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## United Way makes last push for funds

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Although Monday marked the official end of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County 2013 campaign, officials are making one last big push to collect donations before the allocation process to the 17 area agencies begins.

"We are currently at 50 percent of our goal," said Sandy Stewart, United Way executive director. "We are trying to wrap up and get the monies in. Money is still coming in. Based on last year's numbers, we should get close to what we made last year but maybe not quite as much."

"We are asking for anyone who has not had an oppor-

tunity to contribute yet, to do so. We need to gather up some more money, so we can help fund these agencies in the coming year," Stewart continued.

Officials kicked off the 69th annual campaign in August setting a \$330,000 goal this year, up \$30,000 from the 2012 campaign. There is still time to contribute to the campaign since funds are allocated to the agencies in mid-January, but Stewart also added a plea not to wait any longer.

"It's time," she said. "We take money all year long, but we need to know where we are at when we go to the allocation process, so we know what is going to be

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HERALD file photo

The Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, heading north on Scurry from 24th Street to Fourth.

## There are some notable changes in this year's Christmas parade

**Herald Staff Report**

Most everyone knows that Saturday's Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade — in an effort to improve the increased flow of traffic on Gregg — will be moved a block east to Scurry. There are a few other alterations spectators and parade participants need to be aware of, as well.

Unlike the many parking areas available on Gregg, spectators are being asked

not to park on the street along Scurry, so that the parade may flow smoothly.

Also, in cooperation with the city and other entities, there will be a designated dropoff area at the end of the parade.

The parade will begin at Scurry and 24th and travel north on Scurry to Fourth Street. At Fourth, the parade will turn right, then turn right again on Main in front of Wells Fargo. The dropoff area

— the area to allow children and adults an opportunity to safely disembark from floats and other vehicles — will be along Main from Fourth to Seventh streets. That area will be blocked off.

It's not too late to join the parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m. To participate, contact the Herald before 5 p.m. Friday. Currently there are more than 80 entries for the annual event.

## Record monthly oil production

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas has reported that it produced oil at a record rate in September, more than doubling the rate of less than three years ago, according to totals compiled by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The totals show Texas produced crude oil at the rate of 2.7 million barrels per day during September, the highest average since federal officials began keeping monthly records in January 1981 and a 30 percent increase over September 2012, the Houston Chronicle reported.

That still fell short of the

record rate of 3.4 million barrels per day reported to the Texas Railroad Commission in 1972, when the state's oil production peaked, the Chronicle reported.

The Texas oil boom started in 2008, when new technology reversed decades of decline. Hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling renewed old fields and opened new ones.

Leading the way in the new Texas oil boom have been the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas and the Permian

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## Coahoma FFA teams at state

**Special to the Herald**

Two Coahoma FFA teams will compete in state competition this Friday and Saturday at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

The Public Relations Team of Julia Castilaw, Rylie Jacobs, Savannah Neff and Reagan Ver-Steeg won first place at both district and the area competitions. They are now one of the top 20 teams in the state. The Farm Radio team of Rylie Jacobs, Savannah Neff, and Reagan Ver-Steeg won second place at both competitions, also placing them among the top 20 teams in the state. The students are the first dual-event qualifiers from Coahoma FFA which is a major accomplishment.

In order to qualify for

the state level FFA contest, the teams must compete and be ranked first or second at both the district level as well as the area level. There are 13 schools that compete in the EL Rancho District and each school is allowed to have two teams in each competition.

There are seven districts that compete in Area 2 with the top two teams at each district competing in each category (14 teams). The schools are grouped by area and location, regardless of school size which means 1A schools can be competing again 5A schools.

Semi-finals will be held Friday with the top 10 teams advancing to the finals in both categories.



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Police and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Gregg and West 24th streets Tuesday afternoon. No major injuries were reported.



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## Obituaries

### Ludin A. DeHoyos

Ludin A. DeHoyos, 66, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 2, 1947 in Mercedes, Texas, to Antolina (Ramirez) and Pablo Alaniz. She married Severino DeHoyos Jr. on Aug. 2, 1965, in Lubbock, Texas. He preceded her in death March 15, 2004. She came to Big Spring in 2000 from Kansas. She was a homemaker and seamstress. She

was a member of Lighthouse Restoration Center.

She is survived by three daughters, Maria Norma DeHoyos of Big Spring, Norma Lee Gomez of Skidmore and Ester Gomez of Big Spring; four sons, Richard DeHoyos of Goodland, Kan., J.R. DeHoyos of Rio Grande City and Victor DeHoyos and Pablo DeHoyos, both of Big Spring; five brothers, Manuel Alaniz of Mercedes, Pablo Alaniz of Lamesa, Alfredo Alaniz of Michigan, Armando Alaniz of Big Spring and Adolfo Alaniz of Lamesa; one sister, Maria Salazar of Temple; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Raquel DeHoyos and Felicita Garcia, one son, Bobby Valentine, and two sisters, Janie Alaniz and Sylvia Soto.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Lewis Shields

Lewis Shields, 83, of Big Spring, formerly of San Angelo, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Graveside services with military honors will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at Lawnhaven Memorial Park in San Angelo.

He was born Nov. 7, 1930 in Jones County, Texas, to Lucile (Jackson) and R.A. Shields. He grew up in San Angelo. He had a landscaping business in San

Angelo. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the Navy on the U.S.S. Boxer.

He is survived by one daughter, Susan Lee of College Station; and two sons, Marty Shields and Dan Shields, both of Pflugerville; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, in 2000.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Harold Hall

Harold Hall, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith

## Police blotter

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

- TRACIE ANN LEE-MERCER, 30, of 1508 Tucson no. 57, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to identify -fugitive give false information, expired motor vehicle inspection, fail to appear and three other warrants from another agency.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 31, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.
- GUADALUPE CERVANTE CASTRO, 40, of 2613 Fairchild, was arrested Tuesday on warrants fro parent contributing to nonattendance, failure to maintain financial responsibility and one other warrant from another agency.
- TERESA MORENO WILSON, 49, of 123 Banks Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- FRANKLIN NOEL HAMILTON, 18, of 2609 Fairchild, was arrested Tuesday on charges of attempt to purchase alcohol by a minor and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- GARY BRIAN DONELSON, 51, of 1101 Highland Drive, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 600 block of North Main.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported at the 200 block of West FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- THEFT was reported at the 400 block of East FM 700 and the 200 block of West FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 2400 block of South Gregg.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 500 block of North Lamesa Highway.
- HIT AND RUN was reported at the 400 block of South Goliad.

Chapel with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, minister of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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


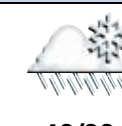

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER was booked by BSPD on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.
- ALAN CATON POWELL was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense.
- LUPE CASTRO was booked by HCSO on charges of parent contributing to non-attendance, theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- TERESA MORENO WILSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- FRANKLIN NOEL HAMILTON was booked by BSPD on a charges of attempt to purchase alcohol by a minor and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- GARY BRIAN DONELSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 2400 block of Gregg. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 500 block of North Lamesa Highway. Service refused.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veteran's Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 12/5	Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7
 <b>79/44</b> Windy with mostly cloudy skies. Warm. High 79F. Winds SW at 20 to 30 mph.	 <b>43/23</b> Rain and freezing rain. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.	 <b>34/17</b> Snow showers at times. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper teens.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:32 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:41 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	39	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	62	19	pt sunny	Livingston	77	66	cloudy
Austin	80	63	pt sunny	Longview	78	59	cloudy
Beaumont	78	69	cloudy	Lubbock	72	30	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	78	68	cloudy
Brownwood	84	47	pt sunny	Midland	76	51	windy
Corpus Christi	81	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	86	67	pt sunny
Corsicana	79	48	pt sunny	Rosenberg	79	70	cloudy
Dallas	79	46	pt sunny	San Antonio	82	64	mst sunny
Del Rio	86	61	mst sunny	San Marcos	81	64	pt sunny
El Paso	70	50	windy	Sulphur Springs	77	47	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	80	52	windy	Sweetwater	79	40	cloudy
Gainesville	71	37	pt sunny	Tyler	79	58	pt sunny
Greenville	76	44	pt sunny	Weatherford	78	40	pt sunny
Houston	78	70	cloudy	Wichita Falls	63	31	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	60	cloudy	Minneapolis	31	6	snow
Boston	48	36	sunny	New York	51	47	cloudy
Chicago	55	30	rain	Phoenix	57	43	cloudy
Dallas	79	46	pt sunny	San Francisco	55	35	sunny
Denver	13	-4	snow	Seattle	37	26	sunny
Houston	78	70	cloudy	St. Louis	68	33	cloudy
Los Angeles	62	42	sunny	Washington, DC	55	51	cloudy
Miami	80	69	mst sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Thu 12/5	Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7
3	2	3
Moderate	Low	Moderate

