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HC tuition compares favorably

Despite funding cuts in state aid

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Despite years of increasing pressure to tap local sources of revenue for its financing, Howard College tuition fees remain competitive compared to other community colleges in this area.

A Texas Association of Community College survey of tuition fees charged by West Texas junior colleges for the Spring 2013 semester shows Howard to be near the bottom of the scale, at least where in-district and in-state students are concerned.

For students living within the junior college district, HC charges tuition of \$78 per semester hour. In comparison, Midland College charges \$72 per semester hour, while Clarendon College tops the list at \$91.

For students whose home is outside the district, Howard charges \$113 per semester hour. Of the colleges surveyed, Cisco College had the smallest tuition rate for out-of-district students at \$99 per semester hour, while Vernon College topped the list at \$128.

When it comes to students who come from outside of Texas, however, Howard is the second most expensive community college in this area, charging tuition fees of \$164 per semester hour, trailing only Vernon at \$198. The cheapest area community college for out-of-state students is South Plains in Levelland, which charges \$121 per semester hour.

State-wide, community colleges charge an average of \$76 per hour for in-district stu-

"The most important thing we try to keep in mind when determining tuition and fees is keeping them as low as possible to benefit our students."



Sparks



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Howard College students work at computer stations at the college library this morning. HC tuition rates are competitive with those of other West Texas community colleges, a survey has shown.

dents, \$118 for out-of-district students and \$173 for out-of-state students, according to information released by TACC.

Howard President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the college has managed to remain competitive with its tuition fees despite years of decreased state

aid to two-year institutions. Information from TACC reveals that state aid to community colleges, as a percentage of the institutions' total budget, has shrunk from a high of 68 percent in 1980 to 29 percent in 2010. Tuition fees, meanwhile, have increased from 16 percent in 1980 to 32

percent in 2010, while the portion of a college's budget paid for by local taxes has increased from 16 percent in 1980 to 39 percent in 2010.

"And that was before the sizable decrease in state funding during the (2010)

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Courtesy poster

'Star Trek' reboot to air atop Big Spring State Park as Big Spring Film Society plans 2013 schedule.

COMING IN MAY

'Star Trek' charts course for Scenic Mountain

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

With warmer weather right around the corner, officials with the Big Spring Film Society are gearing up for another spring and summer of activities, including a pair of free, outdoor movie screenings.

According to Brandon

Johnson, film society chairman, the group plans to present its first screening May 11 atop the historic Scenic Mountain.

"We're really excited about this screening," Johnson said. "Virtually all of the screenings we've done during the past several years have been older films, sometimes

20 to 30 years old. However, May 11 we'll be presenting the 2009 reboot 'Star Trek,' directed by J.J. Abrams."

The film — which is rated PG-13 — stars Chris Pine ("Unstoppable," "This Means War") as the brash and legendary James T. Kirk, as he

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Pancake supper to benefit youth

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Flipping for flapjacks? Begging for bacon? Swooning for sausage?

If that's the case, the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring has a deal for you.

The club's annual Pancake Supper is scheduled for Friday evening at Howard College's cafeteria and you can eat your fill of the above-mentioned food items for only \$6.

Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the college cafeteria, located inside the student union building.

Tickets can be purchased at the door Friday or in advance at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce or from any Kiwanis Club member.

The supper is the club's major fundraiser during the year and has been a local mainstay for more than 60 years.

"This is a long-standing tradition," said club member Ann Duncan. "We have people who remember having

their grandparents take them and they have taken their children and grandchildren.

"This is something people look forward to each year and it's something we want to keep going as long as we can," Duncan added.

Money raised from the supper will be used to benefit youth-oriented service projects in Big Spring, including the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and Westside Day-care Center.

For more information, call 432-270-2218 or 432-466-4887.

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Obituaries

Betty Valiquette



Betty Valiquette, 71, of Midland died Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Danny Bisvee officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 21, 1942, in Stanton and grew up in Big Spring and attended school there. She met and married the love of her life, Harland, in 1958 and they were happily married for 40 years until his passing in 1998.

Betty adored being with her family and loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, making sure everyone always had what they needed. She always kept her family close, spoke her mind and always shared the truth. Betty loved animals, especially her dog, Honey. Everyone who knew Betty loved her dearly.

Betty was also the No. 1 Dallas Cowboys fan.

Survivors include one daughter, Cecilia Ann Valiquette Pontremoli; one son, Harland Joseph Valiquette, both of Midland; two sisters, Media Cunningham of Big Spring and Jolene Trolinder Starrak of Coleman; a brother-in-law, Bob Kennedy of Big Spring; a sister-in-law, Carol Meek of Odessa; three grandchildren, LaShawna Cherie Moyer Chamblee of Coleman, Vanessa Gayle Moyer of Midland and Terry Don Moyer of Espanola, N.M.; and six great-grandchildren, Joshua, Ashley, Brianna, Matthew, Kaitlin and Courtney.

Betty was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, James Hollis Meek; and a sister, Reba Kennedy.

The family suggests memorials be made to the National West Texas Chapter for Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1031 Andrews Highway, Midland TX 79701.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• JOSE DEJESUS BURCIAGA, 29, of 1443 Hilltop, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to report change of address/name.

• MARK ANTHONY CHAVERA, 24, of 1502 Chickasaw, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.

• PAUL EUGENE MERRELL, 59, of 1105 Stanford, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• TRISTAN MARCEL WARD, 21, of 711 Abrams, on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, no driver's license – when unlicensed (two counts), failure to appear (seven counts), disregarding a stop sign, expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• MORGAN DION AUSBIE, 18, of 2601 Langley, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• JAMAICA ZJORJE AUSBIE, 21, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone – two ounces or less.

• SALLY ANN GOMEZ, 35, of 1005 E. 15th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOLANDA SALAZAR FLORES, 56, of 1603 Hilltop, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of injury to a disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• ASSAULT was reported 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 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• GERALD GREEN JR., 48, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of assault causing bodily injury, theft of property – more than

\$50 and less than \$500, theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, bail jumping – failure to appear and interfering with an emergency phone call.

• OSWALDO SUBIA MARTINEZ, 59, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – second-degree felony.

• JOLANDA FLORES, 56, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of injury to a child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury.

• TRISTAN WARD, 21, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed (two counts), failure to appear (seven counts), disregarding a stop sign, expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

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Fire/EMS

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

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• My Redeemer Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane, will have a spring sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to raise funds for missions.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

• The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management departments will co-host a community-wide Sky Warn Spotter class on Thursday, March 21, from 7-9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers. The speaker will be Pat Vesper, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service. There is no cost for this class and it is open to the public.

• The annual Big Spring Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper will be held Friday, March 8, at the Howard College cafeteria. Serving is from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and to-go plates are available. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any Kiwanis Club member. For more information, contact Steve Reagan at 270-2218.

• 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 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

• 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

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 3/8	Sat 3/9	Sun 3/10
76/56	72/43	60/36
Showers in the morning with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 76F. Winds SSE at 20 to 30 mph.	Windy, isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:05 AM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM
Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunset: 6:51 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	72	58	rain	Kingsville	78	65	rain
Amarillo	72	50	t-storm	Livingston	73	54	cloudy
Austin	70	58	rain	Longview	71	52	cloudy
Beaumont	71	55	pt sunny	Lubbock	74	51	t-storm
Brownsville	82	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	75	54	cloudy
Brownwood	71	59	rain	Midland	77	57	t-storm
Corpus Christi	74	66	rain	Raymondville	84	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	67	54	cloudy	Rosenberg	73	60	cloudy
Dallas	68	55	rain	San Antonio	70	60	rain
Del Rio	78	63	t-storm	San Marcos	71	58	rain
El Paso	73	43	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	53	cloudy
Fort Stockton	81	53	pt sunny	Sweetwater	73	58	t-storm
Gainesville	64	52	rain	Tyler	71	53	cloudy
Greenville	67	52	rain	Weatherford	65	53	rain
Houston	73	60	cloudy	Wichita Falls	67	55	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	37	sunny	Minneapolis	38	30	cloudy
Boston	38	30	mixed	New York	41	32	mixed
Chicago	40	25	sunny	Phoenix	56	44	rain
Dallas	68	55	rain	San Francisco	57	44	mst sunny
Denver	55	31	cloudy	Seattle	52	36	mst sunny
Houston	73	60	cloudy	St. Louis	55	38	mst sunny
Los Angeles	58	45	rain	Washington, DC	49	35	windy
Miami	77	55	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 3/8	Sat 3/9	Sun 3/10
4	7	7
Moderate	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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., 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.

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A Rotary Group Study Exchange Group from Korea attended a recent Rotary Club meeting here. The group was in Big Spring for four days and took tours of Alon Refinery, Hotel Settles and other landmarks.

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Lawmaker seeks to overturn abortion waiting period

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Controversial new abortion restrictions have caused anguish but led few to turn away from the procedure, according to a study presented Wednesday by a state lawmaker who wants to repeal the restrictions.

“It’s just ridiculous that we do things to women to manipulate their minds instead of just trusting that they’ve already made a very difficult decision,” said Rep. Jessica Farrar, a Democrat from Houston. “Unfortunately, it has been a political issue. It has won people campaigns.”

Enacted in 2011 with two-thirds majority support in both chambers,

the restrictions require women seeking abortions to hear a doctor’s description of sonogram images, wait 24 hours and then return for the procedure. The law allows some exceptions, including cases of rape and incest. A group of doctors successfully challenged the policy on First Amendment grounds, but an appeals court reinstated the law.

Similar restrictions have been adopted in 29 other states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The new study, Impact of Abortion Restrictions in Texas, was performed by researchers at the University

of Texas in partnership with Ibis Reproductive Health, a Massachusetts research group that “aims to improve women’s reproductive autonomy.” They gathered survey results last year from more than 300 women who had completed their preliminary visits in Dallas, Houston, Austin, El Paso, McAllen and San Antonio.

The researchers reported a 10-15 percent decline in the number of abortions performed at several large clinics in the year after the law took effect. But Daniel Grossman, a researcher for Ibis, attributed the reduction to the logistical hurdles of traveling to two appointments, not the

psychological impact of the waiting periods and sonogram images.

The women in the survey reported traveling an average of 42 miles to obtain an abortion. Some traveled 400 miles.

On average, the women waited 3.7 days between consultation and procedure, with wait times dependent on aligning their own schedules with their doctors’ schedules.

Nearly a third of the women said the waiting period negatively affected their “emotional well-being,” but 89 percent of the women remained confident in their decision to have an abortion.

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session of the Texas Legislature,” Sparks said. “So the discrepancy is even greater now.”

At Howard, the percentage of its budget financed by state money shrunk from a high of 59 percent in 1992 to 40 percent in 2012. In that same time span, the percentage of the budget paid for by tuition and

other fees has grown from 17 percent to 38 percent, while the percentage paid for by local taxes has dropped from 25 percent to 21 percent.

That information, Sparks said, has to come with a bit of a disclaimer.

“You have to realize that our student population has shifted over the years,” she said. “In 1992, we didn’t have as many out-of-state students as we do now. Another reason for the increase in tuition percentages is that we’ve had

a significant increase in the number of students at our San Angelo campus.”

And those figures don’t include tuition for dual-credit enrollees — high school students who also take college courses. Howard charges in-district high school students \$164 per every three-hour course they take. Outside the district, that rate increased to \$250 for every three-hour course.

Dual-credit students comprise almost 25 percent of the

district’s total enrollment, Sparks estimated.

During the past 10 years, Howard has increased its tuition rates four times, most recently in 2011. Despite that, Sparks said hiking tuition is a measure of last resort for college officials when they craft the district’s yearly budget.

“What we try to do is, when we’re looking at tuition and fees, we consider other possible solutions first,” she said. “Tuition and fees is a revenue source, but it’s not our

first option.”

And Sparks vowed the college would continue that policy in the future.

“We’ll always strive to remain competitive in that area,” she said. “The most important thing we try to keep in mind when determining tuition and fees is keeping them as low as possible to benefit our students.”

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STAR TREK

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begins his long career captaining the starship Enterprise. Zachary Quinto (television’s “Heroes” and “24”) portrays the role of Spock, which was originally played by Hollywood legend Leonard Nimoy.

The film also features Karl Urban (“The Chronicles of Riddick,” “Ghost Ship”) as Bones, Zoe Saldana (“Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl,” and “Colombiana”) as Uhura and Simon Pegg (“Shaun of the Dead,” “Paul”) as Scotty.

“There are two things that made us want to screen this film first this year,” Johnson said. “We’ve wanted to screen another epic space movie for awhile now and this is indeed an epic film. Also, ‘Star Trek: Into Darkness,’ the sequel to the film, comes out the following weekend of May 22, so what better place to check the film out again than on top of Scenic Mountain?”

