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## Attempted murder charges filed

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 COLORADO CITY — Law enforcement officials have released the identities of the men who were allegedly involved in an attempted shooting of a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper during a traf-

fic stop near the Howard County and Mitchell County line early Monday morning.  
 Myron McDonald Jr., 22, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is being held at the Mitchell County Jail on charges of attempted capital murder, felon in possession of a firearm and evading arrest, according to DPS offi-

cials. Also arrested and transported to the Mitchell County Jail was 24-year-old Christopher Deshawn Johnson, also of Oklahoma City, Okla., on charges of attempted capital murder and felon in possession of a firearm.  
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Smith Fuqua

## BSISD set to sort out board filing

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to lay the groundwork for this year's school board elections when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Three seats on the board will be decided when voters head to the polls in May — District 5, currently held by Chad Wash, District 6, in which Jeff Brooman is the incumbent, and District 7, currently held by Phil Furqueron.

None of the three incumbents have indicated whether they will seek re-election.  
 BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green, who oversees election matters for the district, said the first day to file for the May election is Jan. 30, while the deadline is March 1.

To be eligible to serve on a school board in Texas, persons must:  
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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

The father and son team of Johnny and Jeremy Louder were honored as Outstanding Conservation Farmers for Howard County during the Soil and Water Conservation District's annual banquet at Heritage Museum Tuesday evening.

## Howard SWCD says it's Louder

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 The father-son farming duo of Johnny and Jeremy Louder received top honors at the annual Howard Soil and Water Conservation District's annual banquet Tuesday evening.

The Louders, who have farmed in Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties for more than 50 combined years, were named the district's Outstanding Conservation Farmers for 2012.

Johnny Louder began farming in 1973, while his son, Jeremy, is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year in the business. Both are Texas Tech graduates who grow both dryland and irrigated cotton on their farm lands.

They were hailed by SWCD Board Member Kevin Hamlin for being conservation-conscience in their approach to farming, which has "greatly reduced wind erosion damage to  
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## Retirements announced

**Herald Staff Report**  
 Two longtime top city officials announced Tuesday they will be retiring.  
 Lonnie Smith told Big Spring City Council members, city employees and council audience he would be retiring as police chief March 30.  
 "I have had great pleasure in serving this community as an officer and administrator for the past 35 years and as the chief for the past 15 years," a very emotional Smith told the council and audience. "We have a great department and I'm proud to be a part of it. It has a  
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## Spinning tires ordinance is on the books

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Big Spring City Council approved final reading of an ordinance Tuesday night that will allow local law enforcement to deal with overzealous drivers — mostly youth, according to officials — without having to toss them in jail.  
 The ordinance, which adds to Section 18-78 entitled Racing and Exhibition of Acceleration, makes it unlawful for any person to race or otherwise cause a motor vehicle to make a rapid start or acceleration on a roadway.  
 According to Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith, a change made by the state legislature made several years ago  
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## Senate budget writers take up school funding

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State lawmakers are digging into education funding as the Legislature returns to business after a nearly weeklong break.  
 The powerful Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to begin a series of hearings today, looking at proposed budgets for public schools and univer-

sities. Both absorbed deep cuts two years ago when lawmakers slashed the state budget in the face of a \$27 billion shortfall.  
 Budget-writers this time are working with a much-rosier revenue picture and a revived Texas economy. Yet, budget bills introduced in the House and Sen-

ate last week don't reverse more than \$5 billion in reduced classroom spending. Republicans say they're committed to funding enrollment growth.  
 Lawmakers are back at the Capitol following an extended adjournment so that Democrats could attend President Barack Obama's inauguration.

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## Obituaries

## Mary Ann Abreo Ficke



Mary Ann Abreo Ficke went to be with Jesus on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, after a long fight battling cancer. She was 62 years old. She was born in Big Spring, Texas, to Domingo and Luz Abreo on Sept. 3, 1950. She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Hope DaSilva and Fe Acosta; and brother, Salvador Abreo.

Mary Ann met her husband and best friend, Kenneth, on a blind date when he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring. When Kenneth went to Italy, they corresponded by letter and became engaged through those letters. They were married Aug. 10, 1969, at La Fe Baptist in Big Spring. They spent most of their married life in Big Spring.

Everyone around Mary Ann knew her faith was her priority. She was an inspiration to many. She played the piano at La Fe Baptist for more than 40 years. After moving to Boerne, she became involved at First Baptist Church, leading Bible Studies and volunteering.

Mary Ann's optimism, energy and quick wit are what endeared her to others. She was an amazing wife, mother and grandmother. What Mary Ann will be remembered most for is her zeal for God.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Kenneth Ficke of Boerne; daughter, Gina Kimberly and husband John of Coahoma, Texas; son, Christopher Ficke and wife Christie of Catonsville, Md.; sisters, Gloria Galan of Big Spring and Mary Elizabeth Rainey of Boerne; and brothers, Noe Abreo of Lubbock, Efren Abreo of Austin, David Abreo of Fort Worth and Jimmy Abreo of Big Spring. Mary Ann treasured her wonderful grandchildren, Matthew, Angela, Kenan, Brit, Blake and Brooks.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Boerne. Interment will follow at the Boerne Cemetery.

To leave condolences for the family and to view a video of Mary Ann's life, please visit [www.ebensberger-fisher.com](http://www.ebensberger-fisher.com) and select the Obituaries tab. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Donor Services by phone at 888-557-7177, online at [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org), or by mail to P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, Mass. 01202. Please indicate on checks it is in Mary Ann's memory.

Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.

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## Mary Nell 'Molly' Butler



Mary Nell "Molly" Butler, 83, of Tyler, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, in a Tyler hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Rick Foster officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born June 24, 1929, in Houston, Texas, and married Dr. Lee Butler on April 28, 1950, in Houston. He preceded her in death Feb. 20, 1997.

Molly was a registered nurse and had worked as the Director of Nursing at Big Spring State Hospital. She was a member of Hampton Road Baptist Church in DeSoto, Texas.

Survivors include two sons, Tommy Butler and wife Vickie of Whitehouse and Terry Butler and wife Wanda of Frisco; one daughter, Janie Strader of Houston; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hampton Road Baptist Church, Missionary Fund, 400 N. Hampton Rd., DeSoto, Texas 75115.

Arrangements are being made under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Bettye J. Griffith

Bettye J. Griffith, 78, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013, at Marcy House. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at East Fourth Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Joe Lozano Jr.

Joe Lozano Jr., 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Royce 'Booger' Pruitt



Royce "Booger" Pruitt, 75, of Garden City died Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, in a Sterling City nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at the Garden City Cemetery in Garden City, Texas.

He was born Sept. 13, 1937, in Lovington, N.M., and married Beverly Cox on June 8, 1956, in Lovington, N.M.

Royce came to Garden City from Penwell and graduated from Garden City High School. He started working as a deputy sheriff for Glasscock County in 1958 and was appointed sheriff in 1962.

He retired in 2008 after 47 years and was the longest serving sheriff in Texas and the United States. He also served as the Glasscock County Tax Assessor Collector. He was a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Pruitt of Garden City; one son, Van Pruitt and wife Delores of Stanton; eight grandchildren, Coty Pruitt, Becky Pruitt and Lindy Pruitt, all of San Angelo, Shawn German of Stanton, Staci Kunkle of Greenwood and Cassie Paranuk, Melissa Meador and Troy Deiterman, all of Waco; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Kay Lawton of Greenwood, Ark., and Iretta Pruitt of Odessa; and two brothers, Dick Pruitt of Spencerville, Okla., and Donald Pruitt of Fort Worth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anne and Chester Pruitt; one son, Lonnie Pruitt; three sisters, Eunice Rowe, Ollie Harwell and Joyce McFarland; and three brothers, Roy Pruitt, Bob Pruitt and Tommy Pruitt.

The family suggests memorials be made to Sterling County Nursing Home, P.O. Box 46, Sterling City, Texas 76951.

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

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## Bonnie Coker

Bonnie Coker, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police blotter

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

- JESUS ELIAS MORALES, 42, of Odessa, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.
- LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 38, of 1105 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CAROL CHAVEZ, 36, of 1109 N. Aylesford Apt. 328, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.
- JENNY MARIE LYON, 38, of 604 Caylor, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies.
- STACI RACHELLE DELOZIER, 31, of 2519 Dow, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for assault causing bodily injury and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DANIEL ROSALES, 38, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- LARRY WILSON STEIGER, 29, of 608 State, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies and a warrant for public intoxication.
- GILBERT SILVA, 26, of 1208 Mesa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1100 block of Scurry. In the 1100 block of Scurry. In the 600 block of Hillside Drive.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy.
- THEFT was reported:

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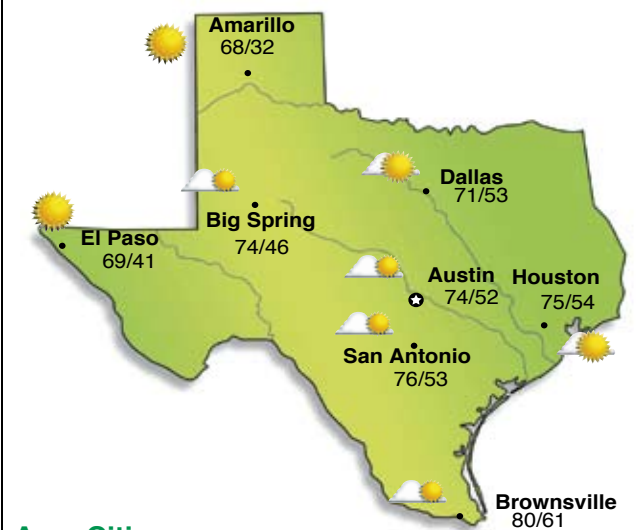
## Today's Weather

## Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 1/24	Fri 1/25	Sat 1/26
<b>74/46</b> Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon. Warm. High 74F.	<b>78/45</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>58/37</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:13 PM



## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	73	50	pt sunny	Kingsville	81	60	pt sunny
Amarillo	68	32	sunny	Livingston	73	50	mst sunny
Austin	74	52	pt sunny	Longview	71	52	pt sunny
Beaumont	72	52	mst sunny	Lubbock	71	34	sunny
Brownsville	80	61	pt sunny	Lufkin	74	52	mst sunny
Brownwood	74	52	pt sunny	Midland	75	47	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	77	60	pt sunny	Raymondville	80	60	pt sunny
Corsicana	70	52	mst sunny	Rosenberg	75	54	mst sunny
Dallas	71	53	mst sunny	San Antonio	76	53	pt sunny
Del Rio	75	52	mst sunny	San Marcos	75	52	pt sunny
El Paso	69	41	sunny	Sulphur Springs	71	54	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	77	50	sunny	Sweetwater	72	49	pt sunny
Gainesville	68	44	mst sunny	Tyler	71	53	mst sunny
Greenville	69	50	mst sunny	Weatherford	70	48	mst sunny
Houston	75	54	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	69	39	mst sunny

In the 500 block of Young.

In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

• BURGLARY was reported in the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

• CESAR RODRIGUEZ, 26, was arrested Tuesday on a Kansas warrant for burglary.

• RENE RODRIGUEZ RAMIREZ, 31, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for manslaughter.

• LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JENNY MARIE HAMILTON LYON, 38, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check and theft by check — more than \$20 and less than \$500.

• GILBERT SILVA, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• DANIEL JIMENEZ ROSALES, 38, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 30, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• STACI RACHELLE DELOZIER, 31, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

• CAROL ANN CHAVEZ, 36, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor (two counts).

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# CHARGES

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A 16-year old suspect whose name is not being released due to his age was also taken into custody, according to DPS reports, with unnamed charges pending against him. Officials have said the boy is from from Edmondson, Okla.

According to Abilene DPS Senior Trooper Sparky Dean, the altercation between the three men and a DPS trooper began at approximately 6:20 a.m. when the sports utility vehicle they were in was pulled over for speeding.

"A trooper was working stationary radar Monday morning on Interstate Highway 20 in Mitchell County," Dean said in a press release issued Monday. "The trooper checked an Oklahoma-registered vehicle at 109 mph and stopped the vehicle for speeding. As the trooper approached, he observed three men inside the vehicle.

"The driver exited the vehicle and fired three shots at the trooper. The driver re-entered the vehicle and fled eastbound at speeds exceeding 100 mph. Shots were fired several times at the trooper during the pursuit. The trooper lost sight of the vehicle near the community of Loraine in eastern Mitchell County."

Dean said the vehicle was later found by law enforcement officials on Farm Road 1230 near mile marker 230 of Interstate Highway 20. Officials continued the manhunt until approximate-

ly noon, at which time it was called off.

Dean said law enforcement officials received a call from a Colorado City citizen at approximately 2 p.m. saying the trio were at a South Austin Street home and were barricading themselves inside.

"Law enforcement officials went to investigate the tip and found the three to be hiding and barricaded in the house," Dean said. "A perimeter was set up and nearby houses were evacuated as a safety precaution.

Dean said several roadways near the house were also shut down as a result of the standoff. Nearly 10 hours later — just after midnight Tuesday — DPS SWAT (special weapons and tactics unit) entered the building and took the men into custody without incident.

Dean said the Texas Rangers are investigating the incident and their findings will be presented to the Mitchell County District Attorney's Office.

DPS Director Steven McCraw applauded the hard work of both DPS officers and local law enforcement officials in bringing the standoff to a peaceful end.

"We are pleased this volatile situation ended without injury or loss of life," McCraw said following the capture of the trio. "In addition to the fine work by department personnel, we would like to thank all of our law enforcement partners for their assistance in bringing this incident to a safe and successful conclusion."

# FILING

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- Be a U.S. and Texas citizen 18 years of age or older.
- Be a registered voter.
- Reside in the district they would represent. District 5 encompasses the Highland South and Kentwood additions, as well the northern portion of the Tubbs addition; District 6 roughly covers the central eastern portion of Big Spring south of Interstate 20; District 7 is a sprawling zone covering the local airpark and the far western area of BSISD. District zone maps can be viewed in the public notices section of the BSISD website (www.bigspringisd.net). Also, prospective candidates can check their voter registration cards to see in which district they reside.
- Not have any felony convictions.

Candidate applications can be obtained at the BSISD business office, located across the street from Big Spring High School on 11<sup>th</sup> Place, during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Also Thursday, the board will review and discuss district safety and security procedures, a matter of great importance since the fatal shooting of 20 children last month in Newtown, Conn. This is listed as a discussion item, so board action on the matter is unlikely.

Other items on Thursday's agenda include:

- Discussion of a possible sale of the vacant Bauer Elementary campus to Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin Inc.
- A report on the passing standards for the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) standardized test.
- A proposal for drug testing of students involved in extra-curricular activities.
- Consideration and action on a resolution to seek sanctions against a classroom teacher for resigning and failing to perform her contract without good cause.

# OFFICIALS

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strong foundation to continue to build on." Smith's words were met by a standing ovation by those in attendance.

Also announcing his retirement Tuesday was City Manager Gary Fuqua, who will bring his run at the municipal helm to a close at the end of 2013. Fuqua has been an employee of the city of Big Spring for 38 years.

Fuqua assured the council his successor is more than capable to handle the many long-term projects the city currently has in the works.

"I can assure you, you have no greater staff than the one you have here and now," Fuqua said. "(Todd) Darden (assistant city manager) has been with these (long term) projects since their inception and he has the capability to see them through to the end."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Winners of the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District's annual poster contest are, from left, Madison Smith of Elbow Elementary, Alejandro Valencia of Moss Elementary, Cameryn Nalley of Marcy Elementary, Makayla Chambless of Washington Elementary and Kevin Marciarena of Goliad Elementary.

# SWCD

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their cotton, improved soil health and eliminated the use of all insecticides since 2005.

"Johnny and Jeremy have

constructed basin terraces and waterways to reduce water erosion and to effectively contour farm their dryland cotton," Hamlin said. "They have also utilized the Conservation Reserve Program to take highly erodible land out of production by plant-

ing these acres to permanent grass."

In addition, the Louders have utilized rainfall harvesting from their equipment sheds to capture rainfall and store it for use in their spraying operations, Hamlin said.

"It is very apparent that

this father and son team has successfully merged conservation and production agriculture into their farming operations," he concluded.

Also during the banquet, the district honored winners of its annual poster contest. Those students are Madison

Smith of Elbow Elementary, Alejandro Valencia of Moss Elementary, Cameryn Nalley of Marcy Elementary, Makayla Chambless of Washington Elementary and Kevin Marciarena of Goliad Elementary.

# COUNCIL

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makes such demonstrations of acceleration — otherwise known as skidding or "barking" tires — a Class B misdemeanor, making it something of a problem for officers to address.

"Years ago, when we were growing up, state law included measures for exhibition of acceleration. They would get a ticket and then go on about their business," said Smith. "A few years back, they changed that. If they get caught now they go to jail because (state law made it) a Class B misdemeanor. You have young people who now have arrest records for something that is normally a traffic (issue)."

The new ordinance allows officials to ticket the individual instead of making an arrest.

The council approved the ordinance on a unanimous vote with District 2 Councilwoman Carmen Harbour and District 4 Councilman Bobby McDonald absent.

Smith said the change isn't designed to make the law tougher on lively young drivers, but to give law enforcement officials a way to address the problem without arresting them.

"I understand the concept the legislature was trying to address (when they changed the law)," Smith said. "In the metro areas, such as Houston and Dallas, there are young kids gathering, blocking off the streets and conducting races. That's the concerns the legislature was addressing when they changed the law a few years ago."

Smith said the new ordinance will not create a conflict with state laws.

Also Tuesday, the council approved emergency reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Animals," Article Nine Entitled "Livestock, Fowl and Swine," Sections 3-49 through 3-51 by providing a limited exception for individuals participating in an educational program to keep or maintain livestock within the city.

Because the ordinance was approved unanimously on an emergen-

cy reading, no second vote will be taken.

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the change was made necessary due to students who live within the city limits participating in educational agriculture programs, such as Future Farmers of America and 4-H.

"We had a student who lived within the city limits but had transferred to Coahoma ISD," Sjogren said. "This ordinance will give students in a similar situation the ability to participate in these types of programs without breaking municipal code."

Sjogren said the new ordinance is specific in what it will and will not allow students to raise within the city limits.