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

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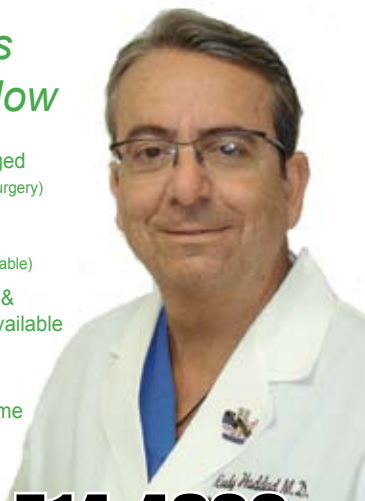
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**Take Note**

• Encompass Cares, a charity arm of Encompass Home Health, is collecting medical supplies and blankets for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. Drop off your donations at the Encompass Home Health Office at 1900 Gregg in Big Spring through Friday. For more information, contact Arminae Ward at 432-634-5488 or call the local Encompass Home Health at 432-264-0044.

• From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Canterbury (1700 Lancaster) will host its annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will feature Christmas décor, many type of homemade items and crafts — gifts of every sort and type and treats for every taste. Canterbury cookbooks will be available and there will be burritos for sale.

• Big Spring Professional Firefighters Honor Guard is giving away a Yeti Tundra 45-quart cooler, valued at \$330. For more information, call Lt. Jay Holt at 432-264-2315 or FF. Albert Cavazos at 806-559-6722. The cooler will be given away at 1 p.m. Dec. 20 at Fire Station 1, located at 1401 Apron Drive.

• A fund has been set up at Western Bank, 607 South Scurry, for the Ean Cook family, who lost their house and belongings in a fire. The account is in name of Charlene Cook, Ean's mother. Donations of clothing, food and living supplies will be greatly appreciated. To donate supplies call 816-5013 or 816-7810.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual fundraiser is coming up in January. The Silver Wings Ball will be Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at the Hotel Settles. Evening events begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Join us for a night of fine dining and dancing. Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum to purchase tickets for underwriting and sponsor opportunities. Underwriting opportunities range from \$250 to \$5,000. All underwriters will receive two tickets to the event and advertisement opportunities. Tickets for the event are \$50. Tickets for a chance to win a nights stay at the Hotel Settles are \$10 or six for \$50.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• A fund for funeral expenses has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Olga Godina who passed away Monday. Donations can be made at the funeral home.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For

more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• 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.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• 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, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to help-

ing 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. For 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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 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. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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designated to each of the agencies this year." To donate call Stewart at 267-5201 or go by the United Way office located in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
"You can donate through the United Way and designate that money to whatever agency you want

it to go or where you don't want it to go," Stewart said. "It's entirely up the donor."

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County helps fund 17-member agencies. They are: American Red Cross West Texas Chapter; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CWJC, Spring of Siloam; Casa of West Texas; Council on Aging/Mobile; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain Corp.; Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and

Drug Abuse; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club; Victim Services; Westside Community Day Care Center; and YMCA of Big Spring.

Contact Lyndel Moody at [citydesk@bigspring-herald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspring-herald.com) or 263-7331, ext. 234

**OIL**

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Basin in West Texas, which each saw production rapidly expand to more than 1 million barrels of crude per day. Texas accounted for 35 percent of the U.S. crude oil production in September.

That ranks Texas as one of the world's 15 biggest oil producers, comparable to such producers as Venezuela, Kuwait and Nigeria, the Chronicle reported. For 25 months in a row, Texas oil production has increased by more than 25 percent year-over-year, said University

of Michigan economist Mark J. Perry.

"Output in America's No. 1 oil-producing state — Texas — continues its phenomenal, meteoric rise," Perry wrote in his blog. "That production surge has to be one of the most significant increases in oil output ever recorded in the U.S.

over such a short period of time."

From 2008 to 2012, imports of foreign crude oil and petroleum products declined by 18 percent, while natural gas imports fell by 21 percent, the Chronicle reported. U.S. production still fell far short of its consumption, however, as it

pumped 6.56 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products per day while consuming more than 18 million barrels per day.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that U.S. oil production will reach 8.2 million barrels per day next year.

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# Opinion

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

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# Where is self-control nowadays?

The word levelheaded is in the dictionary. It's a real word with a simple and logical meaning. It originated in the late 1800's and in our English language means "having common sense and sound judgment; sensible." The root meaning of this compound word rather obviously presents the concept of balance. Pardon my cynicism, but has anyone seen much of that on display anywhere lately? It seems like the whole world is confused about their priorities.



EDDY PRINCE

There was a high profile college football game this past weekend which featured the Number 1 team in the nation, The University of Alabama Crimson Tide, against its archrival, the 4th ranked Auburn University Tigers. This annual gridiron clash is called the Iron Bowl because the game pitting the two largest public universities in the state of Alabama was, prior to 2000, traditionally played in Birmingham where steel is king. It is one of the most heated rivalries in college sports and the ending of this year's game was extraordinarily exciting as the Tide was upset on the last play of the game.

Talk to any Texas Longhorn fan about that red and white team from our northern border and you'll quickly discover that Alabama, Ohio, Michigan, or nobody else has a monopoly on sports rivalries. Millions of Texas fans are well acquainted with this level of intensity in a variety of sports and everybody knows conflict can get serious on and off the field. Fans talk trash to the opponents and their fans before, during, and after the games, and generally speaking it's not all that big a deal.

But even though I would definitely qualify as being a sports fan, I will readily acknowledge that something is wrong in the sports world. Dreadfully wrong. That aforementioned trait of levelheadedness is fading away and it's costing players, coaches, and fans their reputations, character, careers, and most tragically, human lives.

After the game Saturday a

woman says her sister was shot to death over the annual Alabama-Auburn football game. Police say a 28-year-old Birmingham woman was charged Monday with murder in the killing of a 36-year-old woman. The killing, outside an apartment complex near Birmingham, came just moments after Alabama lost to archrival Auburn in a last-second thriller. A neighbor who witnessed the killing said the shooter flew into a rage when she saw the victim and others joking that the Crimson Tide's loss wasn't as bad as if the NBA's Miami Heat had lost.

In September a San Francisco man died at the hand of an enraged fan whose team had just lost a baseball game. Police said Jonathan Denver, 24, of Fort Bragg, Calif., was wearing Dodgers gear when he and another person were attacked about four blocks from AT&T Park, where 90 minutes earlier the Giants had beaten the Dodgers 6-4. Denver died of his injuries and the other man was seriously bruised after being beaten, police said.

In 2011, Bryan Stow, a San Francisco Giants fan, was brutally beaten at Dodger Stadium by two men who were angry the Dodgers had lost the opening game of the season. He was a former paramedic and father of two, and suffered severe brain trauma and now requires 24-hour care.

Not every inter-fan conflict reaches these tragic proportions, of course, but it is happening far too often and something has to be done. The problem is that it's largely an environmental and social issue. In American culture today from the time a kid can suck a bottle, he or she is groomed to compete and made to believe that winning is of utmost importance. Then when they get old enough to participate in any competitive sport they are oftentimes pushed and driven beyond reason. When a young person is then thrust onto a stage of performance, whether it is a field, rink, court, or track, there is immediate mass exposure to fans, fellow athletes, coaches, and critics, all of which influence behavior and attitude. When you factor in the pathetic spoiled behavior of many professional athletes who anoint themselves as superstars and follow no sensible code of ethics

or integrity, the waters get even more muddled for formative minds.