“J.J. Abrams just signed on to direct the sequel to ‘Star Wars: Return of the Jedi’ — yeah, it’s nuts that the guy who brought back Star Trek is now going to dive head first into the Star Wars universe — so

if you are excited to see what this guy is going to do with Star Wars, you can come get an idea up on the mountain.”

Johnson said the film society is also planning a bit of a rabbit-raucous for the end of the season.

“We are also planning to screen ‘Who Framed Roger Rabbit’ from Robert Zemeckis, the director of the Back to the Future Trilogy and ‘Forrest Gump’ and producer Steven Spielberg,” he said. “We are most likely going to screen this film somewhere downtown.”

“This film was one of the first feature length films that starred real, live people and animated characters, but the other crazy thing about it was they licensed characters from all the studios. There is an incredible dueling-pianos scene between Daffy Duck and Donald Duck. We’re not sure on the date for Roger Rabbit yet, but we should know within the next couple of months.”

Johnson said concessions will be provided on-site for both screenings, with movie-goers

only needing to bring a few things to make the evening a fun time.

“The main thing people are going to need to bring is a lawn chair,” Johnson said. “Some folks may also want to bring some insect repellent because you never really know how bad the mosquitoes are going to be. Other than that, just bring the family and get ready to have some fun.”

Johnson said the screenings — which the local film society has been putting on each summer season for several years now — offer families and friends a chance to enjoy something different from the daily humdrum.

“There’s just something about seeing your favorite movies outdoors, with all of

your friends and family around that makes it a really good time,” Johnson said. “We have the inflatable screen and the HD projector, as well as some terrific sound.”

“For a lot of parents and their children, these screenings will become memories they will carry with them into the future. Not only will the kids remember the film and being able to watch it outside, but they will also remember

their friends and family and what a good time they had. That’s really important, in my opinion.”

For more information on the screenings — or volunteering or being a sponsor — contact Johnson at 432-213-0758 or by e-mail at cruiser1977@gmail.com. More information is also available at www.bigspringfilm.org

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Let us wake up each day, dear Lord, thinking of You.

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Spare the hype of 'budget armageddon'

Barack Obama's strategy going into the scheduled sequestration was to hit the panic button, over and over again, putting the very Obama-friendly media into a heavy rotation of disaster metaphors.

"Hours, now, until massive government cuts go into effect that could impact every American. Jobs vaporizing, flights delayed, even criminals walking free," warned ABC morning anchor Josh Elliott. On screen were the words "BUDGET ARMAGEDDON."

The only people being released from jails were about 2,000 illegal immigrants who were facing deportation. The Department of Homeland Security released them, citing "looming budget cuts." That's just more gamesmanship. Put another quarter in the panic jukebox.

"Like the asteroid headed to earth, they're coming! Eighty-six billion in automatic budget cuts. And don't bother trying to duck," hyped CNN anchor Carol Costello. "So we let these draconian budget cuts take place. You know who's going to suffer the most? It's not going to be Congress. It's not going to be the president. It's going to be us."

"Kids without vaccines, schools without teachers and massive airport delays — we'll show you the worst-case scenario for government spending cuts," CBS morning host Charlie Rose read off the Panic Prompter.

It sounded a little like Bill Murray in "Ghostbusters" when he was whimsically warning: "Fire and brimstone coming down from the skies! Rivers and seas boiling! Human sacrifice, dogs and cats living together ... mass hysteria!"

Media Research Center analysts reviewed all of the 88 sequestration stories on ABC, CBS and

NBC from Feb. 14 through March 1 when the "cuts" took effect and found 58 (66 percent) were dominated by panic nonsense, without a second of rebuttal of common sense. Another 10 stories offered the same hyperbole but at least included a few seconds of the skeptical view that the sequestration reductions weren't huge and their effects were being overhyped.

But for people who read newspapers, there was another worst-case scenario coming.

"The good news is the world doesn't end March 2. The bad news is, the world doesn't end March 2," liberal lobbyist Emily Holubowich told the Washington Post. "The worst-case scenario for us is the sequester hits and nothing bad really happens. And Republicans say: 'See, that wasn't so bad.'"

There is no daylight between the views of liberal lobbyists and the national news media.

This was the same game Bill Clinton played against the conservatives in Congress in the mid-1990s. The liberals are always presumed to have the upper hand in the blame game because the liberals have a very large Blame Machine known as the media.

ABC's Jack Smith unloaded this dire warning at the end of 1995: "Monuments and national parks are shut. So are museums. A long-awaited rare exhibit of the Dutch painter Vermeer at the National Gallery, eight years in the making, is closed. And the shutdown now has a human face. Joe Skattleberry and his wife Lisa both work for the government. Both have been furloughed. They can't afford a Christmas tree."

Please suspend all reason and try to avoid wondering how two federal workers couldn't spare \$50 for a Christmas tree. Smith reported this a week into the shutdown and before paychecks were even delayed.

On Jan. 2, 1996, future "CBS Evening News" anchor Scott Pelley compared budget negotiators to bombers: "In April, terrorists tried to kill them. Today, politi-

cians stopped their paychecks. In Oklahoma City's Social Security office, they're being ordered to work for nothing. ... The bomb broke Beverly Rankin's ankle. Politics is breaking her bank."

They called this a "newscast." It sounded more like CBS started a super PAC to run negative ads against Newt Gingrich. They wonder why a strong majority now tells pollsters that the media is guilty of favoring one side. The favoritism isn't just obvious it's completely shameless.

We've lived through four years of Obama, and as the federal government overspent us into trillion-dollar deficits every year, no reporter hit a panic button. The Federal Reserve is printing money like it's making Monopoly games, and no journalist is reporting with their hair on fire. The tax burden on most Americans went up this year, and no one took a camera and a microphone to interview someone who'll get by on a few less thousand dollars this year.

Our journalists talk like they're not only willing marionettes for the Obama panic message but like they're addicts for ever-growing government. Every potential spending limitation is portrayed as a dire and cruel assault on the suffering. In the statist mindset of the media elites, an American can never suffer from more government, only from less.

Americans won't feel these GOP-made disasters because they won't happen. They will, however, remember the hype. Perhaps the press will understand why only 6 percent of the public finds them "very trustworthy."

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GOP wants crazy after all these years

In politics, snubs are more important than invites.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican and social conservative, has been refused a speaking spot at the Conservative Political Action Conference to be held next week just outside Washington, D.C.

CPAC, as it is known, is the Ames Straw Poll without the fun.

The Ames Straw Poll held in Iowa has free drinks, free eats, free face painting and free country music, followed by a bunch of speeches and a meaningless presidential straw poll.

CPAC has a bunch of speeches and a meaningless presidential straw poll.

Previous CPAC straw poll winners have included President Jack Kemp (three times), President Phil Gramm, President Steve Forbes, President Gary Bauer, President Rudy Giuliani, President George Allen, President Ron Paul (twice) and President Mitt Romney (four times.)

Winning the CPAC straw poll would be a kiss of death except that two winners — Ronald Reagan (three times) and George W. Bush (once) — actually survived it and went on to the Oval Office.

Statistically, it is far better to lose the straw poll than to win it, which may be why Christie says he is not upset by his being snubbed. "It's not like I'm lacking for invitations to speak around the country," he said.

Christie is being punished because he appeared in public with President Obama to thank him for Hurricane Sandy relief for New Jersey and also because Christie later berated Republicans in Congress because they

held up that relief.

But that is only part of it: Christie is being snubbed because he is a winner in a party that embraces losing as a sign of faith and purity.

Two of the major speakers at CPAC will be — drum roll, please — Sarah Palin and Mitt Romney.

The CPAC 2013 official motto is: "America's Future: The Next Generation of Conservatives."

It is a little hard to see, however, how either Palin or Romney represents America's future or the next generation of conservatives.

Palin can't hold onto a job even at Fox News. And while I know a number of people who would like Romney to run again in 2016, they all happen to be Democrats.

Romney went on TV recently to disprove rumors that he has been spending the last few months in a hotel suite in Vegas shuffling around with Kleenex boxes on his feet.

Romney spoke to Chris Wallace on Fox News about something Romney has just discovered: There was a "passion gap" in the last election between Republicans and Democrats.

Anybody who watched the Republican and the Democratic conventions last year saw a big difference in enthusiasm. As I also wrote last year, at campaign speech after campaign speech, people would shout out, "We love you!" to Barack Obama, but I never heard anybody shout that out to Mitt Romney.

This caught Romney totally by surprise on Election Day. "You know, we certainly had the passion coming from our side, and I don't think we were as aware of the passion that was coming from the other side," Romney said. "I think we were a little blindsided by that."

So what can CPAC and the

Republican Party learn from this? It might learn that passion counts. It might also learn, as I have written repeatedly, that the more likable candidate almost always wins the presidency.

So who has CPAC lined up to speak besides Palin and Romney? Rand Paul, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich, Paul Ryan, Marco Rubio, Bobby Jindal and Jeb Bush.

That is a pretty broad field, ranging from wacky to serious, so why is Chris Christie barred from it? Because he is a Republican governor in a Democratic state and has an approval rating of 74 percent, that's why.

As a Republican actually attracting Democrats and independents, he is suspect in the eyes of conservatives.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that CPAC was showing a "suicidal death wish" by snubbing Christie and that it "writes off CPAC as a serious force."

"If you can't accept Chris Christie as a conservative, then you're really just asking for another election loss in 2016," King said. "And it makes us look crazy in the eyes of the American people."

But King misreads his party. To many hardcore Republicans, the party has wasted nomination after nomination on wishy-washy mock conservatives who are not true believers and who are not willing to drink the Kool-Aid.

Crazy? Crazy is what a lot of Republicans yearn for.

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News in brief

DNA links ex-inmate to death of alleged accomplice

HOUSTON (AP) — DNA has linked a newly freed inmate to the 2006 slaying of an alleged accomplice in a Houston-area utility and robbery scam. The Harris County Sheriff's Office on Thursday announced Alvin Wiltz has been charged with capital murder.

Wiltz was arrested Wednesday — a day after being released from prison in a drug case. Online jail records don't list an attorney for Wiltz, who's being held without bond in the slaying of Jermaine Clemons.

Homeowner Oscar Richmond awoke when Clemons knocked on his door, falsely claimed to be a utility worker and told him to evacuate due to a gas leak. Richmond knew his neighborhood didn't have natural gas and he got his gun.

The pair fought before a second suspect opened fire — wounding Richmond and fatally shooting Clemons.

Pharmacist allegedly sold drugs from Texas home

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A North Texas pharmacist has been charged with selling prescription drugs from her home after her business closed.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that Esther Chinedozi Amaka of Arlington is charged with diverting controlled substances. Denton police last month raided her residence.

Online jail records do not list an attorney for Amaka, who was booked Feb. 13 and released the following day on \$50,000 bond.

State regulators say narcotics turned up missing from a Denton pharmacy before Express Rx closed in 2012 at its licensed location. Amaka, who's listed as the owner and head pharmacist, allegedly then dispensed drugs from her home.

Texas woman gets 30 years for boyfriend slaying

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas woman who in 1996 fatally stabbed her boyfriend and argued self-defense has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for killing another suitor.

A judge in San Antonio on Wednesday sentenced Beatrice Ann Ibanez of Van Ormy. Ibanez in January pleaded no contest to murder in the 2011 death of Alfredo Ramirez — who had a record of assaulting her.

Ibanez told police she killed Ramirez in self-defense but later said she stabbed him as he slept.

The San Antonio Express-News reports Ibanez, while known as Beatrice Trevino Hernandez, was investigated in the 1996 slaying of Jesse R. Cardenas. Ibanez told police she was beaten by Cardenas and stabbed him in self-defense. Charges were dropped.

Ibanez says she was drinking alcohol before both slayings.

2 San Antonio fires prompted hotel evacuations

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dozens of firefighters have battled two downtown San Antonio building blazes in apparent unrelated incidents.

The San Antonio Fire Department says nobody was hurt in Wednesday night's fire that destroyed a vacant building or in a commercial building fire early Thursday. Authorities are trying to determine the causes of both blazes.

Investigators say the initial fire in a two-story building prompted evacuation of a neighboring Travelers Hotel. The second fire happened several hours later about a block away, forcing the evacuation of the nearby Indigo Hotel.

Department spokesman Christian Bove says there does not appear to be a connection between the two fires.

Texan gets fine, probation in whooping crane death

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A Dallas man has been sentenced to a year of probation after he pleaded guilty to killing a whooping crane, a federally protected species of endangered waterfowl.

