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Members of the Big Spring City Council prepare to enter into an executive session with officials from the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation during Tuesday night's meeting.

Election tops ISD agenda

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Elections will be the main topic of discussion when Big Spring Independent School District trustees hold their regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The board will consider approval of a resolution which would allow trustees to be elected by a simple plurality of votes. Currently, trustees must be elected by a majority of votes, even if that means holding runoff elections.

BSISD Business Manager Debbie Green said the change would only impact races which attract three or more candidates — a rare occurrence in school board elections — while saving the district money in the process.

Green pointed to the 2011 District 2 trustee election — which featured a run-off between eventual winner Pat DeAnda and Maria Padilla — as an example of why a change is needed.

"In a district with more than 1,200 registered voters, only 23 voted in the runoff, and it

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Council OKs 4-way stop on Stadium

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of an ordinance that will place a four-way stop at the intersection of Settles and Stadium during its Tuesday night meeting, as well as approved first reading of an ordinance calling for the May 11 municipal elections.

The council voted unanimously to have a flour-way-stop placed at the intersection of Settles Street and Stadium Street. According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the intersection has been brought to the attention of the city's Traffic Commission several times in the past and has certainly seen its fair share of vehicle accidents over

the years. "This item has come before the traffic commission on three other occasions I can recall," Darden told the council. "It's come before the commission through citizens who live in that area. Since 1996, we've had more than 26 (traffic) accidents occur at this intersection. The traffic count shows during non-peak hours, vehicle counts are pretty low. However, during the peak times — especially during school hours — we're seeing 500 to 800 vehicles utilizing that intersection.

"There are a lot of motorists using that roadway to travel from the area around Moss Elementary over to the high school and junior high school. It

has created some accidents. The most recent one was about a month ago when a car went through a citizen's yard and hit their trampoline and exited out on Stadium Street. Fortunately, no one was injured."

The intersection is located one block east of both the Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High School, according to Darden, and while congestion during school hours — mainly 7 a.m. until 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. — is certainly a contributing factor, it wasn't the only issue spurring the traffic commission's recommendation for the four-way-stop.

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State of the Union: Opposition quick to president's proposals

By **ERICA WERNER**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama set up high-stakes clashes with Republicans over guns, immigration, taxes and climate change in a State of the Union address that showcased his determination to mark his legacy. Rep. Paul Ryan said Obama could better achieve his goals if he would get out of "campaign mode."

At the center of looming confrontations in Washington is a fight over the very role of government, with Obama pushing a raft of new initiatives to improve preschool programs and voting, boost manufacturing and research and development, raise the minimum wage and lower energy use. "It is our unfinished task to make sure that this government works on behalf of the many and not just the few," he said.

Republicans who control the House and hold enough votes to stall legislation in the

"More government isn't going to help you get ahead. It's going to hold you back. More government isn't going to create more opportunities. It's going to limit them."

Sen. Marco Rubio
 R-Fla.

Senate were just as quick to declare that the government helps best by getting out of the way.

Ryan, the GOP's vice presidential candidate last fall, said Wednesday morning that Obama's leadership style stands in the way of bipartisan efforts to resolve problems like the ballooning deficit. "He seems to always be in campaign mode, where he treats people in the other party as enemies rather than partners," the Wisconsin Republican said in an interview on "CBS This Morning."

Ryan was asked if he supported House Speaker John Boehner's remark Tuesday

that he didn't believe Obama "has the guts" to stand up to liberals in his own party on spending cuts.

"That's why the congressman makes remarks like that," Ryan said of Boehner.

Ryan's comments came just hours before Obama was to set off on a three-state trip, starting in North Carolina, to sell to voters the programs he outlined in his address. Obama hit the road frequently in campaign-style trips in December to appeal directly to voters for the approach that he favored, including new taxes, to avoid the so-called "fiscal cliff."

Republican critics have

said the president should stay home and focus his attention on dealing directly with Congress on these issues.

In the formal Republican response to Obama's address, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said, "More government isn't going to help you get ahead. It's going to hold you back. More government isn't going to create more opportunities. It's going to limit them."

"And more government isn't going to inspire new ideas, new businesses and new private sector jobs. It's going to create uncertainty," said Rubio, a rising star in the party.

Uncompromising and aggressive, Obama pressed his agenda on social issues and economic ones, declaring himself determined to intervene to right income inequality and boost the middle class. He called on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to

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Obituaries

Elgen Suazo

Elgen Suazo, 20, of Forsan died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- JAMES DEWAYNE TURNBO, 34, of 807 Wyoming, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention and a warrant from another agency.
- LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 24, of 1606 Cardinal, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for public intoxication, theft and failure to appear (two counts).
- FERMIN FLORES, 62, of 610 N.W. Seventh St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- GARY DON WEEKS, 53, of 1308 Pennsylvania, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- ASHLEY ANN BURT, 25, of 1604 S. Benton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of shoplifting – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- JESSICA ELAINE CARMICHAEL, 31, of 708 N.W. 10th St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of disorderly conduct – language, resisting arrest, search or transportation and possession of a controlled substance.
- JANICE RODRIGUEZ, 36, of 8504 El Camino, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RANDY TIMOTHY ORTEGA, 35, of 704 S. Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- APRIL LYNN MARTINEZ, 30, of 1209 Harding, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and making a false report to a peace officer or law enforcement employee.

conviction and making a false report to a peace officer or law enforcement employee.

- JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ JR., 24, of 1510 Sycamore Apt. B, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- BRANDON C. HAMNER, 34, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- KENNETH LUNA, 32, of Colorado City, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 32, of 1505 Robin, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- MICHAEL SCOTT JACKMAN, 26, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
- MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 27, of 2010 Loop Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- TERESA LORENE LANG, 30, of 13360 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- DUSTIN JAMES SAUCEDO, 23, of 1800 N. Birdwell Lane, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for harassment and no driver's license – when un-

censed.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the area of FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1100 block of N. McGregor Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.
- JANICE RODRIGUEZ, 36, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- APRIL LYNN MARTINEZ, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a charge of making a false report to a peace officer.

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citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants, far-reaching gun control measures and a climate bill to cut greenhouse gas emissions. He threatened to go around Congress with executive actions on climate change if it fails to act.

But Obama cannot count on willing partners on those issues, any one of which could tie Congress in knots for months with no guarantee of success. Gun control, which Obama made a focus of his speech, faces dim prospects on Capitol Hill. The prospect for immigration legislation is better, but no sure thing. Climate change legislation is

given no chance of success.

And Obama addressed relatively briefly the looming fiscal crises confronting the nation and inevitably sucking up oxygen on Capitol Hill — the deep automatic spending cuts or “sequester” to take effect March 1, followed by the government running out of money to fund federal agencies March 27. He made clear he will continue to press for the rich to pay more in taxes, a position Republicans have rejected.

Republicans, meanwhile, made clear they’re in little mood to cooperate.

“We are only weeks away from the devastating consequences of the president’s sequester,

and he failed to offer the cuts needed to replace it,” Boehner said in a statement. “In the last election, voters chose divided government which offers a mandate only to work together to find common ground. The president, instead, appears to have chosen a go-it-alone approach to pursue his liberal agenda.”

Earlier Tuesday, in a meeting with television correspondents and anchors, Boehner, R-Ohio, said immigration is about the only item on Obama’s list that has a chance of passing this year. He said the president is more interested in getting a Democratic majority in both chambers next year.

Obama did reiterate his willingness to tackle

entitlement changes, particularly on Medicare, though he has ruled out increasing the eligibility age for the popular benefit program for seniors.

“Those of us who care deeply about programs like Medicare must embrace the need for modest reforms — otherwise, our retirement programs will crowd out the investments we need for our children and jeopardize the promise of a secure retirement for future generations,” he said.

“But we can’t ask senior citizens and working families to shoulder the entire burden of deficit reduction while asking nothing more from the wealthiest and most powerful.”

On immigration, a

bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate is working to craft legislation embracing Obama’s call for a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants but making such a path contingent on first securing the border.

But there’s no guarantee the Senate bipartisan plan will find favor with the full Senate or the House.

The first test may come Wednesday morning when the Senate Judiciary Committee opens its hearings on a comprehensive immigration overhaul. Deep fault lines emerged even before the hearing began, with a leading committee Republican, Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, calling Obama’s remarks on immigra-

tion “deeply troubling.” “The biggest obstacle we face to reform is this nation’s failure to establish lawfulness in the system,” Sessions said. “The president’s immigration plan meets the desire of businesses for low-wage foreign workers while doing nothing to protect struggling American workers.”

The president implored lawmakers to break through partisan logjams, asserting that “the greatest nation on earth cannot keep conducting its business by drifting from one crisis to the next.”

“Americans don’t expect government to solve every problem,” he said. “They do expect us to forge reasonable compromise where we can.”

COUNCIL

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“There are a couple of other variables,” Darden said. “There are some sight and visibility issues with the intersection and a nearby dip which, at high speeds, could create some vehicular problems.”

Also during Tuesday night’s meeting, the council approved first reading of an ordinance

calling for the May 11 municipal elections on a unanimous vote. The mayoral seat, along with the District 5 seat on the council, will be decided by the contest.

Both incumbents — Mayor Tommy Duncan and District 5 Councilman Craig Olson — have indicated they will not seek re-election to their respective seats.

However, the impending vacancy has drawn a single political hope-

ful so far, as local businessman and former Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board president Larry McLellan recently filed to run for the mayoral seat.

Prospective candidates can pick up filing packets from city hall — located at 310 Nolan St. — until March 1. Filing for the election is being handled by the city of Big Spring Administration, while the election

itself will once again be coordinated by the Howard County Elections Administration Office. For more information on filing to run in the May election, contact Big Spring City Hall at 432-264-2513.

Also during the meeting, the council approved:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Fire Prevention” to

adopt the 2012 edition of the International Code Council Inc. Fire Code.

• First reading of an amendment to the 2012 annual budget to provide for the purchase of a fire truck for the Big Spring Fire Department through the city’s general fund.

• Awarded bid for a pumper fire truck at \$255,000. According to city officials, the expenditure is not a budgeted item and will come out

of the city’s general fund.

• First reading of a resolution endorsing certain legislative actions in the 83rd Texas Legislature to enhance the competitive electric market and system reliability and to protect the traditional role of cities in the regulatory process.

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cost the school district more than \$4,000 to hold the election,” Green said.

Both the state education and election codes allow for trustees to be elected by a plurality vote, she added.

“This is not the fed-

eral, state or county level,” Green said. “Those are bigger elections and much more complicated. At most school districts, you either have plurality elections or at-large school board positions (which don’t require a majority vote).”

Also Thursday, trustees will make the official call for school board elections to be held May

11. Three single-member district seats are up for election this year — District 5, currently held by Chad Wash; District 6, currently held by Jeff Brorman and District 7, in which Phil Fuqueron is the incumbent.

No candidate filings had been received as of Tuesday morning. Wash has announced his intention to seek re-

election, while Brorman said he has not yet decided whether to run for another term. Attempts to reach Fuqueron for comment were unsuccessful.

