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No sign of foul play in death

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Preliminary autopsy reports show no signs of foul play in the death of a Big Spring man discovered Jan. 2 in a ditch, according to investigators, but a cause of death can't be determined until toxicology reports are finalized.

The body of Jose Regalado, 70, was discovered near the 1100 block of West FM 700 shortly after 11 a.m., according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"Officers responded to the area in response to a call of a subject laying along the side of the road," Everett said. "Officers found the body and later identified him. There were no signs of foul play and no signs of trauma to suggest he had been hit by a vehicle."

According to Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, who ordered the autopsy on Regalado, the preliminary report from the medical examiner has helped investigators narrow their search for the man's cause of death.

"Dr. Parsons of South Plains Forensics listed almost every section of the preliminary autopsy as 'pending investigation.'" However, he did find

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Nancy Welch, left, and her husband Phillip Welch, both customers of State National Bank, talk to Baxter Moore during a retirement party for the longtime employee Wednesday afternoon. Moore, vice president, retired after 34 years at State National Bank.

ROAD TRIPS

Highway time shorter for BSHS, longer for CHS in new alignments

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Forsan's moving down, Coahoma's moving west and Big Spring is pretty much staying put.

The University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment of Texas high schools didn't produce many changes in classifications, but likely added plenty of expenses to school's travel budgets.

This latest realignment takes effect with the 2012-2013 school year.

The school affected the least by realignment is Big Spring High School, which will remain in Class 3A for the next two years.

Big Spring will compete in the newly formed District 4-3A, along with Sweetwater, Snyder, Abilene Wylie, Midland Greenwood and Mona-



Ritchey

hans. Brownwood, a district opponent for the past two years, is moving east to District 8-3A, where it will compete with Burnet, Gatesville, Lampasas, Liberty Hill and Llano.

The Steers' district alignment will be the same for both football and basketball.

Big Spring Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Philip Ritchey was pleased with the fact that BSHS will be centrally located in the new district.

"I was surprised with the way it came out, but we're very excited about the new district," Ritchey said. "We'll be pretty much in the middle of it, and that should cut down on our travel expenses ... I thought we'd be on the west end of an eastern district or the east end of a western district, so this was a pleasant surprise."

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Four Chaplains Service set Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Veterans of the U.S. armed forces who died during the previous year will be honored Friday morning during the Four Chaplains Memorial Service at First Baptist Church under the direction of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The memorial service — which is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was sunk by a German U-boat in 1943 — will begin at 11 a.m. In the main chapel at the local

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church, according to VA Chaplain Dean Thomas.

"During World War II, four Army chaplains — George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington — went down with the U.S.A.T. Dorchester," Thomas explained. "These four men, all of different faiths, gave up their life preservers and stayed behind on the sinking ship to help comfort the

men and women onboard. Although all four of them were from different faiths, that didn't matter at that moment. They worked together to help people, and that's such an important thing to remember."

The four chaplains were posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and VA hospitals across the country use the anniversary of their sacrifice to remember recently passed veterans.

Thomas said he will read the story of

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Final trout stocking nears at local lake

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

The final batch of trout is on its way to Big Spring. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be stocking Comanche Trail Lake for the last time this year Feb. 15.



The first group of fish was released into the lake Dec. 13 as part of the annual restocking. The restocking program has been taking place for four years after the Rev. Ken McIntosh approached Debbie Wegman, Conventions and Visitors Bureau director, about what it would take to get the lake stocked. In order to keep the program going, the city pays for half of the fish and the TPWD supplies the other half.

"This year we are actually getting an extra 2,000 fish," Wegman said. "Usually there

are only two stockings, but the TPWD had more fish this year so we are getting more."

Each cycle of stocking includes about 2,000 fish, according to Wegman. With this final restocking completed, there will be more than 6,000 catchable-size trout in Comanche Trail Lake.

The second group of trout was brought in Jan. 19, after a snowfall caused the original restocking date of Jan. 12 to be rescheduled.

Despite the recent lack of rainfall, there is enough water in Comanche Trail Lake

to sustain the fish.

Anyone 17 and older will need a fishing license, which can be purchased locally.

Plans are in the works for the upcoming Kids Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

The tournament will be held March 3. For more information, contact McIntosh at 432-517-4821.

Contact Staff Writer **Amanda Moreno** at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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Obituaries

Albert Chavarria

Albert Chavarria, 58, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Charles R. Seals

Charles R. Seals, 68, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring of Siloam, a Christian women's job training group, will hold its next 12-week session beginning Monday. Applications for the session, which is free to the public, will be accepted through today. To submit an application, visit the group's web site at www.springofsiloam.org. For more information, call 432-213-2857.

• Family Unity Conference will be held Feb. 17-18 in Big Spring. Conference host is the Rev. Rosalind Simmons. Friday evening at 7 p.m., the theme will be "The Help: For Anger, Forgiveness and Bitterness." Saturday's continuation will be themed "Life Class: Healing Strife," and will begin at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Howard College Cactus Room. Registration is \$25. Register online at www.veteranshouseofhope.weebly.com. Lunch is \$10. Deadline to register was Wednesday. For more information, contact Desiree Fizer at 432-270-3813. The conference is open to everyone.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizens Dance will be held at the Colorado City Civic Center, 157 E. Second St. Jan. 26 from 7-10 p.m., \$5, snacks are welcome. Mike Potter and friend Kevin Rainwater will be performing. Everyone is welcome.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

Police blotter

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

• JAMERE RAYSHAD COOPER, 23, of 3706 Boulder Dr., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• RIANNON LEE HENSON, 27, of 2001 S. Monticello, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for speeding.

• JEFFERY SCOTT WALLING, 41, of 19100 S. Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for driving while intoxicated (open container) – second offense.

• TAMMY SUE RANGEL, 43, of Borger, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.

• DAVID REY GONZALES, 41, of 404 N.E. Piner St., was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and prohibited weapons – switchblade/knuckles.

• LORIE ANN AVINA, 40, of 1404 S. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for issuance of a bad check, theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts) and parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.

• RUSTY WAYNE GRESSETT, 22, of 1200 S. Austin, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.

• THEFT was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

• TAMMY SUE LEAL, 43, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• BERTIN OSORIO JAIMES, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a federal immigration charge.

• LORIE ANN AVINA, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500 (two counts), issuance of a bad check and parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.

• BRANDON LEE SHOOK, 19, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

• DAVID R. GONZALES, 41, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and prohibited weapon – switchblade/knuckles.

• SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.

• RUSTY WAYNE GRESSETT, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• FREDDIE RAMOS, 26, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of S. Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 4900 block of S. Highway 87. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.






• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

Clarification

Editors Note: In the Feb. 1, 2012, edition of the *Big Spring Herald* the outline regarding Tommy Sullivan and Richard Grove accepting the Hero of the Year award caused some confusion. Pictured in the photo were Tommy Sullivan and Kem Hooper. Richard Grove was not pictured, but was on hand to receive the award of Hero of the Year on behalf of the Big Spring Fire Department.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 2/3	Sat 2/4	Sun 2/5	Mon 2/6	Tue 2/7
				
74/38 Sunny skies. Warm. High 74F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	59/35 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	50/33 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	58/36 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	51/35 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.
Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 6:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 6:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:25 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	73	41	t-storm	Kingsville	82	66	t-storm
Amarillo	54	29	pt sunny	Livingston	73	61	t-storm
Austin	74	57	t-storm	Longview	73	59	rain
Beaumont	74	65	t-storm	Lubbock	63	30	sunny
Brownsville	80	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	72	61	t-storm
Brownwood	74	46	t-storm	Midland	72	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	77	66	t-storm	Raymondville	83	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	71	50	rain	Rosenberg	75	64	t-storm
Dallas	72	49	rain	San Antonio	77	62	t-storm
Del Rio	75	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	77	58	t-storm
El Paso	61	35	sunny	Sulphur Springs	71	54	rain
Fort Stockton	71	39	sunny	Sweetwater	73	39	t-storm
Gainesville	68	42	rain	Tyler	72	57	rain
Greenville	69	49	rain	Weatherford	69	43	t-storm
Houston	74	64	t-storm	Wichita Falls	70	40	t-storm

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Village Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

• DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky.

• DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar.


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- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parnts, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

Briefs

Ex-Texas officer indicted over alleged sex assault

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former North Texas police sergeant has been accused of sexually assaulting a woman he arrested on a traffic violations warrant.

A Tarrant County grand jury Wednesday indicted ex-Dalworthington Gardens police Sgt. Bobby Beasley on a charge of sexual assault.

An attorney for Beasley says he's innocent.

The woman says Beasley, in December 2010, was wearing civilian clothing but his badge and gun were displayed. She allegedly was molested while in a vehicle with Beasley.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (http://bit.ly/yEOSut) reports the woman, when reporting the incident last April, told police she feared no one would believe her because she's black and Beasley is white.

Beasley resigned when the allegations began public. If convicted, he could face 20 years in prison.

Details on the traffic case weren't immediately available.

1970s or early 1980s and made it their home

Valerie Alirez, the eldest child of John Casias, told The Associated Press from her home in Greeley, Colorado, that one of her brothers found her father and stepmother on Tuesday dead in their home in Santiago, Nuevo Leon.

John Casias was a Baptist preacher and the couple ran the First Fundamental Independent Baptist Church in Santiago, Alirez said.

Her brother, Shawn Casias, who lives in Monterrey, said he went to his parents' home around 4 p.m. Tuesday to pick up a trailer. When he went into the home to say goodbye, he said, he found Wanda Casias lying on the floor with an electrical cord around her neck and a gash from a blunt object on her head.

