 2 — 1. Lukas Grantham, HC 4-H; 2. Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; 3. Keveen Gilbert, CFFA; 4. Caleb Wigington, SFFA; 5. Brandon Sanders, CFFA; 6. Keveen Gilbert, CFFA.

Class 3 - 1. Lukas Grantham, HC 4-H; 2. Morgan Flores, HC 4-H; 3. Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; 4. Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; 5. Kylee



Borchardt, HC 4-H; 6. Brynn

Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA.

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Reserve Grand Champion Steer was shown by Ali Knight,

Howard County 4-H.

Denton, HC 4-H; 3. Kaleb Denton, HC 4-H, 4. Kiefer Pulis, CFFA.

Champion Southdown, Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; Reserve Champion Southdown, Brance Workman, HC 4-H. Class 1 - 1. Kobyn

Workman, HC 4-H. Class 2 — 1. Landyn Young, CFFA; 2. Landyn Young, CFFA; 3. Landyn Young, CFFA.

Goats

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb was shown by

Grand Champion, Emilee Custer, CFFA; Reserve Grand Champion, Dalton Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H.

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Federal stalking statistics

Ramey, SFFA; 2. Brance

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.

INTERNET SAFETY

Computers record everything you do. It is IMPOSSIBLE to clear your tracks completely. Your computer stores hundreds of bits of information about everything you do with your computer, including information about which websites you've visited, your passwords, and what your emails say. Your abuser can readily track the websites you visit or read your email messages.

If you suspect your activities are being monitored, they probably are. Abusive people are often controlling and want to know your every move. You don't need to be a computer programmer or have special skills to monitor someone's computer activities anyone can do it and there are many ways to monitor your activities - even without having direct access to your computer.

If you must use a computer that your abuser knows about, we suggest "safer" Internet surfing. For example, if you are planning to flee to California, don't look just at California web pages for jobs, apartments, bus tickets, etc. Look for the same information in at least a half dozen other states too.

EMAIL SAFETY

Email is not a safe or confidential way to communicate.

Sending email is like sending a postcard through the mail. Anyone along the path can read what it says. If you need to talk to someone about the danger or abuse in your life, if possible, please call a hotline instead.

If you must use email to discuss your situation we suggest you use an account that your abuser doesn't know about. Set up a new account with a free email service like hotmail, yahoo, or gmail.

PASSWORD SAFETY

DO NOT use a name or password that contains any identifying information (no names, nicknames, initials, birthdates, zipcodes, etc.) Instead use a name and password that contains a random mix of letters, CAPITAL letters and numbers (for example, HJ3v67Tn) -

Make sure you can remember the user name and password. If you must write it down somewhere, put it in a place your abuser is

If the computer asks if you would like it to save your password or login information tell it NO.

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was exhibited by Sydnie Gilbert,

Coahoma FFA.

Grand Champion Rabbit was shown by Will McMorris, Sands FFA.

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Grand Champion Goat was exhibited by Emilee Custer, Coahoma FFA.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every

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RESULTS

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Light weight Division Champion, Emilee Custer, CFFA; Light weight Division Reserve Champion, Kobyn Ramey, SFFA.

Class 1 — 1. Emilee Custer, CFFA; 2. Marcus Dylan Smith, HC 4-H; 3. Marcus Dylan Smith, HC 4-H; 4. Brandon Sanders, CFFA; 5. Hanna Garcia, HC 4-H; 6. Morgan Pierce, CFFA.

Class 2 — 1. Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; 2. Ashley Luce, CFFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, SFFA; 4. Emilee Custer, CFFA; 5. Morgan Pierce,

box.

CFFA; 6. Kacee Allen, HC

Medium weight Division Champion, Emilee Custer, CFFA; Medium weight Division Reserve Champion, Reagan Hamlin, HC 4-H.

Class 3-1. Emilee Custer, CFFA; 2. Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; 3. Jayden Holt, CFFA; 4. Philip Bacon, CFFA; 5. Dalton Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H; 6. Morgan Luce, CFFA.

Class 4 — 1. Reagan Hamlin, HC 4-H; 2. Blaze Yeater, HC 4-H; 3. Morgan Luce, CFFA; 4. Kimberly Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H; 5. Hannah Darrow, SFFA; 6. Aubrey Parum, HC 4-H.

Reserve Grand Champion Goat was exhibited by Dalton Ogle Vaughn, Howard County 4-H.

Heavy weight Division Champion: Dalton Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H; Heavy weight Division Reserve Champion: Ashley Luce, CFFA.

Class 5 — 1. Dalton Ogle Vaughn, HC 4-H; 2. Ashley Luce, CFFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, HC 4-H; 4. Austin Nichols, SFFA; 5. Brance Workman, HC 4-H; 6. Blaze Yeater, HC 4-H.

Class 6 — 1. Reagan Hamlin, HC 4-H; 2. Kobyn Ramey, SFFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, HC 4-H; 4. Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; 5. Kaylee Hill, CFFA; 6. Landyn Young, CFFA.

Barrows

Grand Champion Barrow, Braxton Iden, CFFA; Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, Sloan Miller, HC 4-H.

Champion BOPB, Julia Castilaw, CFFA; Reserve Champion BOPB, Katie King, HC 4-H.