Deadline to file for the BSISD trustee elections is March 1.

Green said early voting for the May 11 election will be held at the Howard County Court-

house. Election day polling will occur at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- A report on Head Start’s intention to purchase the Bauer campus.
- Legal and local policy updates.
- Approval of employment recommendations for administrators, directors and coordinators.

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or by e-mail at report-

SHERIFF

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• CALIBER VIGNEAU, 24, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct — vulgar language.

• KENNETH ADAM LUNA, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — second offense.

• MANUEL ESCAMILLA JR., 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

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county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault — family violence.

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• JESSICA ELAINE CARMICHAEL, 31, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, disorderly conduct — vulgar language and possession of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of George. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Making do without Saturday delivery

Could you live without mail today? A national poll last June found that 70 percent of Americans can. The New York Times/CBS News phone survey of 900 Americans showed overwhelming support for dropping Saturday and proceeding with five-day delivery.

Last week, the U.S. Postal Service listened to that feedback and announced a move to five-day letter delivery beginning in August. Package delivery will continue on Saturday.

The cuts are expected to save about \$2 billion annually for an operation that lost \$15.9 billion last year.

So no matter what people think of Saturday service, more cuts are coming.

We're flinching, as the cuts eliminate one day of newspaper delivery for a handful of our outlying customers still relying on a mail carrier for our daily print product.

But we'll live. We're already reaching out online to thousands of customers who prefer not to wait for daily local news.

We have to regard the end of Saturday delivery as a business decision, not a government cutback. Mail volume has declined steadily since 2000, with 2012 deliveries at the lowest level since 1984.

Those market forces contributed to a record \$15.9 billion net loss for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

With rapidly declining volume and ample private alternatives, the Postal Service needs to operate differently. It needs fewer stand-alone offices and fewer employees to provide 21st century service far different from its historical model.

We're hearing congressional rumblings to block the Postal Service's necessary business decision. Congress is adept at rumbling. It struggles with budgeting.

Congress could keep Saturday delivery by carving at least \$2 billion a year from schools, defense, disaster recovery or any other federal program.

So ignore those Capitol Hill rumbles until they come with a specific funding plan. Then decide: Is the contents of your mailbox today worth \$2 billion in federal cuts elsewhere?

— *Quad City (Iowa) Times*

Zero tolerance, zero sense

I have been suspicious for a long time, but I'm certain now that any resemblance of common sense has taken flight in respect of something the talking heads call political correctness. Some psycho kills somebody with a gun, which by the way has been happening for centuries, and every crackpot activist group and politician under the sun starts screaming for more legislation for gun control.

No matter how many times it is said, it is absolutely true that guns do not kill people; deranged people do. And, as has also been stated many times, no matter how many laws are passed, criminals will find a way to get anything they want and do anything they desire to do. That old adage, "where there's a will there's a way" isn't limited to positive applications, you know.

Getting back to the common-sense aspect of my observations, I am nothing short of astounded at how ridiculous people in authority can be when it comes to dealing with their fellow human beings. Everybody with a heart wants our children protected from any and all kinds of harm, physical or otherwise. But how does anyone explain some of the idiotic things happening in our society because some zealous person or group has put a "no tolerance" policy in place that is skewed by political correctness?

Now, I understand the need for consistency in discipline and following rules, and how chaotic things can be if there are exceptions made that favor some and discriminate against others. But, seriously folks, haven't we lost control when any level of common sense is abandoned in order to pacify some radical viewpoint on any matter that can be resolved logically or with compassion and understanding?

There are many cases surfacing, all over the country, in which Zero Tolerance has trumped common sense. An 8-year-old was suspended from school for three days for pointing a breaded chicken finger at a teacher and saying "Pow, pow, pow."

Two 8-year-olds were charged with "making terrorist threats" because they were playing cops and robbers with a paper gun.

And the list goes on and on.

Someone at the Rutherford Institute stated it well: "By refusing to consider each individual's personal history and the intentions that inspired their actions, zero tolerance policies deny the unique worth and dignity of every person." Zero tolerance policies put teachers and principals in the position of having to make irrational decisions in relatively simple cases. It makes no sense to suspend children for playing cops-and-robbers on the playground or giving a cough drop to a friend.

CNS News reports that a picture of a soldier holding a canteen and a knife has earned the third-grade boy who drew it a suspension from school. Wire reports said the third-grader also drew a fort, listing its inventory as guns, knives, and first-aid kits.

The principal of Lenwill Elementary School in West Monroe, La., is quoted as saying that the school "can't tolerate anything that has to do with guns or knives." The boy's father said he's been forced to explain to his son that being in the Army and owning guns "is not bad." According to press reports, school officials stand by their decision to punish the child for what they consider "a violent arrangement."

In December 2009, a special needs 8-year-old Massachusetts boy was sent home from school and ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation after he was asked to make a Christmas drawing and came up with what appeared to be a stick figure of Jesus on a cross.

After the Columbine Massacre in 1999, all the conferences on bullying yielded a zero tolerance madness that criminalized everything from toy soldiers to plastic knives to playing cops and robbers. Six-year-old Cub Scouts have been suspended for bringing camping equipment to school. Arrests have been made for shooting rubber bands. Advil and Midol have become controlled substances.

I'm not making this up, people. These are documented cases and there are hundreds of them on file, some more ridiculous and unbelievable than the ones I have mentioned. When our children in Texas public schools can be accused, found guilty, ticketed, often times arrested and removed from school before parents are notified, there is something intrinsically wrong with

I COLUMN AS I SEE 'EM

a system that claims to work in partnership with parents for the education and well-being of their children.

Lawmakers in several states say the strict policies in schools have resulted in many punishments that lack common sense, and are seeking to loosen the restrictions. "A machete is not the same as a butter knife. A water gun is not the same as a gun loaded with bullets," said Rhode Island State Sen. Daniel Issa, a former school board member who worries that no-tolerance rules are applied blindly and too rigidly. I agree with Mr. Issa.

The dictatorial mindset demanding that zero tolerance is implemented in every situation without consideration of the potential extenuating circumstances has to end. It's clearly ineffective, since there have certainly been more school, workplace, and public venue shootings over the past few years than ever before.

Among other destructive signals it sends, it teaches children that Constitutional guarantees don't apply to them, which goes against everything our schools should be teaching them. It tells children that their leaders consider them untrustworthy, violent creatures, which is the sort of thing some children will take to heart. It takes decision-making responsibility away from teachers and forces principals and administrators to defend ridiculous decisions, eroding respect for the school system. And, most importantly, it punishes the innocent.

I have long described myself as an "idealistic realist," simply meaning that I desire perfection, yet readily acknowledge that, realistically, it is rarely achievable, thus allowing me to deal with imperfection without losing hope. The key to emotional and psychological health is learning when to be inflexible and when to use the brain God gave you.

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

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Wash your bags — or else

San Francisco passed America's first ban on plastic bags in chain groceries and drugstores in 2007. In a research paper for the Institute for Law and Economics, law professors Jonathan Klick and Joshua Wright crunched state and federal data on emergency room admissions and food-borne illness deaths and figured that the San Francisco ban "led to an increase in infections immediately upon implementation."

They found a 46 percent rise in food-borne illness deaths. The bottom line: "Our results suggest that the San Francisco ban led to, conservatively, 5.4 annual additional deaths."

So is San Francisco's bag ban a killer? Conceivably, yes, but probably not.

Intuitively, the professors' findings make sense. The city's anti-bag laws are designed to drive consumers to reusable bags. Consumer advice types warn people about the dangers of said bags becoming germ incubators. I got this from TLC's website:

"Designate specific bags for

meats and fish. Wash these bags regularly — preferably after each shopping trip — to get rid of bacteria. If your bag is fabric, toss it in the washing machine with jeans, and if it's a plastic material, let it soak in a basin filled with soapy water and either the juice of half a lemon or about a quarter cup of vinegar."

San Francisco health officer Tomas Aragon reviewed Klick and Wright's paper and found "a biologically plausible hypothesis" but "sloppy" research. "It's a complicated topic. It's a little surprising that (they) would put this out there without a peer review," he added. If the professors had consulted with an epidemiologist, they would have understood how the city's unique demographics contribute to specific intestinal issues.

(Unlike Aragon, I'm trying to be unkind here and not share too much information.)

In short, the doctor concluded that the study raised more questions than it answered. Dave Heylen of the California Grocers Association ripped the study for not understanding something really basic about how the San Francisco bag ban worked at first. "People weren't using reusable bags," Heylen said. "They were using paper bags."

Be it noted, the grocers have

supported proposals for a statewide ban on plastic bags — which would require supermarkets to charge for single-use bags — because they provide what the sponsor of Sacramento's latest effort, Assemblyman Marc Levine, D-San Rafael, calls "uniformity of experience" for shoppers and store owners. (It also means big stores can charge for bags.)

Mayor Ed Lee's office said the mayor will look into the health consequences of the city's now tougher bag laws if Aragon so recommends. That doesn't seem likely. Likewise, Levine didn't sound particularly concerned.

Maybe they should be. More than 60 California communities have bag bans, which means more Californians are using reusable bags. Most families probably aren't washing them. And that's not healthy.

California politicians didn't even bother studying the possible health effects of their anti-bag laws. They were in such a hurry to tell their constituents what's best for them that they forgot to check how their busy-body scheme might go wrong.

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News in brief

Texas Senate starts work on \$2B water fund

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The part-time board that oversees Texas water projects has been ineffective and should be replaced by a full-time board with more funding and accountability, a state senator told colleagues Tuesday in asking for \$2 billion to pay for future water needs.

Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, blasted the Texas Water Development Board for failing to set priorities. He said he asked the board more than two years ago to give him a list of the 50 most important water projects in the state and that he's still waiting for an answer.

Often, he said, it's difficult to get the six part-time board members on the phone to discuss the state's water issues.

"Every time you ask them a question, they give you a non-answer and that's part of the frustration I'm having," the Marble Falls Republican told his committee. "Every group believes their project is the most important and the competition between the 16 (water planning groups) at times has been problematic."

Fraser is the lead sponsor of a plan to overhaul the water board and taking \$2 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund to create a new water development fund. He wants to create a full-time, three-member board that will use the fund to finance some of the 562 proposed water projects across the state.

In 2011, Texas underwent the worst one-year drought in the state's history and still has not fully recovered. The State Water Plan says the state needs to spend \$53 billion over the next 50 years in order to meet the growing water demand.

The Legislative Budget Board told lawmakers that the new fund could leverage enough bond money to cover those costs. Other alternatives included creating or increasing water-related taxes and fees to cover the costs of new water projects.

Attacker was on drugs when he killed Texas pastor

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A coroner says an attacker who crashed his car into a North Texas church and beat a minister to death before dying in custody had been using drugs.

The Tarrant County medical examiner on Tuesday ruled the death of Derrick Birdow was associated with PCP ingestion.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Forest Hill police Chief Dan Dennis says investigators suspected Birdow was on the hallucinogenic drug due to his behavior.

Birdow on Oct. 29 drove into the Greater Sweet-home Missionary Baptist Church, picked up a guitar and fatally beat the Rev. Danny Kirk Sr.

An officer used a Taser to subdue Birdow. He stopped breathing in a patrol car and was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The medical examiner says the Taser shocks did not contribute to Birdow's death.

East Texan gets prison for fake payroll checks

TYLER, Texas (AP) — An East Texas woman has been sentenced to nearly three years in prison for her role in a payroll scam involving the cashing of more than 100 fake checks.

A federal judge in Tyler on Tuesday sentenced 23-year-old Amanda Henderson of Longview. Henderson must also make nearly \$15,000 in restitution.

Henderson in November pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud. Mark Alan McCullars of Marshall also pleaded guilty in the scam and he was sentenced last week to more than four years in prison.

Authorities say McCullars and Henderson since May 2011 created fake identification and bogus documents that appeared to be payroll checks from several businesses. Some check-cashing businesses in East Texas lost more than \$55,000 in the scheme.

Ex-engineer in Texas gets prison in bribery case

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A former Army Corps of Engineers supervisor in South Texas has been sentenced to four years in prison in a bribery case after a contractor paid for his \$80,000 paved driveway.

Prosecutors say a judge in Galveston on Tuesday sentenced 33-year-old Christopher Castillo of Monte Alto. The former civil engineer with the corps pleaded guilty last summer to bribery. He also must pay a \$50,000 fine.

Castillo since 2010 supervised contractors and projects, including an emergency power cooling building for the Border Patrol in Hidalgo County.

A corps agent obtained information that Castillo solicited a contractor to pay for his personal driveway project. Investigators say the owner feared Castillo would bar him from getting future govern-

ment work unless the driveway project was done. Castillo's driveway was completed in early 2012.

No-swim advisory issued for South Texas peninsula

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Health officials have advised swimmers to avoid some parts of a popular South Texas recreation area because of elevated levels of bacteria.

The Galveston County Health District says concentrated amounts of bacteria are present at 12 locations along the Bolivar Peninsula.

The peninsula is a narrow strip of land on the Gulf Coast in eastern Galveston County, about 50 miles southeast of Houston.

District officials issued the no-swimming advisory Tuesday. They regularly test water conditions in the area, and additional testing will determine how long the advisory will continue.

No elevated levels were found on nearby Galveston Island.

Ex-Houston-area teacher to get mental help in jail

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston-area teacher jailed on charges of having sex with a 15-year-old student and hiding him when he ran away from home will not be moved to a private mental health clinic.

A judge Tuesday ruled the Harris County Jail has sufficient mental health resources for 29-year-old Kathryn Camille Murray. She's charged with three counts of sexual assault of a child, having an improper relationship with a student and harboring a runaway.

Attorneys for the ex-Spring Branch teacher say she's depressed and needs private help. Prosecutors say Murray, who's held without bond, could sign herself out of a private clinic.

Murray was charged last year with having sex with the boy and was free on bail until her January arrest when he was found where she was staying.

Search for fugitive sex offender inmate continues

DALLAS (AP) — A \$10,000 reward is being offered for the capture of a fugitive Florida inmate convicted of violent sexual assaults but who stabbed one of two police escorts and escaped near Dallas.

Authorities say Alberto Morales was being taken from Florida to Nevada when he stabbed an officer in the neck and three times in the back outside a suburban Dallas department store Monday night. Grapevine police say Miami-Dade Police Detective Jaime Pardinis is hospitalized in serious but stable condition.

On Tuesday, the Texas Department of Public Safety offered a \$10,000 cash reward for information leading to the capture of the 42-year-old fugitive. A DPS statement said Morales should be considered extremely dangerous and that tips leading to his capture will be rewarded anonymously.

Texas Dems want immigration talks back at Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Democrats want immigration back in the conversation at the Capitol as the White House and Congress propose new paths to citizenship for an estimated 11 million people in the U.S. illegally.

State Reps. Rafael Anchia and Ana Hernandez Luna on Wednesday will call for the Legislature to pass a resolution urging leaders in Washington to enact immigration reforms. In his State of the Union, President Barack Obama asked for an immigration bill within the next few months.

The Texas Legislature has been conspicuously silent as immigration has returned to the political forefront. Majority Republicans haven't resurrected contentious immigration bills that roiled the statehouse in 2011.

Suit filed in 2011 ambush of U.S. agents in Mexico

MCCALLEN, Texas (AP) — The family of a U.S. Customs Enforcement agent killed in a 2011 ambush on a Mexican highway and another agent who

survived filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking to hold the government and nearly two-dozen other defendants accountable in the attack.

The federal lawsuit arises from the Feb. 15, 2011, attack on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents Jaime Zapata and Victor Avila. They were attacked in their armored sport-utility vehicle near San Luis Potosi, Mexico, shortly after picking up some equipment from another agent.

Zapata died and Avila was seriously wounded.

The lawsuit names the agents' supervisors, the company that armored their vehicle and gun shops that allegedly sold two of the weapons used. It alleges that Zapata and Avila never should have been sent on the dangerous mission, their armored SUV was flawed and at least two of the guns used in the attack were bought in the United States and eventually smuggled to Mexico.

On Feb. 15, 2011, Zapata and Avila drove from Mexico City to San Luis Potosi to pick up equipment from another agent from the Monterrey office. Shortly after beginning their return trip the pair was ambushed by armed men. Zapata parked the vehicle, but when he did so the automatic door locks unlocked. Gunmen pried open the door and in their struggle to close it the agents partially lowered the window which allowed their attackers to fire inside.

Man accuses mom, stepbrother of father's slaying

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A man's deposition has led to the arrest of his 74-year-old mother and his stepbrother as suspects in the 1977 slaying of his father.

Court documents show Patrick Garrett's statement led to the arrests in the slaying of his father, Army Green Beret Chester Garret.

Documents show Garrett told El Paso County sheriff's investigators that stepbrother Roger Garrett confessed to him in 1990 that he and their mother, Lisbeth Garret, killed her estranged husband. According to Patrick Garrett, Roger Garrett told him they left the Army major's body inside his car along a desert road 36 years ago.

Patrick Garrett's ex-wife and his former sister-in-law told detectives that he had told them of his brother's confession. Roger Garrett's ex-wife also said that he admitted to her that he and his mother had killed his stepfather.

The affidavit says that sometime in December 1990, Roger Garret told his stepbrother that on Jan. 3, 1977 he struck Chester Garret with a bat on the back of the head and that their mother stabbed him several times. Then they took the body from the kitchen to the garage, where they loaded it inside the victim's 1972 Volkswagen and drove to a dump.

Investigators say he was stabbed more than 10 times but died of a skull fracture. Lisbeth Garrett, a former school teacher, was arrested last week in El Paso. Her 54-year-old son awaits extradition from Tennessee. Both are held on \$5 million bail.

Procession escorts ex-Navy SEAL Kyle to burial

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After a 200-mile journey, former Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle was buried Tuesday in Austin as his family members and fellow SEALs looked on amid the sounds of drums and bagpipes.

A giant Texas flag flew at half-staff over the Texas State Cemetery as Kyle was laid to rest. Kyle, considered to be the deadliest sniper in U.S. military history, was killed along with a friend earlier this month while at a North Texas gun range.

A white hearse carrying Kyle's flag-draped coffin was among 200 vehicles in a procession that left Tuesday morning from Kyle's hometown of Midlothian, about 25 miles southwest of Dallas, to travel to Austin. Many motorists pulled to the side of roads to watch the procession that included motorcycles, motor coaches, police cruisers and other vehicles.

It briefly came to a halt when three motorcycles in the procession went down just north of Austin, sending two people to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries, said Belton police Sgt. Larry Berg. He said Navy SEALs in the procession rendered first aid until authorities arrived.

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Ex-LAPD officer believed dead after shootout

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — As police scoured mountain peaks for days, using everything from bloodhounds to high-tech helicopters, the revenge-seeking ex-cop they wanted was hiding among them, holed up in a vacation cabin across the street from their command post.

It was there that Christopher Dorner apparently took refuge last Thursday, four days after beginning a deadly rampage that claimed four lives.

The search ended Tuesday when a man believed to be Dorner bolted from hiding, stole two cars, barricaded himself in a vacant cabin and mounted a last stand in a furious shootout in which he killed one sheriff's deputy and wounded another before the building erupted in flames.

He never emerged from the ruins and hours later a charred body was found inside.

"We have reason to believe that it is him," San Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cynthia Bachman said.

Dorner, 33, had said in a lengthy rant police believe he posted on Facebook that he expected to die in one final, violent confrontation with police, and if it was him in the cabin that's just what happened.

The apparent end came very close to where his trail went cold six days earlier when his burning pickup truck — with guns and camping gear inside — was abandoned with a broken axle on a fire road in the San Bernardino National Forest near the ski resort town of Big Bear Lake.

His footprints led away from the truck and vanished on frozen soil.

With no sign of him and few leads, police offered a \$1 million reward to bring him to justice and end a "reign of terror" that had more than 50 families of targeted Los Angeles police officers under round-the-clock protection after he threatened to bring "warfare" to the LAPD, officers and their kin.

Just a few hours after police announced Tuesday that they had fielded more than 1,000 tips with no sign of Dorner,

word came that a man matching his description had tied up two people in a Big Bear Lake cabin, stole their car and fled. Authorities didn't immediately give more details on the two people.

Game wardens from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife who were part of the search detail spotted the purple Nissan that had been reported stolen going in the opposite direction and gave chase, department spokesman Lt. Patrick Foy said. The driver looked like Dorner.

They lost the purple car after it passed a school bus and turned onto a side road, but two other Fish and Wildlife patrols turned up that road a short time later, and were searching for the car when a white pickup truck sped erratically toward the wardens.

"He took a close look at the driver and realized it was the suspect," Foy said.

Dorner, who allegedly stole the pickup truck at gunpoint after crashing the first car, rolled

down a window and opened fire on the wardens, striking a warden's truck more than a dozen times.

One of the wardens shot at the suspect as he rounded a curve in the road. It's unclear if he hit him, but the stolen pickup careened off the road and crashed in a snow bank. Dorner then ran to the cabin where he barricaded himself and got in a shootout with San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies and other officers who arrived.

Two deputies were shot, one fatally.

A SWAT team surrounded the cabin and used an armored vehicle to break out the cabin windows, said a law enforcement official who requested anonymity because the investigation was ongoing. The officers then lobbed tear gas canisters into the cabin and blasted a message over a loudspeaker: "Surrender or come out."

The armored vehicle then tore down each of the cabin's four walls.

A single shot was heard inside before the

cabin was engulfed in flames, the law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

Until Tuesday, authorities weren't sure Dorner was still in Big Bear Lake, where his pickup was found within walking distance from the cabin where he hid.

Even door-to-door searches failed to turn up any trace of him in the quiet, bucolic neighborhood where children were playing in the snow Tuesday night.

With many searchers leaving town amid speculation he was long gone, the command center across the street was taken down Monday.

Ron Erickson, whose house is only about a quarter mile away, said officers interrogated him to make sure he wasn't being held hostage. Erickson himself had been keeping a nervous watch on his neighborhood, but he never saw the hulking Dorner.

"I looked at all the cabins that backed the national forest and I just didn't think to look at the one across from

the command post," he said. "It didn't cross my mind. It just didn't."

Police said Dorner began his run on Feb. 6 after they connected the slayings of a former police captain's daughter and her fiancé with his angry manifesto.

Dorner blamed LAPD Capt. Randal Quan for providing poor representation before the police disciplinary board that fired him for filing a false report.

Dorner, who is black, claimed in his online rant that he was the subject of racism by the department and was targeted for doing the right thing.

Chief Charlie Beck, who initially dismissed Dorner's allegations, said he would reopen the investigation into his firing — not to appease the ex-officer, but to restore confidence in the black community, which had a long fractured relationship with police that has improved in recent years.

Dorner vowed to get even with those who had wronged him as part of his plan to reclaim his good name.

News in brief

Homeland Security

secretary, illegal immigrant to testify as Senate opens hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators are weighing one of President Barack Obama's second-term priorities at the first Senate hearing on a comprehensive immigration overhaul. Many stubborn fault lines are sure to emerge.

Wednesday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, which comes amid a concerted focus on immigration reform from the White House to Capitol Hill, was to feature testimony from Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and — in an unusual move for Congress — an illegal immigrant, Jose Antonio Vargas, a former journalist who founded the group Define American, which campaigns for immigration reform.

The former head of America Online, Steve Case, also was on the witness

list, along with Chris Crane, president of the immigration and customs workers union, which has opposed Obama's immigration policies.

The hearing comes a day after Obama, in his State of the Union address, renewed his call for sweeping immigration legislation that includes a pathway to citizenship for the nation's estimated 11 million illegal immigrants.

Meanwhile, a bipartisan group of eight senators has been meeting to develop a bill by next month that accomplishes eventual citizenship for illegal immigrants while also containing enough border security and enforcement measures to gain conservative support.

The bipartisan Senate negotiators, including Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and John McCain, R-Ariz., are operating separately from the Senate Judiciary Committee, but the committee is expected to vote on any legislation they

produce.

Pope to make first public appearance since announcing resignation

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Thousands of people flooded the Vatican's main audience hall Wednesday for Pope Benedict XVI's first public appearance since his bombshell resignation announcement, taking advantage of his second-to-last public audience before retiring at the end of the month.

It's a busy day for Benedict, who will also preside over Ash Wednesday services later in the day to mark the official start of the Catholic Church's solemn Lenten season.

The service is usually held in a church on Rome's Aventine hill, but was moved at the last minute to St. Peter's Basilica. The Vatican said the shift was made to accommodate the crowds, though it will also spare the 85-year-old pope the usual procession to the church.

Hours before Benedict was due to appear, long lanes snaked out into St. Peter's Square of people waiting to pass through metal detectors to get into the audience hall.

"We were just coming for vacation, and now we are getting all of this!" marveled Terry Rodger, a tourist from New Orleans, Louisiana as he headed to the audience. "I am very excited. I'm surprised."

Neighbors prep diplomacy, militaries while studying evidence from North Korea's nuclear test

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's neighbors bolstered their military preparations and mobilized scientists Wednesday to determine whether Pyongyang's third nuclear test, conducted in defiance of U.N. warnings, was as successful as the North claimed.

The detonation was also the focus of global diplomatic maneuvers, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry reaching out to counterparts in Seoul, Beijing and Tokyo. President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to assure U.S. allies in the region and leveled a warning of "firm action."

"Provocations of the sort we saw last night will only isolate them further as we stand by our allies, strengthen our own missile defense and lead the world in taking firm action in response to these threats," Obama said.

The nuclear device detonated Tuesday at a remote underground site in the northeast is seen as a crucial step toward North Korea's goal of building a bomb small enough to be fitted on a missile capable of striking the United States.

Cruise line, some passengers in dispute about conditions aboard disabled ship in Gulf

(AP) — A cruise line says it is making the passengers stranded aboard a disabled ship in the Gulf of Mexico as comfortable as possible with running water and some working bathrooms, contradicting the accounts of some passengers who told relatives of filthy, hot conditions and limited access to food.

The ship, the Carnival Triumph, is still at least a day from being guided to a port in Mobile, Ala.

Carnival President Gerry Cahill said Tuesday the ship has running water and most of its 23 public restrooms and some of the guest cabin bathrooms were working. He downplayed the possibility of an outbreak of disease from unsanitary conditions, saying the ship had not seen an abnormal number of people reporting to the infirmary as being ill.

"No one here from Carnival is happy about the conditions onboard the ship," Cahill said at a news conference in Miami. "We obviously are very, very sorry about what is taking place."

Jimmy Mowlam, 63, whose 37-year-old son, Rob Mowlam, got married Saturday onboard the ship, said his son told him by phone Monday night that there is no running water and few working toilets. He said passengers were given plastic bags to "use for their business."

University scientists are helping search for alien life forms

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Scientists at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are helping search for evidence of alien life not by looking into outer space, but by studying some rocks right here on Earth.

Some of the rocks are up to 3.5 billion years old. The scientists are looking for crucial information to understand how life might have arisen elsewhere in the universe and guide the search for life on Mars one day.

"There's a story always hidden in rocks," said geoscientist Clark Johnson, the lead investigator for the Wisconsin Astrobiology Research Consortium. "... It's up to (geologists) to be clever enough to find the tools that we need to interrogate those rocks to find what story they preserve."

The project is funded through NASA, which provided a \$7 million, five-year grant that started in January.

The consortium includes about 50 staff, students and post-doctoral fellows from 24 institutions in five countries.

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Nap, please: Oscar leaders deemed snooze-worthy

NEW YORK (AP) — Nancy Zwiers was genuinely psyched to see “Lincoln,” but something happened between the ticket purchase and the credits. Off screen, that is.

“Yes, I fell asleep,” confessed the 54-year-old marketing executive in Long Beach, Calif. “I only have two clear memories of the movie: a bunch of old white guys sitting around talking and Sally Field in a perpetual state of angst.”

That was shortly after its release in October. Fast forward to January and a dozen Academy Award nominations for the 150-minute epic and another accolade has emerged: nap worthy, with and without apologies from the snoozy to Steven Spielberg and Daniel Day-Lewis.

Movie napping is almost certainly as old as cinema itself.

It strikes the overtired and the well-rested, film nuts and occasional theatergoers. Some blame it on soporific popcorn. Others on the enveloping darkness and a comfy seat. The theater is too hot. The theater is too cold, too crowded, not crowded enough ...

Any which way, cinematic snoozing seems near epidemic proportions this awards season with buzz plus ZZZs for “Lincoln,” the 157-minute sung “Les Miserables,” the 169-minute “The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey” and others cited as good for a snore, but not always due to extra minutes.

Forget the theory that movie watchers of a certain age are more heavily afflicted.

“I don’t realize I do it and I wake up 20 minutes later and then everyone’s, like, you were asleep,” said Rose

“The soliloquies started. That was something I didn’t know about Lincoln, his tendency to give long-winded speeches at inappropriate times. The elderly lady next to me fell asleep and started snoring softly and before I knew it, I was nodding off, too,”

Collin Roberts

Liu, 31, a program manager for a Los Angeles nonprofit. “I snore and then it’s embarrassing, but I really can’t control it. I wake up and I’m re-energized!”

Liu has movie dozed on dates and out with friends, some of whom have nudged her awake at the request of strangers sitting nearby.

She, too, was done-in by “Lincoln.” She’s not a fan, but she also caught some shut-eye during the two-hour “Argo,” which she liked. A power napper in regular life and a moviegoer about once a month, Liu acknowledged it would make sense to avoid late screenings, but that’s usually not possible.

Lay watchers aren’t alone. Professional movie-watchers fall victim, too.

One entertainment writer, who asked — for obvious reasons — that his name not be used, once fell asleep at an intimate screening for the 1994 satire “Pret-a-Porter,” sitting right next to the director, Robert Altman. And not just a few winks but a 45-minute power nap about 10 minutes in.

“I don’t think he noticed,” the writer laughed.

Countpsychologist Jennifer Thomas, 43, in Greensboro, N.C., as a nap person outside of theaters and in. With four kids at home, she watches a lot on Netflix but gets out to

the theater about once every three months.

Thomas decided to take in “Life of Pi” in 3D on the recommendation of friends who enjoyed the book. In a rare moment of parenthood, Thomas was alone — in the dark, in a cushy seat.

“It was somewhere with the boat and the water and the lion, and they had settled into the story, and I just had this feeling that, ‘I’m just going to listen to the movie for a while and I’m just going to close my eyes,’” she recalled of her 15-minute break from the largely symbolic action.

The last movie nap for Thomas before that was “Platoon,” of all things. “I slept right through the last half of that movie and I was in high school,” she laughed.

Who among us hasn’t been there, at least once?

Collin Roberts of Manhattan has seen four of the nine films nominated for a best picture Oscar: “Argo,” “Beasts of the Southern Wild,” “Life of Pi” and “Lincoln,” the latter definitely not her thing but a favor to her husband.

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too,” she said.

Entertainment Weekly has dubbed this the most thrilling race for Oscar in years, but the length of some contenders has earned attention. Over at “Saturday Night Live,” a recent skit suggests the next two “Hobbit” movies morph into 18 instead, including “The Elf Queen Tries to Pick an Outfit.”

The writers at SNL included this mock review from film critic Peter Travers: “I fell asleep for 45 minutes and when I woke up the dwarves were assembling an Ikea dresser.”

In real life, Travers liked parts of the Lord of the Rings prequel but hated the whole 48 frames a second thing and thought an hour could have been chopped.

The Internet is heavy with lists of all-time snoozer movies but rarely is one season so full of them, or so say the nappers.

Tadd Rosenfeld, who heads an employment service, gets plenty of sleep and rarely naps outside of movie theaters.

“I do see a lot of movies on airplanes traveling back and forth to Asia, so I have a lower tolerance for ridiculousness in pictures perhaps than others do,” said Rosenfeld, 38.

He’s in catch-up mode on Oscar nominees and said his last in-theater snooze was

“The Dark Knight Rises,” the latest in the Batman franchise released in July. It won a dozen awards, including one of the American Film Institute’s movies of the year and a Hollywood Film Award. Most of his friends loved it.

“But to me it was simply restful. It lost my attention almost straight away, and as my eyelids felt heavier and heavier, I just relaxed into a lower sitting position in the chair, allowing the colorful scenes to unfold as I drifted pleasantly away,” Rosenfeld said.

About an hour in, “I was rudely brought back by the sounds of an action scene,” he added. “But I just closed my eyes again, and let the carbohydrates from the popcorn send me back to sleepy-by-land.”

That land is a familiar place for middle school principal Margery Cooper in Brooklyn.

“I fall asleep a lot in the movies. I snore, and then my husband wakes me up because of the noise. I go to movies once a month, always before 7 to make sure that I’ll stay awake,” she said.

Her “Lincoln” snooze was about 10 minutes.

“I planned to sleep through ‘Zero Dark Thirty’ but was surprisingly engaged,” Cooper said.

Historically speaking, she slept through “Eleni,” a 1985 adaptation of a memoir by journalist Nicholas Gage, looking back on the Civil War in Greece and a mystery over his mother’s death.

And there’s this: “I was in the front row for ‘Apocalypse Now,’” Cooper said. “The only way to survive that was to close my eyes and sleep.”

Rio teacher out to prove ‘gringos’ can samba, too

RIODE JANEIRO (AP) — With their gyrating hips and feet that move so fast they dissolve into a blur, samba instructor Carla Campos’ students are barely distinguishable from the swarms of scantily clad dancers in Rio de Janeiro’s Carnival parades. What’s make them different is where they come from: abroad.

While non-Brazilians have long shelled out hundreds of dollars for the right to dress up in over-the-top costumes and boogie in Rio’s samba school parades, which wrapped up Monday in an all-night extravaganza, few in the so-called “alas dos gringos,” or “foreigners’ wings,” know how to dance the samba well. They tend to bop along goofily in the parades while waving at the crowds of spectators.

Campos’ students, mostly blonde women from northern Europe and the United States who stand out in a land of dark-haired dancers, are a different story altogether. Campos has

built a career out of debunking the widespread myth that only those born and bred in Rio, the birthplace of samba, can actually learn the notoriously complicated and lightning-fast dance.

“I swear I have seen foreigners who not only danced as well as your average person here in Rio, but some who are even better than good dancers from here,” said Campos, looking the part of a samba instructor in her unitard with white and electric blue stripes. “Sure, it’s a hard dance, but it’s ridiculous to think there’s anything genetic to it. It’s about hard work.”

At her studio in Rio’s tony Ipanema neighborhood, Campos puts her students through their paces. They file in, swapping their sundresses and sandals for leotards, flippy little skirts and the towering but sturdy platforms required for samba.

Class starts with a series of hip-rolling exercises meant to limber up the pelvic region, where

all samba’s fancy footwork has its origins.

By minute 10 of the 50-minute lesson, sweat pours down the dancers’ faces — and that’s before the sambaing actually gets going in earnest. Once the feet start moving, beating an ever-accelerating tac, tac, tac rhythm into the parquet, the air conditioned studio becomes a sauna.

Campos developed her patented SambaFit workout, which combines samba steps with aerobics, about a decade ago. The idea for the class, which she also teaches at two high-end Rio gyms, was born during a trip to Finland, where she discovered a whole sub-culture of die-hard samba enthusiasts.

“The Finns were so passionate about it, they knew more about samba and danced better than many people here,” Campos said, adding that those from Rio’s moneyed elite have long tended to look down their noses at the samba as the dance of the low-

er classes. “I thought, ‘we have this dance that people around the world think is marvelous, so we Brazilians have to learn to respect it, too.’”

Through her Finnish connections, Campos began giving private lessons to foreigners living in Rio. At first she had just a handful of expatriate students, but Brazil’s galloping economy and massive off-shore oil discoveries have flooded the city with foreign workers in recent years.

When Campos opened her studio last year, a roster of around 40 students, all of them women and nearly all of them foreigners, followed her. Most have husbands or partners who were transferred to Brazil and are here on spouse visas that don’t allow them to work.

“A lot of my students have had a really rough time integrating. They don’t speak Portuguese and haven’t made many friends here,” said Campos, who gives the lessons in Portuguese, with a healthy dose of hand

gestures and a sprinkling of simple English words. “Samba is their way of integrating Brazilian culture, and they throw themselves into learning.”

That dedication is clear at the lessons. Even the shyest of students stare themselves down fiercely in the mirror, as if willing themselves to nail the steps. So much effort goes into the getting this that Campos periodically has to remind some to stop scowling and smile.

Despite the heat and the intensity of their concentration, every face in the class lights up when they rehearse the routine and song the group performed at the Sambadrome last week with the Academicos da Rocinha samba school. Feet get thrown into high gear. Faces are frozen into beamingsmiles, and even those who can barely muster a “hello” in Portuguese belt out the lyrics to the school’s theme song with gusto.

Student Mandy Gulbrandsen, a 37-year-old

mother of one from Salem, Oregon, radiates excitement.

“I never, ever imagined I’d be dancing in Carnival in a costume that’s so small that I should be wondering where it went,” said Gulbrandsen, who moved to Rio about a year and a half ago with her husband.

Gulbrandsen said it took her about 10 lessons to manage to dance anything even vaguely resembling the samba. Her British-born classmate Jane Strachey said it’s taken her even longer.

“I’ve been taking classes for about a year, and my moves have definitely improved but I have to face the fact that I’m never going to dance like a Brazilian,” said Strachey, who moved here with her husband two years ago. “When I went to my first Carnival, I thought these girls were so beautiful and I wanted to be able to dance like them.”

“And 12 months later, I am, but ‘gringo’ style,” she said.

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First published in 1984, with a revised edition in 1996 and 2008, Ian Wilson has written "Jesus: The Evidence" (232.908 WIL I) and has tried to answer the following questions: Who was Jesus? Was he really born of a virgin? Could he genuinely heal the sick? Did he really rise from the dead? Was he (is he) really the Son of God? With discoveries about Jesus coming in 1986 of a fishing boat on which he could have sailed on, found in the Sea of Galilee, the bones on his enemy Caiaphas found in a tomb in 1990 and scraps of the Gospel of Matthew preserved at

Oxford University that was proved to be the oldest gospel writings in the world, probably composed within thirty years of Jesus' lifetime, Wilson has incorporated these findings into this 1996 edition.

Long before "A Game of Thrones" (MAR G) became an international phenomenon, New York Times bestselling author George R. R. Martin had taken his loyal readers across the cosmos. Now back in print after almost 10 years, "Tuf Voyaging" (SF MAR G) is the story of quirky and endearing Haviland Tuf, an unlikely hero just trying to do right by the galaxy, one planet at a time.

Haviland Tuf is an honest space-trader who likes cats. So who is it that, in competition with the worst villains the universe has to offer, he's become the proud owner of a seed-ship, the last remnant of Earth's legendary Ecological Engineering Corps? Never mind; just be thankful that the most powerful weapon in human space is in good hands — hands which now have the godlike ability to con-

trol the genetic material of thousands of outlandish creatures.

Armed with this unique equipment, Tuf is set to tackle the problems that human settlers have created in colonizing far-flung worlds — hosts of hostile monsters, a population hooked on procreation, a dictator who unleashes plagues to get his own way (you get the picture) and in every case, the only thing that stands between the colonists and disaster is Tuf's ingenuity and his reputation as a man of integrity in a universe of rogues.

I have not been a fan of science fiction, but have been finding that I am reading it more and more.

Some new Westerns are in: From Bill Brooks comes a Jim Glass story, "A Bullet for Billy" (LO W BRO B).

Jim Glass is a drifter after the Civil War who fought on the losing side, was a Texas Ranger and now drifts the plains.

Captain Gus Rodgers of the Texas Rangers is dying and needs him to rescue his grandson from a Mexican prison for a murder that he may not have committed.

Rodgers sends word to Glass to free him from prison before Rodgers' death. Can he do that?

What about a Hopalong Cassidy tale? Claence E Mulford was the writer of those novels and "Buck Peters, Ranchman" (LP W MUL C) is about the Bar-20 in Montana and a ranch war that erupts.

Hoppy is needed to help Buck settle matters.

Charles A. Lutz has written "The

Golden Land" (LP W LUT G) about Ryan Sage, a man that had been forced to kill three times and is determined to stop. Now in Los Angeles, Ryan is determined to become part of society and put that behind him. Alas, it is not to be and conflicts arise and he is pulled into the conflict.

All three books are excellent reads of the Western Way.

James Patterson has really gotten into collaborating with other people in writing books.

In the series that features the firm Private (a very high level private investigation firm), Patterson, along with Mark Sullivan have written the fourth in the series, "Private Berlin" (M PAT J).

In Europe's most dangerous city, the German headquarters of Private Berlin, Chris Schneider keeps a tight hold on the highest-profile cases.

When Chris disappears, he becomes Private Berlin's most urgent case yet.

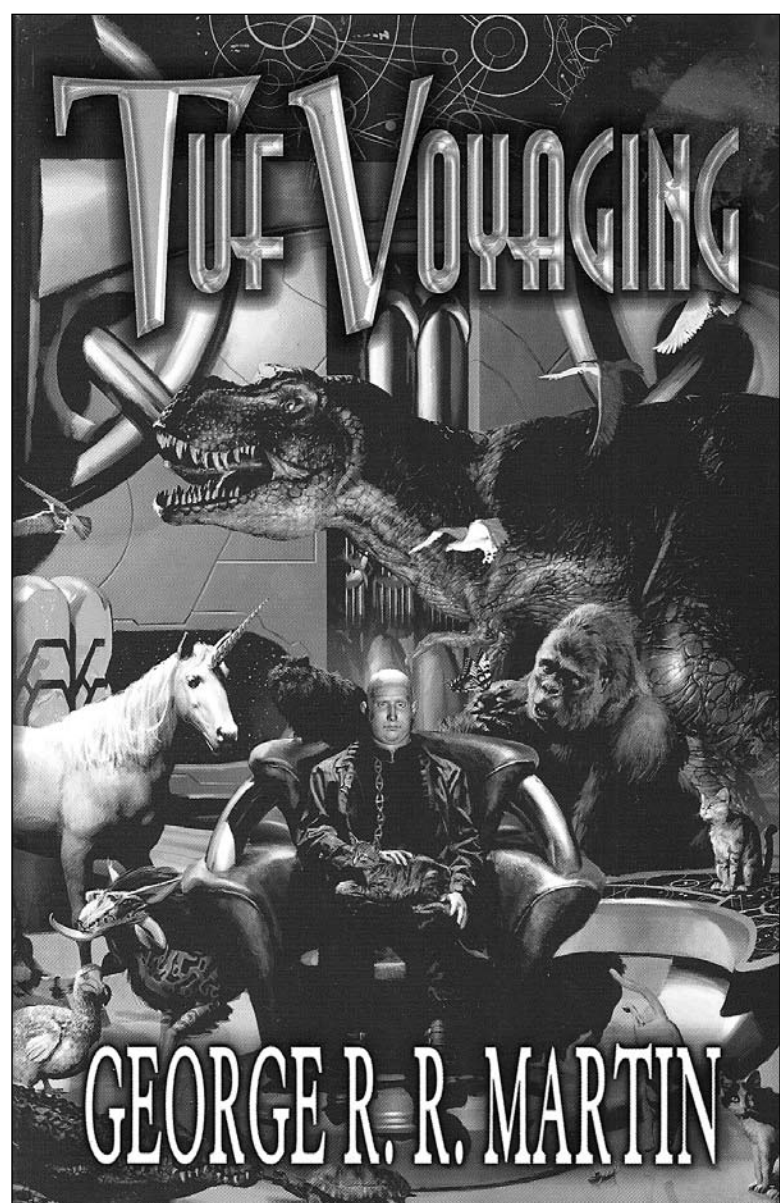
Mattie Engel is chosen to find Chris and the journey will take her into Chris' most guarded past and into the highest level of political secrets and could throw Europe to the edge of chaos and war.

You will want to check this out.

A national best seller, "The Dog Stars" (F HEL P) by Peter Heller is a post-apocalyptic story that is much different than Cormac McCarthy's "The Road."

Hig has survived the flu that killed everyone he knows.

His wife is gone, his



friends are dead and he lives in the hangar of a small abandoned airport with his dog, his only neighbor a gun-toting misanthrope.

In his 1956 Cessna, Hig flies the perimeter of the airfield or sneaks off to the mountains to fish and to pretend that things are the way they used to be.

But when a random transmission somehow beams through his radio, the voice ignites a hope deep inside him that a better life — something like his old life — exists beyond the airport.

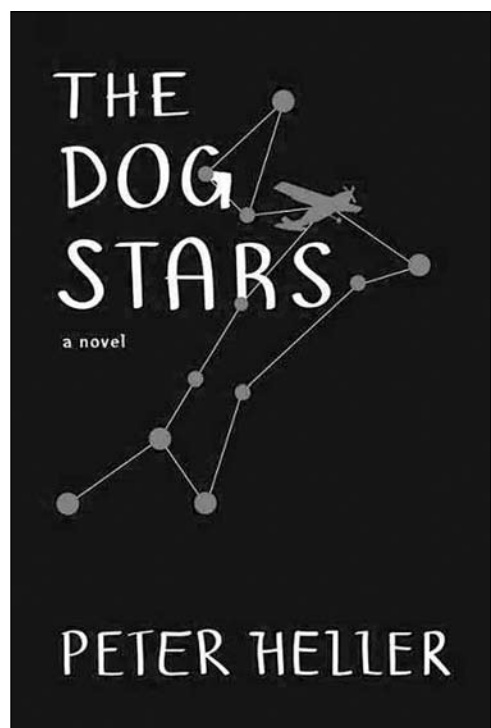
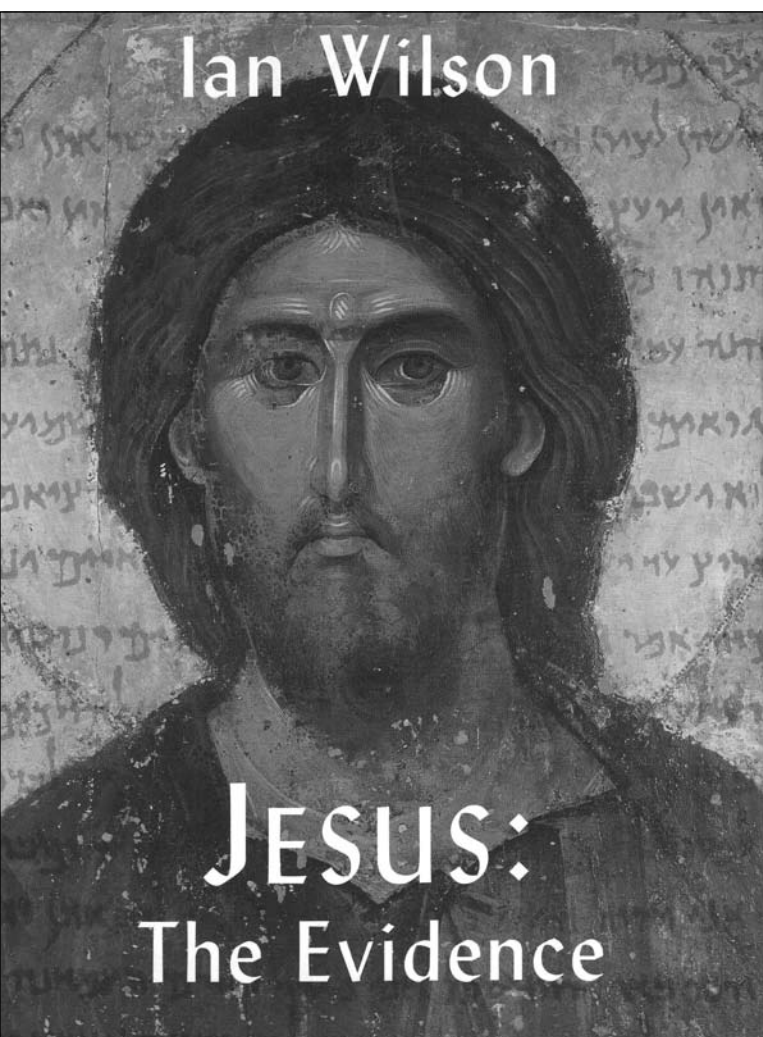
Risking everything, he flies past his point of no return (not enough fuel to get him home) following the trail of the static-broken voice on the radio. But what he encounters and what he must face — in the people he

meets and in himself — is both better and worse than anything he could have hoped for.

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With the decline of American manufacturing, finding Made in the USA labels isn't as easy as it used to be, even though domestic companies continue to produce everything from red wine to blue jeans.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sylvia Displays Tricky Defense

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♠ 6 4 3
♥ 8 3
♦ K Q 10 9 3
♣ A 10 9

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

SOUTH
♠ A K Q
♥ A 10 7 4 2
♦ 5 4
♣ K J 4

The bidding:
1♥ West 2♦ East
3 NT

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Sylvia was always difficult to play against. It was not because she was a first-rate player — on the contrary, she was regarded by virtually every member of the club as the worst player they had ever seen — but because it was impossible to tell from her bidding or play what cards she had in her hand.

From Sylvia's standpoint, all her bids and plays were well-reasoned and correct. But when her unfortunate partners, after some particularly

harrowing experience, would ask her why in the world she had done what she did, she would often offer a peculiar reason that would leave her listener in a state of utter confusion.

Of course, some of Sylvia's aberrations worked in her favor, and whenever this happened, the word would spread like wildfire through the club that Sylvia had done it again. Here is such a hand.

Sylvia held the East cards, and West led a spade, taken by South with the queen. Declarer now made the best play of a low diamond to the nine, on which Sylvia, for reasons best known to herself, played the deuce! This remarkable play naturally led declarer to believe that West had the jack, so he returned to his hand with a spade and led another diamond, on which West again followed low.

When declarer played the ten from dummy, Sylvia the jack took the jack and returned a low heart. There was now nothing South could do to make the contract, and he eventually finished down two.

Of course, had Sylvia won the nine of diamonds with the jack at trick two — as most players surely would have done — South would not have had the slightest difficulty making at least three notrump.

Tomorrow: Accidentally on purpose.

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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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Lady Steers fall to MC in softball opener

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers opened with a 12-8 loss to Midland Christian on Tuesday, but with five seniors and a talented group of underclassmen to work with, BSHS Head Softball Coach John Sparks believes this could be a solid season for BSHS, which struggled last year at times due to lack of experience.

"I feel we have a good core of seniors," Sparks said. "And we have several who have never played at the varsity level who will be able to help us out."

As for now, it looks as if the pitcher position will be filled by a trio of athletes, including senior Logan Yarbar, Valerie Goodblanket and Mercedes Ruiz.

"That's what we have to work with," Sparks said.

Tuesday's game could have gone either way. At least until the sixth inning — then MC exploded, scoring eight runs to take the lead over the Lady Steers.

"Up until the sixth inning, we were competing," Sparks added. "And even after that. But they scored eight runs and we got a little down. They kept battling though. They battled the whole game. I'm proud of that. We played well enough to win, we just didn't get it done. I do know that every one of the girls played with a lot of heart. I am excited about this season and look forward to the future success of this team."

Next for BSHS will be a road trip to Lubbock Cooper on Friday. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.



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Big Spring's Gabbi Torres connects for a double during Tuesday's game against Midland Christian. The Lady Steers lost 12-8. With five seniors returning, Head Coach John Spraks expects to see a competitive season. BSHS will resume play Friday on the road against Lubbock Cooper at 6:30 p.m.

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Lady Buffs advance with 45-36 win over Farwell

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Not even Forsan Head Coach Lindsey Schmidt was sure what to expect from the Lady Buffs at the beginning of the season.

Now, they are headed into the 1A area playoff round after a 45-36 bi-district victory over Farwell on Tuesday.

"(Farwell) had a lot of size on us," Schmidt said. "They have three or four big girls that caught our attention. They were hitting three-pointers, but the girls really stepped up their defense. We held them to 15 points in the second half. That was the difference in the game."

Farwell started off strong. The Lady Steers jumped out to a 15-10 lead after the first period and matched Forsan's six points in the second.

In the second half, however, the Lady Buffs (23-9) made the necessary adjustments to come from behind.

"We really changed the tempo of the game in the second half," Schmidt said. "The girls started blocking out and getting rebounds and we were happy to come away with a win."

Schmidt said the win was a team effort, but cited Raegan Haggard and Brittney Hergert for their roles in the rally.

"(Haggard) really stepped up for us," Schmidt said. "She had some big offensive moments. (Hergert) shot well from the free throw line and played a big role for us."

The Lady Buffs will try to extend their postseason run Friday against Christoval. Game time is slated for 6:30 p.m. at Robert Lee High School.

Schmidt's focus remains on defense.

"Same story all year," Schmidt added. "If we go out and play defense, we're capable of winning."

LUBBOCK — Stanton (11-22) found themselves in the postseason for the first time since 2010, but were outmatched by Childress, who won handily over the Lady Buffaloes, 47-36 Tuesday.

The Lady Bobcats (27-5) took an early lead, outscoring SHS 15-7 in the first quarter. Despite a strong final period — in which Stanton outscored Childress 14-6 — SHS was unable to get back in the game soon enough.

Kendra Graham led the Lady Buffs with 10 points. Jennifer Henley and Shelby Holland each added eight.

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BSHS boys finish on high note with rout of Snyder

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SNYDER — The Steers — who lost their first three games in District 4-3A play — wrapped up their season last night with a 71-41 rout of Snyder.

Big Spring finished with a respectable 5-5 record in a competitive division, including victories in its last three games.

"We hit our stride very late," Head Coach Cliff Thompson said. "Part of that is being in tough district. I think we have some teams that will be in the playoffs for a while."

Thompson had to improvise this season. After losing a couple of key players early, he was forced to move from a power game to a finesse game. But in the end, the grit and determination of the Steers made for some exciting games. Even when it was meaningless.

"Being out of the playoffs, you never know if the kids will play hard," Thompson said. "I think it says a lot about this team's character that they played hard and finished strong."

Senior Ty'Ral Menefield had another high-scoring game for BSHS, leading the squad with 15 points, while the 6'3" sophomore Ty Sealy copped in 13.

Everyone played a role in the Steers' midseason turnaround,

however, including several underclassmen and junior varsity call-ups.