Missing from the house were a couple of computers, a plasma television and a safe that had been chiseled out of the wall.

The couple's Chevrolet Suburban was also missing, and Casias said he initially thought his father had been kidnapped.

But about four or five hours later, he said, a forensic investigator informed him that his father's body had been found in a storage room of a small building on the property. His father also had an electrical cord around his neck.

Farmers Insurance rate hike set for March

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Farmers Insurance will raise homeowner premiums by nearly 10 percent after Texas regulators declined to object to the

increase.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that the rate hike, set for mid-March, will apply to about half of the Farmers Insurance policyholders across Texas. Nearly 350,000 affected customers have either a Texas Family Home Policy or a Next Generation Home Policy.

The rate request was filed last October with the Texas Department of Insurance. Company officials have said the higher rates are needed due to increased claim costs.

Farmers last raised home insurance rates in Texas in March 2011, an increase of nearly 4 percent.

Suspect indicted in '86 Central Texas slaying

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas grand jury has returned a capital murder indictment against the new suspect in a 1986 murder case that wrongfully sent a Texas man to prison for nearly a quarter-century.

The indictment from the Williamson County grand jury accuses Mark Alan Norwood of fatally beating Christine Morton in bed at her home just north of Austin in August 1986.

Norwood is in Williamson County Jail in Georgetown without bond. His attorney, Russell Hunt, didn't return a call Wednesday night. However, he's said previously that Norwood says he is innocent.

Morton's husband, Michael Morton, was sentenced to life in prison for the death but was released in October after tests showed DNA of his wife and another man on a bloody bandana found near the Mortons' house.

2 U.S. missionaries slain at ransacked Mexico home

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A couple from Texas who moved to a remote and violence-plagued area of northern Mexico to run a Baptist church were found slain at their ransacked home, their children said.

John and Wanda Casias were originally from Amarillo, Texas, but relatives said they moved to an area outside the city of Monterrey in the late

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mild ventricular hypertrophy and hypertensive heart disease," Wiseman said. "The first thing we checked for

was whether or not he was hit by a vehicle, and I feel like we've been able to pretty much rule that out at this point. It looks like a natural death, however, until we have the toxicology report back, I won't be able to make an official ruling one way or the other."

Everett agreed, saying he expects the cause of death will be by natural causes.

"In a case like this, you have to cover all of the bases, and that's what we're going to do," Everett said. "There are no signs of foul play at this point.

Once we have the toxicology report back, I feel like we'll be able to make a determination in the case."

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UIL

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Coahoma will remain in Class 2A, but will have different district opponents for football and basketball.

In football, Coahoma will log plenty of travel miles to compete in District 3-2A, Div. II, along with Alpine, Big Lake Reagan County, Crane, Sonora and Stanton. In basketball, Coahoma's fellow district members will be Colorado City, Stanton, Denver City, Lamesa and Brownfield.

The increased travel in football did not sit

well with Coahoma ISD Athletic Director Kim Nichols.

"The UIL, in its infinite wisdom, has never taken a ride on a school bus from Coahoma to Alpine," Nichols said. "Just about the time you figure out the way the UIL does things, they pull something different on you ... I just wish they had kept us with the same district lineup for both football and basketball."

The only area school changing classification is Forsan, which is moving down a spot to Class 1A.

In football, Forsan will compete in District 4-1A Div. I along with Anson,

Haskell, Stamford and Winters. In basketball, the Buffaloes will be in District 6-1A Div. I along with Plains, Seagraves, Sundown, Tahoka and Smyer.

The drop in classification came as no surprise to Forsan Athletic Director Terry McDonald.

"We anticipated it, based on some of the enrollment numbers we saw," McDonald said. "And the teams we'll play we're somewhat familiar with, so there were no big surprises today ... We're moving a little bit more east than we anticipated, but that's OK."

Likewise, the difference between football

and basketball districts should not be a problem for Forsan, he added.

"We're used to that," McDonald said. "It's something we've been doing for most of the past six or seven years."

Other area schools and their new district alignment include:

- Garden City — The Bearkats will compete in District 5-1A Div. I in six-man football, along with Fort Davis, Marfa and Rankin.
- Sands — The Mustangs will remain in Class 1A, Div. II in six-man football and will compete in District 5 against Loop, Dawson and Wellman-Union.
- Grady — The Wild-

cats will compete in District 4-1A Div. II in six-man football, along with Borden County, Klondike and O'Donnell.

Basketball realignment information for these three schools was not released by press time.

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SERVICE

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the four chaplains during the memorial, followed by recognition of other men and women who gave of themselves in the name of their country.

"We'll have the pledge and the service songs," said Thomas. "This year we will also have the posting of the colors, including the American flag and each of the service flags. We'll also recognize each of the area veterans who have passed away during the past year.

"Mike Tarpley will also be on hand to play

Taps and James Hunnicutt will play Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. I feel like it will be a very moving service for everyone in attendance."

Thomas said the ceremony is a chance to look back on fond memories.

"We are grateful to all these veterans," said Thomas, who serves as chief of the local VA's chaplain service. "We are glad they were there when we needed them, and we're thankful for their service ... We can look back on the days and nights we shared with our loved ones, and have very fond memories."

This year marks the fourth year the ceremony has been held at First

Baptist Church, according to Thomas.

"A few years ago we held the ceremony in the biggest room we had at the VA hospital, but it was way too crowded," said Thomas. "We had more than 200 people show up. So we decided to move it to a place where we would be able to accommodate everyone."

"I mailed out more than 600 letters this year, so you really never know how many people are going to show up. Some of those letters go off to places like Ohio and even farther away, but this ceremony is very important for a lot of people, so we want to do everything we can

to make them comfortable and accommodate them."

For more information on the ceremony, contact Thomas at 263-7361.

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By Eddy Pitchford

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OUR VIEWS

Time to conquer Scenic Mountain ... with a little love

Whether you love to run alone or enjoy running with your significant other, Big Spring State Park is offering a chance to show that love.

February marks the first run of the year, Run 2 Love 2 Run. The Valentine Day inspired run, will take place Feb. 11 on top of Scenic Mountain.

The run will begin at 11 a.m. with registration taking place before hand at 10 a.m. For those wanting to register ahead of time, registration forms can be found online at www.timingspecialist.com or in person at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 215 W. Third St.

Registration fee is \$20 per person. There will be awards presented to the top three places in three categories: male, female and couples. For those wanting to jump a little deeper into the Valentine themed run, there will also be a Valentine costume contest with prizes awarded.

A portion of the proceeds raised from the run will go toward benefiting the maintenance of the Big Spring State Park.

The traffic will be monitored through the park, as always, in order for the numbers to be reported back to the state. The more traffic shown through the park, the better justification of keeping it up, according to Park Manager Ron Alton.

Of course, for those who want to support the park, but don't want to run the mountain, there is still an opportunity to participate. Just because run is included in the name doesn't mean all participants have to run the mountain. Walkers are welcome to participate, according to Alton.

With warmer temperatures starting to venture back into the forecast, it is a perfect time to start enjoying the beautiful scenery and walking path the mountain has to offer. Of course, it's a great way to support the local state park.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are walking down the wrong path, Lord, please head us off at the pass.

Amen

Destroy our future, forming PAC

Newt Gingrich has a Super PAC called "Winning Our Future." Mitt Romney's is called "Restore Our Future."

I know, technically Super PACs don't belong to candidates. But only innocents like Boy Scouts and the Supreme Court believe that. In the real world, this new kind of political action committee, created in the wake of a 2010 Supreme Court ruling, is a powerful campaign weapon.

Super PACs may raise unlimited sums of money from corporations, unions, associations, and individuals. They then may spend unlimited sums to overtly advocate for or against specific political candidates as they wish.

Unlike traditional PACs, Super PACs are technically prohibited from donating money directly to political candidates. In practice, they serve a specific candidate, who directs them with winks and nudges.

Gingrich's Super PAC apparently thinks the way to win the future is to say nasty things about Mitt Romney. Romney's Super PAC, meanwhile, is attempting to restore the future by saying nasty things about Gingrich.

"USS Super PAC," an OtherWords cartoon by Khalil Bendib.

It's called free speech. If you don't believe me, ask the aforementioned Supreme Court justices, a majority of whom don't seem drunk. But they sure vote

that way.

As a long-time practitioner of speech, free and otherwise, I see no reason for Gingrich and Romney to have all the fun. My new motto is "let a thousand Super PACs bloom."

To that end, I'm announcing the formation of my very own Super PAC. It's dedicated to good government, free speech, and saying nasty things about practically everybody.

I'm calling it "Destroy Our Future."

Its main beneficiaries will, of course, be our grandchildren. You can't be a credible candidate these days without voicing concern about leaving future generations a better world than the one we live in now — or just one with lower taxes for the rich.

Destroy Our Future will assist candidates who are dedicated to lowering taxes by doing away with schools, roads, bridges, scientific research, airports, high-speed rail, low-speed rail, public television, and libraries.

How will that help our grandchildren? They won't have to pay upkeep on any of those things, which will be lucky because they probably won't be making much money. What decent job needs a worker who went to a lousy school with a lousy library?

Decent jobs aren't the only thing we'll lack. Unions won't be around either. Wages will be low enough for our workers to compete with China, India, and even countries where shoes are a luxury item.

Healthcare? Don't worry. You'll be taken care of by our world-famous healthcare industry, so long as you don't get sick. If you do, however, I'm afraid

you'll just have to sell a kidney or something. Just don't whine and expect government to solve all of your problems. That is so 20th-century.

With Social Security just a memory, you'll have to live your golden years with your kids of course, which is only fair since they lived with you until they were 35 years old.