Light weight — 1. Jennifer Castilaw, CFFA; 2. Bryce Gartman, HC 4-H; 3. Austin Nichols, SFFA; 4. Austin Nichols, SFFA.

Middle weight — 1. Lane Coates, CFFA; 2. Brody Coates, CFFA; 3. Ethan Lopez, HC 4-H; 4. Micah Worley, HC 4-H; 5. Tanner Ruiz, CFFA.

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Light heavy weight — 1. Julia Castilaw, CFFA; 2. Chloe Coates, CFFA; 3. Kacee Allen, HC 4-H; 4. Brayden Worley, HC 4-H; 5.

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Brayden Worley, HC 4-H. Heavy weight — 1. Katie King, HC 4-H; 2. Yanci Yeater, HC 4-H; 3. Brenner Gartman, HC 4-H; 4. Blaze Yeater, HC 4-H; 5. Colby Latimer, SFFA; 6. Jacki Torbik, HC 4-H.

Champion Cross, Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; Reserve Champion Cross, Jennifer Castilaw, CFFA.

Light weight — 1. Kaylee Hill, CFFA; 2. Alex Hill, CFFA; 3. Blaze Yeater, HC 4-H; 4. Garrett Anderson, CFFA; 5. Sloan Miller, HC 4-H; 6. Christian Gamble, HC 4-H.

Light middle weight -1. William Thomas, SFFA; 2. Wendy Andersen, CFFA; 3. Yanci Yeater, HC 4-H; 4. Garrett Anderson, CFFA; 5. Kaleb Denton, HC 4-H; 6. Zane Parker, SFFA.

Middle weight - 1. Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; 2. Jennifer Castilaw, CFFA; 3. Aaron Thomas, SFFA; 4. Gaige Hill, CFFA; 5. Emilea Brumley, CFFA; 6. Brody Coates, CFFA.

Light heavy weight — 1. Braxton Iden, CFFA; 2. Colby Latimer, SFFA; 3. Wendy Andersen, CFFA; 4. Braxton Iden, CFFA, 5. Julia Castilaw, CFFA; 6. Kelsey Allen, HC 4-H.



Grand Champion Barrow was shown by Braxton

Reserve Grand Champion Barrow was shown by **Sloan Miller, Howard County 4-H.**

Heavy weight -1. Hayden Tubb, HC 4-H; 2. Tatum Miller, HC 4-H; 3. Trey Brumley, CFFA; 4. Colby Latimer, SFFA; 5. Austin Nichols, SFFA.

Champion Duroc, Brody Coates, CFFA; Reserve Champion Duroc, Erin Fontana, CFFA.

1. Brody Coates, CFFA; 2. Erin Fontana, CFFA; 3. Tatum Miller, HC 4-H.

Champion Hamp, Sloan Miller, HC 4-H; Reserve Champion Hamp, Hayden Tubb, HC 4-H.

Light weight — 1. Trey Brumley, CFFA; 2. Brissa Coates, CFFA; 3. Wendy Andersen, CFFA; 4. Braton Iden, CFFA; 5. Bryce

Gartman, HC 4-H; 6. Kacee Allen, HC 4-H.

Middle weight — 1. Brissa Coates, CFFA; 2. Alex Hill, CFFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, HC 4-H; 4. Kenzie Moore, CFFA; 5. Julia Castilaw, CFFA; 6. Conley Niblett, CFFA.

Light heavy weight -1. Julia Castilaw, CFFA; 2. Bryce Hamlin, SFFA; 3. Kiefer Pulis, CFFA; 4. Reagan Hamlin, HC 4-H; 5. Cassidy Gamble, HC 4-H; 6. Dustin Fontana, CFFA.

Heavy weight - 1. Sloan Miller, HC 4-H; 2. Sloan Shaw, SFFA; 3. Hayden Tubb, HC 4-H; 4. Yanci Yeater, HC 4-H.

Champion WOPB, Braxton Iden, CFFA; Reserve Champion WOPB, Aaron Thomas, SFFA.

Light weight Thomas, SFFA; 2. Micah Worley, HC 4-H; 3. Brayden Worley, HC 4-H; 4. Colby Latimer, SFFA; 5. Aaron Thomas, SFFA.

Middle weight - 1. Braxton Iden, CFFA; 2. Jennifer Castilaw, CFFA; 3. Aubrey Parum, HC 4-H; 4. Brant Gartman, HC 4-H; 5. Brissa Coates. CFFA.

Heavy weight — 1. Zane Parker, SFFA; 2. Reagan Hamlin, SFFA; 3. Wendy Andersen, CFFA; 4. Jacki Torbik, HC 4-H; 5. Emilea Brumley, CFFA.

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Search teams suspend operations after cruise ship shifts

ROME (AP) — Italian rescue workers suspended operations Wednesday after a stricken cruise ship shifted slightly on the rocks near the Tuscan coast, creating deep concerns about the safety of divers and firefighters searching for the 22 people still

The \$450 million Costa Concordia cruise ship had more than 4,200 passengers and crew on board when it slammed into the reef Friday off the tiny Italian island of Giglio after the captain made an unauthorized maneuver. The bodies of five adult passengers — four men

and one woman, all wearing lifejackets — were discovered in the wreckage Tuesday, raising the death toll to 11. Their nationalities were not immediately Instruments attached to the ship detected the

movements early Wednesday, forcing the search to be suspended even though firefighters who spent the night searching the area above water could not detect the movement. No additional passengers or crew were found.