"It only allows for goats and sheep," she said. "Size was a con-

cern and we wanted to make sure we kept the animals at a small size. Also, the student has to get permission from all of their neighbors within a 200 foot radius. If just one neighbor doesn't sign off on it, the permit will be denied. The ordinance also only allows for one animal per household and if a neighbor within 200 feet withdraws their compliance, the student will

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5	2	3	1	6	7	9	4	8
4	5	7	2	3	8	6	9	1
2	3	9	6	5	1	4	8	7
8	1	6	7	9	4	3	2	5

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have 30 days to make other arrangements for the animal."

Sjogren said the permit applications will be reviewed and handled by the Big Spring Po-

lice Department Animal Control Division.

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Bettye J. Griffith, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at East Fourth Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Bonnie Coker, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER THOUGHTS

# Dream teacher

Penning a teacher tribute can be a daunting task, because when a beloved teacher passes away, life pauses for a moment. Indeed, the demise of such an influential person in one's life is a watershed event for generations of students.

We associate favorite teachers with our youth ... a time when life was vibrant and schedules seemed much simpler. If you were at Forsan High School from 1953 through the mid 80s, there was a good chance that you had a “math” experience involving “Mrs. Elrod.” There is also a very good chance that most certainly it was a positive one.

It was the summer of 1964 when I first met Emily Delle Elrod. I was 22 years old, fresh out of college (wet behind the ears) and had accepted my first science-teaching position at Forsan High School. I was attending my first ever faculty meeting and ... there she was. First impression ... an extremely elegant lady, immaculately dressed and very approachable. It turns out that she was married to Hamlin K. Elrod, a big time cattle rancher with whom I immediately bonded due to my farm/ranch upbringing. She also had two children, Susan and H.K., who were not much younger than myself.

Susan was in my first year physics class. One morning Mrs. Elrod came into my science lab inquiring if Susan's tale about my hypnotizing a fly was true (inside story). Once I went into her kitchen to find her on a stool dusting the top of her refrigerator. It seems that 6'4" son H.K. was coming home from college for the week-end and he would always write “clean me” on top of the frig if it had been neglected. Emily loved her kids.

As a mentor for me, Mrs. Elrod seemed to be something of an anomaly in the classroom. She never seemed to do

the same thing the same way twice. Within her math teaching skills was a large repertoire of explanations. She could enable her students to



Emily Elrod

feel a sense of coherence throughout the course without hitting them over the head with it. She had the ability to make the most obtuse understandable, so much so that under her guidance math became an enjoyable and comprehensible subject, rather than a stressful one.

One of her philosophies that influenced me greatly was that the most effective kind of education is one in which student and teacher meet both in and out of the classroom. Students deserved to be listened to and heard, not merely receptacles to be filled. Her quiet intellect and gentle, soft-spoken, unassuming nature made sitting in her classroom a positive joy for generations of students. Mrs. Elrod was one of the rare few that went into the teaching profession deep from within her heart, and had a consummate intuition for teaching, not mere training, for the task.

An amusing, yet far-reaching counsel for me was her insistence that I attend Southern Methodist University (her alma mater) for my master's degree. Her exact words: “David, you got a good education at Texas A&M, now you need SMU for your culture.” Enough said! I can still hear the click of her high heels as she walked down the hall.

From all her students at Forsan High: “When did math start to make sense?” Two words... Mrs. Elrod.

Emily Delle Elrod ... she was a good ‘un. Yes indeed!

—David Heston  
Redwine, colleague and friend of 49 years.

# Facing a tremendous challenge

Anytime anything bad happens there's never a shortage of critics ready to sling blame in every direction. No matter the magnitude or nature of the problem there will be somebody, qualified or not, standing near a microphone ready to expound their theory on the whys and wherefores of it. The recent horrific school shooting tragedy in Connecticut stirred the waters of gun control controversy again and every agency, organization, politician, as well as millions of Americans, are letting their voices be heard.

According to an Associated Press poll, Americans were angrier about December's school shooting in Connecticut than they were about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. I don't know why that comparison needs to be drawn at all because the senseless loss of human life under any circumstance should stir the heart of all decent men and women, whether invoked by a terrorist, a lunatic madman, or an abortionist.

In my opinion, there are several factors that must be evaluated if the mindless killings and ravaging of human life is to end. The blame for avoidable tragedies does rest somewhere and accurately laying the responsibility on the right doorstep does indeed get complicated. But I believe some answers are there for us to see if we really want to know.

Even though every normal person ultimately reaches a level of accountability that makes their choices uniquely theirs, I believe a lot of the problem with many of society's ills can be traced directly to the deterioration of the family unit as God intended it to be. Statistics prove that the vast majority of bizarre and spectacular crimes are committed by people who come from dysfunctional families. There is usually some family basis for this lunacy. Children that are raised in healthy, loving families are much less likely to commit crimes, unless perhaps they suffer from mental illness that is

not environmental. And, these deranged criminals don't just appear one day without signs early in life. If parents are dysfunctional, then schools, churches, and society in general must do a better job of identifying kids that may suffer from mental illness, or that have experienced child abuse, sexual molestation, or bullying at school, which is also often the basis for these crimes later in life.

Obviously, family problems aren't responsible for all the insane crimes and disasters that occur. The media's coverage of “news” is troublesome to me when it tends to essentially make martyred cult heroes out of many of the perpetrators of hideous criminal acts. Intentional or not, when the coverage of a terrible crime is non-stop for days on end, it can motivate the unbalanced and emotionally unstable person to see themselves being transformed from a nobody to a somebody by a simple act if it is horrendous enough to garner that kind of coverage. When television networks refused to show streakers or people who climbed over the fence to run onto a baseball field during a game, the foolishness essentially stopped. I am not implying that violent crime would cease if the news coverage ended, but I do believe that if any motivational factor for a person to do something wrong can be eliminated it is a step in the right direction.

Fault for society's moral and social deterioration also needs to be placed at the feet of a simple minded public who makes heroes out of the wrong characters, allowing a double standard of accountability for celebrities, stars, and popular public figures. Last week Lance Armstrong joined the long list of sports, business and political leaders who have sorely disappointed the nation.

Armstrong is an American elite who clawed his way out of Texas to the pinnacle of his sport, then successfully crossed the Rubicon into the celebrity world of personal jets and \$10 million estates. But he did it by cheating and then perpetuating a lie for years while gaining the adoration of a world of fans and endless awards.

These celebrated public fig-

ures are so richly rewarded and lavishly praised that they believe they are above the rules governing the behavior of other mortals. Winning at any cost is their singular goal and they always believe the ideology that “everyone is cheating” justifies their cheating and is necessary to “level the playing field.” When elites break the rules they are not usually punished like bank robbers and drug dealers. They most often remain wealthy and sometimes return to their former positions and status. That's a tragedy in its own right. Everybody makes mistakes and needs forgiveness, but far too many exploit the privilege.

We Americans are facing tremendous challenges and many of our basic freedoms are under attack. It may be an overused cliché, but guns and gun owners aren't the problem. A disregard for the sanctity of life is at the root of it and that's where the axe needs to be laid. Until people appreciate the value of another's possessions and life there will always be violence and crime. And our generation has a decidedly significant disregard for both. When the hearts of men are changed there will be a discernible difference in every manner of moral and social decay.

On a completely different note, I want to congratulate my alma mater, Lee University, on a magnificent performance at the Presidential Inauguration this past Monday. The 200-voice Lee University Festival Choir from the Church of God's flagship university in Cleveland, Tennessee presented a 30-minute concert of Christian and patriotic music just before the President's speech. Incidentally, they accepted the invitation to sing in October, well before the election, and their appearance was in no way an endorsement of President Obama. I am honored to have been a student at this great school and I am proud of their faith witness on a world-wide stage.

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

*Eddy Prince is senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church of God in Big Spring. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.*

# Obama could send you to prison

Like a lot of Californians, Stockton businessman Matt Davies, 34, expected that when Barack Obama was elected in 2008, the new administration would not prosecute medical marijuana dispensaries operating under a law passed by California voters in 1996. After all, as a candidate, Obama contended that he saw federal enforcement against medical marijuana as a waste of resources.

On Oct. 19, 2009, Deputy Attorney General David Ogden released a memo that instructed the Department of Justice not to focus federal resources “on individuals whose actions are in clear and unambiguous compliance with existing state laws providing for the medical use of marijuana.” Davies took that memo as a green light to join the “green rush” and use his MBA expertise to run a taxpaying enterprise to distribute what he refers to as “medicine” to sick people.

Now that he faces a minimum sentence of seven years in prison if he pleads guilty, the father of two understands that he should have read the memo more carefully. “Looking back and reading that now, you can drive a Mack truck through that,” Davies told me in a meeting with his wife, Molly, and attorney Steven Ragland. In fact, the Ogden memo clearly stated that Obama's Department of Justice would

consider “prosecution of significant traffickers of illegal drugs, including marijuana,” to be a “core priority.”

Ah, but the heart wants what the heart wants. Davies says his grandfather died a painful death from stomach cancer. He wanted to help others avoid excruciating pain.

But he also had seen people run dispensaries the wrong way — for example, not paying their fair share of taxes — and he thought his experience running a bistro and property management firm would enable him to show how medical marijuana dispensing could be done right. It clicked.

“It was that whole Silicon Valley culture,” he recalled. His workers felt they were “part of something.”

