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# **Bond election** hearing set for Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Residents in the Forsan Independent School District will get a chance to sound off about the upcoming school bond election Thurs-

A public meeting has been scheduled to address issues raised by the proposed bond at 6 p.m. Thursday in Elbow Elementary, FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

Architects from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper will be on hand with a presentation on construction plans and to answer questions, Johnson

FISD trustees voted in February to hold an election in May. They are asking voter approval of a \$23.8 million

Items to be financed by the bond package include:

- A new primary campus to replace Elbow Elementary. The new elementary will be located adjacent to the junior high/high school building in
- A wastewater treatment plant. This became necessary after the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality found the district in violation of wastewater standards.
- Safety and security renovations at the secondary campus, including installation of a locking system for the exterior doors which can be operated remotely and a remake of the main entrance to enhance

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#### Meeting tonight to focus on security

#### **Herald Staff Report**

Independent Forsan School District trustees are also scheduled to convene at 7 p.m. today in the administration wing board room. Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker will meet with the board to discuss current security procedures.

Other items on the agenda include a report on planned improvements to the secondary campus athletic field house.

security against unwanted visitors.

- Expansion of the secondary campus to accommodate extra classroom, lab or stor-
- Major plumbing and electrical renovation at the secondary campus.
- Renovation of the kitchen area at the secondary cam-
- Safety upgrades in the secondary campus' metal shop.
- Expansion of the district's bus barns to accommodate vehicles currently parked at
- A fire-suppression system for the new elementary cam-
- Resurfacing of the track at the football stadium.
- Replacement of one of the district's tennis courts.
- Increased storage area at the band hall.

Johnson said all the bond items address needs formulated from a 2012 facilities study conducted by the Texas Association of School Boards.



**HERALD** photo/Steve Reagan

Hangar 25 Air Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger, right, talks to a group of children about the impact of the Korean and Vietnam wars on Webb Air Force Base during a workshop at the museum Saturday morning.

# Body found near Lake J.B. Thomas

**Herald Staff Report** 

SNYDER, Texas — Area investigators, including the FBI and Texas Rangers, are investigating the scene where a badly decomposed body was found Saturday near Lake J.B. Thomas in Scurry County, about 33 miles north of Big Spring.

News sources said that as of this morning, authorities have not decided whether to send the body to Tarrant or Lubbock County for an autopsy.

The Snyder Daily News said this morning Department of Public Safety officers are still working the scene, which Trooper Sparky Dean said is in an undisclosed location. Other news reports have indicated the body was found near Farm to Market 1298 and County Road 3236 — one of the entrances to the lake.

"Authorities are back on scene today, searching for additional remains and any clues that may have been left behind," Dean said in an email. "This is being treated as a crime scene, so it is slow going."

The Scurry County Sheriff's Office, which has assisted with the case, referred all questions to Trooper Dean.

A person whose name hasn't been released reported finding the remains. Officials have not said the possible gender or age of the per-

Abilene television station KTXS reported that an SUV from the 32nd Judicial District Attorney could be seen at the scene over the weekend. The 32nd District represents Nolan, Fisher and Mitchell counties.

The Snyder Daily News, KTXS and Associated Press contributed to this report.

# Retail gasoline prices take 0.7-cent dip across Texas

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 0.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.53/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.65/g, according to

gasoline price website Gas-

Buddy.com.

Including the change in week," said GasBuddy.com gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 18.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 6.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 4.1 cents per gallon during the last month and lower than this day one year

stands 15.0 cents per gallon "The national average

has seemingly found some

relative stability in the last

Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "And while the national average hasn't seen much movement, some areas of the country have seen volatility continue, mainly in the Great Lakes states where prices may again be poised to rise in the next couple of days as wholesale prices reverberate as refineries continue their maintenance schedules and the progressive switch over to summer gasoline continues," DeHaan said.

#### **Crooker Dental** Clinic to have grand opening

A grand opening will be held all day Tuesday for the William B. Crooker Dental Clinic at the Howard County Community Health Cen-

Services for all ages will include dental exams and oral cancer screenings, diabetic screenings, restorative procedures, oral surgery and more.

The Health Center is located at 1300 S. Greg St. For more information, call 432-517-4557. The clinic hours are 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m.