Everybody loves to win and wants their kids and their favorite teams to be successful. But where is self-control and levelheaded behavior nowadays? During my years as an athlete, coach, umpire, and basketball official, I observed human behavior at its best and its worst. I remember officiating one particular varsity High School playoff basketball game in North Texas when a player and his dad were both loud and obnoxious throughout the entire contest. The dad yelled obscenities and insults from the stands and the son was disrespectful and mouthy on the court. After assessing the boy a well-deserved technical foul, which I was always reluctant to do except in extreme cases, I issued a stern verbal warning to the dad about his behavior and his pending expulsion from the arena if he continued to be offensive. The crowd gave me a standing ovation and the game concluded without further incident.

After the game, the dad waited until my co-official and I had showered and changed clothes and followed us to our vehicles, talking trash and making threats. We tried to ignore him, but I eventually reached my limit and abruptly turned to face him, pointed my finger in his face and said, "Mister, when the NBA is paying your kid \$10 million dollars to play the game and I'm getting paid \$200 thousand to referee, I'll take that kind of talk from you. But until then, enough is enough and if you say one more word, I'll have you arrested."

Folks, competition can be healthy and enjoyable, but some fans, coaches, and players need to lighten up and realize there are more important things in life than having a better score than your opponent. It's just a game; life isn't. The sooner some folks figure that out the better it's going to be for all of us.

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

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us dear Lord, to see that the finer things in life have been provided by You.

Amen

# Only turkeys get mercy from Obama

Another Thanksgiving has passed without a presidential commutation for Clarence Aaron, who, at age 24, was sentenced to life without parole for a first-time nonviolent drug conviction in 1993.

President Barack Obama has the unfettered power to pardon ex-cons and commute the sentences of federal inmates. Yet this term, he has used that power to commute the sentences of turkeys only — no people, even though the American Civil Liberties Union figures that close to 2,000 nonviolent offenders are serving sentences of life without parole in federal prisons.

Aaron was not a buyer or a seller but a facilitator who hooked up two professional drug dealers. All but one of Aaron's confederates has been released from prison. His remaining co-defendant is due for release next year.

Why did Aaron get the longest time? He didn't testify against the higher-ups, who sold or bought 9 kilograms of cocaine and planned to traffic another 15 kilograms. They cooperated with authorities. Also, the buyer planned to convert the powder cocaine into crack (which carries a harsher federal manda-

tory minimum sentence). The government was able to charge defendants for quantities not traded. Because Aaron didn't know how to game the system like a pro, he got life without parole.

That's a misleading term, according to Julie Stewart, president of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. It's not a sentence of life as much as a sentence to live until you die in prison.

In 2007, President George W. Bush asked the Department of Justice pardon attorney to revisit its recommendation to deny Aaron a commutation. Pardon attorney Ronald Rodgers told the White House he still believed that Aaron's petition should be denied.

Problem is, according to a 2012 inspector general's report, Rodgers withheld vital information on the case — that the sentencing judge and prosecutor's office had reversed their staunch opposition to a commutation.

Even though he misled the previous president, Rodgers remains on the job. Attorney General Eric Holder gives lip service to reforming the draconian sentencing system, yet after winning re-election, his boss has not shown mercy to a single nonviolent offender.

"Pardon Power" blogger P.S. Ruckman Jr. rates the Obama administration as "one of the most merciless in history." Bush had a better record.

I can hear apologists leap to the

president's defense. Obama dare not use this power, they pant, because Republicans would slam him for it.

For those critics, I have two words: Eugenia Jennings.

Never heard of her? That's because there was no hue and cry when Obama commuted the Illinois woman's sentence in 2011 in time for her to make it home for Christmas. She is the only recipient of an Obama commutation.

Jennings was an 18-year-old mother when she was sentenced to 22 years for her third drug offense — selling a small amount of crack cocaine to a federal informant. She clearly was no criminal mastermind, but in prison, she wised up and earned an electrician's diploma.

Jennings died from leukemia in October. The Alton Telegraph reports that 200 people attended a standing-room-only service for a woman whom "many hold as a symbol of strength and redemption."

There is nothing stopping Obama from repeating this amazing success. I have to figure he just doesn't care.

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# Texas news in brief

## Dallas man sentenced in Idaho in tax fraud case

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge in Idaho has sentenced a Texan to almost two years in prison and ordered him to repay nearly \$1.5 million in a fraud case involving false tax claims.

Lawrence Sikutwa of Dallas in August pleaded guilty to conspiracy to file false claims for a refund. He was sentenced Tuesday in Pocatello, Idaho, to 21 months behind bars.

Investigators say Sikutwa operated a tax preparation business in Dallas and enlisted people in Idaho to solicit clients for him. Prosecutors say Sikutwa made false entries in order to boost the amount of refunds and returned just a portion of the money to clients.

The case involved tax returns filed since 2005.

## Texas mom, 17, killed while holding baby

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 17-year-old South Texas mother has died after being stabbed while holding her baby at a bus stop and police later arrested her ex-boyfriend.

San Antonio police say the infant girl was not hurt in the attack Tuesday afternoon as the former couple apparently argued. Investigators say a 15-year-old bystander who tried to help the victim suffered minor cuts to his arm.

Police did not immediately release the name of the slain teenager, who died at a San Antonio hospital, or charges pending against the 17-year-old suspect. Investigators are trying to determine if he is the baby's father.

Sgt. Trey Roussel says the attack happened just after school ended at nearby Por Vida (VEE'-duh) Academy Charter High School. The victim attended the school.

Her baby has been placed with relatives.

## Soldier convicted in prostitute case

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A Fort Hood sergeant convicted in a prostitution and adultery case allegedly involving cash-strapped female soldiers has been reprimanded and demoted.

A military jury late Tuesday convicted Master Sgt. Brad Grimes of conspiring to patronize a prostitute and solicitation to commit adultery. The 17-year Army veteran was then demoted one pay grade and reprimanded during the court-martial at the Central Texas post.

Grimes, who's married, was acquitted of patronizing a prostitute and committing adultery.

The explosive ordnance disposal specialist was charged with participating in an alleged prostitution ring involving young female soldiers needing money. Defense attorney Daniel Conway told jurors that Grimes was "tempted" but no money exchanged

hands and no sex happened.

Another soldier involved in Fort Hood's sexual assault and harassment program has been suspended amid the investigation.

## Texas executes man for corrections officer's death

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas inmate was executed Tuesday evening for the death of a corrections officer during a short-lived escape from prison six years ago.

Jerry Martin, 43, had requested that no additional appeals be filed on his behalf, clearing the way for his lethal injection.

From the death chamber gurney, Martin told relatives of the slain corrections officer that he was sorry. "I wish I could take it back, but I can't," he said.

"I hope this gives you closure. I did not murder your loved one. It was an accident. I didn't mean for it to happen, but it happened. I take full responsibility."

Martin was serving a 50-year sentence for attempted capital murder when he and another inmate, John Falk Jr., broke away from a work detail outside a Huntsville-area prison on Sept. 24, 2007. In the ensuing chaos and gunfire, a 59-year-old prison officer on horseback, Susan Canfield, suffered fatal head injuries. Martin and Falk sped away in a stolen pickup truck but were quickly captured.

Canfield's husband and daughter were among the people watching Tuesday through a window in the death chamber.

Martin told his own friends and a brother, watching through another window, that he loved them. "You know I'm at peace. God is the ultimate judge. He knows what happened."

He took a deep breath, then snored as the drug took effect. He was pronounced dead 11 minutes later at 6:27 p.m. CST.

## Principal forbids students from speaking Spanish

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — A Texas middle school principal has been placed on paid leave after she banned the speaking of Spanish by students while in class.

A Hempstead school district spokeswoman confirms that Amy Lacey has been placed on leave pending investigation of her Nov. 12 announcement on the intercom at Hempstead Middle School.

More than 50 percent of the school enrollment of about 330 students is Hispanic. KHOU-TV (<http://bit.ly/1c9Uwpl>) of Houston reports a letter sent by the district to school parents assured that neither the district nor any campus has any policy banning speaking Spanish.

School district spokeswoman Laurie Bettis says the district is committed to "embracing all students of all cultural and diverse backgrounds."

Hempstead is a town of about 6,000 about 50 miles northwest of Houston.

## Houston school principal accused of shoplifting

HOUSTON (AP) — A school principal in Houston has been accused of shoplifting about \$350 worth of Christmas ornaments and men's clothing from a department store.