Paradise started to crumble Sept. 22, 2011, when a burglar alarm went off. A California Highway Patrol officer stopped Davies and partner Lynn Smith, and Davies told the officer that the two were on their way to check on a Sacramento facility where they stored marijuana. In July, when a grand jury returned a two-count indictment for cultivating marijuana against Davies, Smith and Robert Duncan, 29, federal prosecutors reported that Davies' candor with the CHP started an investigation. Davies thinks they included that detail to make him look stupid.

Seen in another light, however, Davies argued, his honesty shows that he believed his Medizen Collective was legit. After all, if his business were

not legal, would Sacramento have allowed him to apply for a \$5,000 medical marijuana dispensary permit? Would Sacramento have registered him as an “established operation”? Would Lloyd's of London have insured his marijuana stock?

“It didn't used to be a crime to believe your government,” attorney Ragland intoned. Davies' other crime is standing up to federal prosecutors' excesses. Davies' two co-defendants are pleading guilty in return for expected terms of three and five years, respectively. But U.S. Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner proposed a seven-year minimum sentence for Davies. Wagner even wrote that seven years would be “extremely lenient” in light of Davies' “very significant commercial operation.” One of Davies' several dispensaries alone grossed more than \$3 million annually.

Davies' attorneys have appealed to Attorney General Eric Holder to stop this travesty. On probation, Davies could continue to meet the payroll for his other businesses. He could pay taxes and contribute to Stockton's ailing economy.

In prison, Davies can serve as a testament to one truth alone: When you believe a politician, read the fine print.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

Teach us, dear Lord, to always be humble.  
Amen

# Shots fired at Houston jr. college

HOUSTON (AP) — Luis Resendiz hid quietly in a small room with dozens of classmates after gunshots erupted in a courtyard on his college campus north of Houston.

There his mind quickly drifted to last month's Connecticut elementary school massacre that left 20 children dead, wondering if another gunman was on a rampage on the other side of the door.

"I didn't think something like this could happen," said Resendiz, 22, who crouched in the room for about 20 minutes before being allowed to leave. "You don't think about it happening to you."

A volley of gunshots around noon Tuesday at Lone Star College prompted a lockdown then evacuation of the campus. A maintenance worker who was caught in the crossfire was sent to a hospital, along with two others who authorities believe were involved in the shooting.

Carlton Berry, 22, was arrested Tuesday and formally booked early Wednesday on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to Harris County Sheriff's Office records. Berry will be arraigned Thursday. Bond is set at \$60,000.

Berry was hospitalized, sheriff's officials said. His condition, along with the conditions of the other person involved in the shooting and maintenance worker were not available.

A fourth person also was taken to a hospital for treatment of a medical condition, Harris County sheriff's Maj. Armando Tello said, without describing that medical condition.

Authorities offered no details on what prompted the shooting. One of the two people involved had a student ID, and both people were hospitalized, Tello said.

At least 10 patrol cars clustered on the campus' west side as emergency personnel tended to the wounded and loaded them onto stretchers. Students led by officers ran from the buildings where they had been hiding as authorities evacuated the campus.

Keisha Cohn, 27, was in a building about 50 feet away and began running as soon as she heard the shots.

"To stay where I was wasn't an option," said Cohn, who fled from a building that houses computers and study areas. All the students were eventually evacuated, running out of buildings as police officers led them to safety.

Mark Zaragosa said he had just left an EMT class when he saw two people who were injured, so he stopped to help them. He described the wounds as minor: One with a gunshot to the knee and another to the buttocks.

"We were carrying (one man) over to an open area and they (the officers) told us to put him down — with all weapons drawn — and they cuffed him right there," Zaragosa told KHOU-TV.

The shooting last month at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., heightened security concerns at campuses across the country.

In Texas, several school districts have either implemented or are considering a plan to allow faculty to carry guns on campus.

While guns are not allowed on college campuses, the Texas Legislature this year might debate a bill that would allow them.

Richard Carpenter, chancellor of the Lone Star College System, said the campus is a gun-free zone that "has been safe for 40 years."

"We think it's still safe," he added.

The campus reopened late Tuesday afternoon, with classes expected to resume Wednesday.

## News in brief

### House Republicans seek to defuse debt crisis with vote on borrowing limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — With tacit support from President Barack Obama, House Republicans are moving to try to defuse a potential debt crisis with legislation to prevent an economy-rattling fiscal crisis for at least three months.

The GOP legislation marks a tactical retreat by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who is eager to avoid a potential first-ever default on U.S. payment and debt obligations as he wrestles with Obama and his Democratic allies over taxes, spending and the deficit.

Wednesday's legislation would give the government enough borrowing leeway to meet three months' worth of obligations, delaying a showdown next month that Republicans fear they would lose.

It also contains a provision that slaps at the Senate, which hasn't debated a budget since 2009, by withholding the pay for either House or Senate members if the chamber in which they serve fails to pass a budget plan.

This "no budget, no pay" idea had previously been regarded by many as a gimmick but has been given new life by Boehner as a "reform" to pair with an increase in the so-called debt limit. Boehner previously had insisted that any increase in borrowing authority to avoid lapses in payments to contractors, unemployment benefits or Social Security checks — and possibly even interest payments on U.S. Treasury obligations — be matched dollar for dollar with spending cuts.

### Clinton to face tough questions from Congress on assault in Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton faces tough questions in her long-awaited congressional testimony concerning the assault on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Clinton is the sole witness Wednesday at back-to-back hearings before the Senate and House foreign policy panels on the September raid, an independent panel's review that harshly criticized the State Department and the steps the Obama administration is taking to beef up security at U.S. facilities worldwide.

Clinton had been scheduled to testify before Congress last month, but an illness, a concussion and a blood clot near her brain forced her to postpone her appearance.

Her marathon day on Capitol Hill will probably be her last in Congress before she steps down as secretary of state. President Barack Obama has nominated Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., to succeed her, and his swift Senate confirmation is widely expected. Kerry's confirmation hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Clinton's testimony will focus on the attack after more than three months of Republican charges that the Obama administration ignored signs of a deteriorating security situation in Libya and cast an act of terrorism as mere protests over an anti-Muslim video in the heat of a presidential election. Washington officials suspect that militants linked to al-Qaida carried out the attack.

### Israeli PM Netanyahu scrambles to keep his job after election produces deadlock

JERUSALEM (AP) — A badly weakened Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu scrambled Wednesday to keep his job by reaching out to a new centrist party that advocates a more earnest push on peacemaking with the Palestinians after Israel's parliamentary election produced a stunning deadlock.

The results defied forecasts that Israel's next government would veer sharply to the right at a time when the country faces mounting international isolation, growing economic problems and regional turbulence. While that opens the door to unexpected movement on peace efforts, a coalition joining parties with dramatically divergent views on peacemaking, the economy and the military draft could just as easily be headed for gridlock — and perhaps a short life.

Israeli media said that with 99.8 percent of votes counted, each bloc had 60 of parliament's 120 seats. Commentators said Netanyahu, who called early elections three months ago expecting easy victory, would be tapped to form the next government because the rival camp drew 12 of its 60 seats from Arab parties that traditionally are excluded from coalition building.

A surprising strong showing by a political newcomer, the centrist Yesh Atid, or There is a Future, party, in Tuesday's vote turned pre-election forecasts on their heads and dealt a setback to Netanyahu. Yesh Atid's leader, Yair Lapid, has said he would only join a government committed to sweeping economic changes and a serious push to resume peace talks with the Palestinians, which have languished throughout Netanyahu's four-year tenure.

### Gay-rights activists praise Obama speech as historic, now urge concrete follow-up actions

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama's emphatic gay-rights advocacy in his inaugural address thrilled many activists. Yet almost immediately came the questions and exhortations as to what steps should be taken next.

"I was very moved," said Jon Davidson, legal director of the gay-rights group Lambda Legal. "But there's a lot more to do in the four years to come. ... It's not like everything is fine."

Items on the activists' wish list include appointment of America's first openly gay Cabinet member, steps to curtail unequal treatment of same-sex couples in the military and an executive order barring federal contractors from workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The paramount priority for many, however, is same-sex marriage. Never before Monday had an inaugural address conveyed support for marriage equality, and activists now hope the Obama administration will take concrete steps to follow up, including escalated engagement in pending Supreme Court cases.

"Why wouldn't they decide to stand on the right side of history?" Davidson asked.

### North Korea warns it will strengthen 'nuclear deterrence' in reaction to UN punishment

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea swiftly lashed out against the U.N. Security Council's condemnation of its December launch of a long-range rocket, saying Wednesday that it will strengthen its military defenses — including its nuclear weaponry — in response.

The defiant statement from North Korea's Foreign Ministry was issued hours after the Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning Pyongyang's Dec. 12 rocket launch as a violation of a ban against nuclear and missile activity. The resolution, which won approval from Pyongyang's ally and protector China after drawn-out discussions, also expanded sanctions against the North.

In Pyongyang, the Foreign Ministry maintained that the launch was a peaceful bid to send a satellite into space, not a test of long-range missile technology. But now, North Korea will "counter the U.S. hostile policy with strength, not with words," the ministry said, ominously warning that North Korea will "bolster the military capabilities for self-defense including the nuclear deterrence."

The wording "considerably and strongly hints at the possibility of a nuclear test," analyst Hong Hyun-ik at the private Sejong Institute think tank near Seoul said Wednesday.