"As a precautionary measure, we stopped the operations this morning, in order to verify the data we retrieved from our detectors, and understand if there actually was a movement, and if there has been one, how big this was," said Coast Guard Cmdr. Filippo Marini.

Texas grocer gets prison over food stamp fraud

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A South Texas grocer has been sentenced to almost four years in prison and must repay nearly \$2.5 million over electronic food stamp fraud.

Prosecutors say 56-year-old Parviz Sheikh Rezaei ran Pariz Dollar Supermarket in Brownsville.

A federal judge in Brownsville on Tuesday sentenced the businessman to 46 months in prison.

Rezaei in August pleaded guilty in the fraud investigation involving swapping card benefits from participants in the food stamp program for discounted amounts of cash. Prosecutors say Rezaei would then charge the government for the full value of the Lone Star card transaction.

Reward for leads in Iranian student activist death HOUSTON (AP)

Police say surveillance video from a Houston neighborhood will be reviewed for clues in the fatal shooting of a student activist for Iranian women's rights.

Crime Stoppers on Tuesday offered a \$5,000

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whose body was found Monday.												
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Police say the molecular genetic technology student, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, was shot while driving her car. The vehicle wrecked into a garage in a townhouse

development. Bagherzadeh's purse and cell phone were still in the vehicle.

Police say the student was known for her demonstrations for Iranian women's rights, but investigators are not sure if the shooting was related to those

DART passenger shot, dies after argument on train

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say a Dallas Area Rapid Transit passenger has died after being shot when he got off at a downtown stop following an argument on the train.

DART officials say police have detained three possible suspects over the attack early Wednesday.

The coroner's office says the victim died at a Dallas hospital.

His name was not immediately released.

DART spokesman Morgan Lyons says the argument happened on a northbound Blue Line train. Lyons says shots were fired, by someone on board, when the victim got off at the Pearl Station.

Lyons says about 20 passengers were on the train. Nobody else was hurt.

Further details about the investigation were not immediately available.

The light rail station reopened in time for the Wednesday morning commute.

Attorneys to again ask for delay in Stanford trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for jailed Texas financier R. Allen Stanford will have one more chance to try to convince a judge to postpone his trial set to begin next week.

Stanford's attorneys are expected to again ask U.S. District Judge David Hittner for the delay during a hearing Wednesday in Houston. Hittner has denied several other requests within the last month to postpone the trial.

Jury selection is to begin Monday.

Stanford is accused of bilking investors out of \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme.

Last year, he spent more than eight months under treatment in a North Carolina federal prison hospital after he was declared incompetent due to an anti-anxiety drug addiction developed while jailed in Houston.

Bus crash sends 32 to hospital

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — A tractor-trailer clipped a school bus full of students Tuesday, flipping the bus onto its side and sending 32 people — 29 of them children — to a central Texas hospital. Police said a 9-year-old boy was ejected through the escape hatch in the bus roof, and the bus driver was knocked un-

The accident occurred about 7:30 a.m. on Farmto-Market Road 93 on the southeastern outskirts of Temple, about 60 miles northeast of Austin. Trooper Harpin Myers of the Texas Department of Public Safety said a hardware truck apparently ran a stop sign when it hit the Academy school district bus. Conditions were foggy.



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By Steve Becker Silence Is Golden

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West got greedy and doubled six diamonds because he thought he had two sure trump tricks. Had he passed instead of doubling, he almost surely would have defeated the slam. But after West let the cat out of the bag by doubling six diamonds, declarer made the slam by playing as if he could see through the backs of the cards South won the club lead with

dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades, then led a heart to the queen and ruffed a spade in dummy. After discarding two spades on the A-K of hearts, declarer ruffed a club in his hand, ruffed his last spade in dummy and then ruffed another club. Nine tricks had been played to

this point, and declarer had won them all. South's last four cards were the A-Q-J-9 of trumps, while West had the K-10-8-3. For the double to make any sense at all, South had to assume that this was the actual posi-

Accordingly, declarer led the queen of trumps at trick ten. West made the correct play of ducking the queen, but South continued with the jack. West took the jack with the king, but then had to concede the last two tricks to declarer's A-9.

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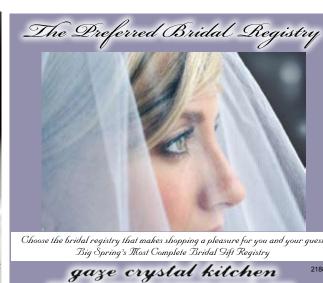
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acres, Sheriff Brian Thomas said.

Man arrested in wake of wildfire

Amarillo Globe-News AMARILLO — Authorities have arrested an Amarillo man on deadly conduct and criminal mischief charges associated with a wildfire that destroyed 37 Potter County homes and burned thousands of

Austin Lynn Stephens, 53, was using a grinder to cut metal in a rural field Feb. 27 about a mile north of St. Francis Avenue when the fire broke out, officials said. Officials estimated the blaze caused more than \$7 million damage.