Who among the remaining Republican presidential candidates should my Super PAC support to accomplish these lofty goals?

Looking over the cast of characters, I find an embarrassment of riches. Nearly all of them have endorsed most, if not all, of Destroy Our Future's agenda.

Romney brings the zeal of a recent convert to the battle. Gingrich wields the well-honed skill of a political knife-fighter. No one could be more sincere than former Sen. Rick Santorum, whose views on procreation are somewhat to the right of Pope Benedict XVI, while Rep. Ron Paul is to big government what the atom bomb was to Hiroshima.

You can hardly go wrong with any of them. I urge you to send in your donations to Destroy Our Future so I can make this country safe for the 18th century.

Naturally, my lovely wife and I will expect a small fee for administering the fund. Don't worry, it won't exceed the \$1.6 million Newt got for those history lessons he gave Freddie Mac. Oh, and I'll need to pay my grown kids to manage this patriotic initiative. Kids don't come cheap.

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Let protestors occupy jail cell

Occupy Oakland is aptly named. When forces occupy a city, they know that occupied turf is not their home. They can maraud, loot, vandalize, abuse the locals, and then leave. They can treat other people's property as their own.

The occupiers don't have to clean up after themselves. They don't have to worry about paying for the workers who clean up after them, either.

Occupiers don't have to exert self-control. They can freely act upon their rage, while defenders of occupied territory must concentrate on protecting what others want to harm.

Occupiers do not have to fear that they will be punished for the damage they have inflicted on the city of Oakland. About the worst that most occupiers might fear is that if they break the law, they will be arrested, held and released. Most won't even have to make bail.

Occupy Oakland protesters broke in to City Hall on Saturday, sprayed graffiti, toppled a historical model of City Hall and children's artwork, stole and then burned an American flag, and otherwise trashed the people's building. Police arrested some 400 people. Mayor Jean Quan likened the activists'

behavior to "a tantrum" as she complained Occupy activists have been treating the city "like a playground."

Except that children treat their playgrounds better. And children don't organize their tantrums. But the playground analogy works when you look at what Occupy posts on the Internet: "The march and the pigs played a game of cat and rat, we, the rats with our tiny sharp teeth bared, they, the dumb slow cats with their fancy technology and weaponry."

Oakland cannot afford to police and clean up after Occupy activists. City Hall already has had to eliminate jobs to shave \$28 million from a \$388 million budget.

Quan estimates that since tents first went up in Frank Ogawa Plaza in October, the Occupy tab has exceeded \$5 million.

It defies all logic that activists, who see themselves as champions of fairness and advocates for the poor, have chosen to become a fiscal drain on the financially strangled city.

Clearly, the protesters didn't choose Oakland because it is a financial hub or because its downtown is rich and powerful. They chose Oakland because Oakland doesn't fight back.

Quan finally ordered police to remove the illegal Occupy encampment in Frank Ogawa Plaza last fall. When a protester ended up in the hospital, Quan took so much heat that she invited the tents back.

Later, she changed her mind

again. Since then, when protesters intermittently have gotten out of control, the police have arrested them for remaining at the scene of a riot or wearing a mask to avoid identification — and sometimes, rarely, for battery or assault. Then what? We don't know.

When I called Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley's office to find out how many Occupy Oakland arrestees have been prosecuted, a spokeswoman told me the DA does not keep track of Occupy cases as a group.

Throwing objects at cops, occupying city space, blocking people on their way to work or vandalizing city property — these might as well be minor crimes in the Bay Area.

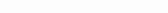
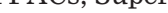
I know from covering protests gone bad in San Francisco that police frequently complain that prosecutors do not take activist arrests to court. Prosecutors complain that police fail to supply them with the evidence they need to win a conviction.

Occupy Oakland has been choking City Hall and draining its coffers for months. Are there any consequences? It seems, pun intended, there is no there there.

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DONALD KAUL



OPINION

Dublin Dr. Pepper: The legend is no more

Last year, my wife and I traveled down to Waco to watch one of her first cousins get married over Memorial Day weekend.

Due to the price of gas and the distance, we decided to make the trip with my wife's parents, which meant traveling down to Plainview and making the journey to Waco by going through Abilene and cutting through the northern part of Central Texas.

After exiting off Interstate 20, we started to see signs for the town of Dublin, causing all of us to agree to make a point to stop in the small town for a pit stop and purchase bottled six-packs of the legendary Dublin Dr. Pepper.

As our family rolled into Dublin, we soon found a convenience store where once you stepped through the front doors you saw the six-packs of the drink stacked in the middle of the aisle, making it known you are in the hometown of the famous drink.

My wife and I grabbed a six-pack and as we got ready to check out, the clerk offered both us a cold bottle of the drink to have for the road, allowing us to save all six of the other bottles for when we got home.

I enjoyed the bottles of the soda we bought, but to be honest the only difference between it and the 20 ounce bottle I can purchase at a convenience store anywhere else was the strong carbonation burn from the smaller Dublin Dr. Pepper bottles and perhaps the drink tasting a tad sweeter.

Otherwise, I felt like I was drinking a typical Dr. Pepper.

For those not familiar with Dublin Dr. Pepper, the Dublin Dr Pepper Bottling Co. began selling Dr Pepper in Texas in 1891.

The family-owned bottling company laid its claim to fame by touting it had always used cane sugar to sweeten its soft drinks, unlike most bottlers in the country who switched to high-fructose corn syrup in the 1970s.

The idea of the soda being made with cane sugar has its appeal, but the fact most of the Dublin Dr. Peppers came in classic glass bottles and were packed in a cardboard six-pack carrier with a logo that looked like something from the 1950s gave it a nostalgic look to truly make it feel like a fun novelty item you were purchasing.

Over the years, the novelty of the Dublin Dr. Pepper has appealed to thousands, with the town of around 3,800 seeing 80,000 visitors each year just to purchase their Dr. Pepper. So it should come as

no surprise the town of Dublin has taken a lot of pride in being the home of the unique soft drink.

Unfortunately, all that changed last week when the Dublin bottling company settled a trademark dispute with Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Inc.

Dr. Pepper Snapple sued the tiny Dublin bottler last June, accusing it of diluting the Dr Pepper brand by selling bottles with the label "Dublin Dr Pepper." It also accused Dublin Dr Pepper of selling the soft drink beyond its approved territory, a 44-mile radius around Dublin.

Under the agreement, Dr Pepper Snapple will distribute Dr Pepper, sweetened with cane sugar, in Dublin Dr Pepper's former six-county territory.

It also will continue selling the cane-sugar version in other parts of Texas in nostalgic packaging, without "Dublin" on the label.

As for the bottling company responsible for the Dublin Dr. Pepper, it will continue to operate as the Dublin Bottling Works Inc. and bottle a handful of smaller soft-drink brands, including Triple XXX Root Beer.

However, after the settlement was announced, Dublin Bottling Works had to lay off 14 of its 37 workers.

For the 14 workers who lost their jobs, life will be tough until they are able to land other work.

For Dublin, the economic impact of losing the attachment to Dr. Pepper will hurt but probably not make a big impact in the life of the town moving forward.

I'm not familiar enough with the story to know if the Dublin bottler was breaking its part of the distribution or trademark agreement with the parent company.

So perhaps the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group had a right to sue.

But considering the annual sales of the Dublin version were worth around \$7 million annually compared to the \$5 billion the parent company brings in from around the world, perhaps this could have been a case where the big corporation should've just left the small business alone.

Now the small Texas town essentially will have to move on without what essentially became its identity and what placed Dublin, Texas, as a fun place to visit on the map.

For the small Texas town and surrounding area, I wonder if it will become the Texas hot spot for Mr. Pibb as a way to retaliate against the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group.

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RUSTY BERRY

Four chaplains stood firm as Dorchester went down

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Carrying more than 900 service men to an American military base in Greenland more than 60 years ago, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester and its crew — along with four chaplains of different faiths — left its mark on American history. Below is a recount of the events of the fateful night, as provided by The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation:

It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier the Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester.

The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive — and deadly — striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line.

Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the hit had knocked out power and radio contact with the three escort ships. The CGC Comanche, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and then rescued 97



United States Coast Guard image

survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.

Aboard the Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death awaited.

Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, overcrowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they

tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

"Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," says Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox.

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smeared water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin, but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.

"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs." The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves.

In retrospect, Mahoney realized Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the Dorchester.

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker

and began distributing life jackets.

It was then Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

"It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains — arms linked and braced against the slanting deck.

Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors.

When the news reached American shores, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the four chaplains.

For more on the The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation, visit www.fourchaplains.org on the Web.

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News in brief

U.S. No-Fly list doubles in past year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as the Obama administration says it's close to defeating al-Qaida, the size of the government's secret list of suspected terrorists who are banned from flying to or within the United States has more than doubled in the past year, The Associated Press has learned.

The no-fly list jumped from about 10,000 known or suspected terrorists one year ago to about 21,000, according to government figures provided to the AP. Most people on the list are from other countries; about 500 are Americans.

The flood of new names began after the failed Christmas 2009 bombing of a Detroit-bound jetliner. The government lowered the standard for putting people on the list, and then scoured its files for anyone who qualified. The government will not disclose who is on its list or why someone might have been placed on it.

The surge in the size of the no-fly list comes even as the U.S. has killed many senior members of al-Qaida. That's because the government believes the current terror threat extends well beyond the group responsible for the September 2001 attacks.

"Both U.S. intelligence and law enforcement communities and foreign services continue to identify people who want to cause us harm, particularly in the U.S. and particularly as it relates to aviation," Transportation Security Administrator John Pistole said in an interview.