The Houston Independent School District on Tuesday said Tammie Daily has been temporarily reassigned amid the investigation.

The principal at Shadydale Elementary School was arrested Sunday on a misdemeanor theft charge. An attorney for Daily says the 52-year-old woman put the ornaments in a shopping bag to protect the items and then forgot to pay.

Daily, who makes nearly \$112,000 annually, also allegedly did not pay for some cologne, a man's shirt and two ties. She paid for the items after being stopped by store personnel, but was then arrested, charged and later released.

## Former banker gets 2-year sentence for bribery

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has sentenced a former financial adviser in El Paso to two years in prison for his part in a bribery scheme.

A former city official received probation.

Former Bear Stearns employee Roberto "Bobby" Ruiz had pleaded guilty to participating in a scheme to bribe El Paso County Judge Anthony Cobos, the county's top official, to steer a \$40 million county debt refinancing to him.

For his part, former El Paso City Council member Raymond R. Telles was placed on five years of probation.

Local businessman Lorenzo Hilario Aguilar, who used his connections to influence Cobos, will be sentenced on Dec. 12. Local lobbyist Antonio Dill learns his punishment Jan. 8.

Cobos, who also has pleaded guilty, is to be sentenced on Dec. 9.

## 1st witness to testify at ex-BP engineer's trial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A jury is set to hear testimony from the first witness at the trial of a former BP drilling engineer charged with deleting text messages and voicemails about the company's response to its massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

An FBI supervisor who worked on the case against Kurt Mix is expected to testify Wednesday when the federal trial resumes in New Orleans.

Jurors heard opening statements Tuesday from a Justice Department prosecutor who vowed to prove that Mix was trying to destroy evidence when he deleted hundreds of text messages to and from a supervisor and a BP contractor.

But a defense lawyer said Mix wasn't trying to hide anything from a grand jury probing the nation's worst

offshore oil spill.

Mix has pleaded not guilty.

## Dewhurst, McCraw discuss border safety

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is joining state Public Safety Director Steven McCraw to discuss safety and other issues along the Texas-Mexico border.

At a joint appearance at the Capitol in Austin on Wednesday, the pair plans to detail the "impact of a recent border security operation."

Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate, also will announce what specific border issues he'd like lawmakers to tackle ahead of the next legislative session that starts in January 2015.

The lieutenant governor is seeking re-election next year but has been challenged by three top Republicans for the GOP nomination.

Border security policy has played a role in that campaign. But it has been largely overshadowed by immigration as each of the four candidates seeks a harder line than the others on the issue.

## Icy weekend expected for North, West Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A blast of arctic air is headed for Texas, promising at least days of subfreezing temperatures and wintry precipitation in much of northern and western Texas.

The National Weather Service said intense arctic cold front was expected to enter the Texas Panhandle on Wednesday and move over West Texas and North Texas on Thursday. Friday and Saturday temperatures were expected to reach only the teens in the Panhandle and 20s in much of West and parts of North Texas.

A winter storm watch has been issued for the South Plains and the rolling plains of West Texas through Friday. Freezing rain was expected northwest of a Sulphur Springs-to-Waxahachie-to-Goldthwaite line Friday, with temperatures remaining below freezing in North and West Texas until Sunday.

## George H.W. Bush given LBJ Foundation award

HOUSTON (AP) — The Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation has given former President George H.W. Bush an award for his public service and government career.

Bush was given the LBJ Liberty and Justice for All Award Tuesday at his Houston office. The foundation said in a written statement that Bush personifies his fellow Texan president's vision for America.

Johnson's two daughters, Luci Baines Johnson and Lynda Johnson Robb, attended the presentation of the award to Bush and his wife, Barbara.

This is the second time the foundation has given the award.

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## Odds and ends

### Thieves steal 100 calendars in unusual mall heist

BUFORD, Ga. (AP) — Someone made off with \$2,000 worth of calendars for 2014 in an unusual heist at the Mall of Georgia.

Some of the 100 calendars in the mall kiosk portrayed men and women scantily clothed, such as the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders, WSB Radio reported.

They were replaced by signs objecting to how women were portrayed in the calendars, such as one that proclaimed: "Women are people not fantasies." Another stated "Should've gone with the puppies."

The theft happened Saturday at the mall northeast of Atlanta, one of the state's largest. Owner Jessica Roy described the suspects as a young couple. About a dozen signs were left on the empty racks that held the calendars, she said.

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### Attorney: Before deadly N.Y. train derailment, engineer experienced hypnotic-like 'daze'

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — An engineer whose speeding commuter train ran off the rails along a curve, killing four people, experienced a hypnotic-like "daze" and nodded at the controls before suddenly realizing something was wrong and hitting the brakes, a lawyer said.

Attorney Jeffrey Chartier accompanied engineer William Rockefeller to his interview with National Transportation Safety Board investigators Tuesday and described the account Rockefeller gave. Chartier said the engineer experienced a nod or "a daze," almost like road fatigue or the phenomenon sometimes called highway hypnosis. He couldn't say how long it lasted.

What Rockefeller remembers is "operating the train, coming to a section where the track was still clear — then, all of a sudden, feeling something was wrong and hitting the brakes," Chartier said. "... He felt something was not right, and he hit the brakes."

He called Rockefeller "a guy with a stellar record who, I believe, did nothing wrong."

"You've got a good guy and an accident," he said. "... A terrible accident is what it is."

### At U.S. embassy in Beijing, Biden urges Chinese youth to challenge authority

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden opened a two-day visit to China Wednesday by urging young Chinese students to challenge their government, teachers and religious leaders.

Arriving midday in Beijing, Biden paid a visit to the U.S. embassy, where he surprised Chinese citizens waiting to get visitor visas processed in the embassy's consular section. Thanking a group of mostly young people for wanting to visit the U.S., Biden said he hoped they would learn during their visit that "innovation can only occur where you can breathe free."

"Children in America are rewarded — not punished — for challenging the status quo," Biden said. "The only way you make something totally new is to break the mold of what was old."

The vice president seemed to be alluding to the authoritarian rule of China's government as he described a liberal and permissive intellectual culture in the United States.

"I hope you observe it when you're there," said Biden, flanked by U.S. Ambassador Gary Locke. "From the beginning of our country, it's a constant stream of new immigrants, new cultures, new ideas, new religions, brand new people continuing to reinvigorate the spirit of America."

### Senior Hezbollah commander gunned down outside his home in Lebanon; Israel denies involvement

BEIRUT (AP) — Gunmen shot dead a senior Hezbollah commander outside his home Wednesday in southern Beirut, an attack that the Iranian-backed group quickly blamed on arch-enemy Israel. Israeli officials denied any involvement.

Hezbollah ceremoniously announced the death of Hassan al-Laquis and described him as one of the founding members of the group, suggesting he was a high-level commander close to the Shiite party's leadership.

An official close to Hezbollah said al-Laquis held some of the group's most sensitive portfolios and was close to the group's leader, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah.

His shooting death comes as Lebanon faces increasing sectarian violence pouring over from the civil war in neighboring Syria, where Hezbollah forces fight alongside President Bashar Assad's troops, angering the mainly Sunni rebels seeking to oust him. Hezbollah strongholds have been the target of car bomb attacks and suicide bombers attacked the Iranian Embassy in Beirut last month, killing 23 people.

Sunni militant groups have claimed responsibility for those attacks, calling it retaliation for Hezbollah's involvement in Syria.

### Recordings of 911 calls from Conn. elementary school shooting to be released Wednesday

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Recordings of 911 calls from the Newtown school shooting are being released, days after a state prosecutor dropped his fight to continue withholding them despite an order to provide them to The Associated Press.

For nearly a year, the AP has been asking for an opportunity to review the tapes, which will now be released Wednesday to the news cooperative in addition to other media organizations. The AP will review the tapes' content and determine what might meet its standards before releasing material to subscribers.

"We all understand why some people have strong feelings about the release of these tapes. This was a horrible crime," said Kathleen Carroll, AP executive editor and senior vice president. "It's important to remember, though, that 911 tapes, like other police documents, are public records. Reviewing them is a part of normal newsgathering in a responsible news organization."

A total of seven landline calls from inside the school to Newtown police are expected to be released.