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### **Obituaries**

#### Billie G. 'Bill' Powell



Billie G. "Bill" Powell, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 17, 2013, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

He was born March 3, 1925, in Sylvester, Texas, and married LaVerne Cook on June 16, 1946, in

Sweetwater, Texas. She preceded him in death April 1, 2009.

Bill served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He came to Big Spring in 1957 from Sweetwater and worked as a motor repairman and an electrician, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Shelia Stockwell and husband T.C. and Sherry Roman and husband David, all of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Keri Sanchez and husband Joe of Pflugerville, Amy Nunn and husband Paul of Marble Falls, Gregg Roman and wife Jessica and Blaine Roman, all of Big Spring; and seven great-grandchildren, Brianna Sanchez, Joey Sanchez, Jaci Sanchez, Gavin Nunn, Addison Nunn, Lyssa Roman and Aaralyn Roman.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; seven sisters; four brothers; and a granddaughter, Julie Ann Stockwell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

Paid obituary

#### James 'Jimmy' Pedigo



James "Jimmy" Pedigo, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 16, 2013, in the local veterans home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Bob Heneghan officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday,

March 19, 2013, at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 30, 1930, in Monahans, Texas, and married Frances Janelle Riggins on Feb. 12, 1954, in Big Spring, Texas. She preceded him in death July 22, 2009.

Jimmy was raised in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools and Howard College. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as a gang pusher at Cosden Refinery for 38 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Hunt and husband Jim; one son, Jim Bill Pedigo and wife Kayla, all of Big Spring; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers, D.V. Pedigo of Midland, Knox Pitzer and Kenneth Pitzer, both of San Marcus and Benny Pitzer of Montgomery; and two sisters, Elizabeth Beck of Ranger and June Pedigo of Strawn.

He was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1400 S.

Lancaster, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

#### Bonnie Miears

Bonnie Miears, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 17, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

#### **Sudoku Answers on Page 9**

# sudoku

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

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www.sudoku-puzzles.net

#### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- RUSSELL JACK ILLE, 52, of 7106 S. Service Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-
- GAIL DEAN MARRIOTT, 49, of Springfield, Mo., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. FELICIA CANALES, 24, of 906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., was
- arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation. • CLIFFORD LYNN WOODS, 35, of 1409 Oriole,
- was arrested Sunday on charges of disorderly conduct - language and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- DAVID ALAN TINDOL, 31, of 3413 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. • GRAHAM MARSHAL LAMBERT, 31, of Saginaw,
- Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. • ELOY FIERRO JR., 48, of 1112 Rockhouse Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of disorderly con-
- duct offensive gesture. • CODY ALAN WINGO, 24, of 1700 Purdue, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-
- THEFT was reported:
- In the 1700 block of E. Third Street.
- In the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this

- DAMION LEE HUFF, 17, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcoholic beverage by a
- CRYSTAL RAMIREZ MUNIZ, 26, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 29, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than
- TYRE COLE WATTS, 27, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
- DAVID ANTHONY LOPEZ, 27, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 36, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.
- the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- KURT ANTON MIRANDA, 32, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- GARY DON GOODMAN, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking material and use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia. • JOHN THOMAS MARTINEZ, 26, was booked
- into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts), driving while license invalid (two counts) and assault – family violence (two counts).
- MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended with a previous conviction or suspension and a Sterling County warrant for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JUAN FRANSISCO MARTINEZ, 17, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- RUSSELL JACK ILLE, 52, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ELOY FIERRO JR., 48, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct - offensive gestures.
- CODY ALAN WINGO, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- GAIL DEAN MARRIOTT, 49, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • GRAHAM MARSHAL LAMBERT, 31, was arrest-
- ed Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. FERNANDO OROZCO, 44, was arrested Sunday
- by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. • FELICIA CANALES, 24, was booked into the
- county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation. CLIFFORD LYNN WOODS, 35, was booked into
- the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – vulgar language.