Facebook's IPO filing lifts veil on the company behind social network

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook is baring its business soul.

The unveiling came late Wednesday when the company that depends on people to share their lives online filed its plans to raise \$5 billion in an initial public offering of stock. It's a revelatory moment that prospective investors, curious competitors and nosy reporters have been awaiting for two years. During that time, Facebook established itself as a communications hub and emerged as a threat to the Internet's most powerful company, Google Inc.

As with almost anything crafted by a bunch of lawyers and bankers, the 197-page prospectus that Facebook filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is filled with boilerplate legalese and mind-numbing numbers.

But there were some juicy details in there, too. Above all, the documents confirmed what everyone had been hearing: Facebook is very profitable and getting stronger. The company Mark Zuckerberg started with some friends in 2004 has seen its annual revenue soar from \$777 million in 2009 to \$3.7 billion last year. Facebook's earnings have grown at a similar rate too, ballooning from \$122 million in 2009 to \$668 million last year.

Romney took years after promising to sell investments inconsistent with Republican positions

WASHINGTON (AP) — During his presidential campaign in 2007, Republican candidate Mitt Romney promised that a trust overseeing his financial portfolio would shed any investments that conflicted with GOP positions toward Iran, China, stem cell research and other issues. But Romney's family trusts kept some of those stocks and repeatedly bought new investments in similar holdings as recently as 2010, when they were sold in advance of his latest White House campaign, a detailed review of Romney's financial records by The Associated Press shows.

Recently disclosed 2010 tax returns for three family trust funds for Romney, his wife, Ann, and their adult children show scores of trades in such investments, worth more than \$3 million when the holdings were all sold in 2010.

A Romney campaign spokeswoman, Andrea Saul, said the former Massachusetts governor has no control over the investments made by his blind trust but the trustee has tried to manage the trades "in a manner consistent with Gov. Romney's publicly expressed positions."

The continual trading between 2006 and 2010 raises questions about why the investments continued for three years even after Romney said the trust would sell off any conflicted holdings, during a period when Romney has sought to convince voters of his conservative Republican values. The trades also raise questions about whether any of the transactions were vetted for possible conflicts or purposes of political perception before they were made.

"Financially, these would seem to be completely legitimate investments," said Thomas B. Cooke, a professor of business law at Georgetown University and former president of the National Society of Tax Professionals. "But for someone running for president, there's also a smell test."

Report: Ex-students say they complained about LA teacher charged with lewd acts years ago

LOS ANGELES (AP) — School officials questioned how an elementary school teacher suspected of taking bizarre bondage-style photographs of children in his class went undetected for years as new allegations of past and potentially inappropriate behavior by Mark Berndt surfaced.

Berndt remained jailed on \$23 million bail after his first court appearance Wednesday on felony charges that he committed lewd acts on 23 boys and girls, ages 6 to 10, between 2005 and 2010. The alleged acts occurred at Miramonte Elementary School where he taught for more than 30 years. He could face multiple life sentences if convicted.

Angry parents confronted school officials Wednesday, demanding to know why they weren't told for a year that Berndt was suspected of photographing children in class for sexual thrills.

Berndt was removed from classwork in January 2011 and fired within the month, but only parents of children identified as victims were told by authorities at that time of the investigation.

School officials and investigators said proper procedures were followed to prevent anything that might harm efforts to investigate and build a case against the teacher.

Turkey's ties with Hamas deepen amid questions about the influence of sponsors Iran and Syria

ISTANBUL (AP) — Ties between Turkey, NATO's biggest Muslim member, and Hamas, the Islamic militant group that says Israel should not exist, are blossoming.

Last month, the Hamas premier visited the Turkish prime minister at his Istanbul home. Today, Turkish and Palestinian flags fly side by side at a building site in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

It seems like bad news for Israel, whose alliance with Turkey collapsed over a deadly raid by Israeli troops on a Turkish aid ship bound for Gaza in 2010. Yet some pundits believe that Turkey, a rising power that has worked with Washington on Iraq and other regional problems, could seek to nudge Hamas away from the principle of armed struggle or reduce the influence of Iranian sponsors.

They acknowledge closer engagement with Hamas could disrupt Turkish diplomacy if there is

another Gaza war, or a return to rocket attacks and bombings of Israeli targets. Israel wonders if Turkey will veer closer to the Hamas line, rather than the other way around.

Another Hamas sponsor, Syria, is struggling to quell an uprising and has broken with Turkey, a former ally that says President Bashar Assad should resign. Turkey has said there are no plans for Khaled Mashaal, the Hamas political leader based in Damascus, to move to Turkey, though some Turkish analysts think the government phrasing did not close the door on the idea of a Hamas office in Turkey.

House Republicans, Justice on collision course over access to internal department documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department and Republicans on a House committee looking into a flawed gun smuggling probe called Operation Fast and Furious appear to be headed for an impasse over congressional demands for internal Justice documents.

The dispute is expected to be a prime topic at a congressional hearing Thursday, when Attorney General Eric Holder testifies before a panel whose chairman, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., has alleged that the Justice Department is engaging in a cover-up.

Issa, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, has threatened to seek a contempt of Congress ruling against Holder for failing to turn over congressionally subpoenaed documents created after problems with Fast and Furious came to light.

On Wednesday, Deputy Attorney General James Cole said the department will provide material created after Feb. 4, 2011, the day the department gave incorrect information to Congress about Fast and Furious.

Cole said the department had made an exception to longstanding policy to provide material on how the erroneous Feb. 4 letter was created, but other documents about the congressional inquiries on Fast and Furious would not be turned over.

'Soul Train' host Don Cornelius remembered for bringing black music, culture to masses

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Soul Train" host Don Cornelius was the arbiter of cool, a brilliant TV showman who used his purring, baritone voice to seduce mainstream America into embracing black music and artists.

But the "love, peace, and SOUL!" he wished viewers as he closed each show for decades escaped him as his life descended into marital trouble, illness and, finally, a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound on Wednesday.

Police said they went to his Mulholland Drive home around 4 a.m. after receiving a call from one of his sons, who became concerned after being contacted by his father. Cornelius, 75, was found shot and was pronounced dead an hour later at a nearby hospital.

Authorities ruled out foul play, but have not found a suicide note and are talking to relatives about his mental state.

To music-hungry viewers, he was a smooth, sharp-dressed man who got them dancing to the hottest tracks going.

The pop world's biggest stars recalled him as much more: A cultural groundbreaker who advanced African-American music and culture; a black entrepreneur who overcame racism by strength of will; a visionary who understood rap's emergence but criticized its rawness.

NJ vending company CFO accused of \$3M Pepsi fraud

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The chief financial officer of a New Jersey-based vending company has been arrested on charges he defrauded Pepsi Bottling Group of nearly \$3 million.

Joseph Belasco was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, five counts of mail fraud and one count of money laundering. He is expected in court Thursday.

Prosecutors say the 62-year-old Cedar Grove man received commissions for customer referrals for which he was not responsible from 1998 to 2008.

Belasco is CFO of Culinary Ventures Vending, which places and stocks vending machines. Prosecutors say he created a subsidiary to provide Pepsi with leads for acquiring new customers. In return, Belasco and the subsidiary would receive commissions and rebates while a client remained with Pepsi.

Purchase, N.Y.-based PepsiCo Inc. owns Pepsi Bottling Group.


Natural gas prices climb on lower supplies

NEW YORK (AP) — Natural gas prices are climbing after the government said the nation's supplies fell more than analysts expected last week.

The Energy Information Administration said Thursday that U.S. gas supplies dropped by 132 billion cubic feet. The storage level of 2.97 trillion cubic feet remains well above five-year levels for this time of year, however.

Natural gas futures rose 7 cents, or 2.8 percent, to \$2.45 per 1,000 cubic feet in New York. Prices hit a 10-year low last month as supplies grew and demand stayed low.

Meanwhile benchmark crude fell by \$1.11 to \$96.49 per barrel in New York. Brent crude rose 73 cents to \$112.29 per barrel in London.



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♦	A 9 3	♦	Q J 10 8
♣	Q J 8 4	♣	6 3

WEST		EAST	
♠	J 8 7 6 2	♠	K 10 5
♥	Q 8 4	♥	J 9 6 3
♦	5 2	♦	Q J 10 8
♣	A 7 2	♣	6 3

SOUTH			
♠	A 4	♠	K 10 5
♥	K 10 2	♥	J 9 6 3
♦	K 7 6 4	♦	Q J 10 8
♣	K 10 9 5	♣	6 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

The Rule of Eleven is a handy gadget that can be used by either side. Here is an unusual case that demonstrates the value of the rule.

West leads the six of spades, dummy following low, and the question is what East should play on this trick. If he plays the ten, which is probably what most players would do, declarer can make the contract by establishing clubs and guessing to play the nine of spades on West's spade return (or later leading a spade to the nine himself) to produce his ninth trick.

But let's suppose that East is a devout disciple of the Rule of Eleven and understands its workings perfectly. In that event, after West leads the six of spades and dummy follows with the three, East plays the five!

The effect of this startling play is that South goes down one. Declarer wins and attacks clubs, whereupon West takes the ace and leads another low spade. If the queen is played from dummy, East quickly defeats the contract by taking the king and continuing with the ten; if the nine is played from dummy, East wins with the ten, cashes the king and returns the queen of diamonds, leaving South with only eight tricks.

In applying the Rule of Eleven (which assumes that the lead is fourth-best), East deducts the number of the card led from 11, which in this case tells him that there are five cards higher than the six in the North, East and South hands.