Late last week, Potter County Attorney Scott Brumley's office issued warrants against Stephens for two counts of deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor, and one count of criminal mischief causing \$500 to \$1,500 damage, a Class B misdemeanor. If convicted of the charges, Stephens faces up to a year in jail and up to a \$4,000 fine.

He remained in the Potter County Detention Center on \$6,000 bond.

Thomas said Stephens came on his own the day of the fire to the mobile command center located near where the blaze began. Thomas said he didn't know

how investigators linked the fire to Stephens.

The Willow Creek-Mesilla Park fire burned 24,310 acres and forced 1,250 people to evacuate.

Texas continues case for keeping district map

WASHINGTON (AP) — Testimony continues at a court hearing in Washington on whether legislative maps drawn by the Texas Legislature violate the federal Voting Rights Act.

Doug Davis, a senior policy aide to Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, is to resume testifying Wednesday morning for the State of Texas. He's talking about how the legislature drew up his map.

A three-judge federal panel is holding a two-week hearing on whether Texas lawmakers violated federal law. Districts are redrawn every 10 years to reflect population changes recorded by the Census. But under the Voting Rights Act, Texas is one of nine states where the Justice Department must pre-clear new maps because of a history of discrimination.

The department, along with some Democrats and

minority groups, are challenging the new maps.

BIG SPRING HERALD

MC approves raises

MIDLAND (AP) — The Midland College board of trustees approved a \$100 per month salary increase for all full-time employees during its regular meeting Tuesday.

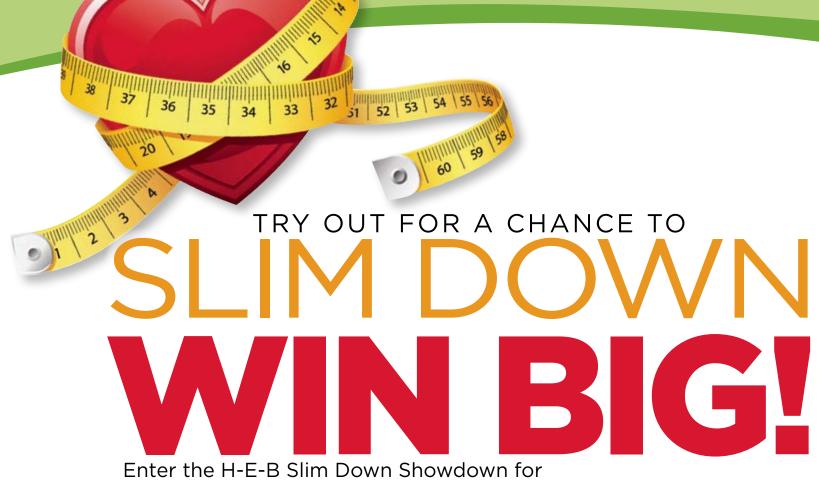
The increase becomes effective in February for more than 400 employees and will cost Midland College about \$307,000, said Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services.

Funds for a mid-year raise are available because MC state appropriations were larger than expected, tuition generated unexpected revenue and county appraisal values were up, President Steve Thomas said. While Midland College salaries were frozen for

the beginning of the 2011-12 school year, full-time faculty and staff received a raise of 2.5 percent in 2010-11, 2 percent in 2009-10, 5 percent in 2008-09 and 4 percent in 2007-08. The raise will be more than 5 percent for the col-

lege's lowest-compensated employees and less than 1 percent for the highest paid, Bender said.





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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Ambra Hill fires a shot during the Lady Steers' 58-39 victory against Sweetwater in District 5-3A basketball action Tuesday.

Getting rid of the goose eggs

BSHS squads sweep Sweetwater, earn first district wins Tuesday

Lady Steers 58, Sweetwater 39

BY RON HOWELL

Special to the Herald

SWEETWATER — After falling behind 10-0 in the first two minutes of play, Sweetwater twice rallied to within striking distance of Big Spring in Tuesday's district girls game.

Both times, however, the Lady Steers responded with a decisive run as they beat the Lady Mustangs, 58-39, at Mustang Gym.

Sweetwater (0-3, 14-14) narrowed the lead to 16-12 on a three-pointer by Kendra Crosson early in the second quarter, only to see Big Spring (1-2, 17-7) run off the next nine points.

The Lady Mustangs came right back with nine straight points, capping the run with a threepointer by Suede Shirley, to get

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Steers 64, Sweetwater 35

By RON HOWELL

Special to the Herald

The first quarter of Tuesday's District 5-3A basketball game between Sweetwater and Big Spring featured five lead changes and ended with the visitors up by just a point, 11-10.

Midway through the second quarter, it was still a contest as the Mustangs trailed by just three (17-14). But the Steers caught fire at that point, going on a 15-1 run to lead by 17, 32-15, at halftime, and never looked back en route to a 64-35 win at Mustang Gym.

Big Spring (1-1, 11-14) was deadly from 3-point range all night, making 11 of their attempts to none for Sweetwater. Junior Ty'ral Menefield was the deadliest, making four treys and scoring a gamehigh 24 points.