• DAVID ALAN TINDOL, 31, was booked into the

#### **Today's Weather Local 3-Day Forecast** 3/19 3/20 83/50 73/55 Partly cloudy skies. A Mostly cloudy. Highs Windy with a mix of stray shower or thunin the low 70s and sun and clouds. Highs lows in the mid 50s in the upper 80s and derstorm is possible late. High 83F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. 7·49 AM 7:51 AM We Celebrate Hometown Life American Profile Stories for and about hometowns just like Look for us each week in this paper. Texas At A Glance Amarillo **Big Spring** El Paso

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#### **Austin Houston** o 82/56 San Antonio Brownsville **Area Cities** 78 49 pt sunny 66 pt sunny 64 39 pt sunny Amarillo Livingston 79 52 pt sunny Austin 56 pt sunny Longview 72 41 pt sunny 79 54 pt sunny Beaumont 76 55 pt sunny Lubbock Brownsville 84 69 pt sunny Lufkin Brownwood 52 pt sunny Midland 51 pt sunny Raymondville Rosenberg Corpus Christi 79 66 pt sunny 88 67 pt sunny 49 pt sunny 71 80 59 pt sunny Corsicana 50 pt sunny 60 pt sunny Dallas 72 San Antonio Del Rio El Paso 90 64 mst sunny San Marcos 83 57 pt sunny Sulphur Springs 47 mst sunny 51 pt sunny 79 71 49 pt sunny Fort Stockton 51 mst sunny 80

#### **National Cities**

Gainesville

Greenville

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	41	pt sunny	Minneapolis	22	3	pt sunny
Boston	42	26	mixed	New York	46	31	rain
Chicago	33	16	sn shower	Phoenix	80	58	pt sunny
Dallas	72	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	54	rain
Denver	51	30	mst sunny	Seattle	49	46	rain
Houston	79	59	pt sunny	St. Louis	46	28	mst sunny
Los Angeles	68	53	cloudy	Washington, DC	57	32	rain
Miami	86	67	pt sunny				

Tyler

Weatherford

73 51 mst sunny

71 46 pt sunny

69 43 pt sunny

69 45 mst sunny

#### **Moon Phases**



• ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 32, was booked into county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Fire/EMS

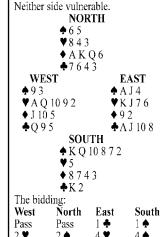
The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

The report was not available in time for today's



By Steve Becker

#### Famous Hand



West dealer.

2 🏚 4 🏚 Opening lead — five of clubs. There are plays that seem to make no sense at all when they are made,

but which, when carefully examined, turn out to be totally logical. Consider this deal, played many years ago by Albert H. Morehead, one of the true giants in the early years of contract bridge.

Morehead was South and got to four spades on the bidding shown. West led a low club to his partner's

ace, and East returned the jack of

clubs, won by South with the king. Morehead crossed to the queen of diamonds and returned a trump. After East followed low, declarer lacking X-ray vision — won with the

It was at this stage that Morehead made a rather peculiar play. He led the five of hearts! West won with the nine and returned the queen of clubs, ruffed by South. Now Morehead played a diamond to the king and led a trump from dummy. East went up with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Morehead lost only a spade, a heart and a club, and so made four spades. Now let's suppose that Morehead

had not made that strange heart play at trick five. Let's say he had made the "more normal" play of a diamond to the king in order to lead another trump from dummy through East's A-J. In that case, Morehead would have gone down one against proper defense. East would go up with the ace of spades and lead a heart to West, who would return a diamond for East to ruff.

Morehead's odd-looking heart play, specifically designed to cut later communication between East and West, prevented this from hap-

Tomorrow: The handwriting on the wall. ©2013 King Features Syndicate Inc



Emergency Medical Service personnel tend to one of the people involved in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Scurry and 21st streets early Sunday afternoon. No injury information was available at press time.

# Support Groups

#### **MONDAY**

- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and nonparticipating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact
- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

Dale at 432-270-8462.

#### **TUESDAY**

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson'sdisease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Nonsmoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faithbased support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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- · Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.
- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact tne cnurcn secretary at 432-264-0015.
- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

#### **FRIDAY**

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9
- Stepping Stone Group Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY**

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY**

 Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

## Take Note

- The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management departments will co-host a communitywide 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 pub-
- 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
- County Howard Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.
- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and largersized 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.
- 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

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Manny Negron at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a

rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www. BecomeaCASA.org www.casawtx.org.
- west Texas is accepting appointments from p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630.

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# **Lady Steers** top LHS, 11-10

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Big Spring Head Softball Coach John Sparks couldn't be happier for his team. Well, perhaps a playoff run could make him happier, but until then, he is enjoying the moment.

The Lady Steers opened district play Friday with a run-rule win over Abilene Wylie, downing the perennially powerful Lady Bulldogs 12-2 in just five innings.

