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File photo
Crimson Soul artist Cody Carnes performs during a concert several years ago. The group, which disbanded in 2009, will be playing a reunion concert March 1 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Crimson Soul reunites for final concert here

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor
 Four-years after going their separate ways, the Big Spring-based musical group Crimson Soul will reunite for a final performance. Featuring solo performances by Brandon Ray, Cody

Carnes and the Adrian Calvio band, the artists will be in concert at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, KBYG, KBST, Adrian

Calvio State Farm Insurance and Big Spring City Hall. If available, tickets will also be sold at the door on the night of the concert. "The Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau is

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2013-14 school calendar on agenda for Coahoma trustees

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 COAHOMA — Adoption of a new school calendar will highlight a routine meeting of the Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees, scheduled for 7 p.m. today in the elementary school faculty dining room. Trustees are expected to approve a 2013-2014 school calendar calling for 175 instruction days, 12 teacher development workdays and an assortment of holidays, Superintendent Amy Jacobs said.

The coming school year will start Aug. 26 and end on May 29, 2014. Student holidays include two weeks for Christmas, a week for spring break and three days for Thanksgiving, Jacobs said. Also Thursday, trustees will consider purchasing bleacher upgrades for the CISD baseball field. "We have very run-of-the-mill bleachers at the baseball field," Jacobs said. "Also, we're trying to balance out seating at our facilities — the softball field holds so many more people right now."

Jacobs said the district is looking at adding between 110 and 140 pre-engineered bleacher seats. Pricing estimates range from \$8,000 to \$20,000. In other business, trustees will consider:
 • Contract extensions for campus administrators and directors.
 • Other personnel matters.
 • Local policy updates.
 • The sale of trust property.
 • Reports on enrollment, expenditures and investments.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Assault death investigated as homicide

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials are investigating an assault that led to the death of a Big Spring man earlier this week.

Daniel Flores, 44, of Big Spring was pronounced dead Tuesday evening outside his Second Street residence by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs after family members discovered his body, according to officials with the Big Spring Police Department.



Flores

"Tuesday, at approximately 6:03 p.m., officers were dispatched to an unattended death at 1407 W. Second Street," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, said. "Officers were met by family members of the deceased and advised Flores had been found sitting in the passenger seat of an old vehicle on the family property and had passed away." Everett said an initial investigation showed Flores had suffered severe trauma prior to his death. "The investigation revealed

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Courtesy photo

This artwork by Big Spring High School student Sydney Hernandez was among 24 submissions from BSHS students which earned medals at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event regional meet in Odessa.

BSHS students earn medals for their regional art work

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Several Big Spring High School students received medals for their work during the recent Visual Arts Scholastic Event regional meet in Odessa. The students earned the medals after receiving a ranking of 4 (the highest possible) from judges at the meet, BSHS Art Teacher Judy Tereletsky said. In total, 24 of the 30 submitted works from BSHS students earned medals. Students earning two medals at the event were: Thomas Bazaldua, Leah Burton, Aaron Farr, Valerie Goodblanket, Sydney Hernandez, Tanya Herrera, Taylor Holloway, Remington Love and Savi Vela. Students earning a single medal were: Kalob

Artega, George Garcia, Autumn Moore, Adrian Olague

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Obituaries

Nelda Lois Callarman



Nelda Lois Callarman died Sunday morning, Feb. 17, 2013, at Vitas Hospice in San Antonio. After suffering two aneurysms on Christmas Eve at home in Big Spring, she spent six weeks in the hospital and rehabilitation clinics in Lubbock and San Antonio before moving to hospice one week ago.

Nelda was born Sept. 7, 1931, in Levelland, Texas. She was the second of O.C. and Allie Belle Richards' four children and is survived by her three siblings, LaVerne Sandlin Davis of Birmingham, Ala. And Winona Herrin and David Richards, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

She attended Texas Women's College and transferred to Texas Tech, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1952. She began her teaching career in Portales, N.M. and then taught in Lovington, Jal and Hobbs, N.M. and Andrews, Texas. In 1962, she married Eldon Callarman. They lived in Hobbs until 1973 when they moved to Big Spring. She taught elementary school until her retirement in 1982 and maintained a close circle of teacher friends who met together for lunch weekly long after their careers came to an end.

Nelda and Eldon loved to travel and took many trips around the United States. Over the course of her lifetime, Nelda visited all 50 states and together, the couple explored state parks in Texas and all of the great national parks in the United States. When Eldon died in 2010, she missed him terribly but received a warm welcome from a group of ladies at College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Family and friends mattered very much to Nelda and she took great care to stay in touch. She learned enough about computers to become an active e-mailer, but those who loved her still cherished receiving her hand-written letters in perfectly elegant script.

In addition to her siblings, she is survived by 18 nieces and nephews; her devoted brother-in-law, David Callarman, of Cisco, Texas; and two sisters-in-law, Priscilla Callarman, of Dallas and Martha Callarman of Athens, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at College Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013. Pastor Ken McMeans will officiate. Interment will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco, Texas.

Paid obituary

Daniel Vera Flores



Daniel Vera Flores, 44, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 7, 1968, in Stanton, Texas. Daniel was a long-time resident of Big Spring and worked as a roofer.

Survivors include five sons, Daniel S. Flores Jr. and wife Crystal, Terry J. Flores and wife Heather, Adam J. Flores and wife Stacie, Henry N. Flores and Jordan J. Flores, all of Big Spring; a daughter, Lauren J. Flores of Big Spring; his father, Longino M. Flores Sr. of Temple; a brother, Longino Flores Jr. and wife Joanna; two sisters, Gloria Flores and Virginia Sanchez and husband Johnny; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Estefana Vera; and his grandparents.

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

Police blotter

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

- LINDA SUE SMITHWICK, 46, of 2621 Hunter, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.

- MARIO IRENEO YANEZ, 32, transient, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 50, of 4924 Wasson Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury – family violence.

- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 4900 block of Wasson Road.
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 24, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a municipal capias warrant for driving while license invalid.

- LINDA SUE SMITHWICK, 46, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and municipal warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 50, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault – family violence.

- PATRICK ALAN NOCK, 58, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of public intoxication.

- MARIO IRENEO YANEZ, 32, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Gregg Street. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. Service refused.

- WATER HEATER FIRE was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. Fire was out upon arrival.

Take Note

- An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

- Healthy Woman is presenting a heart healthy affair "Be Aware of YOUR Heart" at noon Feb. 21 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Drs. Rudy and Chris Haddad will speak, along with a person story from Mitzi Knight. The event is free to the public, but reservations need to be made no later than Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. To reserve your spot, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721.




- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

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

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

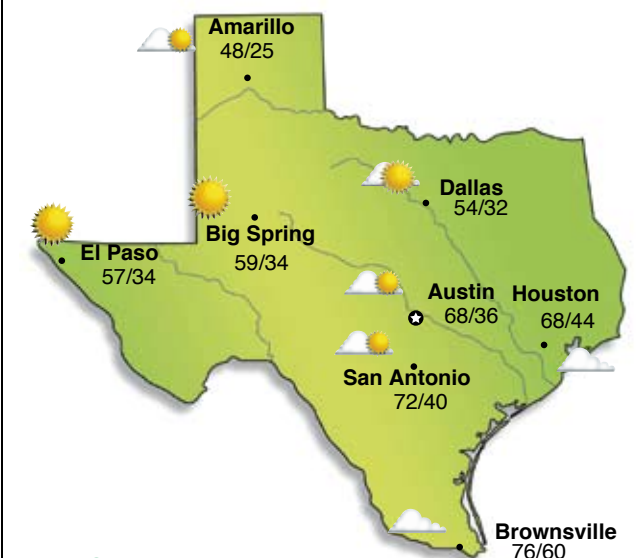
Today's Weather

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 59/34 Mainly sunny. High 59F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	 68/45 Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	 66/34 Windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	54	34	pt sunny	Kingsville	79	50	cloudy
Amarillo	48	25	pt sunny	Livingston	65	35	cloudy
Austin	68	36	pt sunny	Longview	58	32	pt sunny
Beaumont	68	44	rain	Lubbock	55	29	mst sunny
Brownsville	76	60	cloudy	Lufkin	65	36	pt sunny
Brownwood	60	35	mst sunny	Midland	62	40	sunny
Corpus Christi	75	51	cloudy	Raymondville	80	56	cloudy
Corsicana	54	31	mst sunny	Rosenberg	68	42	cloudy
Dallas	54	32	mst sunny	San Antonio	72	40	pt sunny
Del Rio	76	45	mst sunny	San Marcos	69	36	pt sunny
El Paso	57	34	sunny	Sulphur Springs	54	30	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	65	39	sunny	Sweetwater	56	34	sunny
Gainesville	48	27	pt sunny	Tyler	57	32	pt sunny
Greenville	52	28	mst sunny	Weatherford	52	29	pt sunny
Houston	68	44	cloudy	Wichita Falls	48	27	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	46	43	rain	Minneapolis	29	16	sn shower
Boston	39	29	mst sunny	New York	40	36	pt sunny
Chicago	33	25	sn shower	Phoenix	59	39	sunny
Dallas	54	32	mst sunny	San Francisco	61	47	sunny
Denver	37	20	pt sunny	Seattle	46	39	rain
Houston	68	44	cloudy	St. Louis	39	21	pt sunny
Los Angeles	66	45	pt sunny	Washington, DC	40	37	mixed
Miami	82	70	pt sunny				

Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

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

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

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

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

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State briefs

DPS targets cold case slaying investigations

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety has expanded its efforts to solve cold case slayings by offering an online update on a dozen investigations.

DPS officials on Wednesday unveiled the Texas Rangers unsolved homicides webpage featuring two cases from each of the agency's six regions. The public will have the opportunity to submit tips or other information online via the webpage.

Director Steve McCraw says DPS wants to send a clear message that investigators are not giving up on the victims.

Texas Rangers and local law enforcement agencies will also take another look at evidence and persons of interest. Many of the unsolved cases involve smaller or rural law enforcement agencies.

Online:
<http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/topCases.aspx>

Prayers Monday for Native American bones in Texas

PHARR, Texas (AP) — Prayers will be offered Monday for some Native American bones found at a South Texas construction site and reburied by police.

The Monitor newspaper reported Thursday that the ground-blessing ceremony in Pharr will be done by the Lipan Apache tribe.

Tribal official Robert Soto says the bones are not believed to be from his tribe but his group plans the ceremony because Native Americans feel the ground has been desecrated.

Work to expand a retirement community was stopped when the bones were discovered Feb. 11. Police contacted anthropologists, the Texas Historical Commission and tribal leaders about the bones believed to be several hundred years old.

Soto says police and the company have been accommodating. Police on Wednesday reburied the bones near the original location and an officer said prayers.

'Victory or Death' letter returns to the Alamo

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — William Barret Travis'

letter vowing "Victory or Death" and pleading for help for his besieged forces at the Alamo will return for the first time to where it was penned for a two-week public viewing.

Travis' Feb. 24, 1836, letter addressed to "the People of Texas and All Americans in the World" will get a police escort to the Alamo on Friday from the state archive in Austin, where it is kept.

A courier on horseback smuggled the single-page letter from the old Spanish mission where Travis and his men had taken up defense against Mexican army forces sent to put down their rebellion. It was widely published in newspapers and pamphlets, but too late to help the roughly 180 men defending the Alamo, who were all killed.

Suspected illegal immigrants found in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Law officers in Houston who answered a call about a kidnapping have detained at least 30 suspected illegal immigrants found at an apparent stash house.

Houston police and federal agents early Thursday responded to a call from the parents of a woman allegedly smuggled across the border with Mexico.

Police spokesman Chris Hassig says the relatives agreed to pay a certain sum for the transfer but then the smugglers demanded more cash and threatened to hurt the woman. The family then called police.

Further information wasn't immediately available on whether any suspected smugglers were caught. Houston police say one man suffered minor injuries when he attacked an officer while trying to flee.

Immigration officials will work to determine the identities and homelands of the detainees.

State Senate panel mulls charter school expansion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Senate education panel is discussing sweeping legislation to expand charter schools in Texas.

State Sen. Dan Patrick filed Senate Bill 2 this week, and the Education Committee the Houston Republican chairs is reviewing it Thursday.

The measure would lift the current limit of 215 licenses to operate charter schools statewide and create a special oversight board. It also seeks to allow charter schools to receive public money for

facilities expenses, not just for operations as under present state law.

Charter schools already educate about 135,000 of the 5 million-plus Texas public school students. Patrick has made increasing "school choice" a signature issue, though traditional school leaders are wary.

Past efforts to overhaul Texas charter school laws have fizzled, not drawing much support from either party.

Linn buying Berry Petroleum for about \$2.5B

HOUSTON (AP) — Linn Energy is buying the drilling company Berry Petroleum Co. for stock worth about \$2.5 billion.

Linn, an oil and gas producer, said Thursday that the deal will broaden its presence in California, the Permian Basin, Texas and the Rockies and boost its production by 30 percent. Its estimated proved reserves will be increased by 34 percent.

As part of the transaction, a Linn affiliate will issue 1.25 shares for each outstanding Berry share. That values Denver-based Berry's stock at almost \$46.24 per share, a 19.8 percent premium to Berry's closing price on Wednesday.

The companies value the deal at \$4.3 billion including assumed debt.

Berry will be converted into a limited liability company as part of the transaction and Linn affiliate LinnCo will give the Berry assets to Linn Energy in exchange for units of Linn Energy. LinnCo, based in Houston, went public in October.

Garland boy, 3, dies after being shot at home

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — Police say a 3-year-old Dallas-area boy has died after being shot in the head while at his home.

Garland police are investigating circumstances of Wednesday night's shooting while both parents and at least two other children were at the residence. Police say one of the parents called 911.

Officer Joe Harn says police are trying to determine whether the shooting was an accident and if anyone will be charged. Harn says there's no record of previous violence reported at the home.

The name of the boy and further details on the investigation weren't immediately released.

HOMICIDE

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Flores had come home late Sunday night or early Monday morning and had been assaulted," Everett said. "A family member observed Flores had been beaten and had obvious injuries."

According to Everett, an autopsy was ordered by Dobbs and was performed in Lubbock Wednesday morning.

"The autopsy determined Flores died from serious internal injuries which were the result of an assault," Everett said. "The location of the assault is still unknown. Investigators

are interviewing witnesses and the investigation is ongoing."

Everett said Flores was driving a brown Chevrolet Tahoe around the time the assault is believed to have occurred.

"Anyone with information regarding Flores' whereabouts Sunday night or early

Monday morning is asked to contact law enforcement officers," Everett said. "We need to establish where he was and what happened to him and citizens who possibly saw him could be a huge help to our investigation."

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call

the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2550 or Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 432-264-TIPS (8477).

Information leading to an arrest or indictment could be worth up to \$1,000, according to Crimestopper officials, and callers may remain anonymous, if they wish. No caller ID

is ever used in conjunction with Crimestopper tips.

Funeral services for Flores will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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

CONCERT

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very excited to be bringing former local band Crimson Soul to Big Spring for a final reunion concert," said Debbie Wegman, Big Spring CVB executive director.

Crimson Soul was

formed early in 2001 in Big Spring and continued until 2009. Along the way, the group recorded four albums, went on three national tours and performed with bands such as Switchfoot and Anderlin.

Each individual member is achieving success on their own right now. Ray, the lead singer, is living in Nashville,

Tenn., and breaking ground on his solo country music career and is also a professional songwriter for one of the top publishing agencies in the country. Carnes, the bass player, is working as worship pastor for Gateway Church in Scottsdale, Ariz., and has written songs that are being played at churches and venues all

over the world. Lead guitarist Jonas Palomino is living in Dallas, Texas, and although still has his hand in various musical projects in the area, he is one of the top air traffic controllers for Love Field. Ryan Tant, the drummer, is also living in Nashville. He is currently on tour with national recording

artists Trailer Choir, as drummer and tour manager. Ryan is also working with his brother, Brandon Ray, playing drums for his band.

"Crimson Soul is extremely excited about returning to Big Spring for one last performance," added Wegman.