Worthey D. Wiles pleaded guilty in Corpus Christi on Wednesday to violating the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. U.S. Magistrate Janice Ellington also ordered Wiles to pay a \$5,000 fine and a \$10,000 community-service payment to the nonprofit Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuges.

Court papers show Wiles was a guest hunter at a Rockport hunting club when he shot and killed the juvenile crane. He told game wardens he thought the whooper was a sandhill crane.

Whooping cranes are among the world's rarest birds with a total popula-

tion of about 437 in the wild.

Planned Parenthood to rally at Texas Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Planned Parenthood is holding its annual lobbying day at the Capitol — despite a vote by the Legislature to bar it from getting state funding and a possible vote to keep it out of Texas sex education classes.

The organization expects hundreds to attend the Thursday rally featuring actress Stephanie March from "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Its supporters will then fan out to lobby lawmakers.

The Republican-controlled Legislature targeted Planned Parenthood in 2011 when it outlawed state funds for organizations linked to abortion providers. Then, on Tuesday, the Senate Education Committee began mulling a bill barring Planned Parenthood from teaching sex education in public schools.

Planned Parenthood has affiliated health educators who have taught sex education in some school districts statewide, but the practice isn't widespread.

Dallas DA due in court on misconduct allegations

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins is due in court to answer misconduct allegations by attorneys for an oil fortune heir charged with mortgage fraud.

A state appeals court denied Watkins' request to stay Thursday's hearing in the case of Al Hill III.

Watkins didn't attend a hearing last month, saying he was ill and didn't believe he should have to answer why his office was prosecuting Hill. However, Hill's attorneys say the DA is targeting their client as a favor to a Watkins friend and political donor.

Watkins' spokeswoman, Debbie Denmon, said that barring any other court action, Watkins would appear in the courtroom Thursday. But she wouldn't say if he'll testify.

3 more former drug task force members indicted

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted three more former South Texas law enforcement officers on drug conspiracy charges Wednesday, bringing to seven the number of members of a now-disbanded drug task force to face charges.

The superseding indictment added three more former Hidalgo County sheriff's deputies who were members of the so-called Panama Unit, a joint task force between that agency and the Mission Police Department targeting street-level drug sales in that South Texas city, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

Also added to the case were Fernando Guerra Sr. and Fernando Guerra Jr., who had been separately charged last month. According to documents filed in the elder Guerra's original case, he sat atop a drug trafficking ring that employed corrupt police to steal drugs from other traffickers. Guerra Sr. told the confidential informant that whoever was responsible for delivering the cocaine to him at the pre-determined location would be stopped by corrupt police officers and arrested.

"According to Guerra Sr. and Fernando Guerra Jr., the driver would be charged with only a portion of the narcotics and the rest would be given to Guerra Sr. and Guerra Jr. by the corrupt law enforcement officials," according to documents filed in that case. The elder Guerra would then sell the stolen cocaine and give the confidential informant 30 percent of the proceeds.

Trials delayed for man with hacking group ties

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man once affiliated with the global hacking collective Anonymous is now scheduled for trial in September after a judge granted his request for a delay.

Barrett Lancaster Brown faces three federal indictments against him. The first came after he posted tweets and YouTube videos that ripped op-

ponents and lashed out at law enforcement. The charges against him now include aggravated identity theft and concealing evidence.

Brown's attorney Doug Morris asked for more time to evaluate the evidence against his client, and U.S. District Judge Sam Lindsay granted his requests.

Brown's trial on one indictment is Sept. 3, while trials are set for Sept. 23 on the second and third indictments.

Ex-Marine pleads guilty to defrauding charities

DALLAS (AP) — A former Marine has pleaded guilty to mail fraud after admitting that he lied that he'd suffered battle injuries in order to defraud charities of thousands of dollars to feed a golf habit.

A Justice Department statement says Michael Duye Campbell entered his plea on Wednesday before a federal judge in Dallas. The Houston man faces up to 20 years in prison when sentenced June 19.

Campbell defrauded charities out of at least \$40,000.

The 30-year-old Campbell lived in the Dallas area as recently as 2010. Military records show he served in the Marine Corps from 2000 to 2004, but the records do not support his claim to have been a combat veteran who suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Texas awards \$60K in contest to kill hogs

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — More than 7,150 feral hogs were killed as part of a competition to curb their numbers in Texas and limit the hundreds of millions of dollars in damage caused to crops and ranchland every year, state agriculture officials said Wednesday.

The Texas Department of Agriculture awarded Sutton County in West Texas the \$20,000 first-place prize in the Hog Out Challenge that ran from October through December.

Five other counties will share the remainder of the \$60,000 in awards.

"Texans respond to a challenge, which is why I initiated a competition to reduce the numbers of hogs in the state," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said in a statement to The Associated Press on Wednesday. "With no natural predator and the ability to reproduce rapidly, these hogs will continue to cost Texas millions of dollars if they are not eradicated and controlled in a coordinated, statewide effort."


The standings were based on a formula that considers the number of animals killed along with participation by ranchers, landowners and others in educational programs to learn techniques to keep the hogs' numbers down.

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N. Korea threatens nuke strike against U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea vowed on Thursday to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the United States, amplifying its threatening rhetoric hours ahead of a vote by U.N. diplomats on whether to level new sanctions against Pyongyang for its recent nuclear test.

An unidentified spokesman for Pyongyang's Foreign Ministry said the North will exercise its right for "a preemptive nuclear attack to destroy the strongholds of the aggressors" because Washington is pushing to start a nuclear war against the North.

Although North Korea boasts of nuclear bombs and pre-emptive strikes, it is not thought to have mastered the ability to produce a warhead small enough to put on a missile capable of reaching the U.S. It is believed to have enough nuclear fuel, however, for several crude nuclear devices.

Such inflammatory rhetoric is common from North Korea, and especially so in recent days. North Korea is angry over the possible sanctions and over upcoming U.S.-South Korean military drills. At a mass rally in Pyongyang on Thursday, tens of thousands of North Koreans protested the U.S.-South Korean

war drills and sanctions.

Army Gen. Kang Pyo Yong told the crowd that North Korea is ready to fire long-range nuclear-armed missiles at Washington.

"Intercontinental ballistic missiles and various other missiles, which have already set their striking targets, are now armed with lighter, smaller and diversified nuclear warheads and are placed on a standby status," Kang said. "When we shell (the missiles), Washington, which is the stronghold of evils, ... will be engulfed in a sea of fire."

The U.N. Security Council is set to impose a fourth round of sanctions against Pyongyang in a fresh attempt to rein in its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, the current council president, said the council would vote on the draft sanctions resolution Thursday morning.

The resolution was drafted by the United States and China, North Korea's closest ally. The council's agreement to put the resolution to a vote just 48 hours later signaled that it would almost certainly have the support of all 15 council members.

The statement by the North

Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman was carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

It accused the U.S. of leading efforts to slap sanctions on North Korea. The statement said the new sanctions would only advance the timing for North Korea to fulfill previous vows to take "powerful second and third countermeasures" against its enemies. It hasn't elaborated on those measures.

The statement said North Korea "strongly warns the U.N. Security Council not to make another big blunder like the one in the past when it earned the inveterate grudge of the Korean nation by acting as a war servant for the U.S. in 1950."

North Korea demanded the U.N. Security Council immediately dismantle the American-led U.N. Command that's based in Seoul and move to end the state of war that exists on the Korean Peninsula, which continues six decades after fighting stopped because an armistice, not a peace treaty, ended the war.

In anticipation of the resolution's adoption, North Korea earlier in the week threatened to cancel the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War.

North Korean threats have become more common as tensions have escalated following a rocket launch by Pyongyang in December and its third nuclear test on Feb. 12. Both acts defied three Security Council resolutions that bar North Korea from testing or using nuclear or ballistic missile technology and from importing or exporting material for these programs.

U.S. U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice said the proposed resolution, to be voted on at 10 a.m. EST (1500 GMT), would impose some of the strongest sanctions ever ordered by the United Nations.

The final version of the draft resolution, released Wednesday, identified three individuals, one corporation and one organization that would be added to the U.N. sanctions list if the measure is approved.

The targets include top officials at a company that is the country's primary arms dealer and main exporter of ballistic missile-related equipment, and a national organization responsible for research and development of missiles and probably nuclear weapons.

The success of a new round of sanctions could depend on enforcement by China,

where most of the companies and banks that North Korea is believed to work with are based.

The United States and other nations worry that North Korea's third nuclear test pushed it closer to its goal of gaining nuclear missiles that can reach the U.S. The international community has condemned the regime's nuclear and missile efforts as threats to regional security and a drain on the resources that could go to North Korea's largely destitute people.

The draft resolution condemns the latest nuclear test "in the strongest terms" for violating and flagrantly disregarding council resolutions, bans further ballistic missile launches, nuclear tests "or any other provocation," and demands that North Korea return to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. It also condemns all of North Korea's ongoing nuclear activities, including its uranium enrichment.

But the proposed resolution stresses the council's commitment "to a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution" and urged a resumption of six-party talks with the aim of denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula "in a peaceful manner."

News in brief

Kentucky senator uses rare filibuster to block vote on President Obama's nominee to lead CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator and tea party favorite from Kentucky used an old-style filibuster lasting nearly 13 hours to take control of the chamber and block Senate confirmation of John Brennan's nomination to be CIA director.

Sen. Rand Paul ended his filibuster Thursday shortly after midnight, but Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, also a Kentucky Republican, said he would continue to oppose Brennan's confirmation and resist ending the debate on President Barack Obama's nominee to lead the spy agency.

Paul's performance, which centered on questions about the possible use of drones against targets in the United States, clearly energized a number of his GOP colleagues, who came to the floor in a show of support and to share in the speaking duties. And even as the night progressed, Paul appeared invigorated despite being on his feet for so long. Actual talking filibusters have become rare in the Senate, where the rules are typically used in procedural ways to block the other party's agenda.

After Paul yielded the floor, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., filed a motion to cut off debate on Brennan's nomination, setting up a vote for later this week.

Russian dancer accused in attack on Bolshoi ballet chief denies ordering use of acid

MOSCOW (AP) — The star dancer accused of masterminding the attack on the Bolshoi ballet chief acknowledged Thursday that he gave the go-ahead for the attack, but told a Moscow court that he did not order anyone to throw acid on the artistic director's face.

The judge, however, refused to release Bolshoi soloist Pavel Dmitrichenko on bail and ordered him held until at least April 18.

Ballet chief Sergei Filin's face and eyes suffered severe burns in the Jan. 17 attack, which exposed a culture of deep intrigue and infighting at the famed theater.

Dmitrichenko said he had complained about the ballet chief to an acquaintance, who offered to "beat him up."

"It's not true that I ordered him to throw acid at Filin," the 29-year-old dancer told the court, speaking from a cage. He said he had never intended for the attack to cause such bodily harm.

Prospects shaky for expanding background checks as Senate panel ready to vote on gun curbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's prospects for winning near-universal background checks for gun purchases seemed shaky as the Senate Judiciary Committee prepared for Congress'

first votes on curbing firearms since December's horrific shootings at a Connecticut elementary school.

The Democratic-led panel had four bills on its agenda Thursday as lawmakers began shaping their response to the slaughter of 20 first-graders and six staffers in Newtown, Conn. The shootings elevated guns to a top-tier national issue, though many of Obama's proposals have encountered opposition from the National Rifle Association and many Republicans.

Besides expanding background checks, the other measures would ban assault weapons and ammunition magazines carrying more than 10 rounds, make gun trafficking and the purchase of firearms for people barred from owning them federal crimes, and provide more money for schools to buy video cameras and other safety equipment.

All four measures were expected to pass the committee, perhaps Thursday. But their fate when the full Senate considers them, probably in April, was less certain. The trafficking measure by panel Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., was thought to have the best prospects and the assault weapons ban by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., seemed to have the slimmest chance.

Philippines cardinal taps Facebook, TV and serenades on rapid rise toward papal buzz

IMUS, Philippines (AP) — Asia's most prominent Roman Catholic leader knows how to reach the masses: He sings on stage, preaches on TV, brings churchgoers to laughter and tears with his homilies. And he's on Facebook.

But Philippine Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle's best response against the tide of secularism, clergy sex abuse scandals and rival-faith competition could be his reputation for humility. His compassion for the poor and unassuming ways have impressed followers in his homeland, Asia's largest Catholic nation, and church leaders in the Vatican.

Tagle's rising star has opened a previously unimaginable possibility: An Asian pope.

The Filipino prelate's chances are considered remote, as many believe that Latin America or Africa — with their faster growing Catholic flocks — would be more logical choices if the papal electors look beyond Europe. But even the hint of papal consideration has electrified many in the heavily Catholic Philippines, where past pontiffs had been welcomed by millions with rock-star intensity.

Multitudes bring late President Chavez 'home' to military academy after emotional procession

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Hugo Chavez has been carried back to the military academy where he started his army career, his flag-draped coffin lying in state in the echoing halls until Friday's fu-

neral.

As a band played the hymn from his first battalion, a long ribbon of tearful mourners numbering in the hundreds of thousands bid farewell to the larger-than-life leader Wednesday after a procession carried his casket through Caracas.

With the entire government, including anointed successor Nicolas Maduro, caught up in the seven-hour procession, there were few answers to the most pressing question facing the country — the timing of a presidential election that must be called within a month.

Efforts to avoid gov't shutdown move to Senate as Obama seeks talks on bigger budget deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to stave off a late March government shutdown shifted to the Senate after House Republicans swiftly passed legislation to keep federal agencies running, while also easing some of the effects of \$85 billion in budget cuts.

The House legislation, approved Wednesday on a bipartisan vote, is the first step toward averting a possible fiscal showdown this month. If another budget crisis can be avoided, it could clear the way for lawmakers and President Barack Obama to restart talks on a longer-term deficit reduction plan.

That was Obama's focus during a rare dinner with a dozen Republican senators Wednesday night at a hotel near the White House. While no real breakthroughs appeared to emerge from the two-hour meal, the mere fact that it happened was significant given the lack of direct engagement between Obama and rank-and-file Republicans over the past two years.

White House and congressional aides said the president and lawmakers had a good exchange of ideas centered on how they could work together to tackle the nation's fiscal problems.

Volunteer intern fatally mauled at California wild animal park after entering lion's enclosure

DUNLAP, Calif. (AP) — Authorities are trying to determine what provoked a lion at an exotic animal park in Central California to attack and maul to death a 24-year-old woman, who had been on the job as an intern there for just a few weeks.

Authorities said the woman was attacked and killed when she entered the male African lion's enclosure at Cat Haven about 45 miles east of Fresno.

Sheriff's deputies responding to an emergency call from Cat Haven found the woman severely injured and still lying inside the enclosure with the lion nearby, Fresno County sheriff's Lt. Bob Miller said.

Another park worker couldn't lure the lion into another pen, so deputies shot and killed it to safely reach the wounded woman. But she died at the scene, Miller said.

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"A-B" Honor roll

Julia Arguilar, August Alexander, Hannah Alsobrooks, Miriam Bruer, Bryson Burt, Leah Burton, Neve Campbell, Jennifer Campos, Janessa Canales, Tommy Chavarria, Ashlen Eckert, Bailee Fleet, Morgan Flores, Destinee Fowler, Mary Gomez, Stormie Grigg, Tylar Hale, Taylor Jones, Kolton Knudson, Kiowa Lesser, Joshua Long, Sarah Marshall, Haley Mize, Ethan Morelion, Clara Morris, Mia Oliva, Makenzie Roberts, Micaiah Rodgers, Daniel Rodriguez, Anthony Romero, Raul Romo, Tiffani Ruiz, George Viera, Garrett Wingington and Victoria Yanez.

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Sixth Grade: McKenna Alsobrooks, Analisa Blount, Chloe Bustamante, Brian Carroll, James Davis, Shawn Gaitan, Isabella Gonzales, Noah King, Nathaniel Letz, Gabriella Lopez, Cooper Miller, Jason Miramontes, Alexis Mojica, Kayleigh Penny, Alanna Salinas and Robert Sotelo.

Seventh Grade: Abbey Bryan, Katherine Johnson, Trinady Joslin, Nolan Otto, Keana Pena, Luke Soldan, Gek-Lyn Tan, Arianna Tijerina, Brooklyn Tubb, Jaren Walsh, Judy Wentz and Aubrey Wright.

Eighth Grade: Andi Armstrong, Holder Biemeret, Braylee Cantu, Aaron Carroll, Donovan Clark, Danielle Conner, Danielle Davis, Ryan Dimidjian, Emily Hernandez, Addie Jimenez, Daniel Jimenez, Jonathan King, Austin Lopez, Megan Magallanes, Kaitlyn Matthews, Alma Pina, Justin Rider, Faith Roberson, Ysabel Soliz, Alexess Sosa, Brandi Villa, Katie Wash and Makenzie Word.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Bryson Allen, Mikal Banks, Brett Berringer, Aliana Beserra, Lexsie Brehm, Logan Brinlee, Reagan Brockman, Chance Carroll, Mikayla Castillo-Timms, Jesusita Cerda, Jocelyn Chagoya, Alyssa Chavez, Madison Compean, Alysya Cordova, Quade Creswell, Joshua Crosby, Samara Daniels, Aariah Dela Cruz, Deangelo Diaz, Joseph Doll, Austin Douglas and Aleksander Duenes.

Nathan Enochs, Alec Espinosa, Luxie Evans, Jack Everett, Jimmy Faz, Braiden Feaster, Ryan Fite, Donuven, Flores, Vadajha Franks, Aryssa Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Chesney Gillespie, Chaside Gonzales, Christopher Grisham, Mason Harrington, Emily Hendricks, Myda Hernandez, Abel Hinojos, Hallie Hyatt, Christopher Ibanez, Travis Johnson, Dakota Jones and Christopher Ledesma. Jasmine Leos, Xavier Leos, Jason Lopez, Pedro Luna, Litz Maldonado, Erynn Marquez, Manuel Marquez, Blake Marshall, Aries Martinez, Armando Martinez, Brendan Martinez, Cassidy Martinez, Dominic Martinez, Kailey Mathews, Karleigh Moore, Sarah Munoz, Tessa Newton, trinity Newton, Lexi Orgeda, Abigail Olivares, Arianna Ornelas, Isaac Ortega and Fe Perez.

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Seventh Grade: Joanna Alvarez, Valerie Arview, Zakariah Baker, James Barton, Danica Bishop, Austin Brock, Kassidy Cadenhead, Cassidy Casey, Dylan Claude, Carlos Correa, Rainey Delozier, Nolan Dominguez, Jordan Dunn, Alexis Gaitan, Kloe Gang and Ashley Gonzalez.

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Eighth Grade: Caitlin Aaron, Christopher Adwell, Jaci Aguilar, Joe Alvear, Marcus Arredondo, Aaron Blackshear, Brantz Burchett, Krista Cannady, Camron Carey, Natalie Ceballos, Brett Cervantez, Orlando Chavera, Taylor Christian, Haley Davidson, Olivia Davis, Garrett Feaster, Breezy Fleet, Brandi Flores, Destiny Franco, Klarissa Franco, Elene Gonzalez Hernandez, Jasmine Grosse, Mary Grumbles, Zachary Hamby, Devon Hocog, Osacr Jackson, Jacob Joslyn, Mason Lane, Stevi Madry, Dominic Martinez, Magdalena Medina, Cameron Mikels, Ava Minjarez and Kelly Morales.

Isaiah Ontiveros, Edward Ornelas, Dru Padilla, Morgan Parnell, Jigar Patel, Andrew Pearson, Reneja' Perez, Eddie Pool, Adrian Portillo, Gaven Quillen, Kiana Ramsey, Christopher Reyes, Nickolas Richardson, Sean Rios, Brandon Rose, Tristan Ross, Gabriella Rubio, Desiree Ruiz, Daisi Salazar, David Salgado, Mariah Sarmiento, Petyon Seaton, Magen Marie Simmons, Savannah Smalling, Hayden Smith, Janisha Smith, Sean Smith, Alejandro Sotelo, Alyssa Talamantez, Hannah Valencia, Gabriella Viasana, Alejandra Villa, Rene Villa, Dacia Wagner, Ryan Walleck and Margarito Yanez.

Goliad Elementary School
Fourth Six-Weeks
"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Kendra Banks, Isby Campos Favela, Jasmin Cardenas, Gabriella Castaneda, Zuleimy Castillo, Maliah Cerda, Lucas Chavez, R'lonie Cole, Isabel De La Puente, Joshua Dominguez, Nyssa Dunn, Landon Ellis, Hailey Harrington, Reece Harris, Amaiya Hernandez, Felicia Herrera, Tyson Hodges, Dorcas Jones, Jeslyn Lopez, Nevaeh Lopez, Alexis Martinez, Delaney Moreno-Ulibarri, Kerdoby Morin, Erik Omdahl, Julieanne Ontiveros, Chloe Rios, Nathen Sanchez, Steven Savell, Makayla Tarin and Caleb Williams.

Second Grade: Alyson Castaneda, Zareth Castillo, Caden Creswell, Olive Guillory, Ananya Limaye, Aolani Mendez, Jordan Mitchell, Chloe

Posey, Brayden Terry and Carlos Zuniga.

Third Grade: Jonaton De La Puente, Jaysen Gomez, Alisa Gonzalez, Karicia Perez, Soleda Perez, Mia Reynaga, Trinity Robertson, J'Lynn Rubio, Ryen Terrazas and Peyton Woellert.

Fourth Grade: Aaron Carson.

Fifth Grade: Raven Diez, Kynlee Fontana and Jordan Wommack.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Keyan Baggett, Kaden Brown, Aumaris Burciaga, Talon Cavazos, Caleb Cisneros, Brannon Darden, Candace Delbosquez, Shaun Fair, Juan Flores, Julius Galaviz, Tyerrah Hargers, Haylee Haynes, Ezekiel Hess, Yoshef Jauregui Avitia, Alexandra Martinez, Samuel Mesta, DC Julies Miles, Elijah Mora, Ella Morales, Marcos Paredez, Joseph Pena, Hannah Ramey, Daniel Reynoso, Addison Rubio, Tamia Sanders, Marc Simpson, Rudy Stewart, Cambree Wright, Carisma Yanez, and Jaxon Zaccardo.

Second Grade: Austin Allen, Gavin Ashmore, Christopher Beavers, Kristen Bermea, Faustino Canales, Joe Canales, Ismael Castillo, Mikaela Estrella, Wyatt Ey, Maya Gomez, Luke Greathouse, Jaquan Hall, Adali Hernandez, Joshua Hernandez, Jaylon Kirkham, Angelina Languna, Ashia Loudermill, Carlos Maldonado, Michael Martinez, Sapphire Martinez, Anaeli Mendez, Theresa Montgomery, Lionel Perez, Iain Preston, Meadow Robles, Veronica Ross, Celestina Vela and Miranada Young.

Third Grade: Lilibiana-Isela Acosta, Mya Aguilar, Leisa Beauchamp, Emajin Braxton Justin Cantu, Joshua Carlile, Augustine Cervantes, Michael Eason, Alexandria Enriquez, Steven Fierro, Julius Fountain, Taylor Garrett, Gavin Greathouse, Jesse Hernandez, Elisabeth Jones, Francisco Laguna, Orion Lin, Adonis Lopez, Esme Lopez, Joshua Miramontes, Clayton Mobley, Joshua Payne, Clifton Pope, Fredrick Rubio, Gabrielle Simpson, Jesse Smith, Sergio Soltero, Dezaray Speer, Ethan Vera and Nicole Villegas.

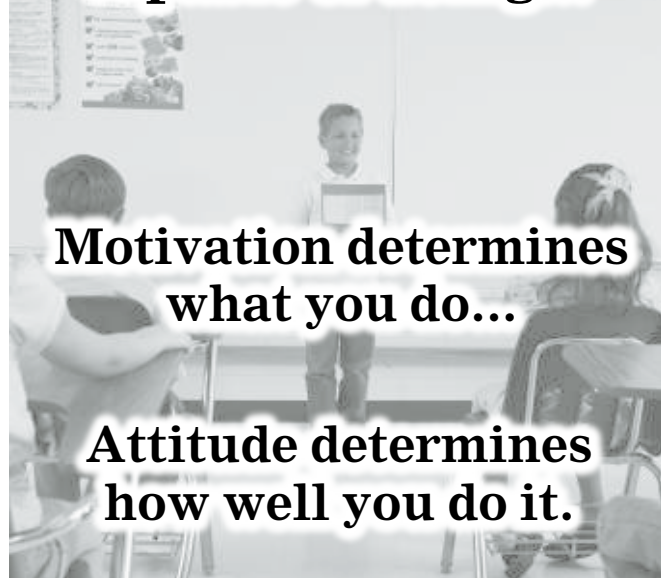
Fourth Grade: Victoria Alvear, Kiana Banks, Haley Cantu, Jose Cantu, Manuel Castillo, Tony Castillo, Joseph Fierro, Cecilio Galvan, Isaac Garza, Jocelyn Gonzales, Joshua Harrison, Esmeralda Hernandez, Tyris Hughes, Mahalia Lang, Oscar Lin, Joshua Lopez, Nariah Martinez, Orlando Martinez, Tavin Mathews, Arali Mendez, Kelli Munoz, Madason Perez, Marc Prieto, Hannah Robles, India Singleton, Isaiah Solis, Kaelan Woellert, Jaden Woods and Jeremy Ybarra.

