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## 'TIS THE SEASON

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 Paul's PC at 20<sup>th</sup> and Scurry streets was awash in Christmas lights Tuesday night. Owner Paul Johnson said the lights will be turned on every night through the holiday season.

# Local United Way nears \$330,000 goal

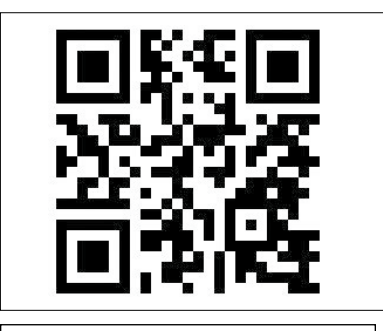
**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer  
 Oh, so close. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is only 12 percent away from achieving its \$330,000 goal for the 2014 campaign. "We still have the potential to make our goal," said Sandy Stewart, United Way executive director. "We set our goal

each year based on what our agencies need to be able to provide their services. Our figures are based on real numbers." With campaign cofferers now at \$290,000, United Way officials have been able to move the symbolic "ther-

mometer," located at the Howard County Courthouse, upward to 88 percent. Campaign efforts this year through the Empty Bowls luncheon, golf tournament, West Texas Ball Storm, business and agency campaigns have managed to exceed last year's total but just barely, Stewart said. Officials are hoping to narrow that \$40,000 gap in the next

few weeks. "When you give to the United Way, you are supporting agencies who provide tangible services to our community, from providing meals to homebound seniors to assisting families or individuals who have lost their home due to disasters." Anyone wishing to donate can contact Stewart at 267-

5201 or visit the campaign office at 215 West Third St. Board members will head into the allocation process to discuss disbursing campaign funds to the area agencies the second week of January. Agencies that receive funding from the local United Way are American Red Cross  
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# Festival of Lights aglow again

**Festival of Lights**  
**When:** Open nightly from 6:30-10 through Dec. 31.  
**Where:** Comanche Trail Park.  
**Features:** Gift shop at Belaski Pavilion, 7-9 p.m. Carolers and bands, various nights. Santa Claus will be at the Festival from 7-9 p.m. beginning Dec. 19.  
**Fee:** No charge, donations accepted.

**By ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer  
 The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is off to a roaring start, officials said. More than 2,700 people have visited during the first two nights of the 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas season event, which annually attracts thousands to Comanche Trail Park. Festival of Lights will be on display until Dec. 31, according to officials. Longtime director Pat Simmons was very pleased with attendance the first two nights. "After a wonderful beginning Monday night with 1,483 visitors, Tuesday we had 1,283 for a total of 2,766. That's fantastic!" Simmons said. "Some



of the visitors came from 18 states and 2 countries." To honor veterans, a large U.S. flag adorns the dam at Comanche Trail Lake along with lighted poinsettias. Festival workers began setting up displays the week  
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**Food2Kids** volunteers Fran Emerson and Joanne Forrest pack a number of bags filled with nutritional meals which will be given to more than 300 children who attend Big Spring ISD schools. The volunteer assembly line was in overdrive Monday at the Spring of Salom building preparing enough meals to get through the holidays. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Its Facebook page is [www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids)



## Electrical shortage handled at refinery

BY LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

An electrical shortage may be to blame for black smoke seen rising from ALON refinery Tuesday afternoon.

"We had an electrical problem and whenever electricity is interrupted it creates challenges," said Blake Lewis, community relations spokesperson for ALON USA. "What I think the public was seeing was a result of that problem. When electricity is interrupted in the system, it can create the need for a flare."

ALON USA Energy is a Dallas-based company in the petroleum refinery industry. The Big Spring Refinery refines about 70,000 barrels of oil per day, and produces diesel fuels, gasoline, jet fuels and asphalt.

In 2008, an explosion occurred at the Big Spring refinery causing major damage to the facility, but limited injuries to personnel.

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## LIGHTS

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after Thanksgiving. The festival will feature more than 1 million lights and hundreds of displays, turning a large section of the park into a West Texas style Christmas wonderland.

More than 20,000 visitors are expected during the event, which last year attracted people from 38 states and 17 foreign countries.

Simmons' long-standing goal is to have 25,000 visitors. While Simmons remains the guiding light of the event, she has given day-to-day supervision to Howard Stewart, who has assumed the title of project manager.

The festival has always been a treat for the eyes, but Simmons has arranged to treat the public to music, as well. A group of carolers and various bands will be at the gift shop Dec. 19 to 23, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The attraction will be open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and has a new diorama, but Simmons declined to say what it is. "It's really neat, but I'm not going to say what it is," she said. "You'll just have to come out and see it."

To enjoy the Festival of Lights at its full potential, Simmons said to come in at the east entrance on S. Highway 87. "Across from Walmart and follow the arrows." She also wants to remind everybody about

the gate at the north entrance and encourages visitors to heed the sign posted on it to prevent anyone going in and reaching a dead end.

The Festival of Lights is completely funded by donations to help pay for building supplies, electricity and other essentials.

Because of those donations throughout the years, the trail has been extended to more than 1.2 miles of lighted ex-

hibits and can take 10 to 25 minutes depending on traffic.

For those who prefer to take a stroll outside of their vehicle, there is also a lighted walking trail that starts at the duck pond and ends at Kid's Zone. A gift shop is also on site.

For more information on this year's festival, contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 264-2516 or 263-8235.

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## ► Odds & Ends

### Mystery man hands out \$100 bills in Massachusetts

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (AP) — A generous mystery man has made the holiday season a little brighter for employees of two Massachusetts coffee shops.