To follow it up, BSHS came out on top of what Sparks called a "freefor-all", against Lubbock High winning 11-10 Saturday at Lady Steer Field.

"It was a fun game," Sparks said. "The girls needed it. We got after (LHS) pretty good. They were working together, talking — doing the things they need to do to win."

It was an exciting, back-and-forth game from the first inning.

Lubbock plated two runs in its first at-bats to take an early lead, then held BSHS scoreless in their half of the inning.

The Lady Steers' bats wouldn't remain quiet for long, however, as they managed to score in every inning after that.

"It was a good game to end the preseason on," said Sparks. "I think the Wylie game gave them confidence. After jumping on Wylie, they are riding a high right now. And so am I."

Big Spring is 1-0 in district. Last year, they opened district with a win, but dropped the next seven. But the retooled Lady Steers will likely be much stiffer competition this year, having returned nearly all of their starters.

BSHS will resume dis-Snyder.



**HERALD** photo/Tony Claxton

trict action Tuesday as Big Spring's Angelina Castillo belts a home run during Saturday's 11-10 win over Lubbock High. The they make the trek to Lady Steers defeated Wylie 12-2 in the District 4-3A opener Friday. BSHS will face Snyder on Tuesday.

# Durant, Thunder down Mavs

felt like he was letting his team down through three quarters.

The three-time scoring champion then went on an offensive frenzy in the fourth before watching his supporting cast finish off the Dallas Mavericks.

Durant scored 19 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter, Russell Westbrook had 35 including the go-ahead jumper with 1 minute left, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Mavericks 107-101 on Sunday night.

Durant was 3 of 9 from the floor and hadn't scored in the second

DALLAS (AP) — Kevin Durant half before hitting seven shots in a row during one stretch of the fourth.

> "I was frustrated with myself early on and I wanted to stick with it," Durant said. "My teammates kept coming to me. So I just wanted to come through for

> Even with Durant going on a scoring binge, the Mavericks managed to tie the game at 101 on Dirk Nowitzki's two free throws with 1:20 left.

With Dallas taking the ball out of Durant's hands, Westbrook the Thunder a 103-101 lead. With a chance to tie on the next possession, Durant forced Dallas into a shot-clock violation when he blocked Mike James' desperation jumper.

Thabo Sefolosha hit a turnaround jumper over O.J. Mayo to stretch Oklahoma City's lead to

Durant finished off his brilliant fourth by hitting two free throws with 2.2 seconds left.

"Shots weren't falling for me and I turned the ball over,"

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The Big Spring YMCA Competetive Swim Team recently competed in Andrews and will be back in action

in Monahans on Saturday. Special to the Herald

The Big Spring YMCA Youth Competitive Swim Team attended a meet held recently in Andrews. Results are as follows:

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Ethan Phipps

5th Place-Boys 25-yard Freestyle

1st Place-Boys 25-yard Butterfly

4th Place-Boys 50-yard Freestyle 1:07.77

The next meet will be in Monahans on Saturday.

# Louisville top overall seed in **NCAA** tourney

(AP) — Good luck filling out those brackets. The No. 1 seeds are set for the NCAA tournament, but very little has gone as expected in this college basketball season.

No reason for things to change now.

Louisville receiveu the top overall seed Sunday after romping through the Big East tournament, while Kansas, Indiana and Gonzaga claimed the other No. 1 spots. Yet, considering all the upsets that have prevented anyone from establishing themselves as a clear-cut favorite, there are plenty of teams that think they can run the

"More than any year I can remember, I don't think seeding really matters," said Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford, whose team has a chance at getting Louisville in the round of

"Probably if you're a 1 seed, your first game, you've got a pretty good chance of getting by that. Then even after that, I think it's throw it up in the air."

One thing is for certain: Kentucky won't be repeating as national champion.

The Wildcats didn't even make the 68-team field, becoming the first defending champ since to miss out the following season.

"You've got to earn it each and every year," said Mike Bobinski,

the Xavier athletic director who chaired the selection committee. Louisville (29-5) certainly earned it, impressing the committee

with a 10-game win-

ning streak capped by

a stunning turnaround in the final Big East championship game as

we know it. The Cardinals were 16 points down to Syracuse early in the second half, but they turned up the full-court pressure and wound up with a

78-61 triumph. Now, they're what passes for a favorite in this wide-open field, after making a surprising run to the Final Four as

a No. 4 seed in 2012. The Big East, in its final year before the basketball-only schools break away to form their own league, led the way with eight NCAA teams.