Meanwhile, Sweetwater shot just 21 percent (10 of 47) from the field as it fell to 0-2 in district and 9-16 overall. Big Spring took advantage to lead 56-21 after three periods, until the Mustangs rallied slightly to cut the Steers'

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Roosevelt sweeps Forsan

By STEVE REAGAN

FORSAN — A power outage of sorts kept the Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffs out of the win column against Lubbock Roosevelt

Tuesday night.

Defensively, both teams had their moments against Roosevelt, but it was a different story on the other end of the court, as offensive shortcomings plagued both teams — The Lady Buffs dropped a 59-27 decision, while the Buffaloes ended the night on the short end of a 51-38 score.

Forsan's girls fell to 12-11 overall and 2-6 in District 3-2A play, while the boys dropped to 11-10 and 2-4.

Roosevelt 59 Forsan 27

The learning curve has been a See **FORSAN**, Page 2B

steep one this season for the Lady Buffaloes.

Inconsistencies are to be expected of a team with only seven players total and four sophomore starters, and those inconsistencies were exploited fully by district-leading Roosevelt.

"Whatever your forte is, that's what you need to keep you in the game," Forsan CoachRobert Hillger said. "For us, that's our defense, but Roosevelt's offense was good enough to overcome that.

Roosevelt's offense came to the fore from the very beginning, spurring the Lady Eagles to an 18-6 first-quarter lead.

But the Lady Buffs' defense did have a moment in the sun during the second quarter, allowing Forsan to move back into contention.

The defense held Roosevelt to



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan Girls' Basketball Coach Robert Hillger, bottom right, talks to his team during a time out at their game against Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday.

Area basketball results

Boys Denver City 71, Coahoma 47

DENVER CITY— The first half pretty much told the tale between the Coahoma Bulldogs and Denver City Mustangs Tuesday.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 17-point lead after two quarters and never looked back as they took a 71-47 win over the Bulldogs in District 3-2A basketball action Tuesday night.

"We just got down early and spent the rest of the night trying to play catch-up against a very good team," Coahoma Coach Kim Nichols said.

Tanner Ruiz had 10 points and Caige Miller, Aaron Acevedo and Alex Hill each had eight for the Bulldogs, who fell to 9-14 overall, 0-6 in district play.

The Bulldogs return to action Friday when they host Post. Game time is 8 p.m.

14 8 12 13 — 47 23 16 19 13 - 71

D-City

Grady 79, Wellman-Union 35

WELLMAN — The Grady Wildcats had little trouble against Wellman-Union Tuesday night, taking a 79-35 win in District 8-1A Div. II basketball action.

Branson Richards scored 17 points to lead the 'Cats, who return to action Friday when they host Klondike in an 8 p.m. game.

Slaton 38, Stanton 35 STANTON — This one

went down to the wire. The Slaton Tigers scored

11 points in the final eight minutes to take a 38-35 squeaker over the Stanton Buffalos in District 3-2A basketball action.

The game was close throughout; Stanton trailed by two points at the half,

but rallied to tie the game at 26-all heading into the final

quarter. Scott Smith led the Buffa-

los with 10 points. Stanton (12-10 overall, 3-3

in district play) return to

action Friday at Lubbock

Roosevelt. Game time is 8 overcome as they dropped

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Garden City 61 **Robert Lee 52**

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats took a 10-point lead into intermission, then held on for a 61-52 win over Robert Lee in District 12-1A Div. II basketball action Tuesday.

The 'Kats led 30-20 after the first two quarters and never allowed the Steers back into the game after that.

Garden City was led by Corbin Davis, who scored 26 points.

Garden City will return to action at 8 p.m. Friday in Sterling City.

RLHS 8 12 19 13 - 52 GCHS 13 17 14 17 - 61

Girls

Slaton 50, Stanton 28

STANTON — A cold first

half was too much for the

a 50-26 decision to Slaton in District 3-2A play Tuesday.

Slaton limited the Lady Buffs to only seven points in the first half, which ended with the Lady Tigers holding a comfortable 21-7 lead.

Stanton, which fell to 8-17 overall and 3-5 in district play, were led by Tara Patterson, Jacee Luxton and Jennifer Henley, who each scored six points.

The Lady Buffalos return to action Friday at Lubbock Roosevelt. Game time is 6:30

Garden City 31, **Robert Lee 20**

GARDEN CITY — The ninth-ranked Garden City Lady Bearkats broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter to take a 31-20 win over Robert Lee in District 12-1A Div. II action Tues-

Holding a slim two-point advantage, the Lady 'Kats outscored Robert Lee 15-6

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's basketball — Howard College at Clarendon College, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men's basketball — New Mexico Military Institute at Howard College, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Girls' basketball — Big Spring at Snyder, 6 p.m. Girls' basketball — Post at Coahoma, 6 p.m. Girls' basketball — Forsan at Colorado City, 6 p.m. Boys' basketball — Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30 p.m. Boys' basketball — Post at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Boys' basketball — Forsan at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@ bigspringherald.com

Stanton Lady Buffalos to See AREA Page 2B

Heat dominate 2nd half, down Spurs

SPORTS

MIAMI (AP) — First half, all San Antonio.

Second half, all Miami and then some.