Calls that were made from cellphones and routed to state police dispatchers are not among the tapes to be released. Those include calls from a woman who was injured in the foot and a parent who called from inside a conference room during the shooting, according to documents released last week by prosecutors. The calls are the subject of a separate, pending freedom of information request by the AP.

### Roads close, crops threatened as arctic blast causes temperatures to plummet in West, Midwest

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A wintry storm pushing through the western half of the country is bringing bitterly cold temperatures that prompted safety warnings for residents in the Rockies and threatened crops as far south as California.

The jet stream is much farther south than normal, allowing the cold air to push in from the Arctic and drop temperatures by 20 to 40 degrees below normal levels, AccuWeather meteorologist Tom Kines said Tuesday.

Areas of Montana and the Dakotas were forecast to reach lows in the minus-20s, while parts of California could see the thermometer drop to the 20s. The icy arctic blast was expected to be followed by another one later in the week, creating an extended period of cold weather that hasn't been seen since the late 1990s, meteorologists said.

Officials warned residents to protect themselves against frostbite if they are going to be outside for any length of time.

"When it gets this cold, you don't need 30, 40 mile-per-hour winds to get that wind chill down to dangerous levels. All it takes is a little breeze," Kines said.

### Kiev protests continue, but with president away and government unyielding, resolution elusive

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Thousands of people are gathered in Kiev's Independence Square, where Orthodox priests chanted prayers at dawn and demonstrators are vowing to keep up their protests.

President Viktor Yanukovich is out of the country on an official trip to China and the government is showing no signs of yielding, suggesting that the tensions that have gripped the country for two weeks are far from resolution.

Demonstrators have set up scores of tents on the square, the epicenter of protests against

the Ukrainian government, and blocked several streets leading to it with tall barricades of wooden pallets and random material. Large piles of wood dot the square, fuel for fires that keep the demonstrators warm in the freezing temperatures.

### Retirees stunned by possible pension cuts as judge clears way for Detroit bankruptcy

DETROIT (AP) — A judge has given Detroit the green light to cut pensions as a way out of the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history, a decision that puts the case in the laps of thousands of retirees who had hoped that the Michigan Constitution would protect them from getting smaller checks in their golden years.

Judge Steven Rhodes said the city is eligible to stay in bankruptcy court and scrub \$18 billion in debt, about half of that amount linked to underfunded pensions and health care obligations. But he also warned officials that they'll need to justify any deep reductions.

The case now turns to crunching numbers and trying to strike deals, although unions are pursuing an appeal.

Some retirees said they felt socked by the outcome Tuesday.

"We'll be thrown out of our homes and starving if they seriously slash our pensions. Then they'll tell us to go to the soup lines," said David Sole, 65, who retired from the public works department in January after 22 years and whose wife also is a city retiree.

### Construction starts on Las Vegas mall modeled after Istanbul's Grand Bazaar

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas, where the only design rule seems to be that everything must mirror something else, is getting a new mall modeled on Istanbul's Grand Bazaar.

Construction began this week on the Grand Bazaar Shops outside of Bally's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. The 2-acre outdoor mall is expected to open next fall on the corner of Flamingo Road and Las Vegas Boulevard, in the heart of the Strip.

Developer Larry Siegel describes the project as a sanitized, glitzed-out version of a traditional Middle Eastern market.

"They're really interesting places where people can gather, and it's a real experience in terms of sights and sounds and smells. That's what we're trying to create here in a more sophisticated, modern way," he said.

The walking mall will feature a spice market, a butcher shop, and the first Swarovski store that will allow customers to haggle over crystals.

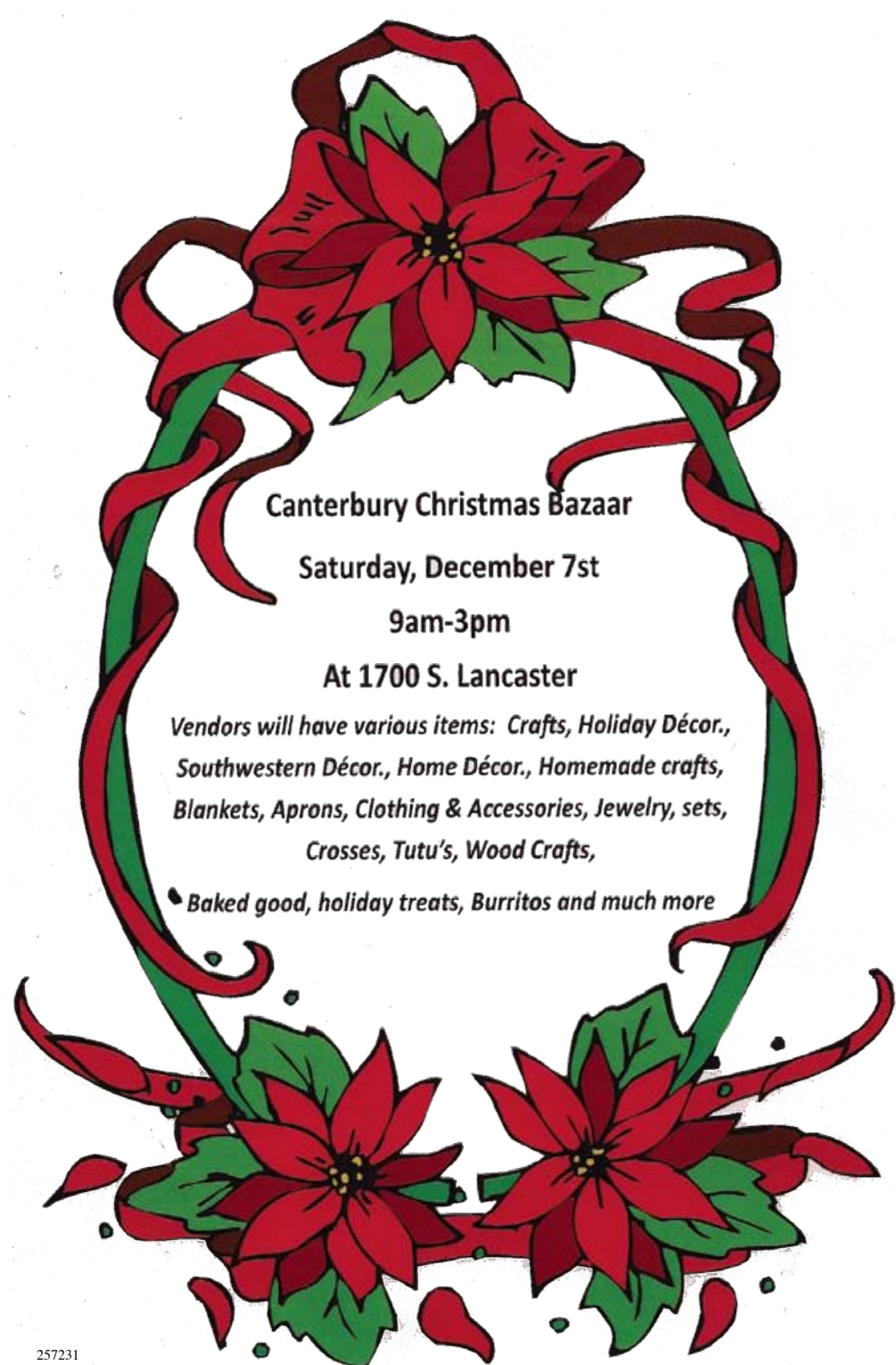
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# Health care website OK, cases can be complicated

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The federal health care website worked just fine Tuesday for Texans seeking insurance coverage, but trained helpers are finding some individual cases are not so simple and those delays have nothing to do with technology.

On the same day President Barack Obama vigorously defended his program to make sure the vast majority of Americans have health insurance, counselors across Texas dealt with an influx of applicants hoping to get insured after months of delays due of shoddy technology.

The Obama administration gave itself until Nov. 30 to fix the website, and applicants began pressing the system this week.

Micheal Biggerstaff went to a store-front office in a shopping mall operated by Foundation Communities, a nonprofit agency that helps Texans with affordable housing, free tax return assistance and now free help filling out applications on healthcare.gov, the federally operated insurance exchange. Gov. Rick Perry has rejected Obama's Affordable Care Act and ordered Texas agencies to coop-

erate as little as possible, so Texas does not have its own website.