Fifth Grade: Selina Baldwin, Alexandra Bosley, Brianna Bustamante, Haley Garcia, Madyson McNeese, Marli Norman, Paula Rodriguez and Alani Torres.

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Marcy Elementary School

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"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Hailey Cuellar, Leila Franco, Zoey Garza, Miranda Gomez, Joseph Gonzales, Dulce Limon, Xavier Montez, Kaydence Norwood, Sydney Reinert, Cayden Richardson, Elena Saracho, Ethan Urias, Angalena Vasquez and Cloe Viasana.

Second Grade: Alexa Franco, Gissele Holguin, Bryson Holm, Samuel King, Teresa Rios, Madeline Slack, Soo-Wen Tan and Kaisza Woodruff.

Third Grade: Hermani Huggins, Peter Koch and Soo-Em Tan.

Fourth Grade: Isaiah Johnson, Hannah Jones and William Salazar.

Fifth Grade: Jewel Flores, Kayleigh Rodriguez and Edward Urias.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Martin Alvarado, Luis Baltazar, Ally Baltier, Ayla Bissonnette, Tyrell Bizzell, Clara Bruer, Kontagious Cook, Ka'MijahNae Cooper, Ashton Copeland, Makayla Delacruz, Julianna Fraser, Ryker Grove, Tyler Grove, Madison Hales, Laura Herholtz, Mia Hernandez, Marisela Hinojos, Destiny Hodnett, Jon Hunter, Juan Lara, Qben Lewis, Felicity Madrid, Aaliyah Marquez, Destiny Munoz, Dekayska Parker, Michael Perez, Angelina Rivera, Skyler Stoaks, Petelo Tino, Timothy Uribe, Justina Wert and Rocky Zarraga.

Second Grade: Zemirah Aiyanyo, Jose Alanis, Smith Cate, Wesson Cate, Clara Cobb, Branne Cook, Victoria Deatherage, Leane De La Torre, Isaac Gonzales, Esperanza Gutierrez, Krystal Guzman, Joshua Joo, Keitan King, Anastasia Maronn, Kaitlyn McDonald, Jaycob McGee, Elizabeth McMichael, Alexander Munoz, Izaac Padilla, Joslin Power, Naomi Reyes, Isador Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Isabella Saenz, Madison Segundo, Jaden Stage, Reilly St. Croix, Estrella Vidal, Angelina Viera and Kaleb Ward.

Third Grade: Trinity Beck, Adriana Cook, Adrianna Escalera, Cruz Flores, Justin Galaviz, Emily Kocak, James Koch, Chloe Paredes, Hannah Peck-enpaugh, Trinity Sepeda, Michael Stoaks and Vanessa Viasana.

Fourth Grade: Calleigh Ayala, Yasmel Cook, Danielle Deatherage, Chance Edens, Anna Erwin, Jordan Gutierrez, Sarah Guzman, Kaydence Hart, Jonathan Hilario, Margarette Hilario, Jordyn Holm, Robert Johnson, Bryson Kemper, Briana Ledesma, Alexander Leuschner, Bradie Leuschner, Quemarian Lewis, Ricki Linfernal Angelica Lopez, Amelia Martin, Damien Martinez, Noel Murry, Camryn Nalley, Robert Page, Brendan Phipps, Emily Reyes, Stella Richardson, Diego Rios, Anastasia Rodriguez, Brandon Rogers, Alexandra Saldivar, Jaileen Smith, Jada Vanderbilt, Zachary Ward, Shawntreonia Washington, Bryan Wilkins and Samuel Woodson.

Fifth Grade: Marissa Aguilar, Taylor Bakley, Justin Beck, Emily Bryan, Nicole Burleson, Alexandra Cantu, Mariah Chavarria, Michael Christian, Diego Duenez, Keelyn Dunnam, Robyn Evans, Reina Gonzales, Cesar Gonzalez, Bryar Haggard, Damian Hewtt, Michelle Johnson, Megan McDonald, Alondra Morelion, Alette Moya, Zephaniah Nelson, Tyler Phipps, Nancy Pope, Nayha Salazar, Lauren Shoulette, Elisabeth Sorensen, Jayden Torres, Christopher Viasana and Othon Villalobos-Martinez.

Moss Elementary School

Fourth Six-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Kaegan Baker, Laine Billingsley, Isaiah Diaz, Ethan French, Nevaeh Hernandez, Alexa Hickman, Jenna Jones, Shelby McBride, Aaron Ogeda, Braxton Phelps, Ryleigh Pirraglia, Kaiden Roberts, Matthew Salazar, David Villagrana and Samuel Wood.

Second Grade: Jason Allen, Kylin Corley, Edison Fleeson, Jimmy Flores, Jaysena Roberts, Nayeli Soliz, Zaban Urias, Jediah Velasquez and Joshua Zavala.

Third Grade: Azariah Calderon, Karen Castillo, Isaac Cerda, Kamariah Franks, Heaven Martinez, Dymitrius Morales and Ashley Sarmiento.

Fourth Grade: Sarah Wood.

Fifth Grade: Cory Cotton, Ashley Crisp, Amber Martinez and Anthony Sarmiento.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Naomi Arellano, Alex Arispe, Nicholas Briseno, Eviana Canales, James Canales, Zyneka Christian, Kiley Crisp, Gabrielle Cruz, Dorian Deanda, Lilia Gay, Abraham Gomez, Mateo Gomez, Karissa Gonzales, Desiree Gonzalez, Kaylie Herrod, Donavyn Hilario, Brooklyn Hyatt, Kendall Lewis, Jared Lopez, Christian Martinez, Karleigh Norman, Joel Ornelas, Gavin Padron, Christian Pantoja-Strickland, Steffany Pina Armenta, Angel Rivera, Briana Rivera, Cidni Roberts, Bronwyn Saldana, Cierra Turner, Alexys Yeats and Hannah Zebreski.

Second Grade: Arianna Barnes, Valerie Barrios, Ella Baucum, Enrique Calderon, Kaydence Canales, Paula Chavarria, Ricky Escovedo, Asia Espinoza, Taelyn Fulgham, Emma Garrison, Sara Gibbs, Brooke Gibson, Katelynn Hale, Phillip Mar-

inez, Dalizah Morales, Kaleigh Mundell, Atanacio Munoz, Jahzail Olivares, Korbin Olsen, Avyn Pina, Kaitlyn Rassat, Juan Rodriguez, Braxton Sizenback, Kurtis Smith and Derick Walleck.

Third Grade: Diego Arguello, Preston Bishop, William Buehler, Jonathon Carrillo, Matthew Chavarria, Breanna Escovedo, Autumn Hale, Elijah Mier, Gregory Miller, Ricky Mintz, Sky Murley, Joel Nucamendi, Timonthy Ontiveros, Ethan Phipps, Sean Reed, Yesenia Salgado, Kylee Steiger, Malachi Thomas, Desirae Torres, Nick Valencia, Faith Walker, Arron Yanez and Nathan Zboril.

Fourth Grade: Michael Bryant, Mariah Castillo, Shawn Cerda, Hailey Coker, Cienga Cole, Felicia Dahya, Brody DeLeon, Emilie Fierro, Elijah Flores, Joshua Flores, Damian Franco, Brianna Gibbs, Jailon Gray, Cheyenne Griffith, Hailey Heine-man, X'Zavier Knox, Brianna Lopez, Tyler Lopez, Candice Marquez, Shawn Medonza, Jasmine Montanez, Damian Munoz, Anthony Navarro, Makynsa Norman, Amarian Perez, Chloe Rahn, Gabriel Ramriez, Franklyn Reed, Alyssa Soto, Skyler Treadway, Owen Trevino-Richardson, Breeann Voight, Brenna Wells, Cameron Williams, Graciella Zavala and Melissa Zebreski.

Fifth Grade: Abigale Carrillo, Amaya Cobos, Obri' Guzman, Lauren Rios, Aaliyah Rivera, Marisa Salazar, Bianca Villalobos and Joshua Wood.

Washington Elementary School

Fourth Sixth-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

First Grade: Aracelee Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Brianna Brito, Lauren Bryans, MiguelAngel Castellano, Zachery Conner, Abigail Davila, Alysandra DeLa Cruz, Samuel DeLeon, Cloe Fierro, Daniella Fierro, Isaias Gomez, Anthony Gonzalez, Damian Guzman, Melody Hanson, Jordan Kennedy, Gracie Knight, Nashaly Lopez, Tylar Lopez, Raelynn Luera, Jacy Mackenzie, Natalie Martinez, Devin Mier, Joshua Montemayor, Jose Munoz, Shawn Olague, Andon Olvera, Jayden Overton, Everardo Rodriguez, Rebecca Rodriguez, Courtney Sagona, Enrique Salazar, Junis Salazar, Abel Sotelo, Owen Stockton, Shelby Templin, Brenlie Torres and Mia Valle.

Second Grade: Genevieve Bedinger, Cayde Bryans, Gabrianna Carrasco, Makynlee Castillo, Treyshawn Conner, Robert Cox, Esperanza De Los Santos, Trandon Edmondson, Lizabeth Galvan Galicia, Yasmin Gonzales, Daliana Guzman, Angel Hernandez, Brandon Hernandez, Catirina Hernandez, Cheyanne Horton, Zoie Joslin, Salvador Juarez, Kenan Kimberly, Audree Leicht, Viviana Martinez, Emily Matthews, Ava Mendoza, Austin Milgrim, Emma Miracle, Kortney Moore, Kelby Olivares, Tlimothy Ontiveros, Jayda Overton, Lily Parham, Taylor Partlow, J'Lee Ramirez, Karim Rayford, Rachel Reagan, Skylyn Rivera, David Salazar, Asa Talamantez, Makenna Webster, Kross Wingo Weaver, Landon Wright and Maribel Zubia.

Third Grade: Angelica Barraza, Ky'lee Castillo, Attalia Gonzales, Amozaneaq Green, Derek Howard, Ryan Joslyn, Isabella Marquez, Cristina Ortiz- Gonzalez, Esmeralda Ramirez-Bravo, Benjamin Smith, Kalell Smith-Wennik and Brinly Watkins.

Fourth Grade: Olivia Bancroft, Jordan Cervantez, Ramsom Colette, Britania Crawford, Sadie Garcia, Mikayla Paredes, Brianna Solis and Jayden Tubb.

Fifth Grade: Bailey Garcia, Andrea Melendez, Mackenzie Rodrigues and Kenra Thibeault.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Braden Autry, Brandon Bolt, Kendall Brooks, Tryston Colbert, Trinity De La Cruz, Analisa De Los Santos, Alexis Dykes, Destany Gonzales, Adryen Guerra, Jack Hamby, Terrell Henderson, Kaylee Kinsey, Ryleigh Kossanke, Maddox Lane, Jakob Ledesma, Kaiden Martinez, Fayth Meyer, Jacob Orbinson, Johnathan Petersen, Jeremiah Presas, Darianna Quezada, Chance Richardson, Alejandra Taylor, Taylor Terrazas, Brenna Tubb, Makenzie Vargas and Trayvon Wilbert.

Second Grade: Josiah Aguerro, Alicia Arriaga, Jordan Brown, Heidi Cervantes, Jeremiah Dora-do, Grayson East, Alexandria Fleet, Lynnevaeh Fuentes, Brianna Gonzales, Joshua Gonzales, Mikayla Gonzales, Favien Gutierrez, Jacob Guzman, Samuel King, Trevor Lopez, Eden Manganeli, Dru Martinez, Kameron Mata, Walter Norman, Kennedy Osborne, Lora Otto, Dominic Porter, Eliza Ramirez, David Rios, Diane Rodriguez, Noel Rosa, Nikolas White, Jayden Yanez and Gilbert Yorkman.

Third Grade: Gabriel Arenivaz, Stetson Bennett, Anthony Bolt, Alejandro Bravo, Audrie Brito, Kaya Chronister, Andrew Gonzalez, Josiah Gonzalez, Hannha Graham, Ida Griffin, Aryan Holmes, Emalynn Horton, Nathaniel Johnson, Branden Lopez, Jeremy Martinez, Madysen Martinez, Kyla Mathews, Ethan Moen, Mya Molina-Rodriguez, Johnny Munoz, Kialyn Roberts, Nathanielle Rodarte, RaeAnn Rutledge, Luciana Salazar, Emilio Salinas, Shaylie Shults and Makenna Valle.