"We are ecstatic to be the No. 1 seed, particularly after finishing off one of the greatest conferences in the history of college basketball with a Big East championship," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said.

The Cardinals might face a tough matchup with Saint Louis on the second weekend, and could get No. 2 seed Duke — which led the RPI rankings but lost out on a top seed after stumbling in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament — in the regional final.

"We know we will be challenged right away in one of the toughest brackets that I've seen in quite some time," Pitino said. "I think our guys are up for the challenge."

The Big Ten was

next with seven NCAA teams, but the so-called power conferences hardly had a monopoly on the at-large berths. For the second year in a row, the committee gave 11 of the 37 spots to teams from the lesser-known leagues.

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TAURUS (April 20-May

decisions, not excuses.

You know that the one

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is not only attractive, but

**GEMINI** (May 21-June

21). Much will depend on

how badly you want "it."

necessary, but if "it" is a

you'll find a way to make

it happen, no matter how

**CANCER** (June 22-July

22). Life doesn't have to

be fair to be good. Also,

what seems unjust in the

absolutely perfect in the

large-scale scoring system

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).

Since there's not a lot of

may find it expedient to

sophisticated people are

conflicting ideas at once.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Sometimes things

you've wished for just

work involved. At the

ask to get.

plop into your lap from

out of the blue. But right

now there is a little more

very least, you'll have to

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Nobody's perfect, but

better person is accepting

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

you're always up for

the parts of your

conscious effort.

making improvements.

The key to becoming a

personality that need

work and making a

21). Unafraid of the

judgment of your peers,

the light and confront

anyone around with a

attention. You're one to

degree of implacable

you are happy to stand in

time for arguing, you

agree to disagree, or

agree to keep an open

must-have in your life,

also is probably way too

busy for self-doubt.

Sacrifices will be

inconvenient the

moment may be

of the universe.

mind. The most

able to believe two

sacrifices are.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

be reckoned with.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). Your friends

will have something in

common with the birds

squabble on a topic of

of what you put in

record for all to see.

interest. Just be careful

writing, as it could go on

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Take a realistic

projects to bounce around

in your schedule, but too

look at your workload.

It's fun to have several

many will leave you

feeling drained and

cutbacks where

necessary.

unaccomplished. Make

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You'll be loved

by posterity and also by

and will make decisions

You're in a creative mood

current needs, but also on

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). There are moments

selflessness, heroic. At

other times, you wonder,

"What's in it for me?" It's

a self-protective question

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Relationships might seem

together brilliantly in the

months that follow. May

demands practical action

and follow through. June

brings an important step

forward in love. Research

business deals in July,

and don't sign a thing

until August. Libra and

Sagittarius people adore

are: 20, 14, 33, 24 and 2.

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vou. Your lucky numbers

**QUESTIONS:** "After five

years with an incredible

woman, I'm back at this

like a lot of nonsense in

that is necessary this

(March 18). You'll be

filled with boldness.

April, but it all ties

when your compassion is

your contemporaries.

based not only the

how you want to be

remembered.

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afternoon.

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share. The line between sharing and over-sharing will be blurred, and most people don't mind knowing a little more than they need to. **ARIES** 



(March 21-April 19). Money is not at the root of all evil. Evil is. You may feel a bit guilty about having more than someone else has, but there's nothing wrong or bad about this. When you use your resources well,

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place again, and I can hardly believe it. Woody Allen says it best in "Annie Hall": Love fades. At this point, there is a lot of research that backs

up this idea. "Yep, I cheated, she left, and now I'm wondering whether I'm ever going to be in it for the long haul again. This is one I shouldn't have let go, but I lost the feeling, and then I messed up. I definitely want her back, but truthfully, won't this scenario just repeat somewhere down the line? What is the point? It doesn't help that I'm a Sagittarius and she is a Leo."