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and Taylor Olivo.

Despite the medal haul, none of the Big Spring entries earned "area medal" status, which would have allowed the students to advance to the state VASE competition later

this year in Bryan.

Tereletsky said competition for area medals was fierce.

"There were 295 total entries at the regional meet and only 19 qualified for state," she said.

Despite that, Tereletsky said the experience as a positive one for the students.

"Overall, I think the

kids enjoyed it," she said. "It's always good for them to meet others with the same interests they have. They're disappointed no one qualified for state, but I'm

happy with the overall results."

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Oversight needed for drone strikes

It's safe to say that if a Republican president carried out as many drone attacks as Barack Obama, Democrats and liberals would be howling. But you barely hear a peep from them.

Finally, though, some congressional scrutiny has been put on Obama's use of state-sponsored assassinations, and it's about time.

The Obama administration has carried out hundreds of drone strikes in Pakistan alone, far more than authorized under President George W. Bush. The administration is tracking and executing terrorists based on secret intelligence — and the president's final approval.

Attacks also have been carried out in Somalia and Yemen and, at times, American citizens have been targeted. As commander in chief, Obama has a lot of latitude in the war against terrorism, but even presidential powers aren't absolute.

The strikes are supposed to be carried out only if subjects pose a “continuing and imminent threat” to the United States. But a Justice Department memo, first reported by NBC News, diminishes that requirement by suggesting a strike does not require U.S. authorities to conclude that a specific attack will take place “in the immediate future.”

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators wants the Obama administration to cite all its legal opinions underlying the authority to use drones, especially to kill American citizens. This should be the first step toward a much clearer policy.

The public should be greatly concerned there is no judicial procedure in place, no due process and no oversight regarding the use of drones. In contrast, Congress has set up a secret court to review and approve surveillance warrants, including the wiretapping of suspected terrorists. Having some type of judicial review in place before the government orders a death strike makes sound legal and moral sense.

Drone technology and its use are bound to grow; indeed, drones are effective tools, allowing the administration to target terrorists, limit civilian casualties and keep our armed forces out of harm's way in the process. Such attacks have been carried out against terrorists connected to the attack at Fort Hood in Texas and to the failed “underwear bomb” plot, both in 2009.

Obama and future presidents will undoubtedly continue the program, and the federal government also is bolstering its “domestic drone” strategy, for observation purposes for our aviation system and at our borders.

As this technology continues to expand, it's imperative the government put sensible guidelines in place, including a reasonable system of checks and balances. The potential for abuse through this program is alarming and should be headed off now.

— *The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal*

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Was Obama afraid to be with Tiger?

Covering the president means never having to say you saw him.

This is an old White House press corps adage. The media never get all the access they want, and most presidents think the access the media get is way too much.

It is an understandable tension.

Presidents demand a certain amount of privacy to do the people's business and also to relax in a job that becomes more and more demanding in an increasingly complex and dangerous world.

The White House press corps, which for the most part is very hard working and highly skilled, believes it has something akin to a sacred duty, enshrined by the Constitution, to inform the public.

There is another dynamic at work: TV and still photographers need pictures. Radio people need sound. A print reporter can recreate an event by interviewing people and stitching a story together, but the electronic media need the shot or the bite.

So this weekend was a disaster.

The president decided to stiff the press during one of his golf outings, which is not unusual. But this weekend was different. Without announcing it in advance, President Obama played 18 holes with Tiger Woods at an exclusive resort in Florida. But Obama's traveling press pool was kept in the dark and far away.

In his first term, when Obama played separate rounds of golf with Bill Clinton and House Speaker John Boehner, the press pool had been allowed some access and pictures.

So why not with Tiger Woods? Especially since a reporter from Golf Digest and Golf World, who was apparently a member of the

private club, saw the two men and did tweet after tweet about it.

The White House press corps was furious, and the press quickly struck back.

Two story lines emerged: First, a president who had once promised to be “transparent” was not acting that way, and second, the White House was behaving as if it didn't want any pictures of Obama and a man who had gone through a very messy marital breakup.

Ed Henry of Fox News, acting in his capacity as president of the White House Correspondents' Association (of which I am an associate member), issued a gale force statement:

“A broad cross section of our members from print, radio, online and TV have today expressed extreme frustration to me about having absolutely no access to the president of the United States this entire weekend.

There is a very simple but important principle we will continue to fight for today and in the days ahead: transparency.”

Later, Henry told me in a phone interview: “It was a direct but respectful message saying we want access, period. The president was playing not with me or you or Joe Schmo, but a celebrity and one of the most controversial figures in sport because of his own issues. Was the White House a little nervous about putting a photo of him and Tiger Woods out there?”

The Associated Press had this as the fourth paragraph in its story on Sunday: “The White House, which has promised to be the most open and transparent in history, has prohibited any media coverage of Obama's golf outing.”

The story also stated: “It seems Obama and Woods — the first black men at the top of their respective fields — have spent the past few years inching toward Sunday's meeting on the fairway.”



ROGER SIMON

Disarming of the American woman

If radical gun-grabbers have their way, your daughters, mothers and grandmothers will have nothing but whistles, pens and bodily fluids to defend themselves against violent attackers and sexual predators. Women of all ages, races and political backgrounds should be up in arms over the coordinated attack on their right to bear arms.

In Colorado this week, male Democratic legislators assailed concealed-carry supporters and disparaged female students who refuse to depend on the government for protection. The Democrat-controlled House passed a statewide ban on concealed-carry weapons on college campuses, along with several other extreme gun-control measures that will undermine citizen safety and drive dozens of businesses out of the state.

Condescending Democratic Rep. Joe Salazar of Colorado asserted that young women can't be trusted to assess threatening situations at their colleges or universities: “It's why we have call boxes, it's why we have safe zones, it's why we have the whistles,” Salazar said during floor debate. “Because you just don't know who you're gonna be shooting at. And you don't know if you feel like you're gonna be raped, or if you feel like someone's been following you around, or if you feel like you're in trouble when you may actually not be...”

Colorado Sen. Jessie Ulibarri, another elitist Democrat, argued that instead of firing back at a crazed gunman, innocent victims would be better off using

“ballpoint pens” to stab him when he stops to reload. Colorado Rep. Paul Rosenthal, another Democrat, told women to rely on the “buddy system” instead. And on Tuesday, after personally lobbying Colorado Democrats to restrict self-defense options, Vice President Joe Biden blithely dismissed a woman's concerns about family security. He advised her, “You don't need an AR-15” — even though it is the long arm of choice of three million law-abiding citizens, half of whom are veterans, law enforcement officers or both.

The presumptuous paternalism of gun-grabbing male Democrats is not confined to the political arena. On college campuses across the country, the literal disarming of women is standard operating procedure.

At the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, officials advise women that “passive resistance may be your best defense.” The school's recommendation to girls: “Tell your attacker that you have a disease or are menstruating.”

If that fails, it's time to deploy other assault bodily fluids! No joke. UCCS seriously advises potential victims: “Vomiting or urinating may also convince the attacker to leave you alone.”

In a quick survey of campus tips for women, Twitchy.com editor Jenn Taylor notes that at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, women are also told that “passive resistance (vomiting, urinating, telling the attacker you're diseased or menstruating) may be your best defense.” The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh tells girls to “(c)ry or create a scene of emotional or mental instability.” Instead of a Glock, the school prefers students take a page from “Glee.” Yes, ladies, when you fear for your lives, it's time to engage in

In other words, it was a historic meeting for reasons of race, and therefore, by implication, the press pool should have been allowed to record the moment.

At the very top of the “NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams” on Monday, Williams made the golf outing his second tease. Eight minutes into the newscast, Williams introduced the golf story with the headline “Getting Away” and said the president had showed a “a desire to stay out of camera range.”

Andrea Mitchell, one of NBC's most respected reporters, then took over, saying the press had been “locked out,” and she raised the possibility that the White House did not want pictures of the president “with a controversial figure like Tiger Woods.” The story lasted about three minutes, which is a pretty long time for the evening news.