A nuclear test would fit into a familiar pattern of defiance in Pyongyang. In 2006 and 2009, North Korea followed up rocket launches just weeks later by testing atomic devices, which experts say is necessary for development of nuclear warheads.

### Middle-class jobs cut in recession feared gone for good, lost to technology

NEW YORK (AP) — Five years after the start of the Great Recession, the toll is terrifyingly clear: Millions of middle-class jobs have been lost in developed countries the world over.

And the situation is even worse than it appears. Most of the jobs will never return, and millions more are likely to vanish as well, say experts who study the labor market.

What's more, these jobs aren't just being lost to China and other developing countries, and they aren't just factory work. Increasingly, jobs are disappearing in the service sector, home to two-thirds of all workers.

They're being obliterated by technology. Year after year, the software that runs computers and an array of other machines and devices becomes more sophisticated and powerful and capable of doing more efficiently tasks that humans have always done.

For decades, science fiction warned of a future when we would be architects of our own obsolescence, replaced by our machines; an Associated Press analysis finds that the future has arrived.

### Pa. ex-pastor convicted of murdering 2nd wife in '08 now faces trial in 1st wife's '99 death

STROUDSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A former Methodist clergyman convicted of bludgeoning his second wife to death in 2008 now faces trial on whether he killed his first wife, too.

Arthur Schirmer was convicted Tuesday of first-degree murder and evidence tampering after a jury in the Poconos concluded he clubbed Betty Schirmer on the head with a crowbar, then loaded her into their PT Cruiser and staged a low-speed accident in an effort to conceal the crime.

The former preacher, 64, was motionless as the jury returned its verdict 90 minutes after getting the case, and said nothing while being led from the courtroom in handcuffs.

The conviction of a man whom prosecutor Michael Mancuso had dubbed the "sinister minister" brought cries and tears of joy from the family of Betty Schirmer, 56, who suffered mortal brain injuries after prosecutors say he attacked her on July 15, 2008.

"Today, she can finally rest in peace," said her son, Nate Novack, who thanked prosecutors for "bringing my mom's killer to justice."

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# HEALTH TALK: Raw or cooked?

**Q: Will I get more nutrition from eating carrots raw or cooked?**

**A:** Enjoy carrots both ways. Heating does not destroy the antioxidant compounds, alpha- and beta-carotene, that they provide. In fact, studies suggest our bodies absorb them better when carrots are chopped, grated, puréed or heated.

When cooking, stir-frying is an excellent choice, as some fat enhances the body's ability to absorb these compounds. In one study, absorption of beta-carotene was almost seven times greater from stir-fried carrots than from raw carrots. However, that was looking at carrots consumed alone. If you eat carrots as part of a meal, the fat from other foods will be enough to help your body absorb carrots' carotenoids.

Alpha- and beta-carotene are fat soluble and so are not likely to be lost in cooking water. But we don't fully understand all the protective phytochemicals in carrots and whether they are water-soluble. So in addition to stir-frying carrots, roasting, microwaving or steaming are better choices than boiling them in lots of water.

Steaming is fast: quarter-inch thick carrot slices in a steamer basket over an inch or two of boiling water will be tender-crisp in five minutes. Adding chopped or grated raw carrots to vegetable and pasta salads are a few ways you can enjoy carrots in different foods.

**Q: Foods that fight inflammation are supposed to be so healthy. But what exactly is inflammation?**

**A:** The redness you see when you hit your thumb with a hammer or get a splinter is a sign of inflammation, the body's normal response to injury or infection.



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Increased blood flow to the area brings white blood cells and proteins to attack or damage intruding bacteria. The inflammation that signals a health issue is chronic, low-grade inflammation, which seems to damage body tissues in ways that promote development of chronic disease.

For example, inflammatory cells have been found in the fatty plaque that builds up in blood vessels and leads to heart disease. And inflammation seems to cause cell changes that result in our body's inability to respond to insulin appropriately, increasing risk of type 2 diabetes.

Inflammation may also promote cancer development by damaging our genes, increasing cell turnover and increasing development of blood vessels that allow cancer cells to grow and spread. The good news is that many of the same basic lifestyle choices that we already know promote overall health seem to decrease development of chronic inflammation.

Excess body fat releases proteins that travel throughout the body promoting inflammation, so reaching and maintaining a healthy weight shows major effects on reducing inflammation.

Avoid tobacco; be physically active in some way every day; and eat plenty of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans. Including fish (especially fatty fish like salmon) and walnuts for omega-3 fat is helpful.

In the past, there was some thought that polyunsaturated rich vegetable oils (corn, safflower, soybean, and sunflower) worked against the inflammation-fighting effects of omega-3 fats, but that has been disproven; monounsaturated rich vegetable oils such as olive oil and canola oil are both excellent choices.

## Cold weather comfort food

Greek yogurt is the secret to this succulent stuffed chicken. It's much thicker than regular yogurt because a lot of the liquid whey is strained out, making it perfect for adding flavor and keeping the chicken moist.

Greek yogurt is also higher in protein than regular yogurt, allowing you to keep meat portions low.

And the 3-ounce serving — about the size of a deck of cards — is ideal. Fill the rest of your plate with some veggie side dishes for a complete New American Plate meal.

### Stuffed Chicken Breasts

Canola oil cooking spray  
1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, four thick pieces  
3/4 cup low-fat shredded cheddar cheese  
2 Tbsp. green onions, finely chopped, including the stems  
1 medium red bell pepper, 1/2 diced, 1/2 sliced  
1 Tbsp. plain Greek yogurt (canola mayonnaise may be substituted)  
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. hot sauce (optional)  
1 Tbsp. olive oil  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley or 1 Tbsp. dried parsley  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 7 x 11-inch pan with cooking spray.

Carefully cut about a 1 inch wide slit into the thick end of each chicken breast. Insert knife to create a fairly deep pocket.

Combine cheese, green onions, red pepper, yogurt, lemon juice and hot sauce in mixing bowl. Divide mixture into 4 portions and use a spoon to stuff breasts. Secure openings with wooden toothpicks inserted at an angle so meat lays flat. Place in prepared pan.

Brush olive oil over top of chicken and sprinkle with parsley, then pepper and salt, if using.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Let stand about 5 minutes. Garnish with red pepper slices and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 200 calories, 6 g total fat (1.8 g saturated fat), 2 g carbohydrate, 32 g protein, <1 g dietary fiber, 209 mg sodium.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Razzle-Dazzle Defense

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 3  
♥ Q J 7 5 4 3  
♦ 7 6 2  
♣ A 10

**WEST**  
♠ J 8 7 5 2  
♥ 10 6 2  
♦ Q 10 8 3  
♣ 5

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9  
♥ K  
♦ A K 9 4  
♣ K Q J 9 6 4 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♠ Dble 3♠ 4♥  
Pass 5♣

Opening lead — five of spades.

**Once in a blue moon**, a defender must make three good plays in a row to defeat a contract. East did exactly that in today's deal to prevent South from making five clubs.

**West led a spade**, won by East with the king. It seemed unlikely on the bidding that South had another spade, so East made his first good play when he shifted to a trump.

**Without the trump return**, declarer would have made 11 tricks

very easily. With a spade continuation, for example, South would ruff and lead the king of hearts, rendering East helpless whether or not he took his ace.

**Declarer won the trump return** in his hand and led the king of hearts. Again East made the winning play when he ducked. Had he taken the ace, South would have been able to discard two diamonds on the Q-J of hearts.

**Declarer could now do no better** than lead the A-K and another diamond. He was hoping to find the diamonds divided 3-3 or, failing that, to ruff his fourth diamond in dummy if the suit divided 4-2.

**West won the third diamond** with the ten — but only for a moment. East ruffed the ten, even though it was his partner's trick, and returned his last trump. This play put the final nail in South's coffin. He had to lose another diamond and go down one. Of course, if East had failed to ruff the diamond ten and lead a trump, South would have gotten home safely.

**East's defense** was surely of the highest order. Three times he recognized a danger, and three times he found a way to counter it. It was truly a defensive tour de force.

Tomorrow: Plain common sense.  
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# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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	9		8			2		4
	8		4		3		5	
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### BSHS squads pick up road wins, Lady Buffs upset No. 4 ranked Smyer

By BRIAN MCCORMACK  
Sports Editor

#### Big Spring

#### Boys

**SWEETWATER** — The Steers have struggled since district play began, but they may have turned a corner Tuesday as Big Spring defeated the Mustangs 49-39 to pick up its first 4-3A victory.

After a hard-fought loss to Greenwood last Friday, the win came in a timely manner for BSHS Head Coach Cliff Thompson.

“We carried over the momentum from the Greenwood game,” Thompson said. “We executed well and we shot the ball well and played good defense.”

Ty Sealy and Tyler Graves each put up 13 points for the Steers, while Tavaris Walker had nine.

Thompson — who was short on man power at the varsity level — was forced to borrow from the junior varsity squad.

Three newcomers — sophomores Tobby Tannehill, Tyler Bryan and junior transfer from Permian, Chris Sledge, have filled key support roles. The trio accounted for eight points during Tuesday’s win.

“We played a smart and sound game,” Thompson said. “We spread the ball out and made the plays we needed to without hurting ourselves.”

Thompson will try to keep the ball rolling when they play host to the Snyder Tigers on Friday.

“Snyder is dangerous team, even if their record doesn’t show it,” Thompson added. “Their point guard is very good, he’s a game-changer. They always play extremely hard. You can’t sleep on them or you can get in trouble.”