Gotcha. The wandering Sagittarius and the royal lioness: two fire signs and a stellar match. But once her Leo pride has been wounded, there's no going back to the way things were. On the bright side, you seem to really know yourself and have a realistic view of your relationships. Have you considered seeking love with someone who wants an open arrangement? Perhaps you're just not suited for the traditional model at this time in your life.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Maroon 5 front man and coach on "The Voice," Adam Levine is a soulful Pisces born under a sultry Scorpio moon. With Uranus also in Scorpio, it somehow doesn't seem surprising that the singer and his tattooed skin have been famously photographed in various states of undress. Scorpio energy can be as raw and revealing as a love song and as bold as a provocative photo campaign.

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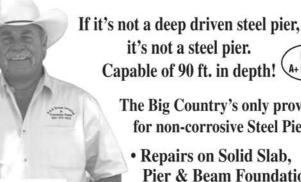
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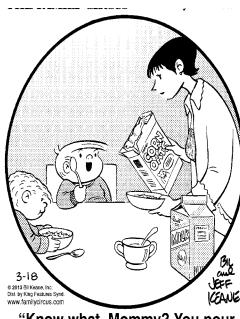
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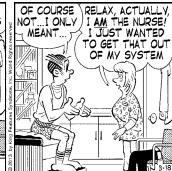
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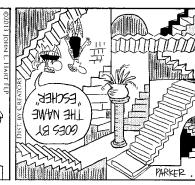


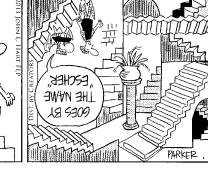
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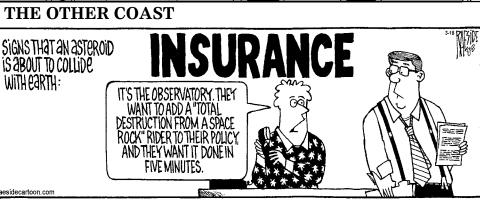
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## This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 18, the 77th day of 2013. There are 288 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On March 18, 1963, the U.S.

Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

On this date: In 1766, Britain repealed the

Stamp Act of 1765. In 1837, the 22nd and 24th

president of the United States. Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J. In 1913, King George I of

Greece was assassinated in Thessaloniki. In 1937, some 300 people,

mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1938, Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized petroleum

reserves and took control of foreign-owned oil facilities.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of interning Japanese-Americans, Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.) In 1962, France and Algerian

rebels signed the Evian Accords, a cease-fire agreement which took effect the next day, ending the Algerian War. In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut

Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether. In 1974, most of the Arab oilproducing nations ended their embargo against the United

Alexei Leonov went outside his

In 1980, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, N.Y. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In 1990, thieves made off with 13 works of art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston (the crime remains unsolved).

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander is 86. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 77. Country singer Charley Pride is 75. Actor Kevin Dobson is 70. Actor Brad Dourif is 63. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 62. Singer Irene Cara is 54. Movie writer-director Luc Besson is 54. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 52. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 51. Singer-songwriter James McMurtry is 51. Singeractress Vanessa L. Williams is 50. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 49.

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43 Dons, as

clothes

44 Be released

from jail

48 No longer a

49 Huron or Erie

51 Secret writing

52 Skin opening

50 Battery fluid

minor

37 Fireplace fillers

41 Batter's success

45 Luau instrument, for short

47 Coke and Pepsi

33 General

## **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 55 Performs in a 1 Commencement play attendee
- 5 Baby grand, for example
- 10 Con game
- 14 Rudolph's red
- feature
- 15 Intense devotion
- 16 Not at all colorful
- 17 Having no
- warranty
- 18 Pan-fry
- 19 Change for a
- \$5 bill 20 Stovetop
- whistler 22 Midday meal
- 23 Icy precipitation
- 24 "Absolutely!"
- 25 Evaluate
- against attack
- 31 Dalmatian's
- marking
- **34** "In \_\_ we trust"
- (US motto)
- 35 Young goat
- 36 Eager to listen
- 38 Moonshine
- 40 Suitor
- side
- destination
- 47 Makes a meal
- beverage
- carafe

- 56 Wisdom tooth,
- e.g.
- 57 Vagabond
- 58 Metric prefix for
  - "thousand"
    - 59 Proverb 60 Metal that rusts
    - 61 Biblical garden
    - 62 View again
    - 63 Golf pegs

#### DOWN

- 1 Pesky insect
- 2 Increased 3 Saudi Arabia's

scrapbook

6 Really angry

- continent 4 Group of office
- accessories 5 Affixes in a

14

- in Acapulco
- 28 Resistance
- 32 Group of ships

- container 39 Historical period
- 41 Thorn in one's
- 42 Internet user's
- 44 Security workers 46 Yours and mine
- 49 Espresso
- 51 Percolating

- PUT A LID ON IT by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman
- **7** Grownup
- 8 Short memo 9 Mined rock
- **10** Husband or wife
- 11 Container for homemade
- pickles 12 Baldwin of
- 30 Rock
- 13 Netlike fabric 21 Letters after
- kays
- 22 Elevates
- 24 Fortune teller
- 25 Out of whack
- 26 Church steeple
- 27 Soft drink
- container 28 Beloved
- 29 Safe and (out of danger)
- 30 Border lines

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## Kahne wins 1st career race at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Kasey Kahne's bumper-banging battle with Brad Keselowski was just the warm-up act in an actionpacked race at Bristol Motor

Former teammates Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano exchanged words after the race — in person and on Twitter — because Hamlin spun Logano as Logano was racing for the lead.

A flat tire knocked Jeff Gordon and Matt Kenseth out of the race while they were running 1-2.

Typical Bristol, right?

It looked that way as Kahne and Keselowski staged a spectacular battle for the lead, only for a caution to put them side-by-side for a restart with 39 laps to go.

Keselowski had an issue, he either spun his tires or the Hamlin-Logano feud disrupted his start, and Kahne sailed away for his first career victory at Bristol. "Feels really good to win at this

place," Kahne said. "Such a tough track over the years. This is a big race for me. When you race in the Sprint Cup Series, Bristol is a race you want to win."

Tempers flared after the race when Logano leaned inside Hamlin's window to complain about Hamlin spinning him as he tried to pass Gordon for the lead.

Logano was pulled away from Hamlin's car by crew members for both drivers in a classic post-Bristol clash that delighted the crowd. "They're fighting! It's

Bristol!" yelled Clint Bowyer, who saw the action on the infield big screen.

Logano wouldn't discuss what he told Hamlin.

"That's a freaking genius behind the wheel of the 11 car probably the worst teammate I've ever had," Logano said. "I have a scorecard and I'm not putting up with that. What goes around, comes around. I had to put up with him for years, so whatever."

Hamlin shrugged it all off.

The two sparred briefly on Twitter after the season-opening Daytona 500, when Hamlin complained Logano ruined the closing laps of the race. But he said Sunday's flap was not a carry-

"It didn't have anything to do with that," Hamlin said. "You've really got to control your car and he slipped up into me. Really, he would have been in the garage with no radiator in it if I had not checked up twice. I meant to run in to him. I didn't mean to spin him out, but his day was fine. We finished bad and he finished bad. It's even."

But they continued sniping at each other after the race on Twitter, overshadowing what was undoubtedly the best race to date for NASCAR's new Gen-6 race car.

And, their feuding may have played a role in the outcome of the race, too.

Keselowski was the leader on from Keselowski.

the final restart as he lined up next to Kahne. Hamlin was lined up behind Keselowski, with Logano lined up behind Hamlin. When the flag waved, Keselowski didn't go and Kahne rocketed to the lead and never looked back.

Although it appeared Keselowski spun his tires, he was adamant after the race about what happened — "I got ran over!" — and that prevented him from breaking away on the restart.

Hamlin backed up Keselowski's

"The 22 (Logano) ran into me and shoved me into (Keselowski)," Hamlin said. "Sorry to the 2, but I was the pinball in the sandwich. Once he throttled up, the 22 lifted me up and just flat out pinned me up against the 2."

Logano seemed to think Keselowski spun his tires and that created the bottleneck, but Keselowski believed he had help from

"I haven't seen the replay, I just know my rear tires were off the ground before I got to the restart zone," he said. "Eventually I got hit so hard it pushed my foot in the gas pedal, made myself look like a (fool)."

Nobody came close to Kahne, who drove his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet to the win by 1.7-seconds. Hendrick drivers have now won two of the first four races this season.

Kyle Busch snagged second

## No Texas teams in tourney, 1st time since 1977 Texas has no teams in game at Stanford on

the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1977.