After the president got back to Washington and was walking into the White House later Monday evening, there was this pool report: “As the president walked close by, a group of reporters yelled, in unison, ‘Did you beat Tiger?!?’ He appeared to hear over the helicopter engines, but just smiled and continued on inside.”

The White House denied that it had done anything wrong or even unusual and was only doing, as one wag put it, what was par for the course.

“But this has nothing to do really with golf,” Ed Henry told me. “That's trivial. We're taking a stand: We're relevant. We represent not just our news organizations, but we represent history and the American people. That might sound hokey, but that's why we're here.”

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theatrics by faking a “faint” or “seizure.” And at Oregon State, female students are advised to tell sexual predators they are “sick or pregnant,” because guns and knives are banned on campus.

As I've noted before, colleges and universities have become coddle industries. Big Nanny administrators oversee speech codes, segregated dorms, politically correct academic departments and designated “safe spaces” to protect students selectively from speech the left deems “hateful.” Instead of teaching students to defend their beliefs, American educators shield them from vigorous intellectual debate. As the erosion of intellectual self-defense goes, so goes the erosion of physical self-defense. Instead of encouraging autonomy, our higher institutions of learning stoke passivity and conflict-avoidance.

Where are the War on Women warriors of the left when you need them? Paging Ashley Judd, Eva Longoria, Sandra Fluke and every indignant feminist who (rightly) took Todd “legitimate rape” Akin to task — as I did — last fall. The sexist stance of gun-grabbers goes far beyond Akin-esque junk science about magical wombs that can prevent pregnancy. The idea that women can't be trusted to know when they are at risk takes direct aim at their very sovereignty and security.

It's anti-self-determination. It's anti-freedom. It's anti-choice.

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National, world news in brief

Obama administration considers urging Supreme Court to overturn California gay marriage ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing heightened expectations from gay rights supporters, the Obama administration is considering urging the Supreme Court to overturn California's ban on gay marriage — a move that could have a far-reaching impact on same-sex couples across the country.

The administration has one week to file a friend-of-the-court brief with the justices outlining its opinion on the California ban, known as Proposition 8. While an administration brief alone is unlikely to sway the high court, the government's opinion does carry weight with the justices.

Opponents of the Proposition 8 ban believe the president signaled his intention to file a brief when he declared in last month's inaugural address that gays and lesbians must be "treated like anyone else under the law." An administration official said Obama — a former constitutional law professor — was not foreshadowing any legal action in his remarks and was simply restating his personal belief in the right of gays and lesbians to marry, though the official said the administration was considering filing a brief.

The Proposition 8 ballot initiative was approved by California voters in 2008 in response to a state Supreme Court decision that had allowed gay marriage. Twenty-nine other states have constitutional amendments banning gay marriage, while nine states and Washington, D.C., recognize same-sex marriage.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli is consulting with the White House on the matter, according to a senior administration official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to address the private deliberations publicly.

Winter storm gathers strength as it pushes into Great Plains, blamed for fatal Oklahoma crash

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An armada of snow plows and salt spreaders deployed Wednesday on highways across the nation's heartland working to stay ahead of a powerful winter storm that already is blamed for one road death.

Winter storm warnings were issued from Colorado through Illinois, with as much as a foot of snow expected in several areas.

Kelly Sugden, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Dodge City, Kan., said early Thursday morning that the storm was moving a bit slower than was previously forecast but that it was "starting to get back together."

"It's very active," Sugden said, noting the snowfall was mixed with lightning and sleet showers.

Sugden said Wednesday's highest snowfall total for the state was 6½ inches recorded in the tiny central town of Rozel. He said they were expecting heavy snow but not blizzard conditions. Still, he warned that the Interstate 70 corridor could see as much as 13 inches of snow with drifts adding to the danger for drivers.

Egypt's Brotherhood suspected of running secretive outfits that mirror state institutions

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi speaks publicly of firsthand knowledge of a meeting where opponents allegedly plotted against him.

A few months earlier, the most powerful man in his Muslim Brotherhood group, Khairat el-Shater, says he has access to recordings of former military rulers and electoral officials engineering his disqualification from last year's presidential race.

In Egypt, those statements are seen by security officials, former members of the Islamist group and independent media as strong hints that the Brotherhood might be running its own intelligence-gathering network outside of government security agencies and official channels.

Such concerns dovetail the Brotherhood, which has a long history of operating clandestinely, to suspicion that it remains a shadowy group with operations that may overlap with the normal functions of a state.

Brotherhood supporters also demonstrated militia-like capabilities at anti-Morsi protests in December.

Disappointment permeates Jesse Jackson Jr's former Chicago area district after guilty plea

CHICAGO (AP) — Residents in this swath of sprawling Chicago neighborhoods and suburbs have brimmed with loyalty to Jesse Jackson Jr. over the past 17 years, giving him an enthusiastic majority each election — even after questionable links to ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, reports of an extramarital affair and a bizarre five-month medical leave.

But the former congressman's guilty plea to charges that he lived off and lavishly spent campaign money for personal use — on everything from toilet paper to mink capes — has turned the tide. In territory where it was difficult to scrape up any criticism of Jackson, his Chicago alderman wife or his famous civil rights leader father, the mood is now simply one of disappointment.

"He knew better; it was a very stupid thing to do," said 75-year-old Jeannette Reese, shaking her head as she grocery-shopped at a busy shopping complex. "He and his father came to our church. I thought he was the real thing."

Reese said she had voted for the younger Jackson for years.

Jackson, who resigned from office in November, pleaded guilty Wednesday in federal court in Washington to criminal charges that he engaged in a scheme to spend \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items. He faces up to 57 months — more than four years — in prison and a fine, under a plea deal with prosecutors.

China hacking reveals outsourcing to private U.S. firms in international cyberwar

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Kevin Mandia, a retired military cybercrime investigator, decided to expose China as a primary threat to U.S. computer networks, he didn't have to consult with American diplomats in Beijing or declassify tactics to safely reveal government secrets.

He pulled together a 76-page report based on seven years of his company's work and produced the most detailed public account yet of how, he says, the Chinese government has been rummaging through the networks of major U.S. companies.

It wasn't news to Mandia's commercial competitors, or the federal government, that systematic attacks could be traced back to a nondescript office building outside Shanghai that he believes was run by the Chinese army. What was remarkable was that the extraordinary details — code names of

hackers, one's affection for Harry Potter and how they stole sensitive trade secrets and passwords — came from a private security company without the official backing of the U.S. military or intelligence agencies that are responsible for protecting the nation from a cyberattack.

The report, embraced by stakeholders in both government and industry, represented a notable alignment of interests in Washington: The Obama administration has pressed for new evidence of Chinese hacking that it can leverage in diplomatic talks — without revealing secrets about its own hacking investigations — and Mandiant makes headlines with its sensational revelations.

The report also shows the balance of power in America's cyberwar has shifted into the hands of the \$30 billion-a-year computer security industry.

Guests disturbed, water tested after body of Canadian tourist found in LA hotel's rooftop tank

LOS ANGELES (AP) — British tourist Michael Baugh and his wife said water had only trickled for days as they brushed their teeth, showered and drank from the taps at the Cecil Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, but they could not have imagined the disturbing reason.

The body of a Canadian woman was later discovered at the bottom of one of four cisterns on the roof of the historic hotel near Skid Row. The tanks provide water for hotel taps and would have been used by guests for washing and drinking.

"The moment we found out, we felt a bit sick to the stomach, quite literally," Baugh said.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials were expected to release the results of tests on the water on Thursday.

When the body was discovered on Tuesday, they issued a do-not-drink order while a lab analyzes the water, said Terrance Powell, a director coordinating the department's response. The disclosure contradicts a previous police statement that the water had been deemed safe.

Former Sen. Pete Domenici of New Mexico acknowledges having son outside marriage 3 decades ago

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — For nearly 40 years, Sen. Pete Domenici's reputation was that of a well-respected — some might say staid — conservative Republican and honorable family man.

But the 80-year-old New Mexico political giant's persona was shaken Wednesday with the revelation that he had an out-of-wedlock child in the 1970s and became embroiled in what might be described as an inside-the-Beltway soap opera.