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at Steer Gym.

#### Girls

**SWEETWATER** — A playoff spot may be awaiting the Lady Steers — who are now 3-3 in District 4-3A action — as Tuesday night’s gritty overtime win proved they can handle the pressure.

BSHS (15-13 overall), tied the game at 37 at

the buzzer when Alexis Cansino’s only basket of the evening fell in as regulation expired to send the game into extra minutes.

A late foul on Big Spring put Sweetwater in a position to force double-overtime, but both free throws had to be good. Only the second shot fell in and with a one-point lead, the Lady Steers held on to win, 41-40.

Julianna Rodriguez led BSHS with 12 points, Logan Yarbar added 11, Dyrshae Vanderbilt hit nine and Diamonique Mayes chipped in six.

The Lady Steer will welcome the Lady Tigers to Steer Gym on Friday. Tip off is slated for 6:15 p.m.

#### Forsan

#### Boys

**FORSAN** — The Smyer Bobcats were stymied by both the Buffaloes’ offense and defense Tuesday, as Forsan (14-8, 4-1) defeated district foe Smyer, 57-39.

The Buffs took an early lead and never relented, leading a 16-point advantage at the halfway mark.

Forsan struggled at the free throw line, going 13-of-26, but it didn’t matter. A 17-2 run in the second quarter created an insurmountable deficit for the Bobcats.

Tyler Evans and Aric Hernandez put up 17 points apiece for the Buffaloes, Matthew Mims added 13 and Kade Fannin had seven points and nine rebounds.

“We came out strong on defense and hot on offense,” FHS Head Coach Gary Huckabee said. “Smyer is an excellent team, but we were focused from the opening tip until the final buzzer.”

The Buffs will play host to Sundown on Friday at 8 p.m.

#### Girls

**FORSAN** — The No. 4 ranked Lady Cats of Smyer had already beaten the Lady Buffaloes and held a perfect district record heading into Tuesday’s game, but FHS Head Coach Lindsey Schmidt said earlier in the week that if her team

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Forsan’s Maria Ortiz (above) gets fouled while going for a layup during a game earlier this season. The Lady Buffs took down No. 4 ranked Smyer Tuesday, 52-45. Coahoma’s Kaeli Yaeger (below) goes for a steal during Tuesday’s game against Brownfield. The Bulldogettes won 44-43.



### Callahan denies allegations of sabotage

**ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)** — Former Oakland coach Bill Callahan has denied allegations made by two of his former players that he “sabotaged” the Raiders in their Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay 10 years ago.

Former Raiders receivers Tim Brown and Jerry Rice both said in recent interviews they believe Callahan undermined his own team in the Super Bowl in 2003 because of his close friendship with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden by altering the game plan less than two days before Oakland’s 48-21 loss.

“While I fully understand a competitive professional football player’s disappointment when a team’s way, I am shocked, saddened and outraged by Tim Brown’s allegations and Jerry Rice’s support of those allegations made through various media outlets over the last 24 hours,” Callahan said Tuesday in a statement. “To leave no doubt, I categorically and unequivocally deny the sum and substance of their allegations.”

The hubbub over a game played a decade ago began Monday when

Brown said on Sirius XM Radio that he believed Callahan altered the game plan because of his close ties to Gruden, the former Raiders coach who hired Callahan, and because Callahan hated the Raiders.

“We all called it sabotage, because Callahan and Gruden was good friends, and Callahan had a big problem with the Raiders, hated the Raiders, and only came because Gruden made him come,” Brown said.

While many of Brown’s

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### Te’o tells Couric he lied about girlfriend

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te’o has told Katie Couric that he briefly lied about his online girlfriend after discovering she didn’t exist, while maintaining that he had no part in creating the hoax.

Pressed by Couric to admit that he was in on the deception, Te’o said he believed that

his girlfriend Lennay Kekua had died of cancer and didn’t lie about it until December.

“Katie, put yourself in my situation. I, my whole world told me that she died on Sept. 12. Everybody knew that. This girl, who I committed myself to, died on Sept. 12,” Te’o

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**Pet Talk**

Matters of the Heart: Congenital Heart Disease

Humans and animals often have similar health problems. One example of this is Congenital Heart Disease.

Congenital Heart Disease refers to a problem the animal is born with.

There are multiple types of Congenital Heart Disease: valve malformations or dysplasia, valve narrowing or stenosis, abnormal openings between the heart chambers or septal defects, and patent ductusarteriosus.



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ductusarteriosus (PDA) is the most common among dogs, said Dr. Ashley Saunders, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM).

"There are a number of diseases that your dog can be born with, patent ductusarteriosus is the most common in dogs," she said.

PDA is caused when the ductusarteriosus, an arterial connection between the aorta and pulmonary artery, doesn't close properly after birth, Saunders said. This results in blood being pumped back through the artery instead of through the rest of the body."

Saunders added that different breeds such as German shepherds, miniature poodles, cocker spaniels, Pomeranians, collies, and Shetland sheepdogs are more susceptible to the disorder. Female dogs are also predisposed to the disorder.

Most dogs with PDA have a heart murmur that the veterinarian will hear upon routine checkup.

"Most veterinarians will hear a heart murmur

when the dog is taken in for a routine vaccination or first exam," Saunders said.

After hearing the heart murmur, an x-ray is done to evaluate the heart size and possibly fluid build-up in the lungs. A cardiologist would get an ultrasound or echocardiogram of the dog's heart to examine the blood flow through the ductusarteriosus.

"Based on the symptoms and the murmur, we will do tests to determine which congenital disease the dog has," Saunders said. "A lot of times, we will have to do a heart ultrasound to make a definitive diagnosis.

Generally, surgery is the treatment for dogs with PDA. The Small Animal Hospital at the CVM is known for fixing PDA with minimally invasive surgery, Saunders said. If the animal has surgery, their prognosis is great with a greater than 90 percent survival percentage.

If undiagnosed and untreated, PDA can lead to heart failure. Since PDA leads to heart failure, 60 percent of dogs die when PDA is untreated. Signs of heart failure are difficulty breathing, coughing, and exercise intolerance.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Moon of Distraction**

Sometimes it's hard to put our chins up and march on — not because we're sad, but because there is so much distraction in this parade of a life. It's why horses need blinders. We may have to create our own version of "blinkers" in order to get anything accomplished under the dizzy void-of-course Gemini moon.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Even though you're generous, you're also mindful of the utility of your gifts. If it won't be used or appreciated, it's a wasted effort. You'll be careful how and to whom you share now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). On this day, you taste the good life. What makes it the good life is that it's the only portion of life you can fully experience and influence at this time. Realizing this makes it ever sweeter.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A snake must give up the outer parts of his former self in order to grow. You're not like that — you grow best by giving up something inside. You'll let go of remnants of your former self that no longer applies.



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**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You don't have to analyze where you went wrong because it will soon go quite right, rendering the exercise useless. For now, hold on with faith. Trust that you're meant for good things.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your personal plot is determined by the contents of your character. You'll work to uphold and refine your values, namely the ones that have to do with keeping your word.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may come up against a difference of pacing and it's a healthy thing to deal with. After all, you don't need someone who always sits when you sit and jumps when you jump — that's what shadows are for.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may catch yourself in the act of trying too hard because you want something very badly. Back off and examine the many options available to you. Holding on so tightly to this one is restricting and needless.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one is trying to deceive you; however, there are those around you who want you to react in a certain way and they will position themselves accordingly. You'll be wide-awake.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Does your heart in fact have an agenda that your head is not aware of? The evidence points to "yes" as you find yourself doing the opposite of what you had planned.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's said that many love the king and few love the pauper. But the king still

insists that it's lonely at the top. And the pauper knows his small circle give true affection without ulterior motives.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like your friends to agree with you, though you don't require it. In fact, today you'll appreciate their contrary opinions a great deal. Constructive criticism will help you make the best choice.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something sweet in reminiscence. For you, it's not really about being stuck in the past. Rather it's about creating a past that mingles poetically with your present point of view.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 23). This is a grand, crossword puzzle of a year. The answers come easily over the next six weeks. In April, you'll fill in the empty blocks that stump you with the help of smart friends. February is a chance for heart connection. June brings travel and a satisfying victory. There's new, lucrative work for you in March. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 36 and 28.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My daughter has been called an old soul by many people who meet her. No one ever says this about my son, and I think it's making him feel bad, even though we don't know what old soul really means. It seems to be positive. Is it?"

To subscribers of the theory of reincarnation, old souls are thought to have been on this earth many times in various capacities. Imagine life as a cosmic video game in which a player returns to the earth with the same goal every game — to perfect the soul. When one has played this video game several times, one begins to learn the ins and outs and thus have a more mature perspective about what it takes to manage the game. Someone who just sat down to play the game for the first is no better or worse than someone who has played the game one hundred times. (Just like a toddler is no better or worse than a 34-year-old person.) One is simply more experienced than the other. My advice is to think about your son's talents and strengths and remind him and others of these qualities whenever he old soul compliment comes up.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Princess Caroline of Monaco has devoted her life to philanthropy, especially through her work with the Red Cross, the Princess Grace Foundation and as a Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations. Like a true Aquarian, the protection of children, families and human rights at large are of primary concern to her. With Mercury and Venus in Capricorn, no challenge is too daunting.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Dear Annie:** I've been studying abroad in Rome for the past three months. I head back to America in a few weeks. I can honestly say I haven't missed being home. I've absolutely loved my stay in Europe. I feel safe and happy.