Fourth Grade: Edward Alvarado, Brianna Anderson, Jacqueline Belew, Rachel Blackshear, Daniel Blount, Cylei Burton, Faithe Carrillo, Mariah Castaneda, Rogelio Cervantes, Hunter Cox, Elijah Darrow, Gage Davidson, Joshua Dela Cruz, Jackie

DeLeon, Isai Garcia-Sustaita, Skylar Gilliam, Mia Gomez, Cristian Gonzalez, Adria Hurst, Gracie King, Ryan Livingston, Naia Martinez, Kaeli Mendez, Lore'e Milgrim, Maddie Miller, Catherine Monks, Morgan Parham, Xavien Plunkett, Monica Quiroz, Crystal Ramirez, Jeffrey Robles, Emeteria Salazar, Pedro Santamaria, Christopher Solis, Luke Thibeault, Cameron Tradwell, Makaila Vanslyke, Zachary Vela, Alyssa White and Anastasia Yanez.

Fifth Grade: Kolby Armstrong, Dianne Austin, Sonny Baeza, Kimberly Chapel, Dalen Colbert, Gracie Cox, Dillan Guzman, Madison Kuykendall, Callie Leicht, Jarred Marquez, Jarek Martinez, Kyleigh Mathews, Nathan Morales, Kadence Orbinson, Taylor Rider, Christian Roberts, Mark Sanchez, Theran Sealy and Erin Yeats.

Coahoma High School

Fourth Six-Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Kassi Coker, Belia Nelson, Faith Parum, Jessica Privett and Mallory Thomas.

10th Grade: Christopher Biddison, Brandon Coker, Rylie Jacobs and Kelli Schaedel.

11th Grade: Tyrone Bordignon, Alba Garcia, Shayla Martin, Savannah Neff, Astrid Nielsen, Jerry Sloan and Johanna Ziegler.

12th Grade: Wendy Andersen, Emilea Brumley, Jasmin Callejas, Shea Campbell, Dustin Fontana, Kara Fuentes, Jessica Goodger, Alex Hill, Morgan Luce, Jacqueline Martin, Kasey Osborne, Trent Powell, Ryan Reid, Janessa Ringener and Tobi Robinson.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade: Lee Balderas, Jon Bermea, Julia Castilaw, Paul Cortez, Dalton Cosby, Cameron Crabtree, Christopher Dominguez, William Franks, Heather Goodger, Kenneth Hagins, Kaylee Hill, Hannah Hobdy, Callum Hurst, Juan Juarez, Taylon Kincaid, Ashley Luce and Crystal McCutchan.

Kiefer Pulis, Marisa Ramirez, Tara Robinson, Abigail Sanchez, Lauren Simer, Aimee Solis, Haddan Stokes, Omkar Sukhtankar, Elissa Thompson, Hannah Tucker, Tyler Witkowski, Brian Ybarra and Blake Zitterkopf.

10th Grade: Benjamin Chapa, Caleb Daniels, Joshua Dean, Donald Ewing, Erin Fontana, Kelsey Garza, Alexandra Gibbs, Jalin Gilbert, Ashley Grimsley, Anna Harrison, Braxton Iden, Alexis Jackson, Katie King, Joseph Melendez, Jane Murrell and Terri Newer.

Nicholas Paige, Garrett Parrish, Tristan Ramsey, Tera Rinard, Aloura Scott, Camberlyn Stonerook, Christian Van Wey, Zakary Walton, Johnathan White, Fisher Williams and Kaeli Yager.

11th Grade: Richard Adamson, Bianca Anzaldua, Breann Castillo, Zachary Crabtree, Shelby Franklin, Tyler Frazier, Kali Gilbert, Armani Guillama, Tristan Gutierrez, Megan Hurst, Kayla Jernigan, Kimberly Jordy, Tabitha Keaton, Amanda King, Zachary King, Jordan Lang, Kaci Marquez, Sarah Melendez, Ashley O'Brien, Devin Ruiz, Ke'Arra Scroggins, Haley Walker, Shanen Warneke and Shelby Wilkins.

12th Grade: Aaron Acevedo, Devin Barbee, Ashlii Beserra, Jess Brooks, John Campbell, Damian Cate, Brittnie Cortez, Rikki Gilbert, Cassidy Haggard, Taylor Householder, Hunter Lowery, Sarah Macik, Kaleb McAdams, Laurel Nix, Santos Orozco, Emilio Ortiz, Douglas Pilkington, Peyton Rodriguez, Tanner Ruiz, Daniel Solis, Thomas White and Larry Ybarra.

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Seventh Grade: Sydnie Gilbert, Jori Hanlan, Mckinna Hector, Nathan Ramirez and Marissa Welch.

Eighth Grade: Alexander Biddison, Makinsey Grant and Noelia Loya.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Joseph Arguello, Paige Atkins, Dakota Backes, Jeremiah Coker, Julia Cortez, Destiny Cox, Vida Garcia, Cassie Grant, McKenzi Gressett, Gary Hernandez, Rosalyn Hernandez, Logan Holgorsen, Colter Hutchings and Kami Kemper.

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11th Grade: Tyler Evans, Kade Fannin, Corbin Foster, Chandler Freeman, Brittney Hergert, Ali Knight, Brady Mikeska, Matthew Mims, Polo Morin, Elizabeth Rhodes, Amanda Schafer, Cowboy Sheets, Pete Sorola, Luke Still and Dustin Wright.

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Ninth Grade: Lindsey Boeker, Kaytlin Brock, Nova Caldwell, Dylan Carrell, Jeremy Cervantes, Brennan Darden, Ross Freeman, MacKenzie Kennedy, Taylor Morin, Walker Park, Alexis Roach, Madi Roman and Ashton Wood.

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Third Grade: Caylor Averette, Ella Hoff, Ethan Hunt, Cayden Morgan, Reagan Phillips, Aubrie Smith and Major Stockton.

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Second Grade: Zane Clare, Katharina Klassen, Bianca Plata and Heinrich Thiessen.

Third Grade: Gabriella Cisneros and Lakyn Sandlin.

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11th Grade: Aaron Ragle, Jerad Staggs and Kendra Staggs.

12th Grade: Jennifer Franco, Mariana Gorayeb, Preston Zant and Angelica Diaz.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Austin Archuleta, Xavier Cisneros, Michael Diaz, Wyatt Herm and Brady Spivey.

Second Grade: Trayven Archuleta, Johnny Brown, Jaden Flentge, Kayson Gary, Zack Grumbles, Johan Janzen, Benny Rempel, Sara Thiessen and Heinrich Wall.

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Fifth Grade: Bryce Hamlin.

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Seventh Grade: Sarah DeLeon, Mattie Grumbles and Noah Wigington.

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TODAY

Basketball

• Howard College vs. Temple College, Region V tournament (through Sunday), Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock Christian University, 7 p.m.

Baseball

• Big Spring Tournament (through Saturday), vs. San Angelo Lake View, 7 p.m.
• Coahoma vs. Fort Stockton, 1:30 at Greenwood Tournament (through Saturday).
• Forsan vs. Midland High School J.V., 10 a.m., at Greenwood Tournament (through Saturday).

Softball

• Greenwood at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball

• Howard College vs. Western Texas College (doubleheader), noon & 3 p.m., Snyder, four-game series.
• Big Spring Tournament (through Saturday), vs. Jim Ned, 7 p.m.
• Coahoma vs. Pecos, 3:15, Greenwood Tournament (through Saturday).
• Forsan vs. TBA, Greenwood Tournament (through Saturday).

Softball

• Howard College at El Paso (doubleheader), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. (four-game series).
• Big Spring at Snyder Tournament (through Saturday), vs. San Angelo Lake View, 1 p.m., vs. Pampa, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis

• Big Spring at Team State Meet, Abilene (through Saturday).

Golf

• Big Spring girls at Andrews (through Saturday), Big Spring boys at San Angelo Lake View (through Saturday).

Track

• Big Spring Invitational (through Saturday).

Powerlifting

• Regional meet (boys), Sundown.



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Howard College freshman Marcus Fuggins blocks a shot while teammate DaShaun Wiggins looks on during a game earlier this season. The Hawks will be making their debut at the Region V tournament today against Temple at 7 p.m. All games will be held at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

Coahoma girls named to All-District



Julia Castilaw, freshman, 2nd Team



Kyla Clanton, junior, 2nd Team



Savannah Neff, junior, 1st Team

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It was a tough season for the young Bulldogette hoops squad (4-11, 1-4), but like many other Crossroads area sports teams, they are young and full of promise. And that's not just coachspeak either.

Three CHS basketball players were selected to represent the school and they are all underclassmen — a good sign of things to come, according to Head Girls Basketball Coach Paul Hartman.

"We will be bringing back all of them," Hartman said. "We are losing two seniors, but we are excited about

next year. These three are the core of the team. The work ethic is there and the girls played hard all season."

The three Hartman is referring to are point guard Savannah Neff, a junior First Team selection; Second Team pick Kyla Clanton, also a junior; and Julia Castilaw, who was chosen for the Second Team as a freshman.

"(Neff) led us in scoring and played the point guard position for us," Hartman said. "She led us on the offense. She handles the ball great and she is our best shooter. She's a good leader, too. We're happy to have her back next year."

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Nowitzki, Mayo help Mavs bounce back to beat Rockets

DALLAS (AP) — O.J. Mayo and the Dallas Mavericks were embarrassed by a blowout loss in Houston. Given a chance to atone for it three nights later, they made the most of the opportunity.

Mayo had two big fourth-quarter baskets and a career-high 12 assists, Dirk Nowitzki scored 22 points and the Mavericks hung on to

win the quick rematch with the Rockets 112-108 on Wednesday night.

Dallas' humiliating final quarter of garbage time in Houston's 33-point win Sunday was replaced by 12 tense minutes that included two chances for James Harden to tie or give the Rockets the lead in the final 30 seconds.

Harden, who led Houston with 28 points

and made all 16 of his free throws, missed a 3-pointer and a layup against the tight defense of Shawn Marion, who matched Nowitzki with 22 points.

"After what happened in Houston, it was embarrassing, as a man, as a player and as a Dallas Maverick," said Mayo, who had 13 points and six rebounds without a turnover. "We really

wanted to come in here and show our fans that we are a much better squad."

Harden, who also had nine assists, put the Rockets ahead 104-102 with a 3-pointer with 3:41 remaining, but Mayo answered with a 3 and another jumper to put Dallas up for good at 107-104. Mayo's last assist came on a bucket by Nowitzki that pushed

the lead to 109-104.

The Rockets got within one after Harden twice was fouled driving for a layup and hit all four free throws. The Mavericks had to settle for a two-point lead when Marion missed one of two free throws, but their defensive stopper made up for it at the other end.

Officials had to use replay to confirm posses-

sion on an out-of-bounds call after both misses by Harden, who was 5 of 17 from the field. The first call in favor of the Rockets was confirmed, giving Harden a second chance. But the second ruling went Dallas' way with 6.4 seconds left, and Darren Collison hit two free throws for the final margin.

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Public notice of seized property pending forfeiture will no longer be published in the legal section of this publication. Effective March 1, 2013, U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) will advertise notices of seizure and intent to forfeit on the Department of Justice website, www.forfeiture.gov which will become the primary method to

notify the public that property was seized and is subject to forfeiture. The Department of Homeland Security authorized this action in accordance with 19 CFR Part 162, as published in the January 29, 2013, Federal Register. Seized property listings will be posted on the website running in 30 consecutive day ad cycles. Visit www.forfeiture.gov to Learn More. #7662 February 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, & 21, 2013

Legals

CITY OF COAHOMA

PO Box 420
COAHOMA, TX 79511
ORDER REGARDING
DANGEROUS BUILDING
LTS #25 AND #26 BLOCK 3
ORIGINAL TOWN OF COAHOMA
also known as 300 Culp,
Coahoma, Texas 79511

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of February, 2013 a Public Hearing was held by the City Council of the City of Coahoma, said hearing being held under the provisions of Ordinance No. 76 of the City of Coahoma, Texas, to determine whether the building(s) or structure(s) on the above listed property is standard or dangerous and should be secured, vacated, repaired, removed, or demolished; and

WHEREAS, the owners, mortgagees, and lien holders of record of the property were duly notified of the hearing in accordance with the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the building(s) or structure(s) to be addressed are: all structures on the property. The Howard County Appraisal District has identified the owner of record of the property to be Jonathan Lewis with a mailing address of 605 Culp Coahoma, Texas 79511.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA:

THAT after hearing and reviewing the evidence presented at the public hearing by the City building official and any interested parties who appeared and presented evidence; the City Council finds that the building(s) or structure(s) does not meet the minimum standards set forth in Ordinance #76 of the City of Coahoma and, therefore, is a public nuisance and shall be abated as follows:

1. ACTION NECESSARY (check applicable section):

The City Council has determined that the building(s) or structure(s) shall be **VACATED, SECURED AND ANY OCCUPANTS RELOCATED.**

OR
 The City Council has determined that the building(s) or structure(s) shall be **SECURED FROM UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY** after all accumulations of combustible/flamable materials are removed. Note: **Must be done within thirty days of the date of the hearing.**

AND
 The City Council has determined that the building(s) or structure(s) shall be **REPAIRED, DEMOLISHED OR REMOVED** from the City within a reasonable time, which the Board determines is **within ninety days of the date of the hearing.**

If the building is to be repaired the following substandard items must be corrected **within the ninety day period:**
Electric substandard and red tagged, holes in walls, siding falling off the walls, back door glass broken, window broken, open to elements, animals,

vagrants and children, not lived in for at least six months, floor is soft in spots, trailer and add ons positioned too close to setbacks, rotting wood, no sewer, water, electricity or gas.