While his wife Nancy was raising their eight children, Domenici had the affair and secret child with a woman about half his age — and who happened to be the daughter of one of his Senate colleagues. The woman raised the child on her own, became a prominent lobbyist, Republican activist and political commentator, and their 30-something son has since gone on to build an impressive Washington resume himself.

The saga shocked people in New Mexico who viewed Domenici as a man of honesty and integrity during his six terms and 36 years in the Senate that ended in 2008.

"I deeply regret this and am very sorry for my behavior," Domenici said in his statement. "I hope New Mexicans will view that my accomplishments for my beloved state outweigh my personal transgression."

Adults get 11 percent of calories from fast foods

ATLANTA (AP) — On an average day, U.S. adults get roughly 11 percent of their calories from fast food, a government study shows.

That's down slightly from the 13 percent reported the last time the government tried to pin down how much of the American diet is coming from fast food. Eating fast food too frequently has been seen as a driver of America's obesity problem.

For the research, about 11,000 adults were asked extensive questions about what they ate and drank over the previous 24 hours to come up

with the results.

Among the findings:

— Young adults eat more fast food than their elders; 15 percent of calories for ages 20 to 39 and dropping to 6 percent for those 60 and older.

— Blacks get more of their calories from fast-food, 15 percent compared to 11 percent for whites and Hispanics.

— Young black adults got a whopping 21 percent from the likes of Wendy's, Taco Bell and KFC.

The figures are averages. Included in the calculations are some people who almost nev-

er eat fast food, as well as others who eat a lot of it.

The survey covers the years 2007 through 2010 and was released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The authors couldn't explain why the proportion of calories from fast food dropped from the 13 percent found in a survey for 2003 through 2006.

One nutrition professor cast doubts on the latest results, saying 11 percent seemed implausibly low.

New York University's Marion Nestle

said it wouldn't be surprising if some people under-reported their hamburgers, fries and milkshakes since eating too much fast food is increasingly seen as something of a no-no.

"If I were a fast-food company, I'd say 'See, we have nothing to do with obesity! Americans are getting 90 percent of their calories somewhere else!'" she said.

The study didn't include the total number of fast-food calories, just the percentage. Previous government re-

search suggests that the average U.S. adult each day consumes about 270 calories of fast food — the equivalent of a small McDonald's hamburger and a few fries.

The new CDC study found that obese people get about 13 percent of daily calories from fast food, compared with less than 10 percent for skinny and normal-weight people.

There was no difference seen by household income, except for young adults.

The poorest — those

with an annual household income of less than \$30,000 — got 17 percent of their calories from fast food, while the figure was under 14 percent for the most affluent 20- and 30-somethings with a household income of more than \$50,000.

That's not surprising since there are disproportionately higher numbers of fast-food restaurants in low-income neighborhoods, Nestle said.

Fast food is accessible and "it's cheap," she said.

Boy calls 911 to avoid bedtime

BROCKTON, Mass. (AP) — Police in Massachusetts say a 10-year-old boy called 911 because he didn't want to go to bed.

Brockton police say the boy called 911 just

after 8 p.m. Wednesday and told the dispatcher he was calling to report his mother because he did not want to go to bed.

There was no emergency.

The Enterprise reports that an officer went to the boy's home and explained when it was appropriate to call 911.

No charges were issued.

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Howard College freshman Sarah Stinnett attempts a layup during a game earlier this season. The Hawks (23-4, 10-3) and Lady Hawks (17-11, 5-7) will be on the road today against Western Texas College in Snyder before wrapping up the regular season with a two-game home stand.

Mavs deny rally, beat Magic 111-96

DALLAS (AP) — Vince Carter energized the crowd with his dunking and shooting. He put away the Orlando Magic with his passing.

Carter had 14 points and a major role in two key surges, Shawn Marion and Elton Brand led Dallas with 17 points apiece, and the Mavericks overcame a third-quarter rally from the reeling Magic for a 111-96 victory Wednesday night.

The Mavericks were down 79-73 after leading by as many as 16

in a game they really couldn't afford to lose in their scramble to extend a 12-year playoff streak when Carter dunked on an alley-oop and hit a 3-pointer during a wild minute-long sequence that ended with Dallas in front by one.

Dallas was clinging to a 94-90 lead when Carter started a decisive 17-0 run with another 3-pointer and added three of his season-high eight assists to assure that Dallas didn't lose to a team that a night earlier lost for the 25th

time in 28 games, to lively Charlotte no less.

"We had to have that one," Brand said. "Vince has been playing great. When you put the ball in his hands, good things happen all the time. So he's finding guys diving to the rim and he's hitting his shots also."

Dirk Nowitzki had 12 points and a team-high nine rebounds for Dallas in the victory, which snapped a nine-game winning streak for the road team in the series. O.J. Mayo added 13 points and Darren Col-

lison had nine points and nine assists.

Arron Afflalo led Orlando with 21 points, Maurice Harkness added 20, and Nikola Vucevic had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Dallas' surge to retake the lead early in the fourth actually started with a miss by Collison, and Carter tipped the ball toward midcourt, where a scramble ensued. Jameer Nelson took the ball from Mayo with a nifty move and fed J.J. Redick,

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Harden scores 46 to push Rockets past OKC

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden finally beat his former team on Wednesday night.

It took the best game of his career to get it done.

Harden scored a career-high 46 points and Jeremy Lin added 29 as the Houston Rockets mounted a furious fourth-quarter comeback for a 122-119 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder.

"I just told the guys on the court that we've got to do whatever it takes, we've got to get some stops together and make some shots," Harden said. "It's not going to be easy, they're a very good team. But we got some stops at the right time and guys

made good shots."

Houston was down by 14 points with about seven minutes left. The Rockets used a 21-4 run to erase the deficit and take a 114-111 lead with 1:46 remaining. Harden stepped back under heavy pressure from Serge Ibaka to sink a 3 to tie it, before Lin connected on one seconds later to give the Rockets their first lead of the second half.

Harden, traded from Oklahoma City to Houston before the season, made a bucket before Ibaka made two free throws. Then came another 3 by Lin to extend the lead to 119-113.

A 3-pointer by Russell West-

brook got Oklahoma City within three points, but Lin made one of two free throws to secure the win.

It was Houston's first win this season over the Thunder, who won both previous meetings, including a 30-point win in the last matchup. The loss extended Oklahoma City's skid to three games.

"He's a phenomenal offensive force," Houston coach Kevin McHale said of Harden. "He can drive it. He's got the ability to shoot it ... to beat you off the bounce. I think he's almost unguardable off the catch."

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's Basketball

• Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder, 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball

• Howard College at Western Texas College, Snyder, 7:45 p.m.

Baseball

• Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper Tournament (through Saturday).

Tennis

• Big Spring at Tall City Invitational, Midland.

FRIDAY

Girl's Basketball Playoffs (regional)

• Grady vs. Whitharral, 1 p.m., South Plains College Texan Dome, Levelland, 1 p.m.
• Garden City vs. Clyde Eula, Abilene Christian University, 5 p.m.

Boy's Basketball Playoffs (area)

• Forsan vs. El Paso Harmony, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans, 8 p.m.
• Grady vs. Balmorhea, Kermit H.S., 6:30 p.m.
• Garden City vs. May, Jim Ned H.S., Tuscola, 8 p.m.
• Sands vs. Fort Davis, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans, 6:30 p.m.

Softball

• Howard College at Temple Classic (through Saturday), TBA.

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Area Briefs

Big Spring Country Club to hold 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a four-person scramble Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24. Entry fee is \$100 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome.

A shotgun start will commence at 1 p.m. each day.

Entrance fee includes one mulligan per day and barbeque on the course Saturday. Practice rounds will be available Friday.

Field will be flighted by first round score, with the number of flights de-

termined by number of entires.

For more information, contact the pro shop at 267-5354.

Big Spring Girls Softball Association now holding sign-ups

The BSGSA will be holding open registrations each Saturday through March 9, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall by Sears.

Ages 4-14 are welcome. Cost will be \$85 per child, \$75 for additional children in same family.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 213-3747

Nike suspends contract with Oscar Pistorius

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Nike Inc. has suspended its contract with Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee runner from South Africa charged with premeditated murder in the Valentine's Day slaying of his girlfriend.

Pistorius, who became the first double-amputee runner to compete on the track at the Olympics at last year's London Games, is accused of intentionally killing model Reeva Steenkamp. Pistorius says he mistook Steenkamp for an intruder. "We believe Oscar Pistorius should be afforded due process and we will continue to monitor the situation closely," Nike said in a brief statement posted on its website Wednesday.

On Monday, eyewear

maker Oakley Inc. suspended its contract with Pistorius.

Nike dropped Lance Armstrong in October, citing insurmountable evidence that he participated in doping and misled the company about those activities for more than a decade. But the Beaverton, Ore.-based company stood by Tiger Woods after he acknowledged infidelities and went to rehab for sex addiction.

Pistorius was born without fibula bones due to a congenital defect, and had his legs amputated at 11 months. He runs on carbon-fiber blades and was originally banned from competing against able-bodied peers because many argued that his blades gave him an unfair advantage.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Retrograde Prep Time

Handle business, send packages and make calls. In a matter of days, Mercury in Pisces will complicate matters with retrograde illusions and mirages. Just as dreams often reveal our subconscious fears and desires, this Mercury retrograde will show us who we are on the inside through the fantasies we project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a fine line between good use of electronic devices and excessive dependence on them. You'll draw a healthy boundary for yourself and your family in this regard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your neighbors will be a topic of interest. What are they doing in there? Probably nothing as interesting as it seems from the outside. Anyway, it's more fun to wonder than to ask.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Improvements in your personal life will happen over time. But you can already see the early signs that things are getting better, and you should be very encouraged by that.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You like to make people laugh; it's one of the ways you experience their love. So surround yourself with those intelligent, lighthearted types who have an obvious sense of

humor. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Think of the profound impact you've already had on your surroundings. You've changed the world in many ways without even knowing it. For instance, there are people who wouldn't know each other at all if it weren't for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Unfortunately, the solution to one problem is the seed of another problem. Your job is to think further into the future than the people around you and weigh potential consequences against today's options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Who completes you? You are wise not to be dependent on one person; it's not a one-person job. You feel whole when you give your attention to a dozen different interests and relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People are the real treasures of your world, and you value them more than anything material. It doesn't take big gestures to make this clear. There's a quiet heroism in your patient, friendly attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have your eye on an upgrade that will enable you to show up for work in style. This improvement will likely be more expensive than you anticipated, though, so start saving now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People are searching for a sense of security, but that shouldn't all fall on you. Staying true to your word is easier if you don't give your word in the first place. Avoid making promises; it will

be better for everyone. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not every day that perfect partnerships come together. That's why when you sense that an arrangement is going to work well, you should act on it immediately.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life seems sweeter when affections are reciprocated, but this is not entirely necessary for your happiness. Right now, you're happy to give and love without worrying about how it will come back.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). This year brings a breakthrough. When you get stuck, you won't agonize like before. You'll just take the next small step and break free. Better earnings start immediately. In April, you'll compete for a new position. May shows you how others live, and you'll share and make a difference. June and July bring hot dates. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 40, 12, 15 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Pisces who has decided that this is my year to find love. I'm dating regularly already and have even tried speed dating. Do you have any advice for finding the right one?"

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language, clothing, facial cues, tone of voice, words and more. Each observation is logged, categorized and calculated with lightning speed. What you come away with is a general impression that's deeper than words can express. You may think you know the reasons why you feel the way you do about a new person, but it is truer that you draw your conclusion unreasonably. Often, you think you are being rational, when actually you are acting on a level that's deeper than logic or even emotions. You are responding instead to a combination of intuitive factors: an animal instinct in your body and a spiritual knowing. It is when you honor the messages you receive on those levels instead of trying to impose some kind of worldly logic on the situation that you are the luckiest in love.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pisces actress Jennifer Love Hewitt plays a single mother who leads a shocking double life in the television series "The Client List." The young entertainment veteran has been performing since she was 3 years old. Pisces people are known to be old souls who quite often decide what they want to do with their lives at a very young age.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a senior in high school. I have been dating "Brianna" for 10 months. She graduated last year and attended a community college, but really had no ambition or motivation to be there. We spent last summer together, and I honestly fell head over heels in love with her.

Here's the problem. I have been accepted to many colleges out of town. It has always been my dream to go away to school.

I told Brianna it wouldn't be fair to either of us to stay together while I am away, but I want us to be together as much as possible until then.

Ever since I mentioned this to Brianna, however, things haven't been the same. We've been arguing a lot.

Brianna's dad left when she was 12, and she's still

crushed by it. She doesn't get along well with her family and tells me I'm all she has. She says when I go away to school, I'll be leaving her just like everybody else.

Now I feel nothing but guilt when I think about college. I want us to enjoy our time together as much as possible. I want Brianna to be my date for my senior prom, but I don't want her to think I'm simply using her. It's not true. She is the only person I want by my side.

Annie, do you think it's fair that we're staying together now even though we're most likely breaking up when I leave for college?

I want the full college experience, and I know a long-distance relationship will be miserable, because Brianna and I argue constantly via text messages when we're only 10 minutes away. Have I made the right

decision? — *College Bound and Confused*

Dear College Bound: Whether or not to stay together until the end of the summer is up to Brianna, too. If she can handle it, wishing you well, it's a solid idea, and you can plan to see each other over winter break. But if Brianna feels you are abandoning her, she may try to hold you hostage emotionally, pressuring you to alter your plans. That will only create hard feelings and resentment all around. Talk to Brianna and ask what she wants to do, but be firm about your future. Good luck.

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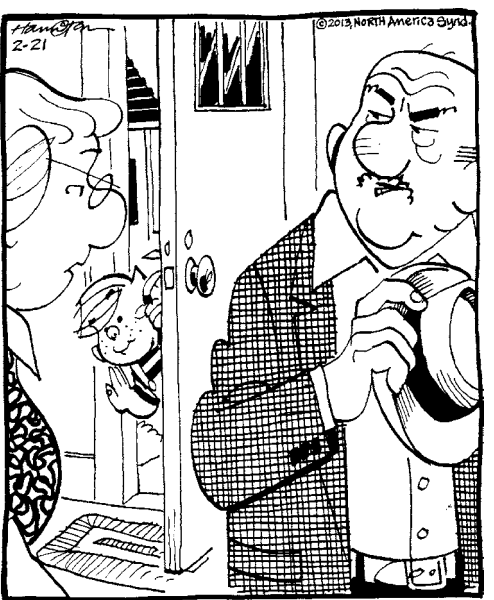


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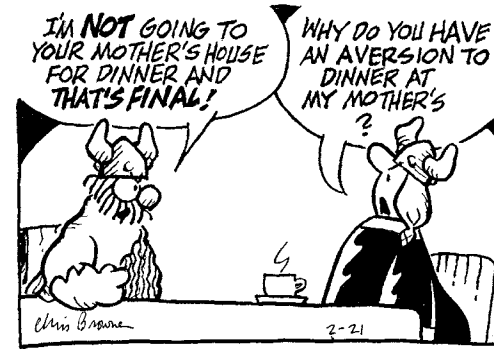
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"When I get to heaven, do I get to hug God or just shake His hand?"

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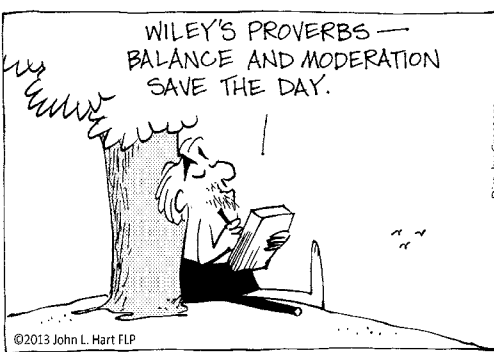
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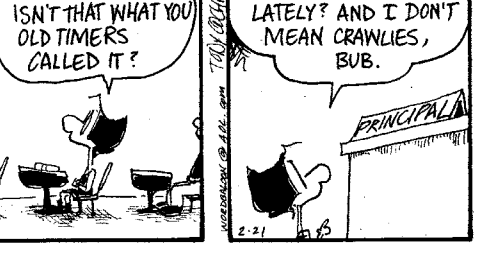
BUT YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO BE FAMOUS. "NOT ANY-MORE. ALL YOU HAVE TO BE IS ON TV!"

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SKIP IS REAL SMART. WATCH THIS. SIT! "ROLL OVER."

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FELLER COME BY AN' SAID HE HAD A FLAT TIRE !! "YA 'SPECT ME TO TURN DOWN A CRISP TWENNY?!"

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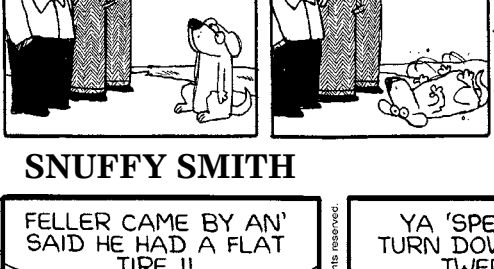
"I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE OSCARS SUNDAY NIGHT!" "ME NEITHER!" "WOULDN'T IT BE COOL TO BE AN ACTOR, BOSS, AND ACTUALLY WIN AN ACADEMY AWARD?"

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AS A SOLDIER ON THE FRONT LINES, I FACE DEATH ON A DAILY BASIS. "SO IT'S GREAT TO GET A VACATION FROM ALL OF THAT..." "AND FACE DEATH ALL OVER AGAIN..." "BLACK DIAMOND"

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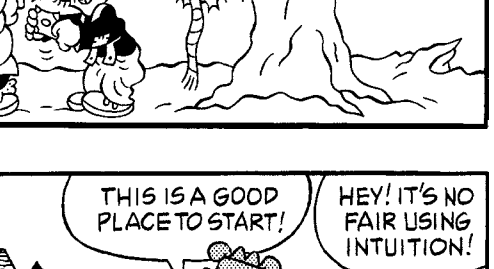
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2013. There are 313 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 21, 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries. On this date: In 1513, Pope Julius II, who had commissioned Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, died nearly four months after the project was completed. In 1862, Nathaniel Gordon became the first and only American slave-trader to be executed under the U.S. Piracy Law of 1820 as he was hanged in New York. In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated. In 1912, the Great Fifth Ward Fire broke out in Houston, Texas; although property losses topped \$3 million, no one was killed in the blaze. In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were able to prevail after 10 months of fighting. In 1925, The New Yorker magazine made its debut. In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men. In 1947, Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds. In 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside the Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing. In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down Libyan Arab Airlines Flight 114 over the Sinai Desert, killing all but five of the 113 people on board. In 1986, Larry Wu-tai Chin, the first American found guilty

ROCKY INLETS

of spying for China, killed himself in his Virginia jail cell. Today's Birthdays: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe is 89. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 80. Actor Gary Lockwood is 76. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 74. Actor Peter McEnery is 73. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 73. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 70. Actor Alan Rickman is 67. Actress Tyne Daly is 67. Actor Anthony Daniels is 67. Tricia Nixon Cox is 67. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 66. Rock musician Jerry Harrison (The Heads) is 64. Actress Christine Ebersole is 60. Actor William Patten is 60. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 58.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Subtly suggested
 - 6 Classification
 - 10 Kin of contractor
 - 14 French love
 - 15 Interstate H-1 locale
 - 16 Regard with care
 - 17 F. Scott's wife
 - 18 Kitchen roll
 - 19 Countess' spouse
 - 20 Answer a call, perhaps
 - 23 Smash into
 - 24 Bygone
 - 25 Fairy tale setting
 - 29 Chinese cuisine staple
 - 31 Boxer's "Back off"
 - 34 Island near Bonaire
 - 35 Calcutta wrap
 - 36 Tenor showcase
 - 37 Cold shoulder
 - 40 Convince
 - 41 Feedbag filler
 - 42 Oscar winner Witherspoon
 - 43 Twisty shape
 - 44 Airing
 - 45 Wheel cover
 - 46 One-fourth of quadri-
 - 47 Fuzzy flier
 - 48 Pay close attention
 - 57 Rights org.
 - 58 Willing
 - 59 Words to a kidder
- DOWN
- 2 Portent
 - 3 Payment at a plaza
 - 4 Volkswagen subsidiary
 - 5 Circular file
 - 6 Namely
 - 7 Outlandish tale
 - 8 Excellent, in recent slang
 - 9 Bliss
 - 10 Yet to come
 - 11 Within reach
 - 12 Contract detail
 - 13 Without purpose
 - 21 Jacket partner
 - 22 Caribou cousin
 - 25 Out of style
 - 26 First sign of spring
 - 27 Calms
 - 28 The second son
 - 29 Fourth sequel
 - 30 Mined-over matter
 - 31 Miser's motivation
 - 32 Hair treatment
 - 33 Star distributor
 - 35 "Now!"
 - 36 "You got that right!"
 - 38 Getting in shape
 - 39 Kids' play area
 - 44 United
 - 45 Finner's reward
 - 46 Full reversal
 - 47 Favre of football
 - 48 Of __ (recently)
 - 49 Hot-weather treats
 - 50 Sharp smack
 - 51 Mr. Peanut accessory
 - 52 Amiens associates
 - 53 "Nope!"
 - 54 Orpheus' instrument
 - 55 Potting-soil ingredient
 - 56 Caroling season

Answer to previous puzzle

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Protect your pet from contaminated food



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(Family Features) While millions of pets eat their food every day without a problem, news of pet food recalls and contamination can worry pet owners. Reports of dogs and cats becoming ill from food- and treat-related salmonella outbreaks and artificial contaminants getting into pet food can leave pet owners wondering what they can do to protect their beloved animals.

Fortunately, there are things you can do to minimize the risk of your pet consuming contaminated food.

Be Aware of Recalls

- You can find updated lists of recalled animal products on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website, www.fda.gov.
- Check the Humane Society's recall lists at www.humanesociety.org. You can also sign up for their free Pet of the Week newsletter to receive recall information.
- If you find out your pet food or treats have been recalled, immediately stop feeding them to your pet.
- Return the product to the store you bought it from for a refund, or throw it away in an area your pets cannot access.

If you think your pet may have eaten a recalled product, contact your veterinarian — even if your pet isn't showing symptoms.

If your pet becomes ill or dies because of a recalled food or treat, you can report it to the FDA

Consumer Complaint Coordinator in your state. You can find contact information on the FDA website.

Choose Pet Food Carefully

While pet food manufacturing is highly regulated in the United States, it pays to seek out manufacturers with rigorous quality and safety control measures in place at every stage of the manufacturing process.

"The ingredients in your pet's food should be subject to microbiological, sensory, chemical and foreign matter testing as appropriate to protect your pet and give you peace of mind," said Diane Loiselle, Vice President, Product Safety, Regulatory and Quality, Hill's Pet Nutrition, maker of Science Diet and Ideal Balance brand pet foods.

Loiselle said it's important to find out who actually makes the pet food. "Many people are surprised to learn that many manufacturers have their foods made by another company on the same machinery where other products are made. In the U.S., Hill's manufactures 100 percent of its dry pet food in its own plants."

In addition, Loiselle says that ingredient suppliers need to meet high safety standards. She said that Hill's, for example, only buys high quality ingredients from suppliers who have reliable safety procedures in place, which Hill's confirms with its own inspectors and testing.

If you have questions about your pet food and its manufacturing process, look for a toll-free number on the food packaging. Ask if they make their products at their own plants with their own employees. Reputable manufacturers should welcome questions and feedback about their products.

Practice Safe Pet Food Handling

Pet food can become contaminated with salmonella, especially raw foods of animal origin, such as raw beef, chicken, eggs, and raw hides or pig ear chews. Not only can salmonella make your pet sick, it can make you sick, as well. To minimize the risk of salmonella:

- Only buy products that have no visible signs of damage to the packaging.
- Don't prepare pet foods in the same area or with the same tools used to prepare human food.
- Store pet food properly - keep it in a closed container, and refrigerate it if it is moist.
- Wash your hands in warm, soapy water after touching your pet's feeding dishes.
- Wash and dry pet dishes and storage containers before refilling with fresh food.