The one thing I'm dreading is reverse culture shock. I'm afraid I'll resent my small-town college or that I'll become depressed when I get home. All of my friends will have left for their own study-abroad adventures. No one will be able to speak the Italian I've learned and help me maintain my fluency. The foods and pastimes that I've become fond of are nonexistent in America.

My European friends say I should just enjoy the little time I have left abroad and keep positive thoughts when I'm back in America, but I don't expect my reimmersion process to be that easy. How can I learn to stop living like a dead man walking and not fall into a pit of despair once I board the plane "home"? — *Pining for Rome*

**Dear Rome:** Please recognize how fortunate you are to have had the opportunity to spend time in Europe and the fact that you've enjoyed it so much. You will miss your Italian friends and Italian pasta, but try not to over-romanticize the experience. Accept it for the short-term fun it was, and know that you can certainly return whenever you can afford to do so. How well you adjust depends entirely on your attitude. Be determined to make it as positive as possible.

**Dear Annie:** I have a problem with my parents' decorating habits. They insist on putting up artwork that I did when I was a child. The dining room, living room and bedrooms all have pictures that I drew or painted from the time I was 6 until I was 17. I have repeatedly asked that they remove them, but they say they can't bear to take them down. Mind you, they have no such pictures from my sister's childhood. In fact, they don't even display pictures their grandchildren have drawn.

I know it's their house, but I'm a 35-year-old man, and I don't want people to see this stuff and think I still do such childish collages. It also feels creepy. It's like my parents aren't allowing me to grow up.

My father insists on telling people I am an artist. At one time, I wanted to be, but now I am a high school teacher and proud of it. How can people take me seriously after talking to my parents? My father says being an artist is special and interesting, and he becomes unhappy if I ask him to describe me differently.

I've gotten so fed up that I dread visiting their home, especially when they have guests. What do I do? — *Not an Artist*

**Dear Artist:** So your parents think being an artist is ever so much more glamorous than other professions, and they prefer to fantasize about your job. Your attempts to force them to change will only make all of you miserable. Who cares what their friends think? As long as

you conduct yourself appropriately and correct any misimpressions, no one will mistake you for a 9-year-old with fingerpaints. We know it's annoying, but please try to ignore this.

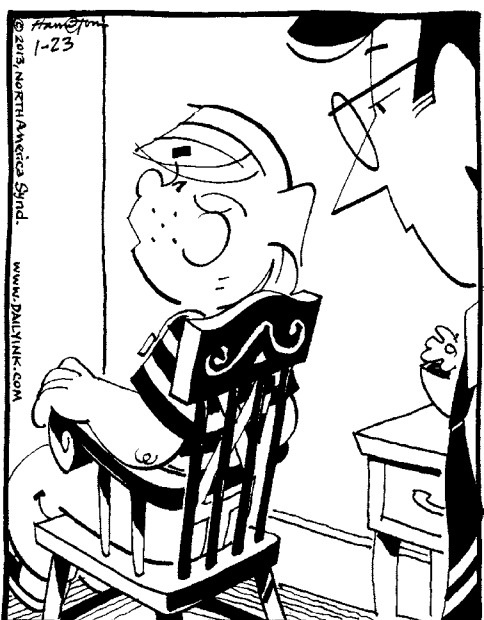
**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Dreading Christmas," whose husband's two siblings take turns hosting Christmas Eve dinners in their homes, but they won't let her reciprocate because she doesn't want to have it in her house.

I have two sisters who love hosting Thanksgiving dinner and alternate each year. They have lovely china and beautiful homes. I have always lived in a small house, but we have a beautiful yard and garden. We reciprocate by hosting a barbecue on Labor Day weekend. Maybe "Dreading Christmas" could do something like this. — *Oregon*

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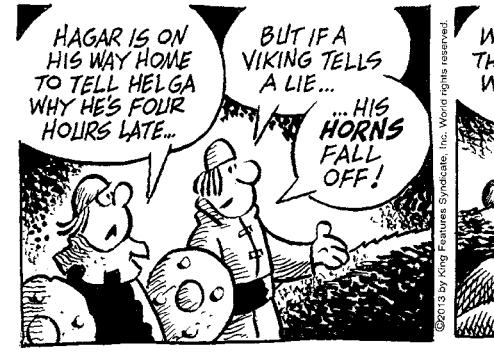
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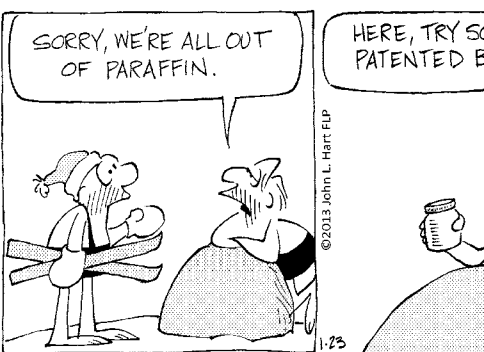
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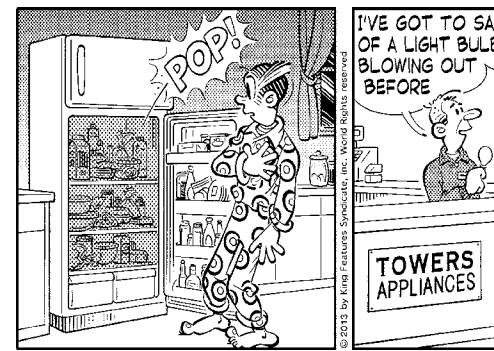
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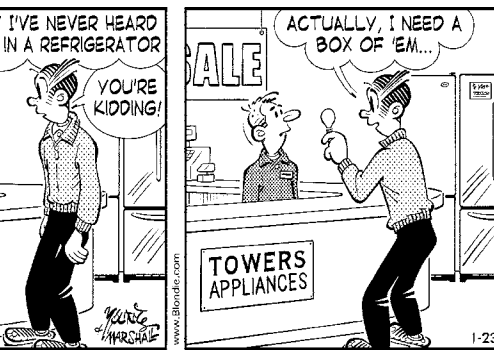
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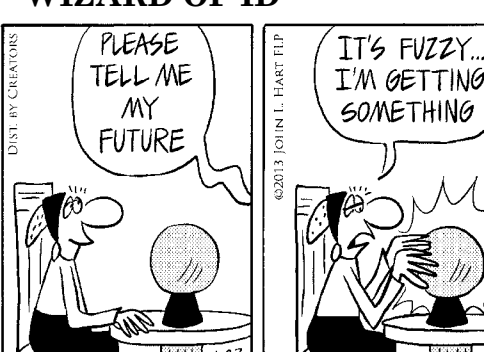
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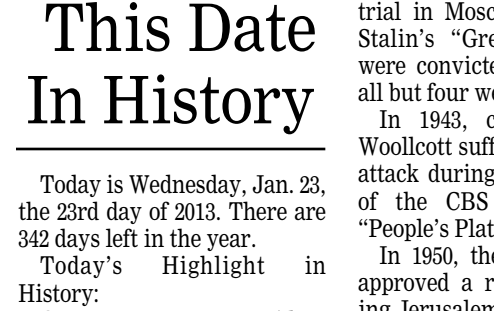
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**This Date In History**

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2013. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1773, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War, and would be formally signed four days later in Paris.

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1937, 17 people went on

trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin's "Great Purge." (All were convicted of conspiracy; all but four were executed.)

In 1943, critic Alexander Woollcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe (BATH-ih-skahf) Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1977, the TV mini-series "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried on live television for the first

time.

Today's Birthdays: Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., is 89. Actress Jeanne Moreau is 85. Actress Chita Rivera is 80. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 79. Actor Gil Gerard is 70. Actor Rutger Hauer is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jerry Lawson (The Persuasions) is 69. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 66. Singer Anita Pointer is 65. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 63. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 63. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 60. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (vee-yah-ry-GOH'-sah) is 60. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 56. Singer Anita Baker is 55. Actress Gail O'Grady is 50. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 49.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Way out there
  - 4 Fundamental
  - 9 Curaçao neighbor
  - 14 Run a tab
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  - 16 Kind of eclipse
  - 17 Desperate try
  - 20 Most iffy
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  - 22 Render speechless
  - 23 Right-angle shape
  - 25 Experience anew
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  - 33 Olympics blade
  - 34 Drs.' group
  - 36 As compared to 38 www. salvationarmy. . .
  - 39 Game show segment
  - 43 Homer Simpson shout
  - 44 Music score symbol
  - 45 Place for pampering
  - 46 "Knock it off!"
  - 48 Poems titled "To a . . ."
  - 50 Theme of the puzzle
  - 53 Worst of the stadium seats
  - 55 Mileage rating org.
  - 57 Party mixes
  - 59 City north of Pittsburgh
  - 61 Willa Cather heroine
  - 63 Attorney's summation
- DOWN**
- 1 Does origami
  - 2 Watches for
  - 3 Coast Guard job
  - 4 Said, as a farewell
  - 5 Greet the day
  - 6 Come to terms
  - 7 Corporation designation
  - 8 Lyricist Sammy
  - 9 Caine or Law title role
  - 10 Clothing frill
  - 11 Numero (top dog)
  - 12 Keep out
  - 13 Creative material
  - 18 Oz visitor
  - 19 Winter cap parts
  - 24 Library penalty
  - 26 Walkman descendant
  - 27 Exceedingly
  - 28 Neurologist's test, for short
  - 30 Apple all-in-one computer
  - 32 Frat letter
  - 35 Permit to enter
  - 37 Back of the neck
  - 39 Picture, in product names
  - 40 Denny's rival
  - 41 President Bartlet of The West Wing
  - 42 Patternless
  - 43 "Spring forward" period: Abbr.
  - 47 Magic word
  - 49 Enemy of Athens
  - 51 Roadside restaurants
  - 52 Small piano
  - 54 Celestial hunter
  - 56 Extreme displeasure
  - 58 Failed to act
  - 60 Self centers
  - 62 Bring to proper pitch
  - 63 PC's "brain"
  - 64 Back talk
  - 65 Ottawa's loc.
  - 66 Rearward, at sea

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**CALLAHAN**

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teammates, including quarterback Rich Gannon, came to Callahan's defense on radio and Twitter on Tuesday, Rice sided with Brown that Callahan's decision to shift the game plan from a run-oriented attack to a pass-heavy offense after a week of practice was done to hurt the team.