When the 68-team field was announced Sunday, the Lone Star State was completely shut out. There were no Longhorns, Baylor Bears, Texas A&M Aggies, Red Raiders or Owls. And not even any

Lumberjacks. Southland Conference regular-season champion Stephen F. Austin (27-4) lost its league tournament championship game and didn't get an at-large NCAA berth, and instead had to settle for a first-round NIT

Tuesday night.

Baylor (18-14), the NIT runner-up four years ago before two NCAA regional finals the previous three seasons, also made the 32-team NIT field. The Bears host a first-round game against Long Beach State (19-13) on Wednesday night.

Prairie View (Southwestern Athletic Conference) and Texas-Arlington (WAC) also made it to their conference tournament championship games, but both also lost Saturday with automatic NCAA berths on the line.

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**MAVS** 

Durant said. "I just had to stick with it and I think I did a good job of that. My first three quarters were below average.'

Nowitzki scored 23 points on 8-of-10 shooting, Vince Carter had 18 points and James added a season-high 14 points for Dallas.

The Mavericks, who have made the postseason 12 years in a row, are fighting to stay within reach of the final playoff spots in the Western Conference.

Dallas will play six of its next seven at nome.

"They just made more plays down the stretch," Dallas center Elton Brand said. "We had Durant under control for about 75 percent of the game. He just came up big."

Serge Ibaka had 18 points and 16 rebounds for Oklahoma City, which crept within a game of San Antonio for the best record in the West.

The Thunder beat the Mavericks for the 10th straight time, including a sweep in the first round of the playoffs last year. Oklahoma City won all four matchups this season, three of which were by six points or fewer.

"That's what it seems to come down to every game," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "It comes down to the last two or three minutes of the game."

With top defender Shawn Marion missing his sixth straight game with a strained left calf, Carter and rookie Jae took turns Crowder

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**ANSWERS** 

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

had much luck slowing down the four-time All-Darren Collison hit a bank shot to finish a 7-0

guarding Durant in

the fourth, and neither

run and put the Mavericks up 79-78 with 9:43 remaining. That's when Durant

began to take charge. The lanky forward hit a 21-footer and then drove past Carter for a threepoint play, giving the Thunder an 83-79 lead. That started a run for

Durant where he scored 17 of his team's next 21 points. He capped his scoring frenzy with a step-back jumper that pushed Oklahoma Citv's lead to 99-93.

The Mavericks went on an 8-2 run to tie the score. Nowitzki hit four free throws in a row to tie it at 101.

Westbrook's After jumper made it 103-101, Dallas had a chance to tie. But they nearly lost control of the ball

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twice and James was forced to fire up a tough shot, which was easily blocked by Durant.

With the shot clock winding down, Sefolosha turned over Mayo and hit a 13-footer with 12.5 seconds left, giving Oklahoma City a 105-101 advantage. Durant made two free throws to finish the scoring. Nowitzki hit his first

eight shots and scored all of Dallas' points in an 8-2 run that gave the Mavericks a 59-56 lead early in the third. Nowitzki finally

missed five minutes into the third with an errant 3-pointer.

Westbrook finished he third with a jumper that gave the Thunder a 73-72 lead.

Derek Fisher who played nine games with the Mavericks earlier in the season, played for the first time in Dallas since the team granted his release. Fisher said he was having a difficult

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time being away from his family and Dallas waived him on Dec. 22.

Fisher ended up signing with Oklahoma City last month and Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said before the game he was disappointed with how the situation with Fisher played out.

Dallas fans booed Fisher when he entered the game with 1:45 left. They then cheered loudly 10 seconds later when the 17-year veteran was called for his first foul.

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# We're on the hunt for IGG CILLING artists!

First Prize in each age category!
Winners will be notified!
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#### <u>Rules</u>

#### **Coloring Contest Rules**

- 1. Contest is open to children ages 3-11. Contest will be judged in the following categories: Ages 3-5, ages 6-8; ages, 9-11.
- 2. Contestants may use crayons, markers or colored pencils to color the picture. Adults may assist in completing the Contest Entry Form, but may not assist in coloring.
- 3. Entries are considered property of this newspaper and may be printed by this newspaper.

Selection Coming Soon!

4. Decisions are made final and at the discretion of the Big Spring Herald.

Phone:

#### **Coloring Contest Entry Form**

Child's Name: _	 Age:
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Drop off at the Big Spring Herald office at 710 Scurry St. by Friday, March 22.

Winners will be announced on Easter, March 31st