OR
The City Council has determined that the building(s) or structure(s) shall be **DEMOLISHED OR REMOVED** from the City within a reasonable time, which the Board determines is as set forth below.

OR
The City Council has determined that the building(s) or structure(s) does not presently meet the criteria of a dangerous building as defined by Ordinance No. 76 of the City of Coahoma and no further action is required.

2. TIME TO COMPLETE ACTION:

The owner and any lien holder(s), if any, shall complete the actions ordered above within **thirty (30) days for securing the building and within ninety (90) days for the repair, removal or demolition from the date of this order.** If the owner or lien holder requests more than ninety days to complete the ordered action(s), the owner or lien holder shall submit a detailed plan and time schedule to complete the work and must establish that the work cannot be completed within 90 days due to the scope and complexity of the work. Additionally, if the owner or lien holder is given more than 90 days to complete the work, progress reports shall be regularly submitted to the City Secretary which must demonstrate that the owner or lien holder has complied with the time schedules established for commencement and performance of the work.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

The City Council has determined that if the ordered action is not taken in the time stated, administrative penalties in the amount of \$200.00 per day shall be assessed against Jonathan Lewis as (owner or lien holder) beginning on the first day after the action was due to be completed and continuing until all ordered action has been performed.

THE CITY OF COAHOMA MAY SECURE, VACATE, REPAIR, REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE BUILDING IF THE ORDERED ACTION IS NOT TAKEN BY THE OWNER OR LIEN HOLDER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME. IF THE CITY PERFORMS THE ORDERED ACTION, ALL EXPENSES INCURRED SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING STANDS OR IS ATTACHED AND A NOTICE OF LIEN SHALL BE FILED AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 214.0015(d) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

ORDERED on this the 21st day of February, 2013
City Council of the City of Coahoma
By: Warren Wallace, Mayor
#7682 March 7, 2013

Capricorn Moon of Trust

No mortal is 100 percent loyal. Our very existence depends to some degree on the essential part of human nature called self-interest. Knowing this, we still put our faith in one another and quite often prove trustworthy. And under today's Capricorn moon, you may notice that this is a beautiful part of our existence.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get the chance to show what you've been up to and get some constructive feedback. If others seem surprised by your work, it's just because you've been doing it so quietly. They had no idea what to expect from you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You sense how others are feeling even when they don't want you to. They may deny their emotions or show you nonverbally that they don't want to talk about it. Let them know that you're ready when they are.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Enjoy this low-stress day. It will be as though someone has stepped in to clear the path before you of potentially problematic situations. Whatever was triggering stress in you will no longer be an issue.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Discuss your plans for the future with everyone who will be involved in making them happen. Assume nothing. Details must be hashed out. Make sure everyone is on the same page.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As a child, you felt that you had more control over your world than you actually did. The trend continues today, as you feel responsible for something that you have no impact on. Step back; just let it be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your imagination is nearly as real to you as your reality, and it certainly colors all that you experience. The only trouble is, unless you express yourself, you're the only participant in your imagination. Share as much as possible today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some are content to float along unaware of themselves, but not you. You'll wake up to what's

going on inside you. Give a name to what you are feeling, and you'll have a greater sense of control over it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is not your aim to lead the pack, and yet as you do what feels necessary and right (instead of what is convenient), you shine as someone who is deserving of honor and position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In a moment of complete relaxation, you'll suddenly understand what you've been missing. It's as though you finally have the key that will unlock your success in a certain situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are susceptible to the spark of attraction and wouldn't want it any other way. Being around certain people — indeed, just knowing these people are in the world — is enough to make you feel romantic and vibrant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you are usually sociable and easy-going, new situations and people have you feeling uncharacteristically vulnerable to intense emotionality. This will soon pass.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you may not be able to control your inner response to what you experience this afternoon, your external reaction will show a level of restraint, positivity and class that will impress many.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). A favorite of the cosmic forces, all year you will feel the nearness of helpers seen and unseen. This month you're somewhat of a player when it comes to work. You use your charm and carve out strategic advantages. April brings vivacious new energy. Friends make spectacular proposals in April and August. Capricorn and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 31 and 18.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As Pam Beesley of "The Office," Jenna Fischer plays an artistic soul with a romantic sense of humor who sometimes backs up her beliefs by taking grand, surprising risks. Perhaps Fischer shares some of these qualities and tendencies with her character, as they are perfectly in line with Fischer's Pisces sun sign. Fischer also has Mercury, Venus and Jupiter in intellectual Aquarius.

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Legals

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Black Mountain SWD, LP, 500 Main Street, Suite 1000, Fort Worth, TX 76102 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Upper Clearfork formation in the Black Mountain SWD 815 Lease, Well No. 1. The proposed disposal well is located 17 miles E of Big Spring in the lataan (San Andres) Field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,700 feet to 4,350 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #7679 March 7, 2013

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Request for Proposals

Sealed Proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. for:

BASE 21, 22, AND 23

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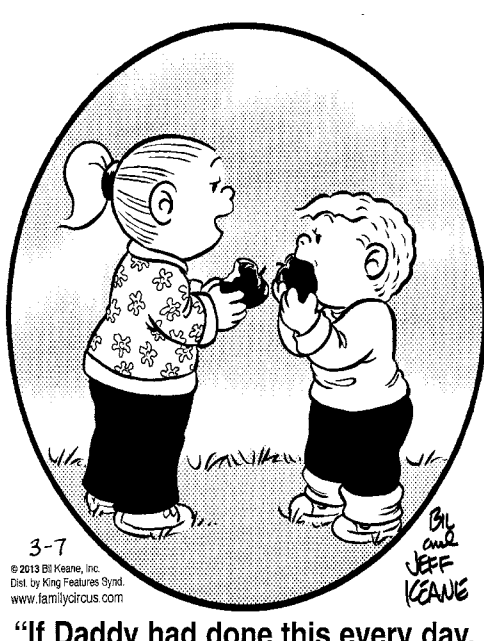
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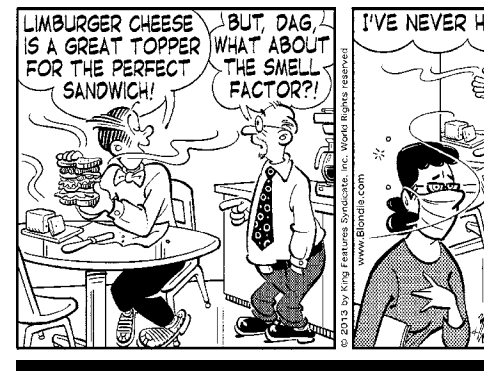


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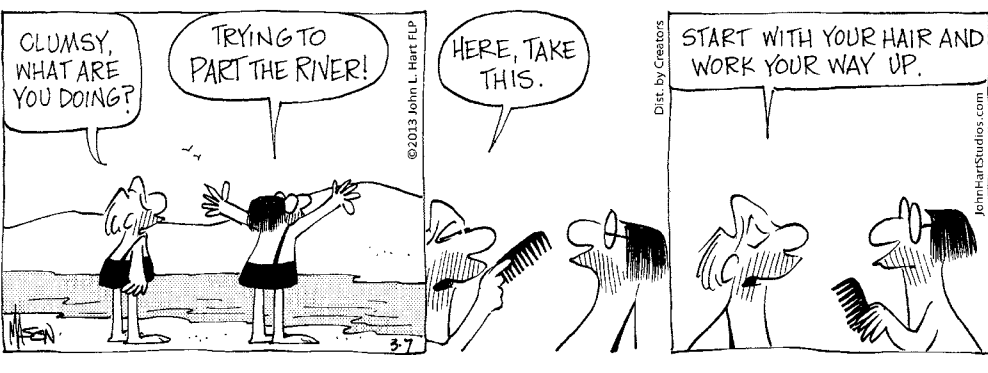
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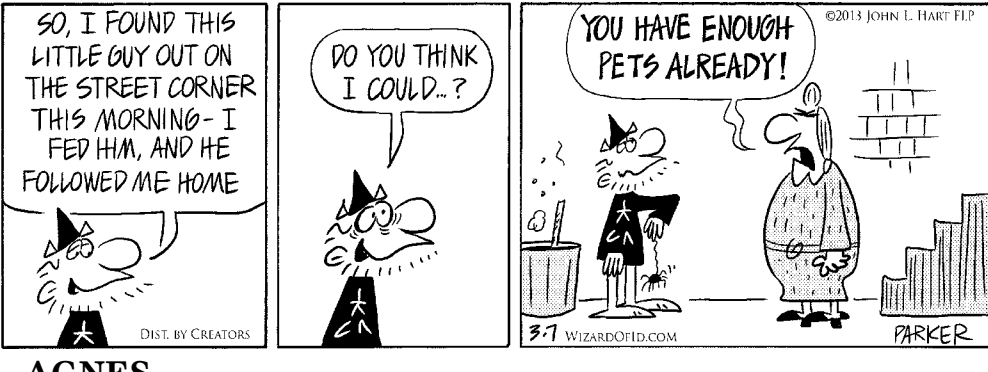
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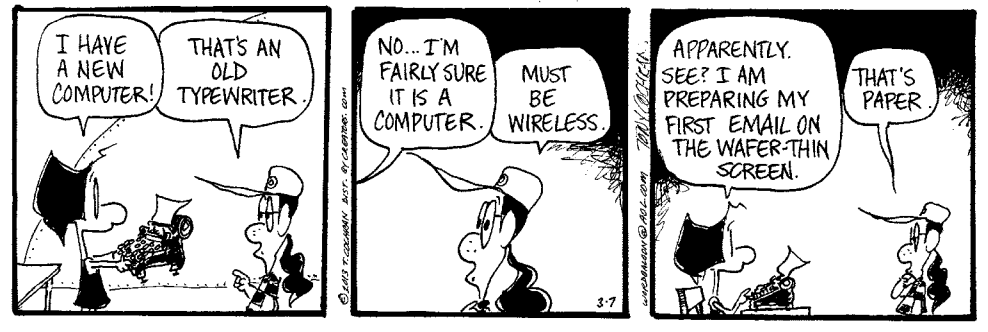
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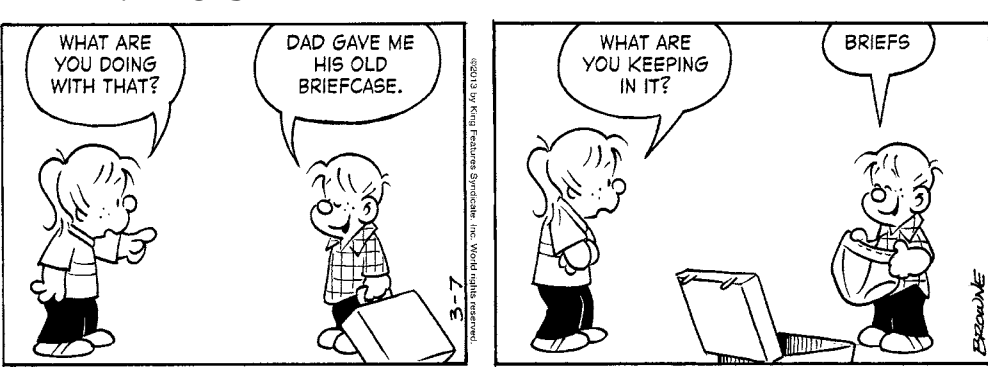
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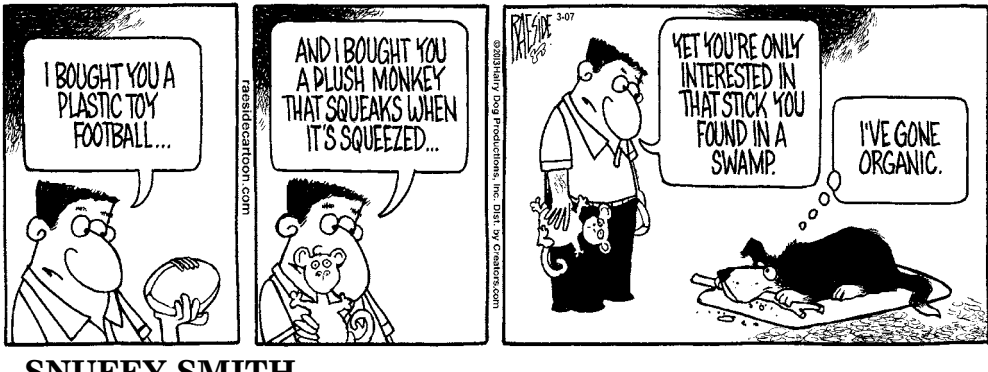
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 7, the 66th day of 2013. There are 299 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday." On this date: In 1793, during the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain. In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone. In 1912, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen arrived in Hobart, Australia, where he dispatched telegrams announc-

ing his success in leading the first expedition to the South Pole the previous December. In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London. In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles (veh-SY) and the Locarno Pact. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen (reh-MAH-geh-n), Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge. In 1960, Jack Paar returned as host of NBC's "Tonight Show" nearly a month after walking off in a censorship dispute with the network. In 1963, the Pan Am Building (today the MetLife Building) first opened in midtown Manhattan. In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present. In 1983, the original version of The Nashville Network (now Spike) made its debut.