East sees two of them in dummy and two of them in his own hand, so he knows South has only one spade higher than the six. Given South's two-notrump bid, this card is most likely to be the ace, which means East can safely play the five. Even if South's spade honor is the jack, the play of the five can do no worse than break even, since South is assured of a spade trick no matter what East plays.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Groundhog says ... 6 more weeks of winter

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his lair to "see" his shadow on Thursday, in the process predicting six more weeks of winter.

But, at this rate, that might not be so bad.

The groundhog made his "prediction" on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in the town for which he's named about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Temperatures were near freezing when he emerged at dawn — unseasonably warm — and were forecast to climb into the mid-40s in a winter that's brought little snow and only a few notably cold days to much of the East.

Thursday's ceremony is largely that: Phil's prediction is determined ahead of time by the Inner Circle, a group who dons top hats and tuxedos and decides in advance what the groundhog will predict.

Organizers expected 15,000 to 18,000 people to witness the furry creature's prognostication ceremony just before 7:30 a.m. EST.

This year's crowd was warmer than most. The average early-morning temperature usually hovers around 17 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett was among the spectators this year. Those who couldn't make it to Gobbler's Knob could follow the groundhog on Twitter and Facebook, or watch a webcast of the event on his website.

"What started as a small gathering in 1887 has now evolved into tens of

thousands of visitors from around the nation and even the world coming to Punxsutawney to participate in this time-honored Groundhog Day tradition," Corbett said.

The Groundhog Day celebration is rooted in a German superstition that says if a hibernating animal casts a shadow on Feb. 2, the Christian holiday of Candlemas, winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says, spring will come early.

Phil has now seen his shadow 100 times and hasn't seen it just 16 times since 1886, according to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, which runs the event. There are no records for the remaining years.

The tradition attained a large following with the 1993 Bill Murray comedy "Groundhog Day," in which a weatherman covering the event must relive the day over and over again. Before the movie came out, Phil was lucky to have an audience of 2,500, said Mike Johnston, vice president of the Inner Circle.

And while the group has records of Phil's predictions dating back to 1886, what it doesn't have is a tally of whether Phil was right.

Johnston said the reason is simple: "He's never been wrong." Phil is "incapable of error," he said, because the groundhog smartly avoids being site-specific in his prognostications.

If Phil predicts six more weeks of winter, said Johnston, "I guarantee you someone's going to have six more weeks of winter."

► Texas Briefs

Bright light seen in Okla., Texas likely a meteor

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration says a bright, streaking light seen in the skies over parts of Oklahoma and Texas likely was a meteor.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford said late Wednesday the agency had received reports from people who saw the object about 8 p.m. as far north as Oklahoma City and as far south as Houston.

Lunsford said FAA officials knew it wasn't an airplane people were seeing, and a meteor was the likely candidate.

Dallas-Fort Worth emerge from drought

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Drought Monitor has reclassified the Dallas-Fort Worth area as being not in drought for the first time since July, making it the first major metropolitan area in Texas to emerge from the most severe one-year drought in state history.

While residents in those areas will likely no longer have any water restrictions, meteorologists and climatologists warn the situation remains precarious.

More than half the state in the weekly Drought Monitor map posted online Thursday remains in severe or exceptional stages of drought, and a drier-than-normal spring or hotter-than-usual summer could quickly tip wetter areas back into drought.

Man caught, 2 slain at Houston-area flea market

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a suspect has been captured over the deaths of two men who were shot while at a Houston-area flea market.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says 22-year-old Jose Julian Sanchez was caught Thursday and will face capital murder charges. Further details on where Sanchez was located and whether he has an attorney were not immediately released.

Authorities are trying to determine what led to the gunfire Sunday night. Deputies have identified the victims as 25-year-old Abram Vallejo and 32-year-old Eliazar Valenzuela. Both were dead at the scene.

Nobody else was hurt.

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- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

Blue Cheese Dip

- 1/2 cup Mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon onion, grated
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup blue cheese, crumbled



Directions

Preheat the barbecue on high.

Cut each wing at the joint to make two pieces, and discard wing tip if still attached. In a large re-sealable bag, whisk together vegetable oil, garlic, spices and vinegar. Add chicken wings and toss to coat.

If using rotisserie basket, spray or brush lightly with vegetable oil to prevent sticking. Place chicken wings on bottom of basket, cover with the top part, and fasten on tightest setting to secure the wings in place. Cooking grids will need to be removed, and a drip pan placed beneath. If using rear rotisserie burner, set to high. If using lower burners, set to medium. Place the basket on spit and in the rotisserie and start the motor. Cook until golden brown and crisp, about 45 minutes to an hour.

If cooking directly on well oiled cooking grids, turn heat to low, and cook, turning frequently until golden brown and crisp, 30 - 45 minutes. Use an instant-read thermometer to ensure that all wings are cooked through and ready to eat.

Stir together all the dip ingredients. May be made ahead of time and chilled until ready to serve with chicken wings, celery and carrots.

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Zeslie Johnson (21) and the Howard College women's basketball team will return to action at 5:45 p.m. today when they host New Mexico Junior College at 5:45 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The men's game follows at 7:45 p.m.

National signing day: Saban stocks up, DGB stays home

RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Every coach claims to have a great national signing day. Nick Saban actually does — every year.

By lunchtime on Wednesday, the Alabama coach had most of his latest highly rated recruiting class locked up.

“He’s the best at (recruiting) in the country,” said Tom Lemming of CBS Sports Network. “Over the last five years, nobody has been better at it than Nick Saban.”

The national signing period for high school football players opened with the usual plethora of pick-a-cap news conferences and a few high-profile flip-flops.

New Ohio State coach Urban Meyer showed that a year away from coaching didn’t hurt his ability to recruit. Meanwhile, Meyer’s old school, Florida, followed a mediocre season with a promising signing day — despite having Southern California pluck a couple of blue-chippers from Gator country.

Missouri didn’t need to leave the state to make the biggest grab of all on signing day, getting a letter of intent from the nation’s most celebrated prospect, receiver Dorial Green-Beckham from Springfield, Mo.

In Tuscaloosa, Ala., there were

no surprises for the national champion Crimson Tide. And that was a good thing because Saban and his staff had already lined up a class that most of the analysts had ranked as either the best in the nation or very close to it.

“There was little intrigue or drama to this class,” said Allen Wallace of SuperPrep Magazine.

No, just talent.

The Tide swept through the South to reload with 26 signees. Alabama went to Baltimore to get wide receiver Cyrus Jones, down to Lynchburg, Va., for defensive tackle Korren Kirven — one of the few late additions — scooped up eight players from Georgia, three from Florida, picked up a quarterback, Alec Morris, from Texas, and even dipped into LSU territory to grab highly touted safety Landon Collins from Geismar, La.

Collins’ selection of Alabama over LSU last month on national TV was memorable for his mother’s vocal disapproval (“Tigers No. 1,” she said, eyes rolling at her son’s choice). On Wednesday, with mom by his side, Collins signed his letter of intent at Dutchtown High School.

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74 dead in soccer riot

By **MAGGIE MICHAEL**

Associated Press

CAIRO — A narrow stadium exit turned into a death trap. Crowds of Egyptian soccer fans fleeing supporters of the opposing team armed with knives, clubs and stones rushed into the corridor, only to be crushed against a locked gate, their rivals attacking from behind, survivors and witnesses said.

The result was the world’s worst soccer violence in 15 years, with 74 people crushed, suffocated or stabbed to death.

Many Egyptians, from the public to lawmakers, on Thursday blamed the police and the country’s ruling military for failing to prevent the rioting the night before in the Mediterranean coastal city of Port Said.

Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri, in an emergency parliamentary session,

announced he has dissolved the Egyptian Soccer Federation’s board and referred its members for questioning by prosecutors about the violence. He also said the governor of Port Said province and the area’s police chief have resigned.

Several lawmakers said the lapse was intentional, aimed at stoking the country’s insecurity since the Feb. 11 fall of former leader Hosni Mubarak.

Some accused the police of allowing the riot to happen out of vengeance against the ultras — die-hard soccer fans who are bitter enemies of the police and have been among the most aggressive protesters over the past year.

The ultras, backers of Al-Ahly club, were at the forefront of violent protests a year ago that led to the collapse of the police force, and in more recent months, they have clashed with soldiers during rallies demanding an end to military rule.

In an emergency session, Parliament Speaker Saad el-Katatni, of the Muslim Brotherhood, accused security authorities of hesitating to act, putting “the revolution in danger.”

“This is a complete crime,” said Abbas Mekhmar, head of parliament’s defense committee. “This is part of the scenario of fueling chaos against Egypt.”

Protests and a march on the Interior Ministry were planned Thursday against the police force over the violence. In the morning, dozens of angry protesters sealed off Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the 18-day uprising that toppled Mubarak, while others blocked the street in front of the nearby state TV building in preparation for the rallies.

The riot at the stadium in Port Said erupted when fans of the local team, Al-Masry, stormed

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Duncan, Parker lead Spurs to win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With the Spurs on the brink of getting blown out, Tim Duncan took over and carried them to victory.

Duncan scored 25 points and Tony Parker added 24 to help the San Antonio Spurs rally for a 99-91 victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

The Rockets led by 18 points in the third quarter and looked poised to put the game away before Duncan led the Spurs on an 11-2 run. When he wasn’t barking directions to his younger teammates, Duncan was burying running hooks in the lane. Duncan scored 16 points in the quarter, after which the Spurs trailed only 71-67.

“Tim Duncan, he went to the fountain of youth or something yesterday,” Neal said. “Cause today he looked phenomenal. Tim’s one of our leaders.

everybody knows that; we just kind of fed off of him tonight.”