LeBron James had 33 points and 10 assists, Chris Bosh scored 30 points — the 6-foot-11 forward going coast-tocoast for a dunk to punctuate his effort — and the Heat used a historic third-quarter turnaround to erase what was a 17-point deficit and beat the Spurs 120-98 on Tuesday night, snapping a three-game slide in an most unpredictable manner.

"We have a great luxury Popovich said. with three players who can do special things when you need it," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra

And one of them was in street clothes. Dwyane Wade sat out his

fourth game of the season, this time because of a sprained right ankle. No matter: Miami shot 68

percent in the second half, outscoring the Spurs 71-35 after halftime. "We should be embar-

rassed," Spurs coach Gregg

For the first 24 minutes, it was the Spurs doing all the embarrassing. San Antonio connected on 12 of its first 15 shots, led 52-35 with 3 minutes to go in the first half, and had Danny Green hit a pair of buzzer-beaters — the first from the top of the key to end the first quarter, the second from near midcourt to beat the halftime horn — to take a 63-49 lead into intermission.

What happened next left both sides befuddled.

"Can't explain it," Bosh

Offered Spurs guard Tony Parker: "That's basketball."

Miami outscored San Antonio 39-12 in the third quarter — matching the secondlargest differential for any quarter in Heat history, and matching the second-worst differential for a period in Spurs history, according to STATS LLC. James was 7 for 9 in the third quarter. The Spurs — combined — were 4 for 19. James hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions to put Miami up 72-68, and the

Heat simply never stopped rolling from there. James finished 12 for 21

from the floor, almost erasing any memory of him missing his first four shots. He was battling a cold, but offered no excuse afterward.

"Hopefully I can get over this in the next couple days where I can get back to myself," James said. "I just tried to push through it in the third quarter. My teammates did a great job of finding me and stepping up defensively. We all did that."

STEERS

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final victory margin to

"I'd like to know what their shooting percentage was. They couldn't miss and we had a hard time finding it," said Sweetwater coach Al Hunt. "Several times we had hands in their faces, and they still dropped

Hoover led Kaleb Sweetwater with 11 points. Taylor Jones and Dylan Bennett scored seven, Dylon Adames six and Tino Martinez four to round out the scoring.

The Steers return to action Friday when they travel to Snyder. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

SWEETWATER (35) -Dylan Bennett 1 5-6 7; Taylor Jones 1 5-9 7; Kaleb Hoover

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win in the future, we

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4 3-5 11; Tino Martinez 1 2-2 4; Dylon Adames 3 0-0 6. Total: 10 15-22 35.

BIG SPRING (64) - Ty'ral Menefield 10 0-0 24; Marc Segundo 4 3-4 14 14; Ryan Pollard 1 0-0 3; Lane Williams 1 0-0 3; Tyler Graves 1 1-2 3; Tyler Wigington 2 0-0 4; Tavaris Walker 1 0-0 3; Richard Lewis 2 1-2 6; Ty Sealy 2 0-0 4. Total: 24 5-8 64.

Three-point goals: Big Spring 11 (Menefield 4, Segundo 3, Pollard, Williams, Walker, Lewis), Sweetwater 0. Fouled out: None.

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within 25-21 in the first

minute of the third quarter. But this time Big Spring went on a 16-4 tear to put the game out of reach, leading 41-25 entering the fourth quarter.

"We came out flat and let them have a 10-point lead early," said Sweetwater Coach Candice Wyatt. "I really expect-

bilities." Diamond Mayes scored 17 points and Bridgette Tuitt added 12 to lead the Lady Steers.

The Lady Steers return to action Friday at Snyder. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

SWEETWATER (39) Kelsi Crosson 1 0-0 2; Kinsey Browning 2 2-2 7; Shelby Cason 1 0-0 2; Kendra Crosson 7 1-2 16; Suede Shirley 3 0-1 8; Candice Hernandez 1 0-0 2; Alicia Finn 1 0-1 2. Total:

BIG SPRING (58) - Ambra

return to action Friday

at Sterling City. Game

Hill 3 0-0 8; Anderson 2 3-3 7; Vanderbilt 1 0-0 2; Tuitt 1 2-4 4; Store 1 0-0 2; Bridgette Tuitt 5 2-4 12; Cerbi Ritchey

3 0-0 6: Diamond Mayes 6

5-7 17. Total: 22 12-18 58.

Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Hill 2), Sweetwater 4 (Browning, Kendra Crosson, Shirley 2). Fouled out: Finn (Sweetwater).

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in the final quarter to secure the win.

Taylor Hughes and Kamie Halfmann ech scored nine points to lead Garden City, which improved to 21-4 overall, 8-0 in district play.

The Lady Bearkats

time is 6:30 p.m. Grady 49,

Wellman-Union 34 WELLMAN — The

Grady Lady Wildcats never trailed as they improved to 6-2 in District 8-1A play with a Tuesday night win over Wellman-Union.

Grady led 21-12 at the

half and were never seriously threatened after

Lupita Jimenez and Faith Hunt scored 11 points apiece to lead Grady, which improved to 13-11 overall with the victory.

The Lady 'Cats return to action Friday when they host Klondike in a game set for a 6:30 p.m. tip-off.