A man wearing a cowboy hat walked into Marylou's in Hyannis on Saturday and handed the worker behind the counter 15 envelopes, each containing a crisp \$100 bill.

Manager Victoria Grandy tells the Cape Cod Times "MERRY CHRISTMAS" was printed in red on the front of each envelope.

Workers didn't recognize the man as a regular, but one employee said he resembled Santa Claus.

A man, believed to be the same person, but this time wearing a ball cap, on Monday handed over eight envelopes containing \$100 bills to the workers at the Dunkin' Donuts at the Cape Cod Mall.

Those employees also didn't recognize him as a regular.

### Among change, gift of jewels for Salvation Army

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — In one of its famous red kettles in South Florida, the Salvation Army has received a gift worth more than a little bit of change: an emerald and diamond necklace.

On Tuesday afternoon, the agency received a call directing bell ringers to check a kettle in Doral, a Miami suburb. There, a worker found the necklace and a note telling the group to keep up the good work.

The Miami Herald reports that it's the fifth consecutive year the organization's Miami-Dade chapter has received an unusual gift around the holidays. It always comes with a similar note and a phone call from a woman.

Judith Mori of the Salvation Army says the necklace is appraised at \$1,340. Previously, the gifts have been a gold nugget, \$1,000 and two diamond rings, containing \$100 bills to the workers at the Dunkin' Donuts at the Cape Cod Mall.

## UNITED WAY

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# Opinion

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we stay in good health, oh Lord, so that we can improve the well-being of others.

Amen

# Best ways to improve family life

While the Christmas holiday season is one of the most joyous times on the yearly calendar for most people, it represents a time of serious challenge for others.

A loved one may have passed away since last Christmas so the family faces sadness and emptiness in the midst of joyous celebrating.

Perhaps the financial challenge of providing all that you want for your loved ones is overwhelming.

Maybe a thousand miles separate you from the ones you want to be with the most.

In the midst of it all, one thing is certain — when the final Christmas song has been sung, the last decoration is boxed and back in the attic for another 11 months, and everything is back to what we consider normal, we will still need someone to love and who loves us in return. For those who are fortunate enough to have one, that's usually family.

The traditional family unit is under serious attack in America today, yet a loving functional family remains the cornerstone of our society and the most valuable entity in the world.

If you have family that you cherish and who cherish you in return, you are blessed beyond measure. No one should labor under any false illusion that families are perfect. They aren't, simply because they are made up of real people living in a real world fighting real battles. But when the dust settles, a family will be holding hands and hearts and nothing else will be as important.

Comedian George Burns said, "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city." Some would agree, but I think Jane Howard said it best when she wrote, "Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

"A man travels the world over in search of what he needs, and returns home to find it" was the musing of George Moore.

Wherever you and your clan

fit in on the scale, this is a great time of the year to show one another how much you love and appreciate family.

One of the most enjoyable books I have ever read was written by Bill Butterworth entitled, "Peanut Butter Families Stick Together," subtitled, "Family life can be crunchy or smooth."

As a parent with several children still at home I eagerly read the book because I trusted the wisdom of a man with a wife and five children. There was much truth and humor in the book and family life does have the potential to be "crunchy or smooth."

Much research into the subject of strengthening the God-designed family unit has taken place and here are a few thoughts I share in hopes that it may just, in fact, strengthen yours.

Eat together at a sit-down meal at least three times a week. More often is even better. With busy schedules, family members can end up just communicating logistics — who is going where and when? But a sit-down meal provides an opportunity for everyone to slow down, reconnect, and just enjoy one another's company. It's even better if no electronic games, cell phones or tablets are allowed at the table.

Have a family activity once a week. It can be anything: cleaning up the yard, going to the movies, reading a book together, watching old family videos, or doing something for someone else. You can even try activities that different members of the family like to do. Family activities give you the chance to try new things and share experiences.

Let your children witness often how much you love and respect their mom or dad. The best ways to improve family life always start with you.

Children are aware of the emotional atmosphere in their home. When that atmosphere is filled with love and respect between adults, children feel safe and they have a positive model for how they can treat others as they grow up. Children learn a lot about how to be a spouse and a parent from the way their parents treat each other.

Know what to say when your children are upset. When one of your children comes to you dis-

satisfied with their current life experience, rather than sympathizing with them, and talking about what they don't want — which will only help them create more of it — acknowledge their discomfort and then say to them, "Why are you creating this? If you could have it the way you want it, what would that look like?" Help them become aware that they, with God, are the creators of their lives.

Never use demeaning or derogatory language or voice tones with each other. Hostile humor uses negativity to get a laugh. It is really shame with laughter. If someone is using a negative voice tone, politely say, "Please change your tone." By avoiding hostile humor, each member of your family will know that they are supported by their family and don't have to worry about being mocked or shamed at home.

Pray together as a family at least once each day. Focusing on inter-personal relationship in any family is vitally important, but it is my personal belief that nothing supersedes teaching each and every member of the family the immeasurable importance of a personal relationship with God.

When families share that commitment together it strengthens them more than anything else because it fortifies the very heartbeat of the human existence.

If we would all dedicate ourselves to teaching and nurturing the individuals who make up our families, we would influence a tremendously positive wave of change in our world.

Christmastime is an excellent opportunity to reach out and love your family in an even more special way than the rest of the year. After all, the reason we celebrate Christmas at all is to acknowledge and appreciate the greatest Love Gift ever given, a baby born to a virgin who came to give us all something we could never have apart from Him — life abundant and free.

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

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# Hacking Sony? It's near treason

The intelligence was obtained illegally. The hackers presented a threat to workers and their families. Foreign operatives likely were behind the document theft. