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Water restrictions eased

Conservation still vital, officials say

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

In a bit of a milestone for what has become historic drought conditions for West Texas and the immediate area, Big Spring City Council approved moving from Stage 3 of its drought contingency plan to Stage 2, switching from mandatory water restrictions to voluntary conservation efforts.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the Colorado River Municipal Water District — which distributes raw water to several West Texas cities, including Big Spring — has lifted its restrictions on supplied water.

"We're probably one of the last cities coming to the council to have those restrictions lifted," Darden said. "What we are doing is going to a voluntary stage. We're still asking customers to FOLLOW their watering schedules, which is primarily because of the (rehabilitation of) the water and wastewater facilities.

"We still have limitations on our treatment and capacity. If these changes fall short of our goal for the demand the water treatment plan, then we'll come back to the council and look at a different direction at that time. I feel like we'll be able to attain our goal with these watering schedules."

The resolution moving from

"When you preach conservation — and we're going to preach conservation because we need to do what we can to preserve our water out here in West Texas and not be wasteful — I believe it has an effect."



—Todd Darden, assistant city manager

Stage 3 of the drought contingency plan to Stage 2 was accepted by the council on emergency reading, meaning it does not require a second reading to be enacted. District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict with his work.

According to Darden, the shift from mandatory restrictions to voluntary restrictions means the city will no longer issue citations for misuse of water, however, the municipality will be looking at usage levels very closely.

"Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit

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Traver Rivers Jordan, a local fifth grade student, accepts an award for heroism Tuesday night from District 5 City Councilman Craig Olson and Mayor Tommy Duncan during the city council meeting. Jordan — the son of Chris and Stacy Jordan — was recognized by local fire department officials for the bravery he exhibited April 21, 2012, in getting his family and himself out of their home after it caught fire. According to Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray, Jordan was able to remain calm and act accordingly, thanks to training he and his classmates received through the fire department's annual educational in-school programs.

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ISD accountability changes to get look

□ Big Spring ISD board to convene at 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Area educators are getting a better idea about what will be expected from students tak-

ing state standardized tests.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will hear a report on changes in the state of Texas' accountability system when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The state recently switched

the standardized tests it requires of Texas public school students — going with the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test for grades 3 through 8 and end of course exams for high school students.

While the transition to the new tests is complete, pass-

ing standards for the tests and how they will be used to determine campus and school district performance is still up in the air.

However, Becky Saldivar, director of assessment and

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Christmas at the Hangar planned Friday evening

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Special to the Herald

The holiday is in full swing and Hangar 25 Air Museum is jumping right in with A Christmas at the Hangar.

Friday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., See **HANGAR**, Page 3

the Christmas spirit can be found throughout Hangar 25.

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Thomas Robert Mullen



Thomas (Tom) Robert Mullen, 84, of Lubbock, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Dec. 9, 2012, at Convent Medical Center.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Christ the King Cathedral, Lubbock, Texas, with Monsignor Ben Kasteel and the Rev. Joy A. Thachil as celebrants. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park with military honors.

Rosary will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at 7 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home.

Tom was born to Thomas Howard and Kathryn Connor Mullen in Marshfield, Wis., on Sept. 14, 1928. He graduated from Gonzaga College High School in Washington D.C. He attended Georgetown University and University of San Francisco and finished his bachelor degree at the University of the Permian Basin in 1977.

He married Dorothy Elaine Fletcher on Feb. 2, 1952. He began his military career in June of 1950 and for the next 22 years was in service to his country. Major Mullen was part of the strategic air command, was an instructor pilot with the air training command and served as a Royal Air Force exchange officer in England.

He flew and instructed flying in the B-29, T-33 and T-38, Mark III and Mark IV, and, in the later years of his military career, he was a field maintenance squadron commander and served a tour of duty in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. After his retirement he worked in the automobile business and as an income tax preparer.

Tom is survived by his wife of 60 years, "Dottie"; sons, Patrick Mullen (Dana) of Montgomery, Texas, and Tom Mullen (Sonja) of Lubbock, Texas; daughters, Mary Longmire (Pat) of Divide, Colo., Shannon Nabors of Big Spring and Anne Mullen of Lubbock; grandchildren, Tom and Marianne Mullen of Lubbock, Texas, and Evan Nabors of Arcata, Calif.; sister, Ann Hirsh (Dave) of Walnut Creek, Calif.; sister-in-law, Phyllis Kelly (Jerry) of San Diego, Calif.; and his aunt, Jane Mantarro of Foley, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, James Fletcher Mullen; nephew, Nick Stanfel; and aunt, Dr. Angie Connor.

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Wilma Jean Hardy

PERRYTON, TEXAS — Wilma Jean Hardy, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at Key Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Williams and the Rev. Jeff Staton officiating. Burial will follow in Ochiltree Cemetery.

She was born in Electra, Texas, on Aug. 22, 1931, living in the area since 1946. She married John Hardy in Perryton, Texas, on Sept. 19, 1948. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Key Heights Baptist Church.

Wilma and John were married for 64 years and while they had disagreements, they had no fights or black eyes. She crocheted baby afghans for numerous people and was known for her generosity and helpful ways to everyone she met. She was generous with her time and talents.

She rode more than 300,000 miles in the 48 continental United States, Canada and Mexico and was a life member of the Motor Maids Inc., comprised of all women motorcycle riders. She was the first Motor Maids district director in Texas and attended many Motor Maid national conventions, traveling to them alone on her bike.

She also attended several of John's USS Gustafson Navy reunions held in various states, from the East Coast to the West Coast on her bike. She was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Riders Association since it was first organized; member of the Texas Motorcycle Riders Association for 35 years; and member of the Perryton Wheel-Go Motorcycle Club, which held several rallies at Lake Fryer.

She was traveling on her bike to the rally in Watertown, S.D., on Sept. 11, 2001, when the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers occurred in New York City, N.Y.

Survivors include her husband, John Hardy of Perryton, Texas; daughters, Voncille Hardy of Big Spring, Texas, and Jane Golden of Paris, Texas; sons, J.W. Hardy and Douglas Hardy, both of Perryton, Texas; sisters, Betty Howse of Wanette, Okla., and Norma Hill of Laguna Park, Texas; and a brother, Robert Potts of Panama City, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 9 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandchild. The family requests memorials be made to Ochiltree Hospice Volunteers, 3101 Garrett Dr., Perryton, Texas 79070.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Inc. of Perryton, Texas, 806-435-3621.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• JASON DAVID LEE, 32, of 1503 Sycamore Apt. A, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for expired

Obituaries

Pam Winters



Pam Winters, 77, entered into rest Dec. 9, 2012, at Granby House, Granby, Mo., following an illness. She was born Sept. 7, 1935, in Aransas Pass, Texas, to Alpha and Rosa (Schaffner) Blevins.

She was a Texas resident and worked as a licensed vocational nurse from 1964 until 1989, then moved to Missouri in 1987 and worked as a medical transcriptionist until retirement. She was a

member of Monark Baptist Church and loved to crochet and sew. She also enjoyed reading and having her pets.

Pam is preceded in death by her parents, Alpha and Rosa.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan Roszell and husband Joe of Neosho, Mo., and Spring Baldrige of Dallas, Texas; a son, Bryan Winters and wife Annie of Vincent, Texas; seven grandchildren, David Winters, Heath Winters, Malee Granger, Brandy Ann Flentge, Kara Durst, Manny Roszell and Jamie York; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faithful Friends Animal Advocates, c/o Clark Funeral Home, P.O. Box 66, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

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

Paid obituary

David Sidney Johnson



David Sidney Johnson, 76, of Midland died Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 23, 1936, in Hays County, Texas, moving to Martin County in 1943. He graduated from Stanton High School in 1955 and served in the U.S. Navy. David worked for Texas Electric

Company for 33 years, retiring in 1994. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his friend and companion, Theresa Winn of Midland; one son, Brian Johnson of Midland; one brother, Albert Johnson and wife Dutchie of Stanton; two sisters, Mary Belle Keaton and Nancy Swink and husband Bill, all of Stanton; a granddaughter; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Webster and Virgie Schuelke Johnson.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Dr. Suite 270E, Midland, Texas 79701; or the Martin County Senior Center, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Ofelia Galan



Ofelia Galan, 78, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, at her residence. Vigil services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Hays County, Texas, to Isabel and Telesforo Galan. She was a homemaker and a housekeeper. She

lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a Catholic.

She is survived by two sons, Ascencion Hilario Jr. and Sammy Hilario, both of Big Spring; 12 daughters, Yolanda Fierro, Ester Calderon, Estella Hilario, Marylou Villareal, Norma Juarez, Isabel Hilario, Diana Rodriguez and JoAnn Hilario, all of Big Spring, Rosemary Guterrez of Lovington, N.M., Sarah Scalf of Houston, Sally Correa of Amarillo and Cecilia (Tina) Hilario of Buna; one brother, Isidoro Galan of Big Spring; 45 grandchildren; 73 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Mary Martinez, Virginia Bustamante and Isabel Hilario; one son, Guadalupe Hilario; three grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister.

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

registration.

• JOSHUA ALLEN NOBLE, 26, of 3716 Hatch St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication, resisting arrest, search or transportation, criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, criminal mischief – less than \$50 and

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Sue Balios



Sue Balios, 76, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Sue was born June 19, 1936, in Abilene, Texas, to Audre and Delmer McLeod. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in Acuff, Texas, and married James Balios on June 29, 1954, in Lubbock. They moved to Big Spring in 1963 from Lubbock. James preceded her in death Nov. 12, 2002.

Sue worked for Citizens Federal Credit Union for 23 years and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Sue is survived by two daughters, Mitzi Balios (and Rhonda Abbott) of Colleyville and Molly Smith (and Maury) of Big Spring; one son, Mark Balios of Big Spring; one sister, Jimmie Lou Drake of Big Spring; one brother, Judge McLeod (and Linda) of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721; or Relay for Life, c/o Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number," Darden said. "Saturdays and Wednesdays will be for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number and to irrigate only between the hours of midnight until 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and midnight on designated days."

"Irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. Also, water customers are requested to refrain from washing cars and to continue to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes. Wasting of water is still very much prohibited."

Mayor Tommy Duncan said the change from mandatory restrictions to relying on citizens' voluntary efforts shouldn't be a problem, at least from a historic perspective.

"When we first went into the drought conditions, we received good results just by asking the citizens to voluntarily reduce (their water consumption)," Duncan said. "Not only that, we met all of those goals (set by CRMWD)."

Darden agreed, saying the past summer's rather strict guidelines left a lasting impression on most city water customers.

"I think once you've lived through

mandatory water restrictions, it resonates with you a little bit more," Darden said. "When you preach conservation — and we're going to preach conservation because we need to do what we can to preserve our water out here in West Texas and not be wasteful — I believe it has an effect. Conservation is going to remain at the forefront, as well as education of our customers as to the importance of our water supply."

While many area water customers may breathe a sigh of relief with the switch, Darden said residents should remain vigilant with their water usage.

"This isn't the city of Big Spring coming out and announcing the end of the drought or that water conservation is no longer a major concern," Darden said. "The truth of the matter is conservation is even more important now. Recent rains have helped, but two of our three water reservoirs are still less than 6 percent full, with Lake J.B. Thomas currently less than 1 percent of capacity."

"The citizens of Big Spring have seen first hand just how quickly our water supply can become threatened. During the summer months, evaporation takes an immense toll on our reservoirs and, without solid conservation on the part of our residents, we could end up right back where we were a few months ago."

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

Take Note

- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

- Whiting Oil and Gas Big Spring employees are organizing a food drive to help families in need throughout the community. The drive will be held through Dec. 20. Food donations (non-perishable) can be dropped off at the Whiting Big Spring Field Office, 5306 South Service Road. For more information, call the local office at 432-264-0004 and ask for Cindy Klaus, Vickie Reynolds or Mark Strickland.

- 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.

- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

HANGAR

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and what better time than Christmas to open up our doors once more," Hangar 25 Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger said.

During the evening event, the community will have an opportunity to make an ornament for \$2, experience the Christmas lights and some Christmas treats. A new exhibit — Untold Stories: Webb AFB — will also be revealed.

"This is an event the entire family can take part in," Stockburger said.

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accountability for Big Spring ISD, said details are beginning to emerge to clear up some of that uncertainty.

Saldivar said the Texas Education Agency recently signed off on a series of four "indexes" which the state will use to gauge student performance. Those indexes — student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps and post-secondary readiness — will significantly change how the state rates a school's performance:

In the past, TEA looked at test scores for not only a campus' student body as a whole, but in several subgroups, as well, before issuing a campus accountability rating. The problem

there, Saldivar said, was that poor scores in a particular subgroup would adversely affect the school's rating, even if the student body as a whole performed well.

Under the new system, overall student body and subgroup performance will be just two of four criteria TEA will assess before issuing an accountability rating. Schools also will be evaluated according to how well they close "performance gaps" between economically disadvantaged students and other groups, as

well as how well they prepare secondary students for college and technical schools and how well students' test scores improve on a year-by-year basis.

"And there will be a different type of rating, as well," Saldivar said. "It's my understanding that the old system or rating schools at exemplary, recognized, acceptable or unacceptable is going to go away, although we don't know what exactly will take its place."

In other business Thursday, trustees will

consider:

- Approval of the district's audit report and investment report.

- Bids for vending machine services.

- A donation from Settles Hotel Development Co.

- Personnel matters.

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Martin Diaz, 59, died Tuesday, December 4, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Stuff to know for Santa's helpers

I can remember when we used to throw the kids in the bed of a pickup truck and head down the road. The fact that they could be seriously injured didn't even cross my generation's mind.

Now, if I want to take my grandchildren to the grocery store, I need state-of-the-art, specially designed safety seats, a full seatbelt inspection, and a certification of my clean driving record.

I'm not complaining. I would make my grandchildren walk around encased in bubble wrap if I thought it would keep them safe. My point is that child safety is a much more publicized affair these days.

Take toys, for instance. Back in the day, lawn darts were the height of toy fashion. Now, I might get jail time for giving a child a flying projectile with a sharp metal point. Safety has become paramount to both toy manufacturers and law makers.

A report recently released by the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated there were 193,200 toy-related injuries to children younger than 15 years of age in 2011. Of those estimated injuries, approximately 44 percent were categorized as lacerations, contusions, or abrasions of some kind. When it comes to toy-related injuries, the head and face area is the most commonly affected area of the body.

If your shopping list includes the names of a few good boys or girls, Better Business Bureau offers the following advice to ensure that the toys you give are safe:

- Find out which toys have been recalled. Visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at www.recalls.gov. If the toy or product has been recalled, check the guidelines for what to do next.
- Make sure the toy is age-appropriate. Toy safety isn't only about avoiding recalled products; you also need to make sure you're buying appropriate toys for the age of the child. Read and follow the age recommendation listed on the package or toy.
- Read labels. Look for age recommendations, such as "Not recommended for children under 3," and for other safety labels including "Flame retardant" or "Flame resistant" on fabric products.
- Be cautious of older toys or hand-me-downs. While buying a gently used toy might be cost effective, they may not meet current safety standards and could be too worn from play that they break and become hazardous.
- Be careful when shopping online. Internet toy vendors may not be as vigilant as brick and mortar stores about pulling recalled products off the shelf or flagging bar codes.
- Besides knowing how to purchase toys that are safe, it's important to be aware of safety hazards once the toys have been opened. Once toys are opened, CPSC suggests you:
 - Immediately discard plastic wrapping or other toy packaging before they become dangerous play things.
 - Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.
 - Supervise all battery charging. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to young children. Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any mechanism to prevent overcharging.

Toy Recall Hotlines:
• Consumer Products Safety Commission: (800) 638-2772
• Toy Industry Association: (888) 888-4TOYS

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

There is no need to yield to pressure, Lord, when we bring everything to You.

Amen

That's the best thing since...

We've all heard, and probably even used, the expression, "That's the best thing since sliced bread." Has it ever crossed your mind, like it does mine, that that's a relatively low bar of comparison? I mean, having bread pre-sliced does make sandwich preparation a bit easier, but giving it the honor of being something so great that only something spectacular merits comparison is questionable at best.

Thinking about that set my mind in motion and I began a pursuit of knowledge about what really might merit the honor of being the "standard of excellence" for comparison purposes. Is there a possibility that something might be a little more significant than a loaf of baked flour and yeast that has been bladed into individual toasts-to-be?

Isaac Newton may be best known for formulating the laws of gravity and thermodynamics and singlehandedly developing calculus, but he was also an animal lover, and many sources credit him with inventing the first cat door. Supposedly, when Newton was studying the physical properties of light, his cat often tried to get into the room to be with him. Nudging the door open, however, allowed in extra daylight and ruined the experiments. Newton, who liked having his feline companion nearby, cut a hole in the door and covered it with felt, so that kitty could come and go without disturbing his laboratory. When the cat had kittens, he even cut tiny flaps into the wood for them to use. So why don't we ever hear some cat lover say, "That's the best thing since the cat door?"

I'll bet there are plenty of people who appreciate bread being sliced for their convenience but would be quite willing to change their comparative declaration to, "That's the best thing since the flexible catheter!" One of our country's most beloved founders and diplomats, Benjamin Franklin was also a prolific inventor who had a lifelong fascination

with medicine. Besides such items as the Franklin stove and bifocal lenses, he also invented the flexible urine catheter. Rudimentary urethral catheters had been in use since 1,000 B.C., but they were rigid tubes, and caused patients great pain. Franklin's favorite brother John suffered from chronic kidney stones and bladder obstructions, and Franklin decided to create a catheter that would be more comfortable. In 1752, he had a silversmith piece together the device, which was made out of flexible silver wire and covered with animal stomach casings. Can you imagine how many folks would love to send Mr. Franklin a Thank You card for that one?

There should be a movie that uses the line, "That's the best thing since spread spectrum frequency hopping" because one of Hollywood's most glamorous leading ladies of the '30s and '40s was an Austrian-born beauty by the name of Hedy Lamarr and this onetime MGM contract player and major Hollywood star may be the only woman to have the designation of "actress-slash-scientist." Her first husband, an Austrian arms manufacturer, prevented her from pursuing her entertainment career and instead forced her to attend meetings about military technology and defense. Lamarr was a highly intelligent woman who apparently listened at those meetings, and once she divorced the husband, she and a friend patented a system of frequency hopping which was designed to guide torpedoes and help them evade radar detection.

In 1942, their spread-spectrum invention was ahead of its time and out of the reach of the current military technology, and it wasn't used until 1962, when technology caught up with the idea.

By then the patent had run out, and neither Lamarr nor her associate made any money off the invention, despite the fact that it's still used in cellular phones and wireless networks. Lamarr wanted to join the National Inventors Council, but was reportedly told by NIC member Charles F. Kettering and others that she could better help the war effort by using her celebrity status to sell War Bonds. And you thought that all actresses

were all beauty and no brains. Seriously, in my humble opinion there are an endless number of things more significant than sliced bread that could be common phrases in our everyday conversations. You will get the idea as you ponder these marvelous options.

An inventor named Roth was issued the first patent for modern suspenders with a metal clasp in 1894. The Hurley Machine Company of Chicago, Illinois introduced the first electric-powered washing machine in 1908. It was invented by Alva J. Fisher and was issued a patent in August 1910.

In 1928, Thomas Midgley, Jr. and Charles Kettering invented a "Miracle Compound" called Freon which is now infamous for its role in the depletion of the earth's ozone layer. But we West Texans love it in the summer.

In 1886, Josephine Cochrane proclaimed "If nobody else is going to invent a dishwashing machine, I'll do it myself." Yes, she did invent the first dishwasher. An automatic dishwasher or sliced bread more significant? Let me think about that awhile.

Getting right down to the nitty-gritty, these two would definitely make the cut for the "best thing since" comparison. Ampex sold the first Video Tape Recorder (VTR) for \$50,000 in 1956. The first Video Cassette Recorder (VCR) was sold by Sony in 1971. Today, my DVR has enough programs recorded to provide me a month of viewing pleasure.

It was in June of 1956 that the television remote control first entered the American home. It was attached by a wire to the TV.

And, on a related note, a special thanks to Thomas Edison, who must have had an idea somebody would figure out wireless technology someday, for inventing alkaline batteries way back in 1901.

But it's going to a long time before anybody tops my newest entry for consideration, "That's the best thing since Google."

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

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Airbrushing an impeachment

It has been a banner year for Bill Clinton. The former president delivered a galvanizing speech, deemed by many on the left to lay out the best argument for re-electing President Obama, at the Democratic National Convention. During the Republican primary, Newt Gingrich and other GOP hopefuls frequently talked up the Clinton-era economy and the former president's ability to reach across the aisle. The Sunday *New York Times* ran a front-page story on whether Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will run for the Oval Office in 2016 — and it didn't even mention Bill's 1998 impeachment.

Old news? That didn't stop the Gray Lady from running 19 stories, columns and blogs that mentioned Mitt Romney's dog Seamus by name this year. (Romney, you see, drove with the dog in a carrier strapped to his station wagon roof during a family vacation in 1983.)

I bring this up because, while opinion pages overflow with lamentations about today's hyper-partisanship, the Clintons had a lead role in widening America's political divide.

When former Arkansas employee Paula Jones sued President Clinton for sexual harass-

ment, he told and stuck to a gratuitous lie about his sexual relationship with a White House intern. And Hillary Clinton, despite what reporter Jodi Kantor describes as "her activist feminist roots," was his greatest enabler.

The then-first lady blamed a "vast right-wing conspiracy" for independent counsel Ken Starr's "politically motivated" questioning of Monica Lewinsky, even though her husband was the chief architect of Starr's perjury trap.

The president could have refused to allow Jones' attorneys to depose him. Critics would have had a field day, and he might have been fined, but the president would not have lied under oath.

Or he could have told the truth. (Just kidding.)

In the end, a federal judge dismissed the suit because Jones failed to establish any economic damages. In his last day in office, Bill Clinton admitted to giving "false" information to federal prosecutors as he agreed to a \$25,000 fine and a five-year suspension of his Arkansas law license. The president also reached an \$850,000 settlement with Jones.

The American people didn't get anything but too much information.

Of course, the secretary of state is a political figure in her own right: He's the big creep who lied under oath; she's a former senator, an accomplished fundraiser and a relentless cam-

paigner. In a first for a female, she started the 2008 presidential primary as the Democratic front-runner.

Hillary Clinton also is a wily survivor. She's stayed in the political spotlight long enough for the country — or at least the *New York Times* — to have forgotten the rancor and the endless cable-news debates as to what Clinton meant when he denied "sexual relations" — and whether his denial was accurate.

"Her status is singular but complicated," the *Times* reported — "half an ex-presidential partnership," a woman at the peak of power and likely 2016 front-runner. No mention of the I-word.

"You'll never see a story about (President Richard) Nixon that doesn't say he resigned in disgrace," former Reagan speechwriter Ken Khachigian observed. There's a double standard so it's bad form to mention that Bill Clinton was the second U.S. president to be impeached.

That's good to be impeached. Romney. If he lives long enough, maybe Seamus won't make his obituary.

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Top 2012 searches include Whitney, PSY, Sandy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The world's attention wavered between the tragic and the silly in 2012, and along the way, Web surfers searched in huge numbers to find out about a royal princess, the latest iPad, and a record-breaking skydiver.

Whitney Houston was the "top trending" search of the year, according to Google Inc.'s year-end "zeitgeist" report. Google's 12th annual roundup is "an in-depth look at the spirit of the times as seen through the billions of searches on Google over the past year," the company said in a blog post Wednesday.

People around the globe searched en masse for news about Houston's accidental drowning in a bathtub just before she was to perform at a pre-Grammy Awards party in February.

Google defines topics as "trending" when they garner a high amount of traffic over a sustained period of time.

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Korean rapper PSY's "Gangnam Style" music video trotted into second spot, a testament to his self-deprecating giddy-up dance move. The video is approaching a billion views on YouTube.

Superstorm Sandy, the damaging storm that knocked out power and flooded parts of the East Coast in the midst of a U.S. presidential campaign, was third.

The next biggest trending searches globally were a pair of threes: the iPad 3 tablet from Apple Inc. and Diablo 3, a popular video game.

Rounding out the Top 10 were Kate Middleton, who

made news with scandalous photos and a royal pregnancy; the 2012 Olympics in London; Amanda Todd, a Canadian teen who was found dead of an apparent suicide in October after being bullied online; Michael Clarke Duncan, the "Green Mile" actor who died of a heart attack in September at age 54; and "BBB12," the 12th edition of "Big Brother Brasil," a reality show featuring scantily clad men and women living together.

Some trending people were:

— Felix Baumgartner, an Austrian skydiver who became the first to break the sound barrier without a ve-

hicle with a 24-mile plummet from Earth's stratosphere;

— Jeremy Lin, the undrafted NBA star who exploded off the New York Knicks bench and sparked a wave of "Linsanity";

— Morgan Freeman, the actor whose untimely death turned out not to be true.

The Internet also continued its rise as a popular tool for spreading addictive ideas and phrases known as "memes." Remember LOL?

This year, Facebook said its top memes included "TBH (To Be Honest)," "YOLO (You Only Live Once)," "SMH (Shake My Head)." Thanks

to an endlessly fascinating U.S. presidential campaign, "Big Bird" made the list after Republican candidate Mitt Romney said he might consider cutting some funds for public broadcasting.

Yahoo said its own top-searched memes for the year included "Kony 2012," a reference to the short film and campaign against Ugandan militia leader Joseph Kony; "stingray photobomb" for an unusual vacation snapshot that went viral; and "binders full of women," another nod to Romney for his awkward description of his search for women cabinet members.

And people were happy to pass on popular Twitter posts by retweeting them. According to Twitter, the year's most popular retweets were President Barack Obama's "Four more years," and Justin Bieber's farewell to six-year-old fan Avalanna Routh, who died of a rare form of brain cancer.

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News in brief

Houston-area school bus wreck kills car driver

TOMBALL, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a car driver has died after the vehicle rear-ended a Houston-area school bus on its morning route.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the accident happened Wednesday near Tomball. Most of the car ended up under the rear of the Waller Independent School District bus.

Authorities say the bus driver and several students who were on board escaped injury.

The name of the car driver who died wasn't immediately released.

A message left with the school district wasn't immediately returned Wednesday.

Black Texas veteran, 87, gets congressional medal

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A black former Texas Marine who served in World War II during a time of segregation has received the nation's highest civilian honor.

A ceremony was held Tuesday at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to honor 87-year-old retired Cpl. Calvin Curtis with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Curtis was part of the Marines of Montford Point, black service members who trained at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in the 1940s.

Curtis, following his military duty, became a mail carrier in South Texas for more than 30 years. He now lives in San Antonio.

Todd Curtis helped secure the honor for his father after learning about a June ceremony in Washington honoring hundreds of other Marines of Montford Point veterans.

Fatal shooting after Texas wreck ruled homicide

HOUSTON (AP) — A medical examiner has ruled the shooting death of a driver following a Houston-area wreck that killed two young brothers was a homicide.

A coroner issued the preliminary ruling in the death of 20-year-old Jose Ines Banda. Brazoria County sheriff's investigator Dominick Sanders said Tuesday that the report also indicated Banda, who was shot in the head, had alcohol in his system.

No one has been named as a suspect in the shooting just minutes after Banda's car hit a pickup truck being pushed by the children Friday night in Alvin. Authorities say 12-year-old David Bara-

jas II (bah-RAH'-hahs) and his 11-year-old brother, Caleb, were helping their father move the vehicle after running out of gas.

A message left Wednesday with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences wasn't immediately returned.

Teen finds his parents dead at Houston-area home

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators say a Houston-area teenager arrived home from school to find his parents dead in an apparent murder and a suicide.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the 15-year-old boy discovered the bodies late Tuesday afternoon.

Authorities believe the man fatally shot his wife, then turned the gun on himself. Officials say the couple apparently had marital trouble.

Names of the man and woman weren't immediately released.

El Paso school trustees to appeal state oversight

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Leaders of an embattled West Texas school district where a testing scandal sent an ex-superintendent to prison have voted to fight state oversight.

Trustees of the El Paso Independent School District voted early Wednesday to ask the Texas Education Agency to review the commissioner's appointment of a board of managers.

Education Commissioner Michael Williams last week named the new board to take over for the elected trustees. Williams in August put the EPISD on probation in a move described to regain the public trust.

Former superintendent Lorenzo Garcia pleaded guilty to fraud and in October was sentenced to more than three years in federal prison. Prosecutors have said the conspiracy involved improving test scores by removing low-performing students from classrooms.

Key group promotes new school accountability plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — One of the state's most-influential business organizations is backing a flexible high school graduation plan it says will better prepare students for college and the workforce of tomorrow.

The Texas Association of Business has been a strong supporter of raising academic standards in public schools.

It has been a backer of STAAR, a state standardized test implemented last year. STAAR is required for graduation and designed to be far more-difficult than previous exams of its kind.

But the association's president, Bill Hammond, is holding a Wednesday news conference in Austin to present a "new, flexible graduation plans for students."

Hammond promises the initiative will promote post-secondary education and workforce readiness while also "maintaining a strong accountability system that focuses on improving student performance and education quality."

5 charged over alleged Dallas-area drug ring

DALLAS (AP) — Five men have been arrested for running what prosecutors say was a North Texas drug ring selling cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine.

Initial court appearances were scheduled Tuesday afternoon for the Dallas-area men, who'll face detention hearings later this week.

An indictment returned last week and unsealed Monday charges the men with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances. The alleged drug-related activity has been going on since May.

Further details on the investigation weren't immediately released.

Mexico: Rivera's plane hit with 'terrible' impact

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The plane carrying Mex-

ican-American music superstar Jenni Rivera plunged almost vertically from more than 28,000 feet and hit the ground in a nose-dive at a speed that may have exceeded 600 miles per hour, Mexico's top transportation official said Tuesday.

In the first detailed account of the moments leading up to the crash that killed Rivera and six other people, Secretary of Communications and Transportation Gerardo Ruiz Esparza told Radio Formula that the twin-engine turbojet hit the ground 1.2 miles from where it began falling.

"The plane practically nose-dived," he said. "The impact must have been terrible."

Ruiz did not offer any explanation of what may have caused the plane to plummet, saying only that "The plane fell from an altitude of 28,000 feet ... It may have hit a speed higher than 1,000 kph (621 mph)."

Ruiz said the pilot of the plane, Miguel Perez Soto, had a valid Mexican pilot's license that would have expired in January. Photos of a temporary pilot's certificate issued by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and found amid the wreckage said that Perez was 78.

Authorities arrest Texas woman, recover child

SITKA, Alaska (AP) — A Texas woman has been arrested in Alaska on allegations she abducted her son.

The Sitka Police Department on Monday arrested Micki Brogdon on a request from the U.S. Marshal's Service. She allegedly took her son last November from Amarillo, Texas, where she was wanted for Interference with Child Custody.

The marshal's service said in a release that the child was placed in the custody of state Office of Children's Services, pending being returned to his father. Brogdon was to be arraigned Tuesday.

Marshals say this was the 400th missing child recovered in Operation Pickup, a combined program of the marshals, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and local law enforcement.

President Ford's golf clubs, other items auctioned

DALLAS (AP) — Gerald Ford's golf clubs sold for about \$26,000 at an auction Tuesday of items donated by the late president's family to raise money for a new student learning center at his presidential museum in Michigan.

The auction raised about \$132,000 from the sale of some 50 items that belonged to Ford and former first lady Betty Ford. The facility being supported by the sale will be housed at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The golf clubs came in bag emblazoned with the late president's name, two American flags and the presidential seal.

Tom Slater, director of Americana auctions at Heritage Auctions, said it made sense that the golf clubs garnered the highest amount.

"He was identified so much as a golfer in people's minds," Slater said.

A hooked rug with the presidential seal went for about \$13,000. Betty Ford's Halston gown in apricot with silver sequins sold for about \$7,800. A Judith Leiber bag that belonged to the former first lady sold for about \$7,200. Ford's personal photograph of himself with four other presidents, which was signed by all, sold for about \$7,200.

Slater said that "in general, bidding has been extremely aggressive" for the items.

12-12-12 brings rush to justices of the peace

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — The docket is bare but the day is full for a North Texas justice of the peace as he faces an onslaught of brides and grooms determined to exchange vows on 12-12-12.

Paul Raleeh is justice of the peace for Precinct 1 of Collin County, where some of the fastest-growing northern suburbs of Dallas are situated.

County spokesman Tim Wyatt says Raleeh has been overwhelmed with a wave of requests to preside over weddings.

Raleeh usually marries four to five couples a week.

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burglary of a habitation – assault.

- TAJAH JACKEL COLLINS, 32, of 4000 W. Highway 80 Apt. 6, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for theft and failure to appear.
- GAUDY LYNN COX, 48, of 3509 E. Interstate Highway 20 Apt. 14A, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving without a safety belt, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only, two counts) and driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- MONICA NICOLE RIVERA, 21, of 1723 Purdue, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.
- BURGLARY was reported in the 1200 block of S. Johnson.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- JEREMY JOEL MATA, 27, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.
- TAJAH JACKEL COLLINS, 32, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for theft – less than \$50 and violation of a promise to appear.
- GAUDY LYNN COX, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a capias warrant for driving while license invalid and municipal warrants for driving without a safety belt, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear, failure to appear (two counts) and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MONICA NICOLE RIVERA, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.
- JOSHUA ALLEN NOBLE, 26, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, burglary of a habitation, public intoxication and criminal mischief – less than \$50.
- JUSTIN LEE QUIROZ, 25, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- DUSTIN KYLE KITCHENS, 25, was booked into

the county detention center Tuesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JANET DARLENE LUJAN, 55, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of stealing/receiving stolen checks.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 42, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRANDON MANUEL ONTIVEROS, 22, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Johnson and 12th Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Birdwell. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of McDowel Ranch Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of E. 19th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Obituaries

Fannie Hagins

Fannie Hagins, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, in Stanton. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Gail Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Benny Martin

Benny Martin, 70, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Rosie Flora Bell Posey

Rosie Flora Bell Posey, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Martin Diaz

Martin Diaz, 59, of El Paso died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vivian Griffith

Vivian Griffith, 89, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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BSHS basketball squads defeated on road

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor
Big Spring Boys

LUBBOCK — The Steers (4-8) kept up with Lubbock Monterey on Tuesday, but in the fourth period, it was the Plainsmen who were able to make the shots to put away the game, handing Big Spring a 61-53 loss.

"It was a tight game going into the fourth quarter," BSHS Head Coach Cliff Thompson said.

"They made plays at the end. Overall, the flow of the game was good. We played well defensively — we never let it get out of hand — and offensively, we got to the free-throw line a lot."

Accurate shooting remains Thompson's priority.

"We shot poorly at times," Thompson added.

"We played with intensity. I think it was one of the better games we have played this season, we did a good job transitioning from one side of the

ball to the other, but we need to start shooting better before we get into district."

Chazzell Robinson led BSHS with 12 points, Ty Sealy and Tavaris Walker each chipped in 11.

Big Spring will host Stanton on Friday at Steer Gym at 7:30 p.m.

Girls

WOLFFORTH — It wasn't pretty for the Lady Steers (8-7) on the road Tuesday as Big Spring was dominated by the Frenship Lady Tigers, 56-22.

"We ran into a buzzsaw," BSHS Head Coach Mike Warren said.

"We played a good team. They fast-broke and got us early in the game. They are a good 4A team."

The experience of playing a good team on their court was valuable, according to Warren.

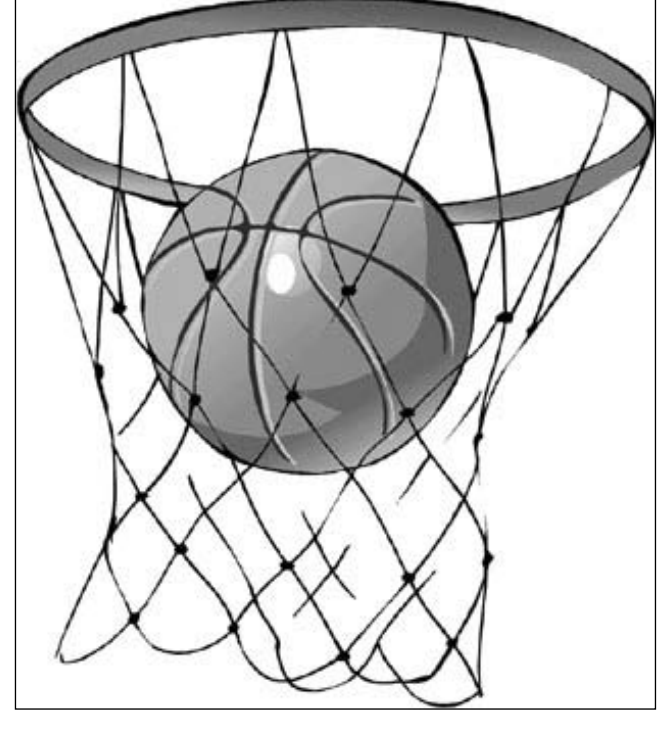
"We played a tough team on the road," Warren added.

"We played well in the post, Diamonique Mayes and Yaneira Tuitt played well, but

it was a physical game and the refs will let you play, they got after it." Big Spring will meet

Coahoma Boys

POST — Namen McCullough put up 15



Stanton on Friday. The Lady Steers varsity squad will be playing at Steer Gym at 6:15 p.m. Though not originally on the schedule, BSHS will welcome San Angelo Lake View next Tuesday. J.V. Will play at 5 p.m. and varsity at 6:30 p.m.

points, Braxton Iden added 12, Alex Hill 11 and Tanner Ruiz 10 in the Bulldogs' 61-52 road victory over the Post Antelopes on Tuesday.

Coahoma (7-5) will play host to Hermleigh on Friday at 8 p.m.

Girls

POST — The

Bulldogettes (4-12) were stymied by the Lady Antelopes' defense and were held to 29 points. Julia Castilaw had 12 points and 11 rebounds and Kyla Clanton added two points and 11 rebounds in the loss.

The Bulldogettes will meet Hermleigh at home Friday. Game time is slated for 6:30 p.m.

FORSAN Boys

MATCHUP — In a matchup between two Crossroads area teams, the Garden City Bearkats (6-4) came out on top, defeating the Buffaloes 65-55.

Forsan's Kade Fannin accounted for 14 points and 13 rebounds, while Dillion Bagnall added 14 points and Tyler Evans chipped in 12, but it wasn't enough for the Bearkats, who scored 20 points in the fourth stanza to put the Buffs (6-4) away.

"We have been playing pretty well, FHS Head Coach Gary Huckabee said. "We finished pretty well in the Borden County tournament and everything seemed to

be headed in the right direction, but last night we just came out flat. Our shooting percentage was terrible. We battled back in the fourth quarter, but it was too late, too late."

Huckabee said he is pleased with the overall effort he has seen from his squad.

"There has been cohesion with the team. They have been communicating well, we just didn't have an answer last night."

The top shooters for Garden City were Corbin Davis with a game-high 25 points. Sam Miller and Dillon Koenning each contributed 10 points to the victory.

Garden City will host Irion County on Friday at 8 p.m., while Forsan will make the trek to Roscoe to take on the Flowboys.

"We anticipate a good game in Roscoe," Huckabee added, they always put together a good team. If we play like we are capable, we should be able to take it to them, but it definitely

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2012-13 NCAA bowl schedule

- Arizona vs. Nevada, Gildan New Mexico Bowl, Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday, Dec. 15, noon, ESPN.
- Toledo vs. Utah State, Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, Boise, ID, Saturday, Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m., ESPN.
- San Diego County CU Poinsettia Bowl, San Diego CA., Thursday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., ESPN.
- Beef O' Brats Bowl, Thursday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., ESPN.
- R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, East Carolina vs. UL Lafayette, New Orleans, LA, Saturday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m., ESPN.
- MAACO Bowl, Boise State vs. Washington, Las Vegas, NV., Saturday, Dec. 22, 2:30 p.m., ESPN.
- HonorLife Hawaii Bowl, San Jose State vs. SMU, Honolulu, HI, Monday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m., ESPN.
- Little Ceaser's Pizza Bowl, Central Michigan vs. West Kentucky, Detroit, MI, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Military Bowl, Bowling Green vs. San Jose State, Washington D.C., Thursday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m., ESPN.
- Belk Bowl, Cincinnati vs. Duke, Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Bridgeport Education Holiday Bowl, Baylor vs. UCLA, Thursday, Dec. 27, 8:45 p.m., ESPN.
- AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl, Ohio vs. ULM, Shreveport, LA, Friday, Dec. 28, 1 p.m., ESPN.
- Russell Athletic Bowl, Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech, Orlando, FL, Friday, Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas, Minnesota vs. Texas Tech, Houston, TX, Friday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m., ESPN.
- Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Air Force vs. Rice, Fort Worth, TX, Sat. Dec. 29, 10:45 a.m., ESPN.
- Virginia Era Pinstripe Bowl, Syracuse vs. West Virginia, Bronx, NY, Saturday, Dec. 29, 2:15 p.m., ESPN.
- Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, Arizona State vs. Navy, San Francisco, CA, Saturday, Dec. 29, 3 p.m., ESPN2.

- Valero Alamo Bowl, Oregon State vs. Texas, San Antonio, TX, Saturday, Dec. 29, 5:45 p.m., ESPN.
- Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, Michigan State vs. TCU, Tempe, AZ, Saturday, Dec. 29, 9:15 p.m., ESPN.
- Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, N.C. State vs. Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN, Monday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m., ESPN.
- Hyundai Sun Bowl, Georgia Tech vs. USC, El Paso, TX, Monday, Dec. 31, 1 p.m., CBS.
- AutoZone Liberty Bowl, Iowa State vs. Tulsa, Memphis, TN, Monday, Dec. 31, 2:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Chick-fil-A Bowl, Clemson vs. LSU, Atlanta, GA, Monday, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Heart of Dallas Bowl, Purdue vs. Oklahoma State, Dallas, TX, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m., ESPN.
- TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl, Mississippi State vs. Northwestern, Jacksonville, FL, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m., ESPN2.
- Capital One Bowl, Georgia vs. Nebraska, Orlando, FL, Tuesday, Jan. 1, noon, ABC.
- Outback Bowl, Michigan vs. South Carolina, Tampa, FL, Tuesday, Jan. 1, noon, ESPN.
- Rose Bowl, Stanford vs. Wisconsin, Pasadena, CA, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 4 p.m., ESPN.
- Discover Orange Bowl, Florida State vs. Northern Illinois, Miami Gardens, FL, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Allstate Sugar Bowl, Florida vs. Louisville, New Orleans, LA, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.
- Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Kansas State vs. Oregon, Glendale, AZ, Thursday, Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.
- AT&T Cotton Bowl, Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, Arlington, TX, Friday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m., FOX.
- BBVA Compass Bowl, Ole Miss vs. Pittsburgh, Birmingham, AL, Saturday, Jan. 5, noon, ESPN.
- GoDaddy.com Bowl, Arkansas State vs. Kent State, Biddle, AL, Sunday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., ESPN.
- BCS National Championship Bowl, Alabama vs. Notre Dame, Miami Gardens, FL, Monday, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

No. 2 Alabama places four on AP All-America team

NEW YORK (AP) — Alabama is No. 1 when it comes to All-Americans.

The second-ranked Crimson Tide placed four players on The Associated Press All-America team released Tuesday. Among them was center Barrett Jones, who became a two-time first-team selection.

No other team had more than two players selected to the first team. The Tide also led with six players chosen to all three teams.

Notre Dame, Texas A&M, Stanford and Florida were second with four players on the three teams, though linebacker Manti Te'o was the only Fighting Irish player to make the first team.

Alabama faces top-ranked Notre Dame in

the BCS championship game Jan. 7.

Texas A&M Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel was the first-team quarterback.

Wisconsin back Montee Ball and Georgia linebacker Jarvis Jones also became two-time All-Americans.

Nine Southeastern Conference players made the first team, more than any other conference. The Pac-12 was second with six players on the first team. No other conference had more than two.

The team was voted on by a panel of 16 AP college football poll voters.

Barrett Jones, a senior who made the All-America team as a

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NFL player suspensions tossed out in bounty case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Four players embroiled for nearly 10 months in the NFL's bounty investigation of the New Orleans Saints no longer have to worry about suspensions or fines, and can try to move on with their careers on the field.

Off the field, the fallout from the dispute could endure for some time, particularly in federal court.

In a surprising rejection of his successor's overreaching punishments, former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue threw out "all discipline" current Commissioner Roger Goodell had imposed on two current Saints, linebacker Jonathan

Vilma and defensive end Will Smith, and two players no longer with the club, Browns linebacker Scott Fujita and free-agent defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove.

Tagliabue, appointed by Goodell to handle player appeals in the matter, essentially absolved Fujita, but absolved Goodell's finding that the other three players "engaged in conduct detrimental to the integrity of, and public confidence in, the game of professional football."

The four players punished by Goodell were innocent of taking part in bounty program from the beginning, saying

Hurler Greinke chose Dodgers over Rangers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zack Greinke showed up alone to a mid-November meeting at Dodger Stadium, asking as many questions as he answered. When he left three hours later, the pitcher thought he may have found his new team while the Los Angeles Dodgers brass knew they had to land the top arm on the open market.

They did, signing Greinke to a \$147 million, six-year deal that is the richest for a right-hander in baseball history. The Dodgers beat out Texas and the rival Los Angeles Angels, for

whom Greinke pitched last season.

"He's the one we wanted," said Magic Johnson, a partner in Guggenheim Baseball Management, which bought the team last spring. "A guy of Zack's ability and also his commitment to his craft, they don't come on the market too many times. We're so thrilled to have him. Dodger pride is on the way back."

Greinke's introduction on Tuesday culminated a more than \$200 million spending spree by the Dodgers in which they also signed South Korean left-hander Ryu

Hyun-jin, who got a \$36 million, six-year deal.

"Nobody worried about the Yankees when they were doing this and winning," Johnson said. "We're here to win."

The Dodgers haven't won the World Series since 1988, but that didn't discourage Greinke.

"Besides the money, the No. 1 (reason) was they have a team that could win a World Series for several years," he said.

Greinke, the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner, and Ryu give the Dodgers eight starting pitchers under contract

for next season, joining 2011 NL Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw, Chad Billingsley, Josh Beckett, Ted Lilly, Chris Capuano and Aaron Harang.

Casey Close, Greinke's agent, said Texas was in the hunt for his client until the end.

"At one point, I was favoring Texas," Greinke said before the negotiations made him change his mind.

He is 91-78 with a 3.77 ERA in nine seasons.

In 2009, Greinke went 16-8 with a major league-leading 2.16 ERA for Kansas City, and he'd like to recapture that.

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By Steve Becker

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South dealer:
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SOUTH
♦ 4♥ 5♥
♦ 2♠ 3♠
♦ 6♦
♦ Q♠ 7♠
WEST
♦ 1♥ 2♥
♦ 9♠ 10♠
♦ 8♦
♦ K♦
♦ A♥ 10♥
FAST
♦ K♠ 7♠
♦ K♦ Q♦
♦ 9♦
♦ A♥ 10♥
SOUTH
♦ 1♠
♦ A♠
♦ A♥ Q♥ J♥ 10♥
♦
The bidding:
South West North East
♦ 1♠ 2♠ 1♥ 1♠
♦ 2♥ 3♥
♦ 4♥ 4♠ 4♠ 4♠
4♥ playing 4♠

really that his hand was too strong for a game contract, he had to bid. But he felt that his hand was strong enough to bid 4♥ and hope to make it. He had a good chance of making 4♥ and a moderately good hand.

As it turned out, South made 4♥. He had a good chance of making 4♥ and a moderately good hand. He had a good chance of making 4♥ and a moderately good hand.

Had South played the best of spades, he could have made the contract. It was a very close call.

While it is true that making the contract is a matter of probability, it is also a matter of skill and luck. The fact that South made 4♥ is a testament to his skill and luck.

Most declarers holding the hearts suit would probably play low to start with, but this play suggests the declarer should not be satisfied with an attempt to play in hearts.

Tomorrow: Steve Becker continues...

sudoku

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5				8		9		
				3	1	4	7	
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	9	1	2	7				
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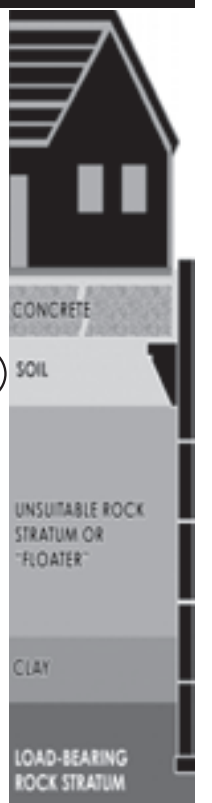
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Legals

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"It Pays To Read Big Spring Herald Classifieds"

sudoku

ANSWERS

Table with 9 rows and 9 columns of numbers representing Sudoku answers.

Legals

Notice is hereby given that Laredo Petroleum, Inc., Operator 486610, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in S/2 of Section 29, Block 34, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey, N/2 of Section 32, Block 34, T4S, T&P RR Co./Chaney, W E Survey and the Section 32, Block 34, T4S, T&P RR Co./Chaney, W E Survey in Glasscock County, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Randy Blurton of Laredo Petroleum, Inc., in Midland, Texas at 508 W. Wall, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701, (432)684-9955 by December 10, 2012. #7585 November 21 & 28 and December 5 & 12, 2012

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 12, 2012 City of Forsan PO Box 714 Forsan, TX 79733 (432)457-2355 This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 31, 2012, City of Forsan will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)/Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of the Title I Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as water improvements #711191- Amendment for the purpose of installing a new water well collection system consisting of 540 linear feet of 4-inch PVC C900 water line, 340 linear feet of 3-inch PVC SCH 40 water line, 4 each 3-inch gate valves and boxes, 2 each 2-inch water meters and boxes, and miscellaneous fittings. Improvements shall occur at Water well #1 on Rex Street just south of 8th St. crossing 8th St into fenced in water facility yard in Forsan, Howard County, Texas.

Grant Funds from TDA/ORA: \$254,200.00.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

City of Forsan has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, and Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project

New Moon Review

No one knows for sure, but I suspect that labeling things "better" or "worse" is a uniquely human impulse. Something tells me raccoons and alligators don't spend much thought ranking their experiences. So if the upcoming New Moon inspires you review past decisions and determine whether you are better or worse off, celebrate your humanity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Pick your battles.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

You have a right to express your grievance, but it may only lessen people's opinion of you to do so. Save your fighting energy for when it's really necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Self-discipline has more to do with educating yourself than punishing yourself. Learning more and doing better are linked. Ask an excellent question, and you'll learn the key to



HOLIDAY MATHIS

improving in that area.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You respect each person's right to be their own person, even if it means that your wishes aren't fulfilled. The one you love may not behave in the manner you would prefer, but it won't diminish your feelings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's an art to pleasure. You'll not only enjoy your leisure, you'll celebrate it. Because you revel in the sweet moments, later you'll be more motivated to work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You value diplomacy, and yet, there are times when a swift confrontation is better. It clears the air and each person knows where he or she stands. Nip a problem in the bud.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Of course everyone is entitled to an opinion, but you aren't obligated to hear them all. For starters, you don't have the time. Also, you feel deep in your bones that you're doing the right thing. Honor that feeling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A degree of sacrifice will prove your commitment and love, but be careful not to give too much. Over-giving will be misinterpreted as a sign that you care more about what the other

person thinks of you than you care for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The voice of your muse will ring through different aspects of your day. You'll hear her singing in the shower, whistling in a teapot or crashing in the ocean waves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are drawn to an endeavor that right now seems far from your grasp, but you'll be surprised how quickly you can fly from a state of unknowing in this regard to a state of integral knowledge. So go for it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The Internet helps you consider several views on one topic. They can't all be right, and they can't all be wrong. The information you gather paints a multi-dimensional view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The good that comes out of a collective depends somewhat, but not entirely, on the goodness of the people in that group. Each member doesn't have to be wonderful for a group to produce wonderful results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). For tip-top mental health, you need both intellectual and creative stimulus. You're so curious about the world that it's almost impossible for you not to learn something new.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 12). As well behaved and under control as you seem, there's some wildness to release next month in the form of creative revolt. January brings family unity and celebration. January and August represent financial highs. You'll be hired or promoted for your discretion and faithfulness in February. March brings a noble purpose. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 39, 20

and 1. ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What are the prospects for a Cancer woman, 35 and a 42 year old Scorpio man? We've been dating a year. He was married once for three years, and I was married once for seven years. Neither of us have children, but I want to. Will he settle down with me?"

Compatible water signs, you relate to one another on a deep level. This can, but doesn't always, translate to the practicalities of day-to-day living. It's time for you to be honest about your expectations and up front about your desire to have a child. Scorpio responds to directness and appreciates when another person's expectations of the relationship are laid bare.

Though your Scorpio man most likely fell in love with your soft femininity, it's time to combine that tone with decisive action. Your strength will be important here, as the window of your childbearing years is closing. Present your case and be willing to lovingly but definitely move on if he isn't on the same page. The important part is not to waste time going back and forth. One year is plenty of time for your intuitive Scorpio to feel out the bond. It's time to get a definitive answer.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Child star Mayim Bialik (12/12/1975) blossomed in impressive directions, earning a PhD in neuroscience and becoming an author and expert on attached parenting. This Sagittarius actress doesn't have to stretch I.Q. points to become the Big Bang Theory brainiac Amy Farah Fowler. The Sagittarian Emmy nominee was born when Mars was in intellectual Gemini.

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Comic strip panels with dialogue: "THAT'S SAD THAT YOU ONLY GET SOCKS ON UNDERPANTS ON CHRISTMAS", "NO, I'M LUCKY", "GRANDPA SAYS THERE ARE KIDS IN YOUR COUNTRIES WHO NEVER GET NEW UNDERPANTS AND HAVE TO MAKE DO BY PUTTING SOCKS IN FEED SACKS OR SHOWER CAPS", "SHOWER CAP UNDERPANTS I WOULD BE NEXT ON THAT LIST", "THE RING-AND-GO ASPECT IS THE ONLY PLUS"

HI AND LOIS
Comic strip panels with dialogue: "LOOK AT ALL THE S-O-B'S MOMMY HAS!", "I DON'T EVEN WALK YET, BUT I'M STRANGELY, INVOLUTIONALLY ATTRACTED TO THEM"

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SNUFFY SMITH
Comic strip panels with dialogue: "SHHH... ELVIN'S READING 'ATER NURSERY RHYMES'", "JAKE AN' LIL WENT UP TH' HILL T' FETCH A PAIR OF WATER...", "JAKE FELL DOWN AN' TORE HIS PANTS...", "AN' LIL AIN'T STOPPED LAFFIN' YET !! SHE ALWAYS SLIPS IN A LIL GOSSIP !!"

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Comic strip panels with dialogue: "I TEND TO FORGET THINGS LATELY", "AND...", "AND?", "AND I TEND TO FORGET THINGS LATELY"

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 2012. There are 19 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 12, 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
On this date:
In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.
In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.
In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.
In 1911, Britain's King George V announced during a visit to India that the capital would be transferred from Calcutta to Delhi.
In 1917, Father Edward

Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.
In 1925, the first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.
In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)
In 1946, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to be the site of the U.N.'s headquarters.
In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.
In 1972, Irwin Allen's all-star disaster movie "The Poseidon Adventure" was released.
In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.
In 2000, George W. Bush was transformed into the president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.
Today's Birthdays: Former TV host Bob Barker is 89. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch (kahch) is 88.

Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Pettit is 80. Singer Connie Francis is 75. Singer Dionne Warwick is 72. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts is 69. Former race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi is 66. Actor Wings Hauser is 65. Actor Bill Nighy (ny) is 63. Actor Duane Chase (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 62. Country singer LaCosta is 62. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 60. Author Lorna Landvik is 58. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 55. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 54. Pop singer Daniel O'Donnell is 51. International Tennis Hall of Famer Tracy Austin is 50. Rock musician Eric Schenkman (Spin Doctors) is 49. Rock musician Nicholas Dimichino (Nine Days) is 45.
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Newsday Crossword

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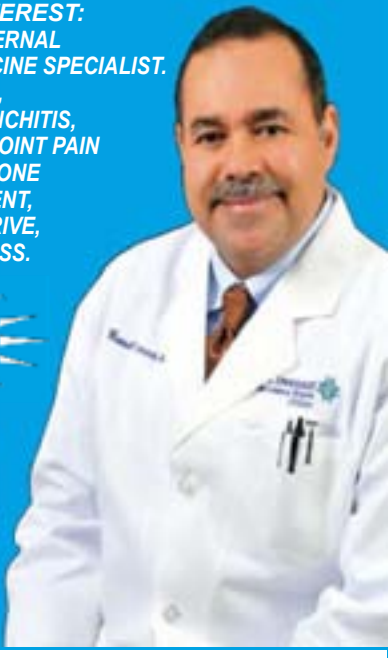
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58 Yours and mine
59 Bit of sunshine
60 Oil the kidneys
61 Jogging gait
62 Guitarist
63 Some Clapton
64 Just fair
65 Star Wars series teacher
DOWN
1 Moby-Dick
2 Nearly colorless
3 Rolling go 1 shot
4 Decelerate
5 Spine-tingling
6 Antlers
7 Grand Oe
8 Money in Mexico
9 Stick around
10 True's up
11 ___ the lily (overdo it)
12 Elemental bit
13 Bowler's assignment
21 Caterer's gig
22 Road reversal
25 Sir's counterpart
26 Skip the big wedding
27 Ate in style
28 "Sure, why not!"
29 Is bought
30 Get well
31 Went by car
32 Rock bottle
33 Bottomless pit
35 Story line
36 With competence
38 Yale who endowed Yale
39 Decade fractions
44 Goes bad
45 Magic word
46 Feathered talker
47 Greek sandwiches
48 Una terable
49 Trip e-decker treat
50 Deliver a trade
51 Goes bad
52 Money in Monaco
53 Hood
54 Successor of Claudius
55 Installed as bricks
56 Place to swim in the city

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TEAM

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tackle last season, was joined on the first team by Alabama teammates guard Chance Warmack, linebacker C.J. Mosley and cornerback Dee Milliner.

Offensive tackle D.J. Fluker was picked to the second team and quarterback AJ McCarron was selected to the third team.

Te'o, the Heisman finalists and winner of seven other awards — including the Maxwell, Nagurski and Butkus — is the first Notre Dame defensive player to be an AP All-American since defensive back Shane Walton in 2002.

Manziel is the first freshman to make the first team at quarterback. On Saturday, the redshirt freshman known as Johnny Football became the first freshman

to win the Heisman Trophy.

Manziel set an SEC record with 4,600 total yards to rank second in the nation.

Heisman finalist Collin Klein of Kansas State was the second-team quarterback.

Ball repeated as an All-American, despite a slow start to the season and some early injuries.

The senior is seventh in the nation in rushing at 133 yards per game, scored 21 touchdowns, and set the major college football record for career touchdowns. He has 82 going into the Rose Bowl.

Arizona's Ka'Deem Carey, the nation's leading rusher at 146 yards per game, was the other first-team running back.

The receivers were Southern California's Marqise Lee, who leads the nation in catches (112) and was second in yards receiving (1,680), and Baylor's Terrance Williams, who leads in yards with 1,764.

Stanford's Zach Ertz was the tight end. Joining Jones and Warmack on the offensive line were two junior tackles projected to be high first-round NFL draft picks: Texas A&M's Luke Joeckel and Michigan's Taylor Lewan.

"Team goals are bigger than individual

goals, but one of my personal goals was to be an All-American and it's an unbelievable feeling to reach that goal," Lewan said Tuesday.

North Carolina's Jonathan Cooper was the other first-team guard.

West Virginia's Tavon Austin was selected as the all-purpose player, a perfect description of the do-it-all speedster.

Austin was primarily a receiver and racked up 1,259 yards through the air.

Late in the season, coach Dana Holgorsen used Austin as a running back and against Oklahoma he the senior set a school-record with 344 yards rushing.

He finished second in the nation in all-purpose yards with 230 per game, and returned a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns.

Tulane's Cairo Santos was the All-American kicker after making all 21 of his field goal attempts.

On the defensive side, Te'o and Mosley were joined at linebacker by the other two-time All-American. Jones followed-up his sensational sophomore season with 12.5 sacks and 22.5 tackles for loss.

Another SEC pass rusher highlighted the defensive line.

South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney had 13.5 sacks,

played for the most in the nation, playing in only 11 games. He'll matchup against Lewan in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1.

"He's very explosive player who plays every play to the whistle and never takes a snap off," Lewan said.

"It's a great opportunity to see where I'm at and where he's at and I'm excited about it. But it's not about me or him, it's about the University of Michigan playing South Carolina at the Outback Bowl."

Florida State's Bjoern Werner was the other end. He also had 13 sacks.

At defensive tackle was a pair of Pac-12 players: Utah's Star Lotulelei and Arizona State's Will Sutton, who was the conference defensive player of the year.

In the secondary, Jordan Poyer of Oregon State, who had seven interceptions, was the cornerback opposite Milliner.

Fresno State safety Phillip Thomas was voted to the first team after leading the nation with eight interceptions, including three returned for touchdowns.

Florida's Matt Elam was the other safety.

The punter was Ryan Allen, who won his second straight Ray Guy Award last week.

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Age Group: 6-9 Yrs.
Winner: *Nikolas Gonzales*



Age Group: 10-12 Yrs.
Winner: *Nathan Letz*

Great Job Isaiah, Nikolas, Nathan and all others who participated!

Have A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!



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B-BALL

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won't be a cakewalk."

Grady-Sands Girls

ACKERLY—The Lady

Wildcats (9-4) turned in another dominating performance, this time over district rival Sands, as they defeated the Lady Mustangs 82-11.

Ellyn Avery led Grady with 18 points and Cayley Opegard added 16

in the rout. The Lady Wildcats will host Borden County on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Other scores:

Midland Classical defeated Stanton (girls), 61-42. Jennifer Henley and Kaitlyn Nichols scored seven points each during the home loss. Stanton will face Big Spring on Friday at 6 p.m. at Steer Gym.

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