Curt Von Beek, a volunteer who has helped people with tax returns and now helps with insurance, talked Biggerstaff through the application process, and the 27-year-old was thrilled to see he could get insurance for less than \$5 a month. In the end, though, he decided on a \$29 per month plan that has lower deductibles and co-pays.

"It kind of blows my mind that it was \$168 before (the subsidy); I don't know what to think about that," he said.

Though he's never purchased health insurance before, he had been expecting to pay \$70 a month.

Elizabeth Colvin, director of Foundation's Insure Central Texas program, said all of the offices had seen an uptick in the number of people seeking help since Sunday, when the administration said the website was working better. She said counselors still occasionally experience delays but that the system had improved steadily since Nov. 1 when they successfully enrolled their first client.

The biggest challenge, she

said, is teaching people how insurance works.

Application counselors also are finding that some people have complicated cases, which either slow the process or require more than a website to sort out. When 64-year-old Jeanette Garcia applied online, the system had difficulty identifying her and ultimately said she was ineligible for a subsidy, despite her low income. Dustin Kreitner helped her file an appeal by mail on Tuesday, because the premium offered cost more than half of her Social Security check.

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# Lady Steers still undefeated

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

### Big Spring Girls

**PECOS** — The Lady Steers are still undefeated after a strong second half propelled Big Spring to a 51-31 win over Pecos Tuesday.

Julianna Rodriguez scored 16 points in her debut after missing the first games due to the extended volleyball season. Her return, according to Warren, adds another dimension to the Lady Steers on both sides of the ball.

“(Rodriguez) is going to run the point for us,” he said. “Dyrshae Vanderbilt can, too, but this gives us another ball handler. She’s a good defender and she’s a three-point threat. And she can be a zone-buster.”

Ten of Rodriguez’s 16 points came from the free throw line, where she 10-for-10. Vanderbilt and Diamonique Mayes each chipped in eight.

Warren expected a solid squad on the court this year, but admits he didn’t expect to open up 6-0.

“The schedule is favorable right now,” he added. “But it’s nice to be 6-0. I think we have a good shot at winning the Andrews tournament this weekend.”

Autumn Minter scored seven points for the Lady Steers, while Alexis Cansino had six. Shawntee Lacy and Jackie Castillo each put up three.

Big Spring will open the Andrews tourney Thursday at 3 p.m. against Odessa Permian.

### Big Spring Boys

**SAN ANGELO** — No information available at press time.

### Forsan Girls

**BIG SPRING** — Forsan’s home game against Post Tuesday was moved to Big Spring at the last minute as a result of a power outage at FHS. The delay and the change of venue didn’t slow the Lady Buffs (4-1) down any, however, as Forsan outscored the Lady Antelopes 37-19 in the second half to seal the 55-44 victory.

Brittney Hergert registered 11 and Raegan Haggard added 13 in the win.

Off to a good start, Head Coach Lindsey Schmidt has high hopes for the season.

“We didn’t lose anybody,” she said of her returning starters. “The girls are really playing together.”

The only team to get the best of the Lady Buffaloes so far was No. 1 ranked Roscoe Highland.

The offense has been spread around, with every player able to score, but it was defense which put away Post Tuesday, according to Schmidt.

“We started off really good in the first quarter, but then (Post) got a run on us in the second,” she explained. “I was proud of our girls, they played great defense the second half and they rebounded a lot better.”

Bolstering Forsan’s depth are a pair of new faces — Kendall Phillips and Madi Roman — whom Schmidt said has helped provide much-needed breathers for her veterans.

“Our two newcomers are Kendall, who is a freshman and Madi, who is a sohomore,” Schmidt added. “They have come in and given us some really good minutes.”

Rachel Haggard and Mary-Ashley McDaniel each registered eight points, Maria Ortiz registered seven. Ali Knight had five and Jahnia Willard had three.

The Lady Buffs will participate in the Borden County tournament beginning Thursday against O’Donnell a noon.

### Forsan Boys

**BIG SPRING** — Also relocated as a result of the power outage were the Buffaloes (3-0), who opened up with a 21-1 stanza to take command over Post and never let up, winning 59-43.

FHS Head Coach Gary Huckabee and his squad are confident that his team — which is comprised of seven seniors and four juniors — has the experience and athleticism to make a return trip to the playoffs.

“The team is very excited about the year,” Huckabee said. “We’re off to a good start. We have a good bunch of seniors. They’re a dedicated group. Several of them have been with me for three years. They work hard on their own and in the offseason.”

Two of those seniors — Kade Fannin and Matthew Mims — led the Buffs with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Tyler Evans chipped in nine, Claton Galloway contributed eight, J.T. Breyman put up four and Ryan Pearson had a bucket. Fannin also led the team with 13 rebounds.

Huckabee said not much has changed from last season except perhaps the tempo of the game.

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HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring’s Julianna Rodriguez goes for a layup during a game last season. Rodriguez helped lead the 6-0 Lady Steers to a 51-31 victory over Pecos Tuesday.**

## Local briefs

### Howard College to host

#### Hawk Buddies hoops clinic

Boys and Girls in grades kindergarten through fourth are welcome to attend the 2013-14 Hawk Buddies, sponsored by Howard College Women’s Basketball and longtime corporate sponsor Wells Fargo.

Under the instruction of Head Coach Earl Diddle, Assistant Coach Addie Lees and the Lady Hawk basketball squad, enrollees will enjoy a morning of learning basketball skills, followed by a pizza party.

Each participant will receive a Howard Hawk basketball and his or entire family will be allowed into all Hawk basketball home games for the duration of the season. A ‘Buddies Night’ will be held Feb. 13 at halftime during a home game against Frank Phillips College where attendees of the Hawk Buddies camp will be recognized.

Cost will be \$20 per camper and enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Diddle at 264-5043, or Lees at 264-5155. Registration begins the morning of the camp from 8:30 -9 a.m., unless prior arrangements have been made.

### Big Spring Little League

#### to hold meeting

Big Spring Little League will be holding an organizational meeting for the 2014 season Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center (ATC).

### Forsan’s Kolby Self

#### set to be honored

Kolby Self, a senior at Forsan High School, was named ‘Built Ford Tough Player of the Week’ recently for his contributions on the football field.

Big Spring Ford will be hosting an event where Self is officially recognized for the award Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

A running back, Self not only scored touchdowns, but also served as a team leader and role model to underclassmen.

# Mavs topple Bobcats 89-82

**DALLAS (AP)** — Dirk Nowitzki apparently wasn’t kidding when he said an early season game against the Mavericks was a must-win for the Mavericks.

Once the big German finally found his scoring groove, he got Monta Ellis to play along.

Nowitzki scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and combined with Ellis to score Dallas’ last 19 points, and the Mavericks kept the Bobcats winless in Dallas by rallying for an 89-82 victory Tuesday night.

“We were just reading one another,” said Ellis, who had 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, when Dallas outscored Charlotte 29-15. “Dirk did a great job of keeping us close, then he got us ahead and we ran the two-man

game and we just picked to see what the defense was doing.”

Al Jefferson had 19 points and a grade-high 12 rebounds, and Gerald Henderson and Kemba Walker scored 16 apiece for the Bobcats, who fell to 0-10 in Dallas and 1-17 overall against the Mavericks despite leading by 12 in the third quarter.

“We’ve got to get more organized,” said Walker, who also had seven rebounds and five assists. “We tend to stop doing what we’ve been doing for the first three quarters. In order to win in this league, you have to stick with what you’ve been doing.”

The Mavericks had lost four of their previous five and trailed from late in the second quarter to the middle of the fourth before

rallying to wrap up a stretch of seven home games in nine outings.

Dallas, which is 2-6 on the road, starts a four-game trip Wednesday night in New Orleans.

“We talked about it a little bit during timeouts that we needed to get things going,” said Nowitzki, who was 1 of 10 from the floor in the first half. “This was a big game for us with us about to hit the road for a lot of tough games.”

Nowitzki put Dallas ahead for good 79-78 with a free throw after Josh McRoberts was called for a technical after getting whistled for a foul while Nowitzki was setting up with Ellis for a

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# Cowboys, Hatcher savoring rest

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Jason Hatcher is happy to have the rest and not worried about accumulating rust.