The Spurs took their first lead since the first quarter on Danny Green’s 3-pointer with 7 minutes left in the game — a shot that brought his former coach Roy Williams, in attendance to support Green, to his feet. Both teams traded baskets before the Spurs took the lead for good on Neal’s runner with 2 minutes left. San Antonio closed the game on an 8-0 run.

“Timmy (Duncan) and Tony (Parker) did a great job of leading the way for the whole group and everybody else followed and they never gave in,” Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. “Timmy and Tony didn’t allow them to. They did a fantastic team job tonight.”

The Spurs (14-9) have won two straight and improved to 11-1 at

home. Gary Neal had 15 for San Antonio, which split the four-game season series with the Rockets (12-10), who have lost two straight.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points to lead Houston but went 1 for 6 in the fourth quarter. Kyle Lowry and Courtney Lee each added 15, and Patrick Patterson had 10.

Duncan and Parker, who had six points and three assists in the fourth quarter, got plenty of help from Green. The athletic forward played most of the second half after going 0 for 4 from the field in the first half. His defense was key to Martin’s second-half struggles.

“A guy like that, once he gets going, you’ve got to throw different things at him, try to

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), noon.

Women’s basketball

New Mexico JC at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men’s basketball

New Mexico JC at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Tennis

Big Spring at Andrews Invitational.

Baseball

Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), noon.

Girl’s basketball

Big Spring at Brownwood, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Roosevelt at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Boy’s basketball

Big Spring at Brownwood, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Roosevelt at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Forsan, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Tennis

Big Spring at Andrews Invitational.

MONDAY

Women’s basketball

Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m.

Men’s basketball

Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m.

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cool down his rhythm," Green said. "We had different guys guarding him. He's very hard to guard cause because he can make shots and he also knows how to use his body to draw fouls. You have to be careful being physical with him. When he catches it, I just tried to be annoying so he doesn't get in rhythm and get comfortable to make shots."

It was a tactic that worked, as Martin started missing even open jumpers late in the game. Rockets coach Kevin McHale, though, said sloppy play also had plenty to do with the loss Houston committed 20 turnovers.

"We had too many turnovers," McHale said. "We turned it over and we fed into that (comeback) a little bit. They turned it up a little, and we had to respond with more ball movement and more hard drives. They made some shots and made some things happen."

Duncan, as so often has been the case, was key to comeback. After Martin's pull-up jumper put Houston up 58-40 with 10:25 left in the third quarter, Duncan responded with a short fadeaway jumper. He would score six straight points later in the quarter to pull San Antonio within three.

"I just tried to be aggressive, tried to get into the paint," Duncan said. "They were staying locked up with our shooters. They weren't double teaming and I got a chance to attack a little more and get to the paint and make some shots, and draw some fouls."

Notes: Williams coached Green at North Carolina from 2005-2009. After starting, Spurs G Kawhi Leonard didn't play in the second half. The Spurs have two more home games before going on the road for nine straight games. The Rockets will play six of their next seven games on the road. ... The Spurs have won 32 of their last 38 home games against the Rockets.

Thunder blast Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Russell Westbrook and Kevin Durant provided the offense for Oklahoma City, and Serge Ibaka's defense put the Thunder over the top.

Westbrook scored 33 points and Kevin Durant added 23 points and 13 rebounds as the Thunder beat the Dallas Mavericks 95-86 on Wednesday night.

Ibaka had a career-high 10 blocked shots, helping Oklahoma City limit Dallas to 8-for-38 shooting from the field in the second half.

"He was amazing," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said of Ibaka, who also had 11 rebounds. "He's been playing great defense eight of the last nine games."

James Harden contributed 10 points off the bench as the Thunder bounced back from Monday night's 112-100 road loss to the Los Angeles Clippers that snapped a four-game winning streak.

Jason Terry had 26 points for the short-handed Mavericks.

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the field following a rare 3-1 win against Al-Ahly, one of Egypt's most popular clubs.

Al-Masry supporters, armed with knives, sticks and stones, chased Al-Ahly players and fans, who ran toward the exits and up the stands to escape, according to witnesses.

Lines of riot police in the stadium largely did nothing to intervene, witnesses said. At one point, the stadium lights went out, plunging it into darkness. At the time, the TV sports-caster announcing the match said authorities shut them off to "calm the situation."

"We were surprised the police let them in that easy. The numbers were huge," said Ahmed Ghaffar, one of the visiting Al-Ahly fans at the stadium.

As many Al-Ahly

fans crowded into the corridor leading out of the stadium, they were trapped, with the doors at the other end locked.

"Layers of people" were "stuck over each other because there was no other exit," Ghaffar tweeted on Thursday. "We were between two choices, either death coming from behind us, or the closed doors."

He said Al-Masry fans beat Al-Ahly fans who fell on the floor.

Mahmoud Ibrahim, 22, a survivor who on Thursday was at a Cairo morgue where two of his dead friends were taken, said that after the lights went out, people were left "to kill each other."

He ran into the corridor. "We went down trying to get out and everyone was pushing. Under me was more than three people and I am being pushed. Everyone is pushing trying to breathe," he said.

Al-Masry fan, Mohammed Mosleh, who posted his account on

Facebook, said he saw "thugs with weapons" on his side in the stadium where police presence was meager.

"This was unbelievable," he said. "We were supposed to be celebrating, not killing people. We defeated Al-Ahly, something I saw twice only in my lifetime. All the people were happy. Nobody expected this."

Health ministry official Hisham Sheha said the deaths were caused by stabs by sharp tools, brain hemorrhage and concussions. "All those carried to hospitals were already dead bodies," Sheha told stat TV.

TV footage showed Al-Ahly players rushing for their locker room as fistfights broke out among the hundreds of fans swarming on to the field. Some men had to rescue a manager from the losing team as he was being beaten. Riot police stood by, appearing overwhelmed.

The Interior Ministry said 74 people died,

including one police officer, and 248 were injured, 14 of them police. A local health official initially said 1,000 people were injured and it was not clear how severely. Security forces arrested 47 people for involvement in the violence, the statement said.

Essam el-Erian, a Brotherhood lawmaker, said the military and police were complicit in the violence, accusing them of trying to show that emergency regulations giving security forces wide-ranging powers must be maintained.

"This tragedy is a result of intentional reluctance by the military and the police," he said.

A number of political parties called on the Egyptian parliament to pass no-confidence vote against the government of el-Ganzouri, a Mubarak-era politician appointed by the much-criticized ruling military council.

SIGNING

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Here's a look around the nation at more of the top stories from signing day.

RETURN OF URBAN

The Buckeyes' recruiting coaches — as opposed to their coaching coaches — did a bang-up job with Meyer's first Ohio State class.

You might remember Michigan wasn't pleased with the fact that Meyer and the staff he was assembling was allowed to recruit while the old staff was preparing the Buckeyes for their bowl game. The NCAA signed off on the arrangement. This just after Ohio State was handed a one-year bowl ban for transgressions under former coach Jim Tressel.

Considering Meyer's track record, simply having him on Ohio State's side was probably all the advantage the Buckeyes needed.

Meyer's class was a consensus top-five, loaded with defensive linemen, including Noah Spence from Harrisburg, Pa., and Adolphus Washington from Cincinnati. The Buckeyes got a late boost when offensive tackle Kyle Dodson from Cleveland switched from Wisconsin to Ohio State on Wednesday.

"We had to have him," Meyer said of Dodson.

Dodson was one of at least a half dozen players who switched commitments to play for Meyer.

"He's done an amazing job flipping kids away from schools like it was

easy as can be. And it's not," said Mike Farrell, national recruiting analyst for Rivals.com.

Michigan did OK for itself, too. Coach Brady Hoke's recruits received high marks from the experts and stacked up nicely with Ohio State.

So signing day was just like the old days in the Big Ten. There was Ohio State and Michigan, then everybody else.

FLORIDA TROJANS

With NCAA sanctions kicking in at USC, Lane Kiffin had 10 fewer scholarships to hand out this year.

While the quantity is down, the quality of the Trojans' class was not, and Kiffin's crew made a couple of big scores in Florida on signing day.

Defensive end Leonard Williams from Daytona Beach, Fla., and receiver Nelson Algholor from Tampa both chose the Trojans.

After announcing his decision on ESPNU, Algholor said he was looking forward to catching passes from Matt Barkley, who decided to return for his senior season.

Looks like Kiffin can thank his quarterback for that victory.

SNUBBING THE IRISH

Did Case Keenum get a seventh year of eligibility?

Maybe the most surprising signing day flip-flop came from receiver Deontay Greenberry from Fresno, Calif., who backed off of a long-standing verbal commitment to Notre Dame and signed with Houston.

"Out of left field," Farrell said.

Greenberry made a last visit to Houston, but was still considered a lock to end up in South Bend, Ind., as one

of the top prizes of coach Brian Kelly's class. His cousin, cornerback Tee Shephard, has already enrolled at Notre Dame.

Instead, Greenberry is off to Houston to play for new coach Tony Levine, whose Cougars will still use a pass-heavy offense even with Keenum out of eligibility.

LONGHORN'S LATE PITCH

Signing day at Texas tends to be pretty boring. Coach Mack Brown's classes are usually locked up airtight weeks, if not months, before letters of intent start setting off the fax machines.

This year, however, the Longhorns swooped in late to pick up line-backer Torshiro Davis, who is from Shreveport and had committed to LSU.

For the second straight year, Texas signed one of the most highly regarded running backs in the country, landing Johnathan Gray from Aledo, Texas, to go with last year's freshman sensations Joe Bergeron and the other Mack Brown.

COMMITTED, BUT NOT SIGNED

Quarterback Jameis Winston from Hueytown, Ala., said in an interview on ESPNU: "I'm a Nole."