"The kids I pulled up from J.V. are really smart kids," Thompson said. "Tobyn Tannehill, Tyler Bryan — they all have high basketball I.Q.s. They had to come in play different roles. They had to be backups and they were OK with it. They are an unselfish group of kids. They did the little things we needed them to do to win."

With an eight point lead at the halfway mark, the Tigers were within striking range, but BSHS pulled away in the third and fourth quarters to complete the season sweep of Snyder.

Thompson will be losing some valuable senior leadership on the court — including Menefield, who has led the Steers in scoring for two consecutive games and point guard Tyler Graves — but also feels confident in the guys who will be stepping up to fill those shoes.

"We will certainly miss our seniors," Thompson said. "Even the guys who didn't get a lot of playing time all helped us at some point in the year. Trent Thomas hit a three-pointer last night and played well for us when he was needed and Rodovan Skokan had 10 points in a

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Barry Bonds seeks dismissal of felony conviction

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — It has been slightly more than nine years since prosecutors and grand jurors alike grilled a defiant Barry Bonds for hours about his relationship with performance enhancing drugs.

One rambling answer about being a "celebrity child" to a question about injections led directly to a jury finding him guilty of obstruction of justice.

On Wednesday, weeks after voters overwhelmingly rejected his Hall of Fame candidacy, his lawyers will argue for votes of a different kind that are just as important to his legacy.

The Major League Baseball career leader in homeruns is asking the

9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to toss out his felony conviction.

Prosecutors will square off in a San Francisco courtroom first thing in the morning with Bonds' lawyers, led by San Francisco appellate specialist Dennis Riordan, who also served as part of Bonds' all-star legal team during his three-week trial that ended in April 2011.

Bonds' lawyers claim his answer was not material to the grand jury that was investigating the illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, that the answer was truthful but unresponsive and that Bonds answered a similar question later in his testimony.

Prosecutors argue in their court papers that

the answer was "intentionally false, misleading or evasive" and urge the judges to respect the jury's verdict.

The former San Francisco Giant and Pittsburgh Pirate was asked whether Greg Anderson, his personal trainer, ever gave him "anything that required a syringe to inject yourself with?"

Bonds referred to his father, major leaguer Bobby Bonds, when he responded "that's what keeps our friendship. You know, I am sorry, but that — you know, that — I was a celebrity child, not just in baseball by my own instincts. I became a celebrity child with a famous father. I just don't get into other people's business because of my father's situation, you

see ..."

Jurors who deadlocked on three other perjury charges said after rendering their verdict that they believed that answer was meant to mislead the grand jury. Prosecutors later dropped the perjury charges and U.S. District Judge Susan Illston sentenced Bonds to 30 days house arrest and two years of probation, which she suspended pending the appeal.

Legal experts who have followed the case closely since his grand jury appearance in December 2003 are divided over Bonds' chances before Judges Mary Schroeder, Michael Daly Hawkins and Mary Murguia, each of whom were appointed by a

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To: Gina Davis,
Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday March 18, 2013, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11/26/2012 in the entitled cause CHARLES M. DAVIS vs. GINA DAVIS

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Charles M. Davis v. Gina Davis as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suite.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 1st day of February, 2013.

Colleen Barton
District Clerk of
Howard County, Texas
By: Jury Padron
#7650 February 6, 13, 20 and
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CITY OF COAHOMA
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(432)394-4287

Date: February 8, 2013
David Bedford
416 S 1st
Coahoma, Texas 79511
LTS #6, 8 & 9 BLOCK 2
Furrh Addn.
COAHOMA, TX 79511

Dear Property Owner:
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Therefore, by the authority invested in our council, we have declared these buildings unsafe, weeds and rubbish refuse a fire hazard and junk cars a public nuisance. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes and law.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

never expected them to call, as well.

In addition, Jay said that they were angry that my husband and I didn't take time off of work to be at the courthouse to celebrate the "official" adoption six months after Anna was born.

We told him at the time that we couldn't take time off of work and would celebrate with them at their home, which we did. At that time, Jay said it was fine, but now, it apparently wasn't good enough. When my husband and I adopted our oldest child, we never demanded that anyone take the day off of work to be at the courthouse, nor to be at the hospital when our younger kids were born.

Annie, we celebrated Anna's adoption multiple times — right after her birth, at her baptism, when we gave them a baby shower and then at their home after the courthouse. I reminded Jay of these things and told him we love Anna and don't like his implication that we don't care. My brother used to be easygoing until he married his wife. Now they expect a parade every time Anna opens her eyes.

Are Jay's expectations reasonable? Should we call Anna on her birthday even when we've already celebrated with her? They act as if the world revolves around them. — Can't Keep Up

Dear Can't: Attending Anna's birthday party

and giving her a gift was sufficient. It's also lovely to call on the actual birthday, but it is not an obligation. The rest of Jay's complaints are irrational and self-centered. We don't recommend arguing with him. He won't see things your way. Placate and ignore.

Dear Annie: Our daughter is getting married in July. We decided to give her a lump sum for the wedding, and she created a budget to handle all aspects of the event.

Unfortunately, she selected a wedding gown based on the price, and it does not flatter her figure. My wife and I would like to offer to purchase a more attractive gown, but we don't know how to approach the subject. Any suggestions? — North Carolina

Dear North Carolina: Are you certain that your daughter selected this design solely because of

the price? Your financial assistance might only serve to purchase an equally unflattering gown in a more expensive fabric. Keep in mind that alterations can work wonders, and Mom could enlist the help of the seamstress to ascertain whether your daughter is unhappy with her gown. If so, it's perfectly fine to say you want her to have something closer to the dress of her dreams. Otherwise, please repeat the old saying that "all brides are beautiful."

Dear Annie: This is for "Tired in Nebraska," whose husband has sleep apnea and refuses to wear a CPAP.

I'm an orthodontist who has successfully fit many patients with a dental sleep appliance that is very comfortable to wear. Sleep centers do not always mention their availability, but it should not be difficult to find an orthodontist or general dentist who will fit her husband. These appliances are covered by insurance with a prescription from a physician and are the next best treatment to CPAP devices, which many people cannot tolerate. — Sympathetic Orthodontist

Dear Sympathetic: Many readers recommended a dental appliance that can help with apnea and is easier to wear. Thanks to all who suggested it.

Dear Annie: Nobody

ever addresses how someone's death affects the animals left behind. Dogs especially look forward to the return of their "master" each day with great anticipation. When my husband is away on vacation, our dogs wait at the door for hours and go through the same ritual each day until he returns.

When a loved one dies, the pet has no comprehension that this person is not coming back. When one of our dogs has passed on, we always lovingly place them in an open box where the remaining animal can be alone with the deceased for at least a half-hour. That seems to help them understand and reach closure of some kind.

Why can't we bring the animal to the funeral home or other appropriate setting and let the animal be with their friend one last time? It's the least we can do for our animal friends who give us unconditional love and companionship without asking for anything in return. — Rocky Mount, Va.

Dear Va.: Some funeral homes allow dogs as "comfort animals" for the bereaved. It is likely they would also permit an animal to attend a viewing before the service. It is certainly not an unreasonable request.

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Date: February 8, 2013
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Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Coahoma code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to the public health, safety and public welfare. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes and law. Further by advised that the Council has found the following to be necessary:

- The City of Coahoma Ordinances 46 and 76 provides that all buildings that are unsafe, unsanitary or not provided with the adequate ingress or adequate egress or which constitutes a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitutes a fire hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of

this ordinance. All unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repairs and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe buildings.

The City of Coahoma Ordinance 75 finds it is necessary to preserve and maintain the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Coahoma, Texas.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that junk motor vehicles are unsightly, are a dangerous nuisance to the public and have a negative impact on property use and valuation, therefore, certain regulations related to junk motor vehicles in the city limits of Coahoma, Texas are hereby adopted by the City of Coahoma.

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, "Junked vehicle" means a vehicle that is self propelled and:

- 1. Does not have lawfully attached to it:
 - A. an unexpired license plate; or
 - B. a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate;
- 2. Is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or
- 3. Is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:
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City of Coahoma
#7656 February 10, 13 & 19, 2013

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pre-V Day

The vibrantly waxing Aries moon gives the sense that much can be accomplished if we dare to take a fresh attack with the matter. Even in this headstrong and independent lunar climate, Aquarian planets urge us to focus ourselves on the well-being of others. The luckiest thing you can do is act to make someone else happy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll have doubts about whether you can accomplish what's being asked of you, but try to believe in yourself anyway.

Your training will kick in just when you need it the most.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You love a challenge, and the one you face today will be life-altering. You'll be forced to show a different side of you, and this new personality is surprisingly effective at getting people to move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't change another person, but you can inspire a person to change, and that's precisely what you'll do. You'll be an example of the change you want to see in someone else.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You strive to be accepting. It's not easy when you're around people who don't give you any obvious incentive for kindness, but those are precisely the people who most need an open heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter how long you have known a person, you can always learn something new about him or her. Today you'll ask the questions that invite surprising answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social skills are like any other skill set in that if you don't put them to

good use, they will atrophy. The mixing and mingling you do now will keep you strong for upcoming events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whenever you start, you feel like you should have begun sooner, but this is just one of time's ways of playing tricks on you. Don't buy it! Rest assured, your timing is perfect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone near you may be in a crabby mood, and there's nothing you can say to make it better. The most supportive move of all is to give this person space.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your genuine interest in a subject makes learning about it very easy. This is also true of an intriguing person. With your curiosity in the lead, you always know what to say next.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Human nature being what it is, very few people know how to make a cool exit. It takes a fair amount of self-control to quit while you're ahead and leave them wanting more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The chemical reactions between you and the people in your environment may be particularly strong now. You can't help who you like or don't like, but you can still choose how to act on the feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Facing your challenges dead-on makes you powerful. And you're relatively fearless today, too, so stare your problem in the eyeballs until it blinks or flinches.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13). You'll make yourself more visible over the next five weeks and jump-start your star power in the process. Knowing more people leads to the discovery of your talents, because each person brings out something new in you. In

April, you'll start to earn more. Someone falls in love — or more deeply in love — with you in June. Pisces and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 19, 21, 4 and 7.

LOVE AND THE FIRE SIGNS: Is your valentine a fire sign? If so, be forewarned: The love of these signs can be highly addictive. Aries, Leo and Sagittarius have a reputation for being passionate, exciting and bold partners. You will never be bored for long with a fire sign in your life, because these individuals are full of energy and quite expressive. Also, just when you think you know a fire sign, you will be thrown for a loop, because this sign changes often. It's as though Aries, Leo and Sagittarius burn their way through different interests and situations. That's why if you love a person of these signs, you must be mindful of their need for change and work hard to keep things fresh.

This Valentine's Day, consider giving your fire-sign valentine an experience instead of an item. Fire signs crave love in action. Time spent together doing special activities means more than chocolate, flowers and, believe it or not, even jewelry. Just make sure that you document the experience, because your fire sign doesn't have the best memory and will later like looking back at pictures that spark the warm feelings again.