The Dallas defensive tackle and his teammates were back at work Tuesday — but only for meetings — after having nine of the previous 19 days off thanks to a late bye and their annual mini-bye after Thanksgiving.

The Cowboys get another day away Wednesday and will have been off the field a full week

when they return to practice Thursday.

Continuity heading into a Monday night matchup at Chicago? Who cares, says Hatcher. He’ll take the couch time.

“You need rest in a stretch like this,” said Hatcher, the team’s sacks leader with nine. “So to get everybody’s body healed up, this is awesome.”

That list starts with linebacker Sean Lee, who could return after missing two games with

a strained hamstring from a blowout loss to New Orleans. Lee hurried out of the locker room without talking to reporters Tuesday, but said he was “ready to roll” and expected to practice Thursday.

The Cowboys (7-5) won twice without their defensive leader to keep pace with Philadelphia atop the NFC East with four games remaining, including the season finale when the Eagles visit Dallas.

Ernie Sims took most

of the snaps at middle linebacker with Lee and his primary replacement, Justin Durant, both missing victories against the New York Giants and Oakland. Kyle Wilber played where Sims and Durant normally would have been.

Wilber was drafted as a pass-rushing linebacker when the Cowboys were using a three-man front last year. Dallas tried him at

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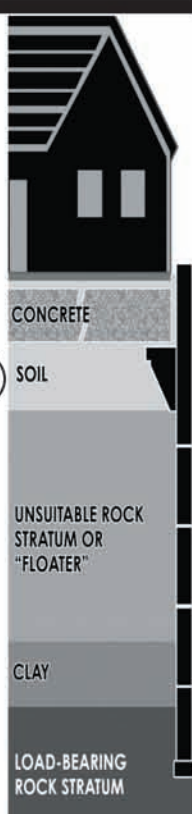
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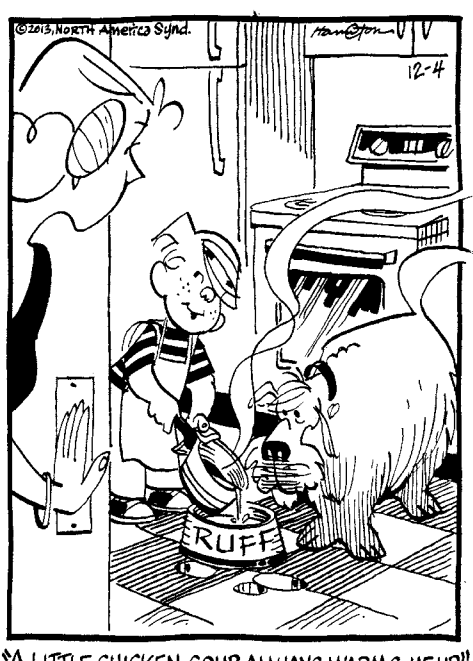
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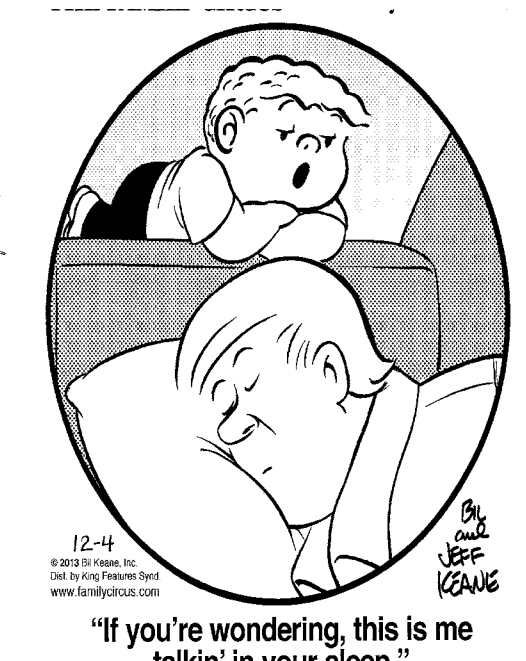


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8:PM	Mod Fam Super	Lo Que la Vida		Criminal Minds	La Reina del Sur	Saturday Night Live	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	NOVA (DVS)	Tom People	Yukon Men		Cops				Scandal	College Basketball	College Basketball
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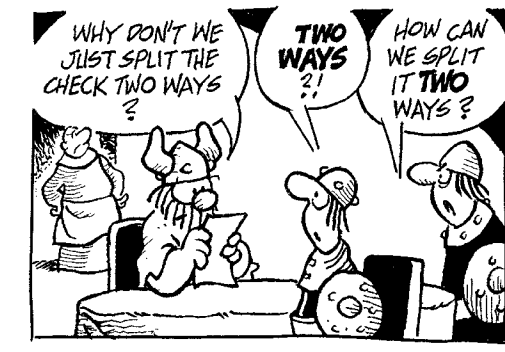
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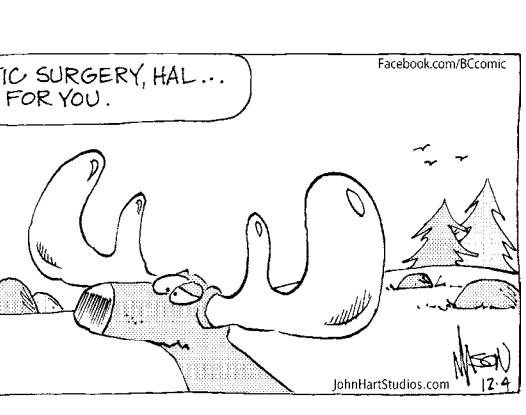
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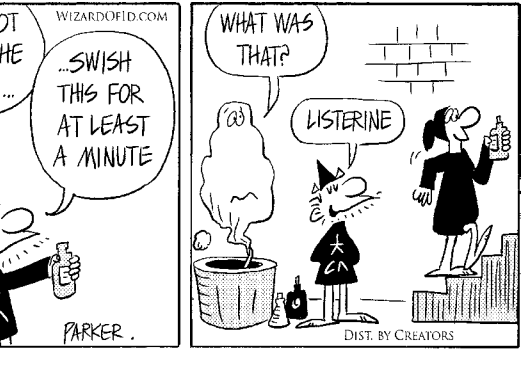
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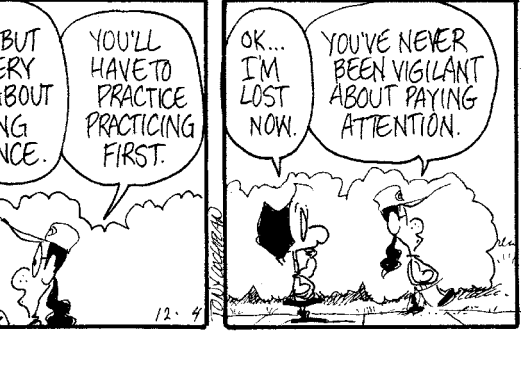
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6 Crew member

7 Throat-clearing sound

8 European island nation

9 In full flower

10 True statement

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22 Replay technique, for short

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33 Gown fabric

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35 Maximum speed

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53 Show for sure

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58 Casserole cooker

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2013. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 4, 1619, a group of settlers from Bristol, England, arrived at Berkeley Hundred in present-day Charles City County, Virginia, where they held a service thanking God for their safe arrival. (Some suggest this was the true first Thanksgiving in America, ahead of the Pilgrims' arrival in Massachusetts.)

On this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1912, Medal of Honor recipient Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, the Marine Corps pilot who led the "Black Sheep Squadron" during World War II, was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson left Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles (vehr-SY) Peace Conference.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations by a vote of 65-7.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein (FYN'styn) was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone (mahs-KOH'nee).

In 1984, a five-day hijack drama began as four armed men seized a Kuwaiti airliner en route to Pakistan and forced it to land in Tehran, where the hijackers killed American passenger Charles

Answer to previous puzzle

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pick-and-roll with 3:08 left.

Ellis hit a driving layup on the same possession, and then a jumper after Anthony Tolliver missed a 3-pointer. Ellis, who got his fourth quarter going with a tough baseline jumper late

in the shot clock for a 78-76 lead, finished 22 points and five assists.

Dallas was up 83-78 when Ellis jumped high for a rebound after a miss from Walker. Nowitzki hit a long jumper at the other end to turn the game into a free-throw exercise.