But he also said he won't sign a letter of intent with Florida State until at least Friday. Winston seems intent on sticking with the Seminoles, but until it's official Jimbo Fisher will no doubt have to sweat it out.

Stanford has at least caught Winston's attention.

As for Florida State, Fisher signed a second consecutive class rated in the top 10 by the analysts — which should

only make Seminoles fans even more eager for their team's long-awaited return to national championship contention.

STAYING HOME

Green-Beckham, born in St. Louis and adopted by a family from Springfield, Mo., made the hometown fans happy by signing with the Tigers.

At 6-foot-6 and 220 pounds, the receiver already looks like an NFL prototype, comparable to stars such as Calvin Johnson and Andre Johnson.

He whittled his choices down to Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri in January, and on Wednesday morning at Hillcrest High School he picked the Tigers.

"I felt like they've (Missouri) been there since Day One," Green-Beckham said.

Missouri first offered him a scholarship at the age of 15.

RU SERIOUS? YES, RUTGERS

When Greg Schiano left for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week, the fear was that Rutgers would lose much of what was being touted as its best recruiting class ever.

In the end, new coach Kyle Flood and the rest of the staff kept it together.

Rutgers lost only one player that had previously committed and came away with a class that included most of the top players in New Jersey, a typically solid state for producing football players, though often those players don't go to Rutgers.

The cream of the crop was Darius Hamilton, a defensive end from Ramsey, N.J.

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NFL unveils \$1M fantasy promotion

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL wants to add even more fans to the millions already following the sport — and is willing to pay \$1 million to do it.

The league will run an ad during the Super Bowl introducing the "Perfect Challenge," a deceptively simple new fantasy game.

Each week, participants must pick an eight-player lineup out of the entire NFL. If every selection earns the most fantasy points at their position in a given week, the owner wins \$1 million.

The lineups must feature one quarterback, two running backs, two wide receivers, one tight end, one kicker and one defense/special teams unit. The game is free.

For a sense of the difficulty of picking the perfect lineup, consider that last season 16 different kickers earned the most points (including ties) for at least one week under the standard NFL.com scoring system.

Yes, the hugely popular NFL believes it's missing out on potential fans, so it's making a splash with the \$1 million prize. An estimated 15 million to 20 million people already play fantasy football, but then again, last year's Super Bowl was watched by 111 million viewers.

Super pick: An OT ending?

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer
INDIANAPOLIS — Overtime. For the first time.

In each of their trips to the Super Bowl with Bill Belichick as coach and Tom Brady at quarterback, the Patriots threatened to go into overtime. They eked out three wins and lost by three points to the Giants.

When New England and New York face off Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Patriots will be favored by three. That will be the winning margin, and it will come in an unprecedented extra period.

But who will win?
Glad you asked.

Each team is on a roll, with the Patriots (15-3) winning all 10 games since a home loss to the Giants. New York went into a funk after that victory, losing four straight and five of six before turning it around with closing victories against the Jets and Cowboys to win the NFC East.

The Giants (12-7) have won five in a row, including wins at Green Bay and San Francisco in the playoffs.

In 2008, the Patriots were unbeaten and seeking the first 19-0 season in NFL history when the Giants stunned them. Again, New England has the better record and the Giants took the long route to the

big game.

"It's the same teams, but in our mindset, a lot of new players," said Giants quarterback Eli Manning, one of the heroes of the 17-14 win four years ago. "We had 16 guys and New England only has seven guys who were on that team. A lot of guys who are going to be key factors in this game did not play in that last Super Bowl."

"We have the mindset that this is a new game. It's the same teams, but a lot of different makeup. What happened in the last Super Bowl doesn't matter. What happened in the last game of the season doesn't matter. It's about what we do on Sunday and what we do in this game."

What the Giants must do is get a pass rush on Brady. They had five sacks and at least nine hits on him in the 2008 game, and they pressured him throughout the regular-season win last November. If they can make Brady uncomfortable and rush his throws, it ruins the tempo of New England's no-huddle offense.

With Brady virtually no threat to run, the Giants will try to condense the passing pocket so much that Brady can't step into his throws. If that doesn't happen, All-Pro receiver Wes Welker and dynamic tight

ends Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez could be tough to cover; New York's secondary isn't strong enough to prosper without the big pass rush.

All-Pro Gronkowski's high left ankle sprain is problematic for New England, although pretty much everyone expects him to play. But if he's limited in gaining yards after the catch, a particular strength, it also can hurt the Patriots.

Where New England truly has stepped up recently is on defense, and the Giants will test that improvement. Manning's three wideouts — Hakeem Nicks, Victor Cruz and Mario Manningham — can't all be double-teamed, and each is capable of game-breaking plays. Belichick will come up with something creative to slow them. Does he have the players to implement his schemes against an offense almost as explosive as the Patriots' unit?

Too much of a challenge.

The game will go into an extra period, and the NFL's rule allowing both teams to have the ball if the first possession results in a field goal will come into play. New England will get that field goal, then Manning will find one of his wideouts in the end zone to win it.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

This year, Punxsutawney Phil's special moment happens in the last hours of Neptune's transit in Aquarius, endowing the day with a feeling of significance and transition. If his shadow doesn't scare him, the chatter and hubbub around the Gemini moon just might. Everyone feels like sharing, exploring and hopping aboard the next trend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anger can be the catalyzing emotion that brings about positive change. It can also cause unnecessary restriction, making you smaller than you could be. Cool down and consider how best to use your anger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Waiting for permission in a matter could prevent forward movement. Calculate the risks involved. It may be worthwhile to act unsanctioned and ask for forgiveness later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll say what's on your mind for what its worth, all the while realizing that your communication isn't really about content. It's about creating rapport and making a connection.



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CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your first instinct may be to obey the rules, but there's a bit of mischief in you, too, especially when you notice that the rules don't apply to everyone. Have fun dancing through yesterday's limitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't pass up the chance to go for the laugh. Maybe it won't work, but if it does, it will put something wonderful into the world. Laughter is a kind of music. It's a sound that signals the harmony of souls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you certainly have the most burdens to bear today, you don't have to play the part of the heavy. You can take a responsibility seriously without taking yourself seriously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Often you are subliminally influenced by your surroundings and the zeitgeist. Though your most stylish and artistic choices happen when you consciously and carefully choose your influences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A friend who can see you clearly and relate an accurate reflection of you is invaluable. You'll learn of one of your blind spots, and you'll find a way to avoid being ruined by this weakness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be excel-

lent at reading body language, putting together evidence and sleuthing for answers. And though there are many ways to find out what someone is doing and thinking, but the best one is to ask directly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll appreciate best the one who rushes to your aid and is the first to get there. Maybe you won't need the help, but the effort reflects an affection and level of attention that you'll value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you thought would be a quick dance is turning out to be a long slog. What makes this so cumbersome is all of the baggage you have to carry from point A to point B. You'll consider dropping some of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The projects that you're involved with will come together because people cooperate so well when you're in the mix. You'll establish an environment where the truth is welcome.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2) You'll teach those with less experience. Many will carry on the legacy of your mentorship. You love competition and welcome the chance to hone your skills against a worthy competitor this month. Next month brings romance and intrigue. Investments pay in May and September. Educate yourself and earn in August. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 2, 45 and 20.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

COLUMBIAN BORN POP STAR SHAKIRA was just 12 years old when she released her first record, and her tenacity finally paid off in Grammys. The dancing Aquarian diva has been honored by the United Nations and other organizations for her extensive charitable contributions. Her natal moon in soulful Cancer reveals a strong intuitive sense and a powerful bond with family.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I am a college freshman. My sister, "Katie," is a sophomore in high school. I am on good terms with many of her friends. One, "Jessie," is a bit wild.

In November, Jessie messaged me on Facebook. She said she had transferred to a private school because the public school "wasn't good for rebels."

She told me she drank and attended crazy parties. She said she often does her homework "while hammered," and that she was writing me during Spanish class.

When I came home for winter break, I mentioned the conversation to Katie.

She believes if I send this to Jessie's parents, it will cause a huge rift between our families.

She thinks I should send it to Jessie's school because they are the only ones who can effect any change.

Should I send this to her school? Wouldn't they question my motives, especially since I've waited so long to do anything? —

Confused College Student

Dear Student: You have no idea whether Jessie is telling the truth or simply trying to shock you. The message could even be a cry for help, in the hope that someone will care enough to be upset with her. Her parents are already aware of her problems, and we doubt the school is oblivious.

On your next trip home, it would be a kindness to drop by and talk to Jessie's parents. Ask how she's doing.

If they think their daughter has shaped up, you should express your concern that this may not be so. You also can suggest to Jessie that she talk to the school counselor. But beyond that, we caution you to stay out of it.

Dear Annie: My fiancé, "Steve," has a rocky relationship with his sister, "Sara." We live in New York and are planning to marry next year in Georgia.

The problem is, Steve doesn't want Sara to be

a bridesmaid, because he thinks she will create drama, and he doesn't want our day to be about her. But she is going to be my sister-in-law, and I'd like her to be one of my bridesmaids. I hope to build a close relationship with her in the future.

Since she will have to travel from New York to Georgia to attend the wedding anyway, I cannot imagine not asking her to be in the bridal party. My sister and brother will be attendants, along with one of my cousins. Steve has promised to abide by your advice. — *New York*

Dear New York: We think you should give Sara the opportunity to do the right thing. It could be a good way for her to make amends for past hurts and be closer to her brother. Everyone deserves a second chance. If she becomes difficult or problematic while you are making wedding plans, it is OK to tell her you think she might prefer to attend the wedding as a guest.