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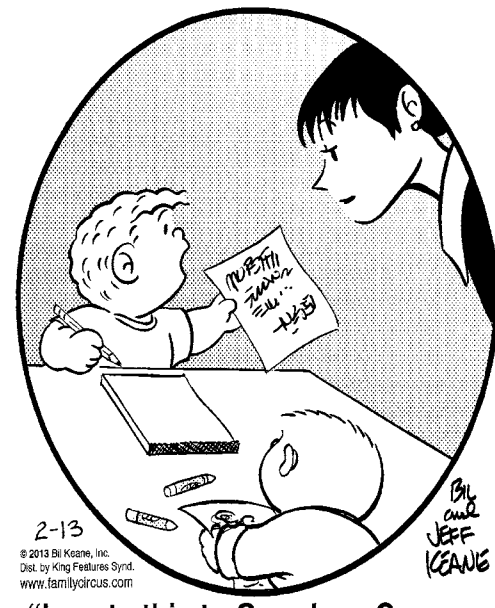
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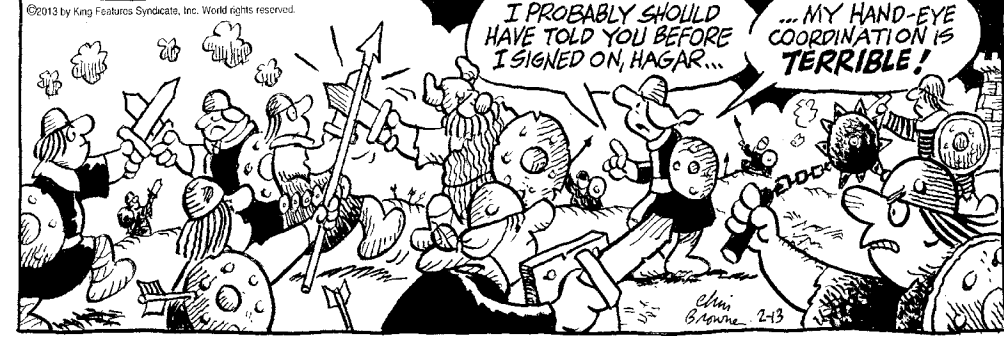
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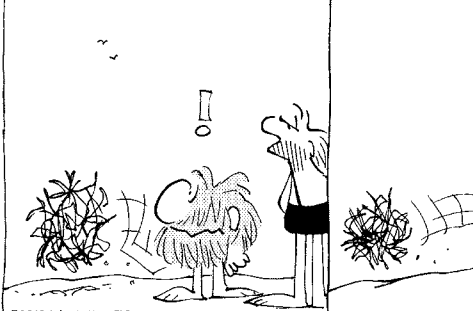
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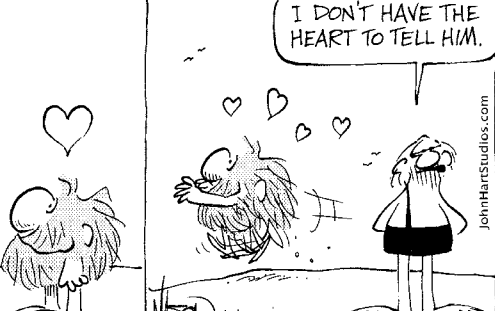
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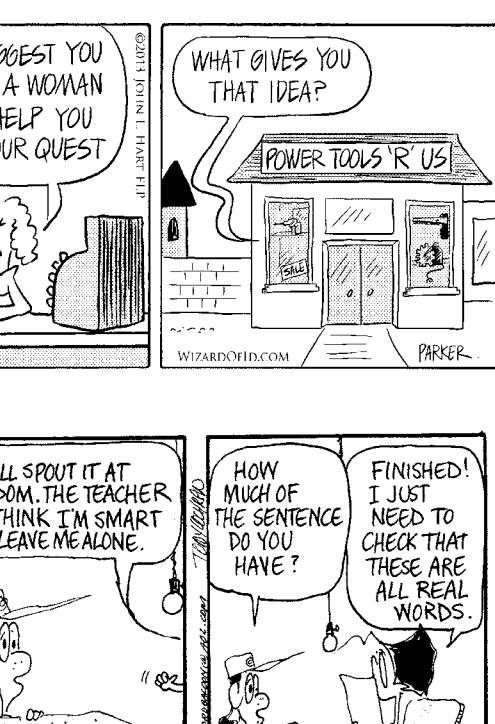
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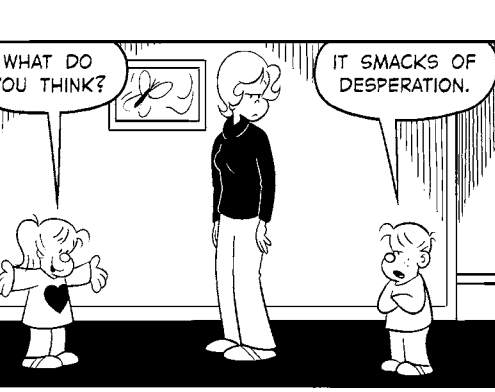
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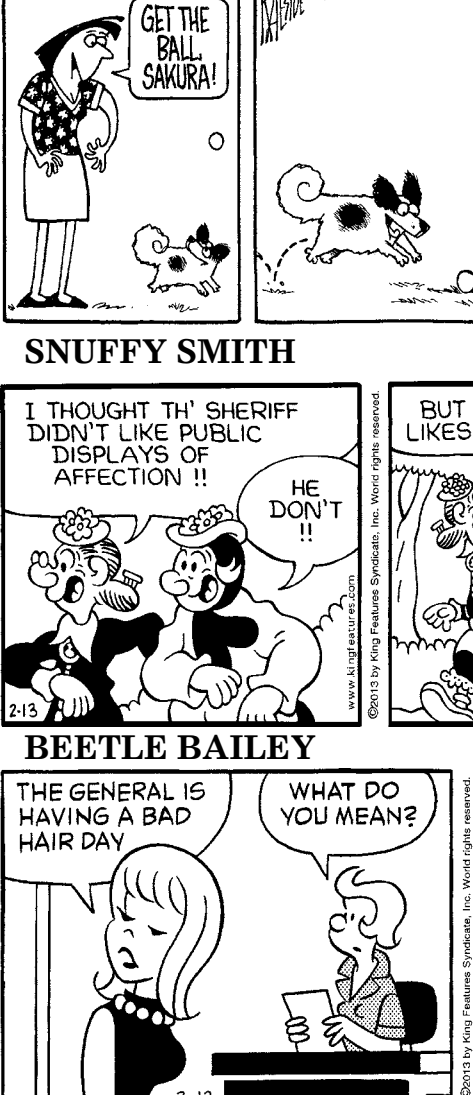
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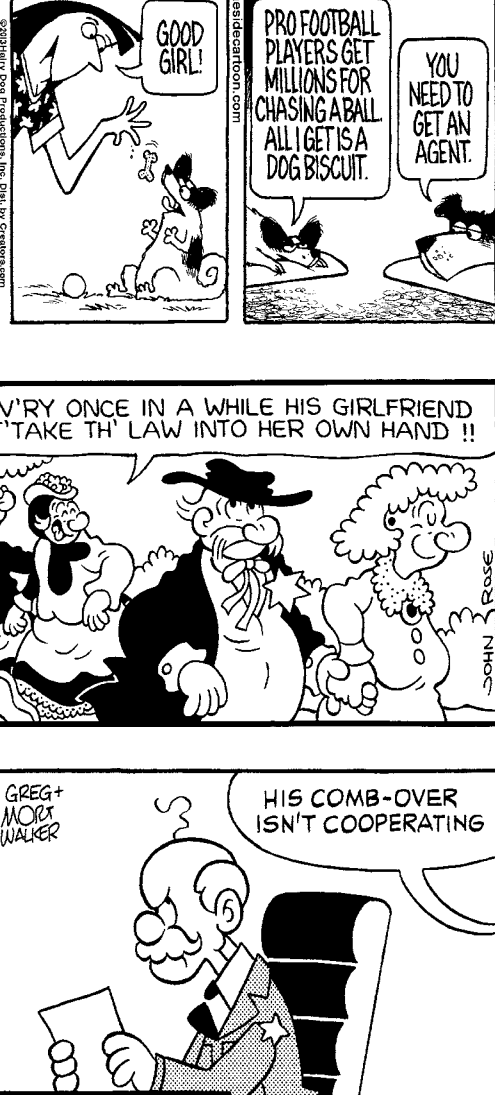
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This Date In History

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2013. There are 321 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1943, during World War II, the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was officially established.

Convention, governing airlines' liability for international carriage of persons, luggage and goods, went into effect. In 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J. found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnapping of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh.

Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 90. Actress Kim Novak is 80. Actor George Segal is 79. Actress Carol Lynley is 71. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage is 71.

Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a 'HURRY UP' section by Fred Piscop and an 'Answer to previous puzzle' section.

BONDS

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different Democrat president and all of whom are based in Phoenix, home of San Francisco's division rival Diamondbacks and about a 20-minute drive from the Giants' Scottsdale spring training facility.

One set of analysts argue that appellate courts are reluctant to overturn jury verdicts absent an overwhelmingly obvious mistake. They say that the trial court judge, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston, is a respected jurist who has few of her cases overturned.

"There is a definite overriding respect of a jury's verdict," said Howard Wasserman, a Florida International University law professor.

"Typically, it's pretty hard to get a jury's verdict reversed."

On the other hand, there are those lawyers who argue that Bonds stands a good chance to clear his name.

"The government's biggest hurdle is that testimony obstruction cases are usually based on blatant, undeniable lies to questions at the heart of an investigation," said William Keane, a San Francisco criminal defense attorney.

FINISH

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game against Lake View early in the season when we weren't scoring well. We ended up winning that game."

A strong junior varsity and freshmen team also bodes well for Thompson and the Steers.

The J.V. Team finished 21-5, with their only two district losses coming at the hands of Abilene Wylie. The freshmen squad only

went 8-18, but finished strong — despite only having five guys on the roster.

"For half our season, we only had five kids when other teams had as many as 15-16," Ninth Grade Coach John-Michael Leggett said. "They never quit, even if they were dog-tired in the fourth quarter. They proved they could step up."

Junior Varsity Coach, Ian Ritchey also saw success with his crop of hoopsters, who ended the season with a 21-5 record. Although Thompson

pulled kids from the J.V. Roster, forcing some role changes, the team remained strong throughout the season.

"A lot of kids stepped into new roles," Ritchey said. "They were a fun group to coach. They had a good attitude and always came to work. We are excited about next year."

Other scores:

• Lamesa defeated Coahoma, 67-48. Armani Guillama 16, Tanner Ruiz 13. Season complete.

• Garden City (No. 14) defeated Blackwell, 81-37. Corbin Davis 23, Juan Bustos 23, Sam Miller 12. Next vs. TBA in area playoff, Saturday at TBA.

• Grady (No. 7) defeated Borden County, 68-48. Brandon Lucas 23, Taylor Polson 8. Next vs. Clarendon (No. 20), 3 p.m. Canyon Randall High School.

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