Dallas guard Jose Calderon played after missing one game with an ankle injury and had back-to-back 3-pointers to give Dallas a 35-33 lead with 4:16

left in the first half. He finished with 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting from long range and was on the floor with Nowitzki and Ellis late.

"Nowitzki and Ellis took over the game," Charlotte coach Steve Clifford said. "And if we would run around a double team, they've got 3-point shooters all over."

A cold-shooting first quarter provided a preview of a sluggish offensive

game in the fourth quarter, when the teams either misfired or couldn't get off a shot in 10 consecutive possessions with the Bobcats leading 73-70.

A 3-minute scoreless stretch ended with three straight made shots — two jumpers from Nowitzki over McRoberts and a bucket from Jefferson on an assist from McRoberts.

The 6-foot-10 McRoberts had three assists.

**HOOPS**

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"It will be fairly similar to last year," he explained. "The pace will be a quicker, but we just make some minor tweaks. We're shooting at a better percentage and turning the ball over less. There's been a lot of maturity."

Next up for the Buffaloes will be the Borden County tourney. Forsan is slated to open against O'Donnell at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

**Coahoma Girls**

COAHOMA — It took overtime and a wild finish to do it, but Grady upended Coahoma 54-51 Tuesday.

After a slow start, the Bulldogettes (4-2) used a solid second quarter to take a one-point lead at the half.

The Lady Wildcats charged back, outscoring CHS 20-13 in the third frame, but sharp shooting by Savannah Neff — who accrued 20 points during the outing — kept Coahoma within reach and eventually forced an OT period.

In addition to Neff's game-high 20, Kyla Clanton put up nine, Lauren Simer and Julia Castilaw seven, Kaeli Yager and Alexis Jackson had three and Rylie Jacobs added two.

The Bulldogettes will face Sweetwater Thursday at Stanton's Hoop-town Classic Tournament at 9 a.m.

**Coahoma Boys**

COAHOMA — A monster second quarter powered Grady past Coahoma (2-2), as the Wildcats outscored the Bulldogs 25-12 to take a commanding lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Grady's Daniel Rodriguez had a game-high 17 points.

The scoring was spread around for CHS, who was led by Devin Ruiz's nine. Caige Miller added eight, Braxton Iden chipped in six,

Kyler Franks put up five, Shanen Warneke contributed four and Hayden Adamson and Ben Chapa each added a bucket.

The Bulldogs will try to redeem the win Thursday against Colo-

rado City at 1:30 p.m. at the Stanton Hoop-town Tournament.

**Other area scores:**

• Stanton (girls) def. Iraan, 57-38.

• Garden City (girls) def. Reagan County, 54-33.

• Reagan County def. Garden City (boys), 48-46.

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**Sudoku Answer on Page 14**

**sudoku**

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

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

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**A Quest for Information**

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
 ♠ A 6  
 ♥ A Q 4  
 ♦ A 7 6 2  
 ♣ Q 8 5 3  
**WEST**  
 ♠ K 10 4  
 ♥ 10 8 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ Q 3  
 ♣ 10 2  
**EAST**  
 ♠ J 3  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ 10 9 8 4  
 ♣ A K J 9 7 6  
**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 9 8 7 5 2  
 ♥ K J 3  
 ♦ K J 5  
 ♣ 4

The bidding:  
 West North East South  
 Pass 1NT 2♣ 4♠  
 Opening lead — ten of clubs.

There are many ways a skilled declarer can improve his chances. One of the most reliable is to count the opponents' distribution as the play progresses.  
 Consider this deal where South is in four spades. As the cards lie, declarer starts with two certain trump losers and a club loser, and it appears that at some point he is likely to attempt a diamond finesse and lose to West's queen for down one. If South tends to his knitting, though, the diamond loser can be averted.  
 Declarer plays low from dummy on West's ten-of-clubs lead, and East overtakes the ten with the jack and

continues with the king, ruffed by South with the seven. A spade is led to the ace and a spade returned, covered by the jack, queen and king. West exits with a heart, and declarer plays the Q-K-A of hearts, on which East discards two clubs. South then ruffs a club in his hand.

West tries to conceal his possession of the spade ten by refusing to overruff, but declarer continues his quest for information by leading the eight of spades. West wins as East discards a diamond, producing this position with West on lead:

**North**  
 ♠ A 7 6  
 ♥ Q  
**West**  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ Q 3  
**South**  
 ♠ 9  
 ♥ K J 5

West returns a heart, on which dummy and East discard diamonds as declarer ruffs. At this point, South has a sure thing.

East, who has shown up with precisely six clubs, two spades and a heart — and therefore four diamonds — has only three cards left, one of which is known to be the club ace. The A-K of diamonds are thus certain to fell all the remaining diamonds, establishing the jack as the game-going trick without having to risk a finesse.

Tomorrow: Partnership defense.  
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# Spurs, Timberwolves to meet in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The NBA is back in Mexico for a regular-season game, and the San Antonio Spurs and Minnesota Timberwolves are learning there's an additional rival to conquer: The altitude.

During a practice game Tuesday, Minnesota's players looked noticeably exhausted.

"It was very tough getting through the sprints," Kevin Love said. "You lose your breath very easy in here, but it was a good practice. Hopefully we'll have our wind tomorrow."

The Timberwolves and Spurs will play Wednesday night at 9:30 p.m. EST.

Sitting at 7,350 feet above sea level, Mexico's capital is at a far higher elevation than Denver, which is the NBA's highest venue at 5,280 feet.

"In Denver, which is the highest city in the United States, we can feel (the altitude) in the first five minutes," the Spurs' Manu Ginobili said. "I'm sure it will be much more difficult here."

Minnesota, which will be the home team, has never played in Mexico. During the practice, Love and the rest of his teammates looked visibly tired.

"We did not know the altitude would affect us so much but we were able to run a bit during practice," said Jose

Juan Barea, who has twice played in Mexico for Puerto Rico's national team — in Cancun and Guadalajara.

"The trainer asked us to drink a lot of water because he wants to make sure we're OK," Barea said.

Timberwolves coach Rick Adelman said he plans to modify his strategy a bit to take the city's altitude into account.

"We have to be very aware on probably getting guys in earlier than we normally would," Alder said. "We had a scrimmage to get ready for it. Our substitutions will be quicker."

Spurs coach Greg Popovich said he won't change his substitution plan

and simply hopes that "as the minutes go by, the (altitude's) effect will pass. I'm not planning any changes."

The game Wednesday will be the 21st played south of the border. Although, this will be the first regular-season game since the Dallas Mavericks faced the Houston Rockets on December 6, 1997, at Mexico City's Palacio de los Deportes.

The Spurs have played five games in Mexico, including one just a couple of years ago when they played a pre-season game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

"It's certainly different because now is a sum game," Ginobili said.

## REST

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defensive end first in the new 4-3 alignment this year, then switched him back to linebacker when the health issues arose. Now there's talk he might be a starter alongside Lee and Bruce Carter.

"To have two new linebackers in there, two of the three positions are new guys, different guys," coach Jason Garrett said. "And that's a challenge. And a real tribute to those guys, Wilber and Ernie, just kind of learning on the job and learning quickly."

The Cowboys are moving on without Lance Dunbar after the backup running back injured his left knee and had season-ending surgery Tuesday. He was placed on injured reserve, and the Cowboys signed full-back Tyler Clutts, who played four games with Miami this year and has 36 appearances in three seasons.

Dunbar's injury was significant because it came while the undrafted player from nearby North Texas was having

the best game of his two-year career in the 31-24 Thanksgiving win over the Raiders. He had 82 yards rushing on 12 carries.

"We're certainly going to miss him," Garrett said. "He was a big factor in the ballgame the other day, really gave us a spark, made a lot of positive plays. But we certainly move on."

Joseph Randle, a fifth-round pick this year

who was expected to end up as Murray's backup, will likely resume that role. It's not the first time he's been in it because Dunbar was battling hamstring issues before his knee injury.

Randle scored his first career touchdown in a win over Washington and had 91 yards on 33 carries — a 2.8-yard average — in the two games Murray missed with a knee injury.

## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



### Christmas Yummies

Holiday recipes from food author & chef Judith Choate and her sons—a family that cooks together, shares recipes, and bonds over food.

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

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