Learn more about pet food safety and quality at www.HillsPet.com/PetFoodSafety.

Sudoku Answers on Page 12

sudoku

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

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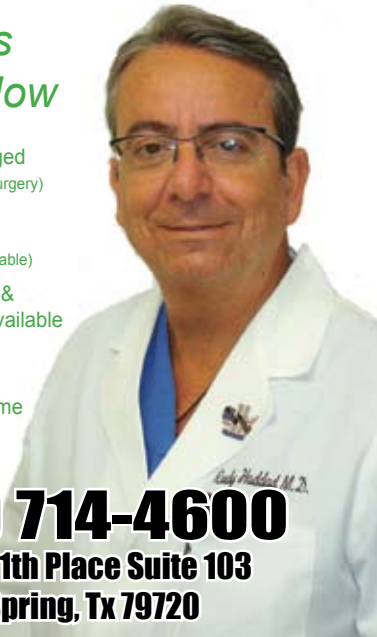
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Contract Bridge

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Larceny at the Crossroads

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 5 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A K 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

WEST
♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ 6

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

play?
South played the jack, but this did not fool East in the slightest. He knew that the jack had to be a false-card, and he therefore continued with the ace and another club to set the slam two tricks. East reasoned that the jack couldn't be a singleton, since West would have led the ten rather than the six had he held the 10-9-6.

At the second table, the Belgian South also found himself in six spades following a different sequence of bids. He too got the six-of-clubs lead, but when East took the trick with the king, South played the ten on it. This left East to ponder whether West had led the six from the J-9-6, or whether the six was actually a singleton.

East finally decided in favor of the former possibility and made the neutral return of a heart. This proved less than a howling success when declarer later discarded the J-9 of clubs on the A-K of diamonds and made the slam.

There is no doubt that the ten is the better play and offers the best chance of misleading the defense. The jack is wrong for the reason already mentioned, and so is the nine, since West would not lead the six from the J-10-6. Only the ten offers some hope of stealing the slam.

When you hold J-10-9 of a suit, they are, of course, all equal in value. Nevertheless, which of these cards you choose to play at a given point might determine the fate of a hand.

Take this deal played by France and Belgium in the European Championship some years ago. At the first table, a French pair reached six spades as shown, missing the A-K of clubs. West led his singleton club, won by East with the king. If you were South, which card would you

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Armstrong won't interview with USADA

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong will not do a tell-all interview under oath with the agency that exposed his performance-enhancing drug use and took his seven Tour de France titles.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency had told Armstrong he would have to reveal all knows about doping in cycling — a process officials expected would take several days — if he wanted to reduce his lifetime ban from sports.

Wednesday was the latest deadline for Armstrong to decide on USADA's offer. After negotiating with the agency for two months, he refused.

Armstrong attorney Tim Herman said the cyclist "will not participate in USADA's efforts to selectively conduct American prosecutions that only demonize selected individuals while failing to address the 95 percent of the sport over which USADA has no jurisdiction."

USADA chief executive Travis Tygart said the agency had expected Armstrong would agree to talk and would be "moving on" without him.

"Over the last few weeks he has led us to believe that he wanted

to come in and assist USADA, but was worried of potential criminal and civil liability if he did so," Tygart said. "Today we learned from the media that Mr. Armstrong is choosing not to come in and be truthful and that he will not take the opportunity to work toward righting his wrongs in sport."

Herman has said Armstrong is willing to participate in an international effort to clean up cycling, an effort that has broken down in spats between the International Cycling Union, the sport's governing body, and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"He will be the first man through the door, and once inside will answer every question, at an international tribunal formed to comprehensively address pro cycling, an almost exclusively European sport," Herman said.

For more than a decade, Armstrong denied using performance-enhancing drugs. But last year, USADA released a report that detailed extensive doping on his Tour de France-winning teams and stripped him of those victories. Armstrong then admitted last month in an interview with Oprah Winfrey that he doped to

win those races.

Tygart has accused Armstrong of lying in portions of that interview, most notably Armstrong's claim that he raced clean when he came out of retirement in 2009-2010. USADA's report says blood evidence shows Armstrong cheated during his comeback.

USADA also wants to question Armstrong under oath about whether cycling officials helped him cover up positive drug tests during his career, charges he continues to deny.

Beyond his problems with USADA, Armstrong still faces several legal challenges.

Armstrong was the subject of a two-year federal grand jury investigation that was dropped a year ago without an indictment, but the Department of Justice is still considering whether to join a federal whistle-blower lawsuit filed by former Armstrong teammate Floyd Landis.

Armstrong also has been sued by a Dallas-based SCA Promotions to recover more than \$12 million in bonuses. And he has been sued by The Sunday Times in London to recover a libel judgment that the cyclist won against the paper.

Rockets make 6-player trade with Kings

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets acquired No. 5 pick Thomas Robinson and forwards Francisco Garcia and Tyler Honeycutt from Sacramento on Wednesday for forward Patrick Patterson, center Cole Aldrich and point guard Toney Douglas.

Also Wednesday, the Rockets reached an agreement to send forward Marcus Morris to Phoenix for a future second-round pick, according to a person with knowledge of the deal. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because that trade had not been announced, pending league approval.

Patterson, Aldrich and Douglas walked out of the Toyota Center just as Houston was starting its game against Oklahoma City,

on the eve of the trading deadline. The Rockets came into the game holding the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference and the moves were unexpected.

The short-handed Rockets heard the news only 20 minutes before tipoff.

"It was definitely the weirdest game I've ever played in," said Houston forward Chandler Parsons. "It was hard to focus, it was hard to block (out) four friends leaving."

Houston rallied from 14 points down to beat the Thunder 122-119.

"A lot of distractions before the game," said James Harden, who scored a career-high 46 points. "I just rallied the guys together and told them to focus in on every play. It was going to be a tough game for us."

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but Mayo scrambled back to block Redick's layup. Mayo went the other way and threw a long alley-oop to Carter for a dunk that woke up a crowd wondering if Dallas' faint playoff hopes were fading for

good. After a miss by Redick, Collison found Carter in transition for a 3-pointer from the right wing that generated an even louder roar, and Collison took it himself after another Orlando miss, got fouled on a drive and hit both free throws to put Dallas ahead 80-79 with 1:06 left in the third.

"O.J. made it all happen," Carter said. "It was a great recovery. We need those multiple efforts if we want to win."

E'Twaun Moore hit a 3-pointer to put Orlando ahead 82-80, but Carter answered with another from long range to put Dallas in front for good.

"I thought the timing

of it couldn't have been more key to the game," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We were down six at the time and it was going to be eight. That's a huge swing."

After Carter's fourth 3-pointer put Dallas ahead 97-90, Nelson and Darren Collison got tangled up on a jump ball on the other end.

Nelson ended up leaving the game for good with a left knee injury, Collison easily won the jump and Carter assisted on a short jumper by Brandon Wright. After a miss by Afflalo, Carter had another assist on a dunk by Wright for a 101-90 Dallas lead.

Carter had his third assist on the run when he stole a pass in the backcourt after an Orlando rebound and flipped the ball behind his back to Marion for a dunk and a 106-90 lead. Carter finished with a season-high eight assists, and the Mavericks had 32, one shy of their best this season.

The Magic closed a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to two,

capitalizing on a 1-of-16 shooting stretch by the Mavericks after Dallas shot 64 percent in a 42-point first quarter, its highest-scoring quarter of the season.

Redick had a three-point play and another jumper to start Orlando's 21-7 run to get back in the game, but the Magic didn't score again in the first half after two free throws by Vucevic pulled them within 55-53 with 1:06 remaining.

With his name surfacing in trade rumors, Redick blew off a little steam after scoring 10 points on 3-of-12 shooting. He was 1 of 5 from 3-point range.

"For me, it's just annoying, if anything," Redick said. "No matter what happens, I want to play and not deal with this. It comes with the territory I guess. It's for the birds, though."

He did try to have a little fun with it, though.

"Three-way trade, Cincinnati Reds, Ravens and the Magic," Redick joked. "We're getting Flacco in a three-way trade. ... I'm going to the Reds to play second base."

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