"I was very surprised that he waited till the last second and I think a lot of the players they were surprised also so in a way maybe because he didn't like the Raiders he decided 'Hey look maybe we should sabotage just a little bit and let Jon Gruden go out and win this one,'" Rice told ESPN.

Both Rice and Brown also said the decision to alter the plan less than two days before the game might have contributed to starting center Barret Robbins leaving the team that Friday night to go party in Tijuana. Robbins missed a team meeting and walkthrough and was suspended for the game. He was hospitalized and diagnosed as bipolar.

Former Raiders offensive

lineman Frank Middleton said in a phone interview that he didn't believe Callahan's change in game plan contributed to Robbins' problems or that Callahan purposely lost the game even if there were bad feelings between the coach and players.

"Callahan hated us," Middleton said. "He didn't want to see a lot of us succeed because of who we were. I do believe Callahan had bad feelings against us. But to say he threw the game, I can't say that."

Middleton acknowledged that the plan the team used in the game was different than what was practiced but said he didn't know if that was because Robbins had left the team and the Raiders were forced to use backup center Adam Treu.

The Raiders threw a then club-record 619 passes in the 2002 season but originally planned

to run the ball more in the Super Bowl to take advantage of Tampa Bay's undersized defensive front. But Oakland fell behind early in the game and had 49 pass plays and a season-low 11 runs.

Gannon threw five interceptions, including three returned for touchdowns, in the

lopsided loss.

Callahan, currently the offensive line coach for the Dallas Cowboys, said he tried to win the game and suggestions to the contrary were "ludicrous and defamatory."

"Any suggestion that I would undermine the integrity of the sport that I love

and dedicated my life to, or dishonor the commitment I made to our players, coaches and fans is flat out wrong," he said. "I think it would be in the best interests of all, including the game America loves, that these allegations be retracted immediately."

**LIE**

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said in an interview to air Thursday on Couric's syndicated talk show. A segment of the interview with Te'o and his parents was broadcast Wednesday on "Good Morning America."

The Heisman Trophy runner-up said he only learned of the hoax when he received a phone call in December from a woman saying she was Kekua.

"Now I get a phone call on Dec. 6, saying that she's alive and then I'm going to be put on nation-

al TV two days later. And to ask me about the same question. You know, what would you do?" Te'o said.

An Associated Press review of news coverage found that the Heisman Trophy runner-up talked about his doomed love in a Web interview on Dec. 8 and again in a newspaper interview published Dec. 10.

Te'o's father defended his son.

"People can speculate about what they think he is. I've known him 21 years of his life. And he's not a liar. He's a kid," Brian Te'o said with tears in his eyes.

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# ROUNDUP

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could put on a strong defensive performance, they could end Smyer's run.

They did just that and Forsan pulled off a 52-45 upset over Smyer, improving their district record to 4-2 (18-8 overall).

"I can't say enough about the girls and their effort," Schmidt said. "They didn't play scared. Defensively, I just can't say enough. It was a group effort. They double-teamed and helped each other out. It was a team effort all the way around."

Forsan was hot from the three-point area as well. Brittney Hergert sank three 3s, Ali Knight hit two and Jahnica Willard and Mary-Ashley McDaniel each had one in what Schmidt described as a "huge" win.

The well-rounded performance was key to the game according to Maria Ortiz, who

added 16 points for the lady Buffs. "I think we executed really well," Ortiz said. "We played really well together and we hit a lot of outside shots."

Ortiz and her teammates had to contend with a tall Smyer squad — she was charged with guarding a 6'3" post throughout the evening.

"We had to make sure we put on a lot of pressure," Ortiz explained. "We had to keep the ball out of their hands as much as possible and we did really well. We kept them off the boards and we got them into foul trouble early."

"To start out this year, we were looking at maybe not even making the playoffs," Schmidt added. "That's what everybody was saying: 'who's Forsan', you know? So now to come in and have this win, there could potentially be a three-way tie for the district championship in one of the toughest districts."

McDaniel agreed with Schmidt's assessment.

"We feel a lot better about

where we stand in district," McDaniel added. "I think Plains will be tough, but we just have to keep going and anything's possible."

Next up for the Lady Buffs will be a visit from Sundown, whom they will meet Friday at 6:30 p.m.

### Coahoma

#### Boys

COAHOMA — The Bulldogs (10-13, 0-4) remain winless on the season in District 4-2A action as a tough Brownfield squad proved to be too much for Coahoma, who lost 66-38.

The Dogs fell behind early and found themselves in a 4-20 hole at halftime.

Tanner Ruiz accounted for 10 points and Shanen Warneke added nine, but were outmatched by BHS.

Coahoma will have a chance to claim a district win Friday against Lamesa on the road. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

#### Girls

COAHOMA — CHS (9-18,

2-4) Head Coach Paul Hartman and his team earned their second District 4-2A victory Tuesday against the Lady Cubs, defeating Brownfield 44-43 in a thrilling matchup in front of a home crowd.

Savannah Neff led the Bulldogettes with 14 points, Kyla Clanton chipped in 11 and Kaeli Yaeger had 10.

"It was a close game," Hartman said. "We played very good defense for the most part. We held on to win a close game and matured as a team."

Next up for Coahoma will be a road trip to Lamesa. Tip off is slated Friday at 6:30 p.m.

### Other scores:

#### Boys

Stanton defeated Denver City, 52-43. K.J. Glaspie 18; Jonathan Ramos 11, Scott Smith 11, Cole Schroyer 9. Next vs. Colorado City, Friday, 8 p.m.

Grady (No. 11) defeated Klondike, 90-52. Brandon Lucas 28, Michael Jiminez

15, Brett Glaze 13, E.J. Rodriguez 10. Next vs. O'Donnell, Friday, 8 p.m.

Water Valley (No. 2) defeated Garden City (No. 14), 53-52. Sam Miller 15, Juan Bustos 15, Corbin Davis 12, Braden Jones 8. Next at Veribest, Friday, 8 p.m.

#### Girls

Stanton defeated Denver City, 38-35. Jennifer Henley 13, Kendra Graham 13. Next vs. Colorado City, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Grady (No. 10) defeated Klondike, 72-25. Ellyn Avery 23, Cayley Oppegard 15. Next vs. O'Donnell, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Garden City (No. 14) defeated Water Valley (No. 17), 38-36. Holly Halfmann 13, Brylie Schafer 11, Kamie Halfmann 10. Next at Veribest, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

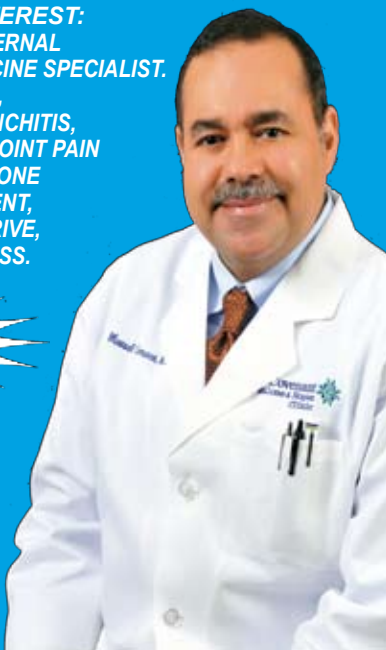
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## Jets' coach Ryan uninjured in three-car wreck

NEW YORK (AP) — Jets coach Rex Ryan was uninjured in a three-car accident in eastern Pennsylvania last week.

A team spokesman

confirmed Tuesday that Ryan was issued a warning and no citation after the accident on Jan. 14 in Bethlehem, Pa., located about 45 minutes from the team's facility

in Florham Park, N.J.

No one in the other two cars was injured in the accident, which was first reported by Deadspin.com.

Ryan is in Mobile, Ala., for Senior Bowl practices with several members of the Jets' front office, including new general manager John Idzik, and did not

comment.

Ryan has been in the headlines a few times this offseason — for being retained by owner Woody Johnson despite missing the playoffs for the second straight.

Ryan is expected to be in attendance Thursday at the team's facility when the Jets formally introduce Idzik.

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