FORSAN

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four points over the first six minutes of the second quarter, and Forsan took the opportunity to get back into the game – Maria Ortiz scored four of the Lady Buffs' 10 points during that stretch, which ended with the Lady Eagles

holding a 22-16 lead. But that was it as far as Forsan highlights went. The Lady Eagles pushed their advantage back up to 12 by intermission and were never headed after that.

Jasmine Breinard led all scorers with 23 points, while Carly Welch and Kacie Whitley added 15 and 13 points, respectively, for Roosevelt, which improved to 17-7 overall and 8-0 in district play. Cheyenne Galloway scored nine points and Ortiz had eight for the Lady Buffs, who suffered their fourth straight loss.

"We just didn't execute well enough on offense," Hillger said. "but I'm proud of this group — I wouldn't trade them for

anybody.

SCORE BY QUARTERS LRHS 18 10 18 13 - 59 FHS $6\ 10\ 5\ 8-27$ Three-pointers (Welch, Whitley), Forsan (Hergert); Total fouls - Roosevelt 11, Forsan 12; Fouled out - none.

Boys Roosevelt 51 Forsan 38

The Buffaloes were way too gracious as hosts at the beginning of their game against Roosevelt — spotting the Eagles a 13-0 lead early in the first quarter — and that's what ultimately made the difference Tuesday night.

"We just never got out of that hole we dug for ourselves," FHS Coach Gary Huckabee said. "Roosevelt shot 44 percent for the night, which is pretty good for a high school team, and we shot terribly — about 25 percent ... I think we were just forcing it up too much trying to play catch-up and that got us out of our rhythm."

Cold shooting — aside from their 25 percent shooting from the field, the Buffs managed to sink only five of 15 free throws — never allowed Forsan to mount a serious charge at the Ea-

Matthew Mims was the only Forsan player in double figures with 11 points. Matt Hiner and Quade Keith each had 11 points for the Eagles, who improved to 8-11 overall and 3-3 in

district play. The Buffs remain in playoff contention, but Huckabee said Friday's game at Colorado City is now critical for his

"We've got to win at Colorado City to have a reasonable chance at the playoffs," Huckabee said. "If we can pick them off ... It can give us a good momentum lift and get us back on track."

Friday's games at C-City begins with the girls' contest at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

SCORE BY QUARTERS LRHS 23 7 14 7 - 51 FHS 9 10 7 12 - 38 Three-pointers Roosevelt (Hiner, Bond, Sherrill, Keith), Forsan (Evans, Robles, Mims); Total fouls -Roosevelt 17, Forsan 27; Fouled out - Robles, Johnson, Roman.

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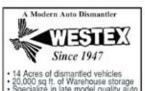
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c/o: Isreal Miller Attorney at Law 8350 Meadow Road, Suite 181 Dallas, TX 75231

DATED the 17th day of January, Isreal Miller Attorney for

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Legals

#7232 January 18, 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION

WELL PERMIT Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation, P.O. Box 8206, Wichita Falls, TX 76307 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to iniect fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Clearfork Formation, Glass SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles South of Big Spring, in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,000 to 4,900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Resources Code, amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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the value others bring to your life, and you

know how important it is to keep good people around you.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your creative and intellectual powers will be highlighted. You could responsible beginning a tradition or inventing something that will be of great use to your loved ones for years to come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be an excellent judge of just how another person would most like to be acknowledged. You show your appreciation in purposeful manner, either in public, private or in writing.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The more fun you have, the more creative you'll be. Also, the energy and productivity of a group will be stimulated by the spirit of levity you perpetuate with your lively antics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People stay where they are when they feel a strong sense of connection with others in that place. You'll do what you can to strengthen the bonds between yourself and the people you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You print your energy on everything you touch. Possibly you may print your energy on someone just by thinking about that person. Someone who has been on your mind will call you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll put yourself out there for those you love. Family affairs may not be so simple to sort out, but vour willingness continue working toward a solution is what really matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're tired, you'll also be sensitive and too easily disillusioned. So get plenty of sleep. Your faith in others will be restored along with your energy levels.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 18). You'll be a dynamo over the next 10 weeks as you advance projects that have to do with writing, speaking and selling. The work do and you the shrewdness of your choices will help you make a considerable and favorable difference in your financial picture. Friends connect you with love and money in June. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 12, 3, 15 and 19.

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GLANCE 2012: JANUARY: The topic of

money will become an increasingly comfortable one for you as Jupiter broadens your horizons. FEBRUARY: friendships will be the spice of life. For singles this could develop into something deeper on Valentine's Day. MARCH: Venus and Jupiter align to rev up your internal magnet. attraction APRIL: Venus leaves your sign, but lucky Jupiter hangs in there to distract you from financial developments. MAY: You'll be restless, so make travel plans. The wildest adventures will be the ones just outside of your home base. JUNE: Jupiter leaving your sign will inspire you to get back to basics and handle domestic issues. JULY: You'll be proud of the leaps of experience and maturity you gain over the course of the month. AUGUST: Show initiative. Profits come from being the first make a move. SEPTEMBER: and Pluto will inspire you to fight for what's yours. OCTOBER: You'll learn the old way of doing things, and then use your critical, creative mind to improve on the NOVEMBER: method. Loved ones acknowledge all you've given them in the past and shower vou with attention. DECEMBER: Your responsibilities will change and so will your compensation. If you would like to

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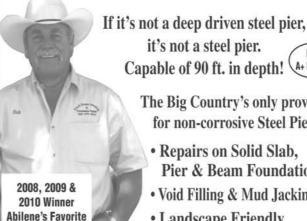
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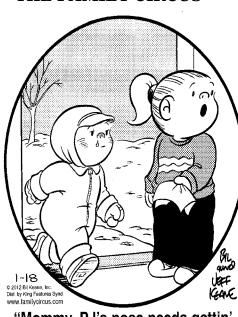
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"Mommy, PJ's nose needs gettin'. Should I do it?"