In 1994, the Supreme Court, in Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music Inc., unanimously ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder. (The ruling concerned a parody of the song "Pretty Woman" by the rap group 2 Live Crew.) Today's Birthdays: Photographer Lord Snowdon is 83. TV personality Willard Scott is 79. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 75. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 73. Entertainment executive Michael Eisner is 71. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 70. Actor John Heard is 67. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 67.

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Duncan, Spurs down Chicago, 101-83

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich will not tolerate excuses, so the Spurs know better than to feel self-pity when a key player like Tony Parker is injured. Instead, San Antonio is actually feeling pretty good about itself. Tim Duncan had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and the Spurs beat the Chicago Bulls 101-83 on Wednesday night in a matchup of teams missing their

starting All-Star point guards. Manu Ginobili added 18 points and nine assists, Tiago Splitter had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Kawhi Leonard scored 14 points for San Antonio (48-14), which won its third straight since Parker was injured. Parker is expected to miss about four weeks with an ankle sprain and Derrick Rose has yet to play for Chicago this season after undergoing ma-

yor knee surgery. San Antonio continued to play well without Parker, shooting 54 percent from the field and handing out 22 assists to maintain the league's record. "In the first half it was not great, not bad either, but the second half was great," Ginobili said. "We attacked and moved the ball around the court from side to side and that is what you have to do against good defensive

teams. I think that is something we should be really satisfied about." Marco Belinelli had 21 points, Luol Deng added 19, Marquis Teague had 11 and Carlos Boozer 10 for the Bulls. Chicago led by as many as 14 points before San Antonio rallied behind increased defensive activity. The Bulls shot 8 for 31 in the first 18 minutes

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MAVS

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"I'm just trying to make it hard for him," Marion said. "Crowd him and don't let him get comfortable. He's a very aggressive player. At the same time, you take a lot of free throws out of the game and he had a rough night."

Chandler Parsons had 23 points for Houston after scoring a career-high 32 on Sunday, while Jeremy Lin scored 12 but sat the entire fourth quarter in favor of backup Patrick Beverley.

"We were prepared for a dogfight and we knew they were going to play extremely hard given the circumstances of what just happened," Parsons said. "I thought we put ourselves in a position to win. It's one that we let slip away."

Nowitzki was called for his fifth foul and a technical midway through the fourth quarter after a rough sequence that ended with the 7-footer getting his shot blocked by the 6-foot-1 Beverley. Nowitzki knocked Carlos Delfino to the floor as he was trying to start a fast break.

Rockets coach Kevin McHale looked primed

for a technical a few minutes earlier when Beverley was called for an offensive foul after he ran into Vince Carter while Carter was pursuing Thomas Robinson, whose dunk was waved off.

"There was a lot going on out there," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We weathered everything tonight, and it is a sign of character."

After getting outscored by Houston 44-17 in the third quarter Sunday, the Mavericks pushed a four-point halftime lead to 13 before letting the Rockets get within 84-83 on a 15-3 spurt late in the third. Carter restored Dallas' four-point lead with a 3-pointer with 14 seconds left.

Lin hit a 3-pointer at the first-half buzzer, but officials overturned a ruling that the basket was good after a lengthy video review. The change gave Dallas a 60-56 halftime lead.

Lin's shot came at the end of a sequence that illustrated the brisk pace of the first half. After a Houston miss, Carter rushed up the floor with 7 seconds left, but Marion's layup was blocked by Parsons. The Rockets managed to get Lin an open shot at the

3-point line in less than 4 seconds.

The Mavericks were shooting nearly 70 percent in the middle of the second quarter, but only led by four because the Rockets made six straight shots, four of them coming in a stretch of six combined baskets between the teams in just 1:23.

Houston's hot streak included three quick 3-pointers that erased most of a 41-31 Dallas lead, the biggest of the first half for the Mavericks. Delfino had two of them.

Nowitzki had eight points in the first quarter after finishing Sunday's blowout loss with that total. Marion had

12 in the first for Dallas, and the pair combined to go 9 of 12 from the field. Mayo had five assists

in the first six minutes, and four of them led to layups and one dunk for Marion.

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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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Keep Your Eye on the Goal

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 6 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A K Q 7 4 2
♣ 7 3

WEST
♠ K 8 2
♥ 10 9 7
♦ J 9 8 3
♣ K 10 5

EAST
♠ J 9 7 5
♥ 5 2
♦ 10
♣ J 9 8 6 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ * Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass
6 ♥

* strong, artificial
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Let's say you're playing rubber bridge and you find yourself in a vulnerable six-heart contract. If you make the slam, you'll score 700 points for winning the rubber, 750 for slam and 180 for the tricks — 1,630 points in all. Conversely, if you go down one, you'll lose 100 points. The total difference between making the slam and going down one is, therefore, 1,730 points.

Now let's suppose you have a

chance for an overtrick, which would give you an additional 30 points. In view of what's at stake, this is obviously a mere drop in the bucket.

All this is said by way of introduction to today's sad tale, where South bid aggressively to reach a sound six-heart contract but then failed to make it.

Declarer won West's opening trump lead and drew the outstanding trumps in three rounds. He next cashed the A-K of diamonds, receiving a jolt when East showed out on the second round. After cashing the queen and discarding a spade, he stewed for a while, not knowing which black-suit finesse to take. As it happened, he couldn't guess right, and he eventually lost a trick to each of West's kings to finish down one.

South's line of play was geared more toward making an overtrick than ensuring his contract. Since he could afford to lose a trick, he should have taken out insurance against a 4-1 diamond division.

The proper play is to lead a diamond at trick four and let the opponents win it! It is then a simple matter to win any return and run the rest of the diamonds to make the slam.

It is true that in adopting this approach, South might lose a diamond trick he didn't have to lose. But considering what's at stake, he should be willing to give away 30 points to ensure scoring 1,630.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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COAHOMA

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"(Clanton) led us in rebounding. She's a good inside player and was our second leading scorer. She's hard-nosed. She's a good, tough kid. And (Castilaw) got some great experience this year as a freshmen. She's a big, physical girl. When she learns how to use her strength, she's going to be pretty good. I think she's got a lot of potential."

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Berkman homers for Rangers in 3-2 win over Cubs

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Hisanori Takahashi knows there are no guarantees for a player who walks into major league camp with a minor league contract. That's why he's happy to fill any role for the Chicago Cubs.

Bidding for a spot in the bullpen, Takahashi

started Wednesday and pitched three shaky innings in a 3-2 loss to the Texas Rangers.

The 37-year-old left-hander gave up three runs and five hits, including Lance Berkman's first home run. He walked two and struck out four in his fourth appearance of

the spring.

"It's been a while since I started, maybe two or three years," Takahashi said through a translator. "I'm happy about pitching those innings. There are areas I can fix, especially those two walks and the home run I allowed."

Uncertainty is nothing

new for Takahashi, who went to his first major league camp with the New York Mets in 2010 after signing a minor league contract with the club.

"I've played baseball a long time and feel I had a successful career in Japan as well," he said. "I was in the same spot with the Mets, so experience will play a big part."

With the Mets, Takahashi appeared in 53 games, including 12 starts. But he's been strictly a reliever since, pitching in 112 games the past two seasons for the Los Angeles Angels and Pittsburgh.

Cubs manager Dale Sveum said Takahashi, should he emerge from the six-player scrum for three bullpen spots, could fill needs ranging from a left-handed specialist to long relief.

"If he makes the team he could be that guy," Sveum said before Wednesday's game.

"He's been very durable. If the game dictates, he can pitch one (inning) or get a left-hander out. If the game dictates the other way, he can go two or three innings."

Such a role would be just fine with Takahashi, who turns 38 next month.

"The goal I set for myself is to be that lefty out of the bullpen and being able to pitch multiple innings," he said.

Rangers left-hander Robbie Ross allowed a first-inning solo homer to Scott Hairston but then retired 13 of his final 15 batters, including the last nine in a row. He gave up one run and four hits in four innings.

"That home run, I wish I could have done without that," said Ross, competing for the last spot in the Texas rotation. "After that I settled down and just threw strikes. I guess it was just that feeling of, I didn't want to do what I

did in the first inning."

Ross was a non-roster invitee to camp a year ago and finished the season as the team's top left-handed setup man. He went 6-0 with a 2.22 ERA in 65 innings over 58 appearances.

"I'd like to think I've been given an opportunity and have to work hard for it, Ross said. "But it's a thing where I have to take it a day at a time and focus on what I have to do. It's not something I let linger in my mind. It's something where I'm just trying to make a job wherever it is, whether as a starter or a full-time guy."

Rangers right-hander Alexi Ogando, the team's projected fourth starter, allowed a run and two hits in three innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Ogando got himself in trouble in the seventh with an errant pickoff throw, putting runners on second and third with nobody out.

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of the second half. "You can't hold on to the ball," Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau said. "The ball has to move side to side. They're too good defensively. In the second half we settled; we took some poor shots. With the depth that they have, they're going to make you pay."

San Antonio's bench outscored Chicago's 45-18, with Patty Mills scoring 10 of his 13 points in the second half.

"That is my role, to come off the bench and bring energy both offensively and defensively," Mills said. "My role is to shoot the ball when open, so I have a great opportunity now. We all have to fill the shoes of Tony being out and tonight was a great showing of Spurs basketball and identity."

San Antonio needed

that energy after falling behind 52-47 at the half.

The Spurs chipped away at the lead in the third quarter, finally taking a 66-65 advantage on Boris Diaw's free throw that completed a three-point play.

"I thought defensively we were really on the mark in the second half all the way around," Popovich said. "I think all the way around it was a really fine effort. It was a physical game. It looked a lot like a play-off game atmosphere with intensity."

Nate Robinson's 3-pointer put the Bulls back ahead, but the Spurs went on a 14-0 run to bridge the third and fourth quarters.

Deng's 3 ended the run, pulling the Bulls within 80-71 with 9:27 left in the game.

San Antonio was able to close out its third straight win at home, outscoring Chicago 54-31 in the second half.

"That's a championship team right there," Chicago center Joakim Noah said, slumped in his chair in visible despair. "They do all the

little things. Play together, defensively, everybody's on the same page. They make very little mistakes. You've got to give credit where credit is due."

Chicago opened strongly, leading by as many as 14 points in the first half.

Energized by the loudest reception for any opponent this season aside from the Los Angeles Lakers, the Bulls rallied from an 8-0 deficit.

The Bulls forced four turnovers and five missed shots in a 15-1 run for a 21-16 lead with 46 seconds left in the first.

Robinson was 1 for 8 in the first half, but his only basket capped the run. He stripped DeJuan Blair and drove the length of the court, channeling Karl Malone as he placed a hand behind his head and posed as he leapt for a layup.

After the Spurs took a 32-31 lead on Stephen Jackson's 3, the Bulls went on a 15-0 run as Teague hit a pair of 3s and Belinelli added another. Chicago led 52-47 at halftime.

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