Dear Annie: I'd like to tell "In Doubt" that if she has a gut feeling that her husband is having an affair, he probably is. Had anyone asked who had the most perfect marriage, the



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answer would have been my husband and me.

After 40 years, I believed he was honest and sincere, but he began flirting with a younger woman in our neighborhood. When I asked him about little things that bothered me, he always assured me there was nothing going on.

When I finally discov-

ered the truth, the affair had gone on for four years. He'd taken this woman on vacation (supposedly a men's fishing trip) and met up with her for sex in all sorts of places. It was new and exciting to him.

So, if you have that gut feeling and there are worrisome signs, hire a detective. You may not think he would lie, but men get so carried away and feel so young that they would say anything to be able to continue.

— *Been There*

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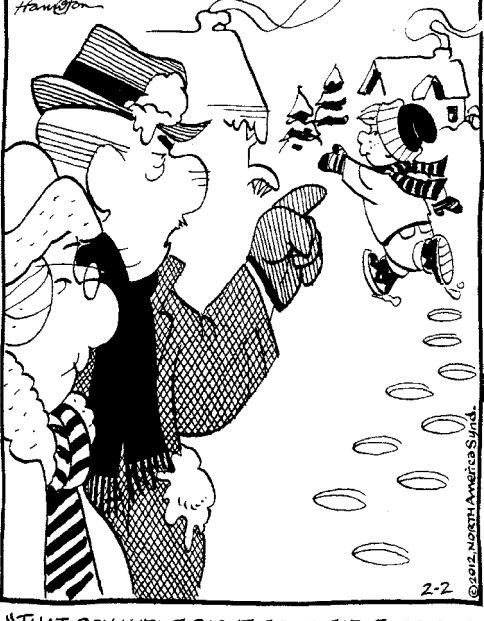
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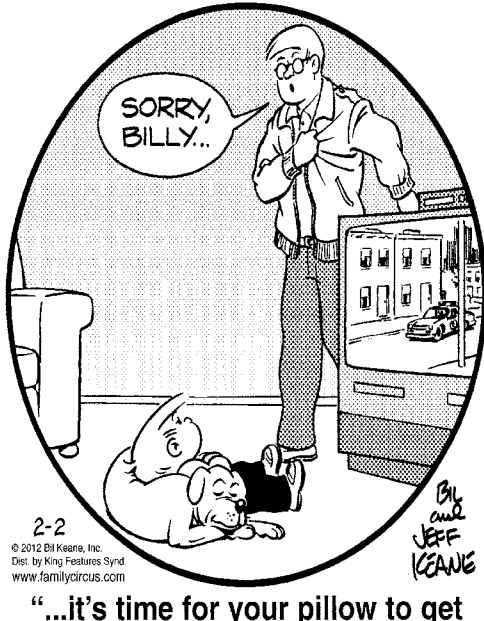
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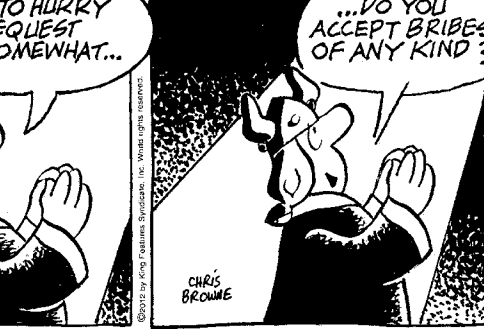


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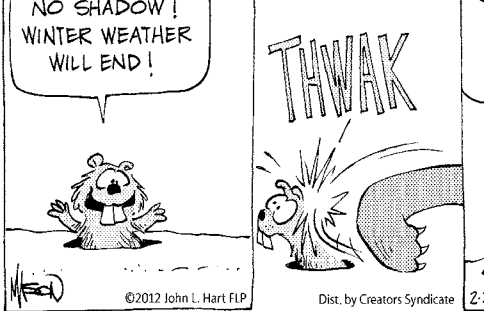
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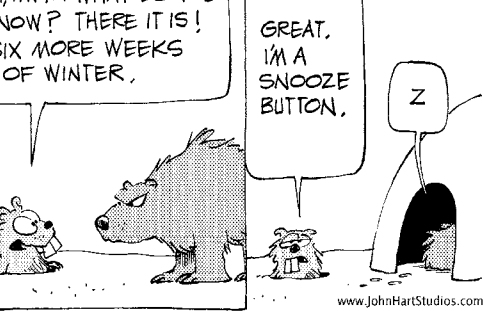
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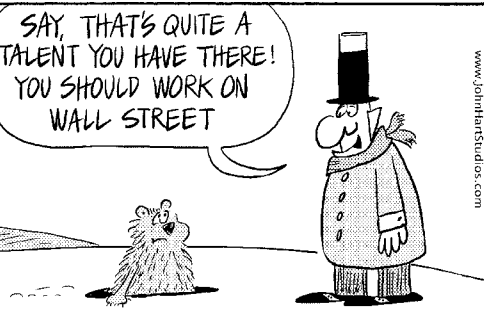
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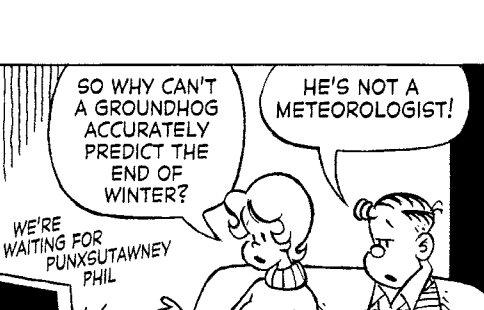
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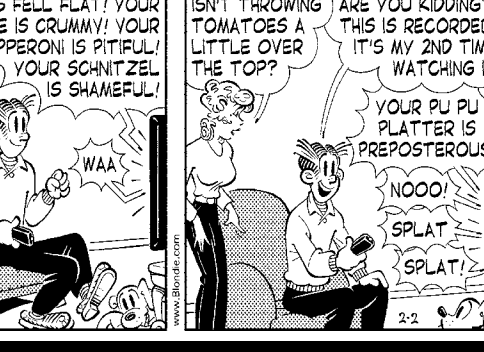
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2012. There are 333 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1912, Frederick R. Law parachuted from the torch of the Statue of Liberty in a stunt filmed by Pathe (PA'-thay) News.

On this date:

In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

In 1882, Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pa., held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1912, Broadway composer Burton Lane ("Finian's

Rainbow") was born in New York City.

In 1922, the James Joyce novel "Ulysses" was published in Paris by Sylvia Beach's Shakespeare and Co. on Joyce's 40th birthday.

In 1942, a Los Angeles Times column by W.H. Anderson urged security measures against Japanese-Americans, arguing that a Japanese-American "almost inevitably... grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1961, hijackers of a Portuguese ocean liner, the Santa Maria, allowed the passengers and crew to disembark in Brazil, 11 days after seizing the ship. Chinese-American actress Anna May Wong died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 56.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1992, longtime "Miss America" emcee Bert Parks died in La Jolla (HOY'-uh), Calif., at age 77.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stritch is 87. Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing (val-eh-REE'-ZHEES'-kahr deh-STANG') is 86. Actor Robert Mandan is 80. Comedian Tom Smothers is 75. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 70. Actor Bo Hopkins is 70. Television executive Barry Diller is 70. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 66. TV chef Ina (EE'-nuh) Garten is 64. Actor Jack McGee is 63. Actor Brent Spiner (SPY'-nur) is 63. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 63. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 60. Model Christie Brinkley is 58. Actor Michael Talbott is 57. Actress Kim Zimmer is 57.

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Charlie Brown exclamation
 - 5 HS auxiliaries
 - 9 Mosquito cousin
 - 13 Book after Daniel
 - 14 Stumblebum
 - 15 Rock climber's need
 - 16 Greet with acclaim
 - 17 Baldwin's father on 30 Rock
 - 18 Part of AM
 - 19 Giant of theoretical physics
 - 22 Large quantity
 - 23 UK reference set
 - 24 Service charge
 - 25 Frat letter
 - 27 "Rock Around the Clock" soloist
 - 29 Teltale sign
 - 31 Beer holders
 - 32 Yak
 - 34 Poetic sphere
 - 35 Product of the imagination
 - 36 Raucous-laugh comedienne
 - 40 Faucet flaw
 - 41 Indivisible
 - 42 Razorbill bird
 - 43 Rock guitarist Joan
 - 44 Source of some stings
 - 46 Internet prefix
 - 50 Call for help
 - 51 Baby seal
 - 52 Box-score column
 - 54 Chapter of history
- DOWN**
- 1 Warmed-over rendition
 - 2 Rhododendron relative
 - 3 Of Survivor groups
 - 4 Auction, for example
 - 5 Piece of dinnerware
 - 6 City on Lake Erie
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 - 8 Silicon Valley school
 - 9 Fireplace insert
 - 10 Bar __ (without exception)
 - 11 Flair
 - 12 Typical driving-school customer
 - 20 Kingly
 - 21 Tesla's homeland
 - 26 Security Council permanent member
 - 28 Where Suez is
 - 30 Prescribed units
 - 31 Opalescent
 - 33 Have a tantrum
 - 36 Used
 - 37 Makes good sense
 - 38 If absolutely necessary
 - 39 Clear-thinking
 - 40 Dance club VIPs
 - 45 Give a cue to
 - 47 Ladybug, for instance
 - 48 Mistake list
 - 49 Convertible, so to speak
 - 51 Blog entries
 - 53 Censor audibly
 - 56 Whom Wednesday is named for
 - 57 Zodiac beast
 - 58 Withstand

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