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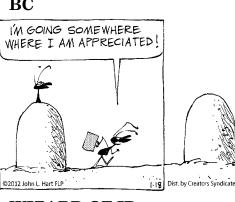


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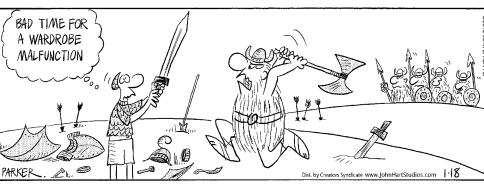
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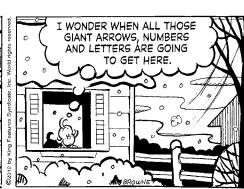
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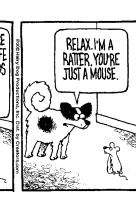




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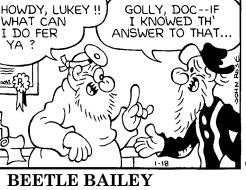
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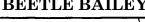
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I WOULDN'T

BE HERE

In History Today is Wednesday, Jan. 18,

This Date

the 18th day of 2012. There are 348 days left in the year. Today's Highlight History:

On Jan. 18, 1862, the 10th president of the United States. John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate

On this date:

Congress.

In 1778, English navigator James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands." In 1871, William I of Prussia

was proclaimed German emperor in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France. In 1911, the first landing of an

aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending World War I, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France. In 1943, during World War II,

the Soviets announced they'd

broken through the long Nazi

siege of Leningrad. (It was another year before the siege was fully lifted.) A wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the U.S. — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect. In 1949, Charles Ponzi, engineer of one of the most spec-

tacular swindles in history, died destitute at a hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at age In 1952, Jerome "Curly"

Howard of Three Stooges fame died in San Gabriel, Calif., at age 48. In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-

the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft. In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in

Cambridge, Mass., of armed

robbery, assault and sex offens-

es. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.) In 1970, David Oman McKay,

the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96. In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed

while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board. In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business. Former New York

congressman Hamilton Fish

Sr. died in Cold Spring, N.Y., at age 102. Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 79. Former Sen. Paul Kirk,

D-Mass., is 74. © 2012 The Associated Press.



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pasta shape
- 6 Milliner's
- inventory 10 Some T-shirts
- 14 Synagogue scroll
- 15 Something to
- click on 16 Steak

- 17 Singer Baker
- option
- 23 __ Misérables
- ruler
- a highway
- capital
- feature
- 43 What a host

- 53 Pigsty dweller

- dance
- 64 Get into a novel 65 Remove the
- suds
- 68 Fuss in front of
 - the mirror
 - 69 Glass square
 - 70 Mr. Flintstone 71 Did darning

DOWN

2 Actress

4 Solemn

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promise

5 "__ it be?"

(drink request)

Anderson

3 Ship's lockup

1 Footnote abbr.

- 19 Fairway club
- 22 Sphinx's home
- 26 Far-right part of
- 35 Escorted by
- 37 Finishedbasement
- 38 Storage area
- 40 Guy's date
- **42** Too trusting
- picks up
- 45 Unruly crowd
- 48 Calm and
- 49 Immaculate
- troubles
- 57 AOL menu

- 63 Grass-skirt

- 66 Vocalized **67** Roof projection

- specification
- 18 Towering
- 20 Mass-transit
- 24 Former Iranian
- 31 Canadian
- 36 Negligent

- 47 Creative thought
- collected
- 51 Major
- **54** Treasure-trove
- selection

- TIGHT TRAIL by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
- 6 Run into problems
- 7 Antioxidant berry
- 8 Rings out 9 NBC weekend
- revue
- **10** Peacock's pride 11 Change now
- and then
- 12 Bit of rain 13 Dispatched
- 21 Bona fide 22 Gobbled up
- 25 "In what way?"
- 26 Forceful hits
- 27 Athletically
- slender 28 Fish-eating
- mammal
- 29 Moby-Dick, for one

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18

- 30 Tests
- 32 Obey, with "by" 33 Acknowledges the crowd
- 34 Carpet
- calculations 39 River rental
- 41 Out of balance
- 44 Honey handler 46 Kick out
- 50 Pipsqueaks 52 Take a 4 Down
- 54 Karate blow
- 55 Special glow 56 Extended
- family 58 Speak wildly 59 Swampy area
- 60 From the top 61 "Got it"
- 62 Allow to use 64 Hockey official
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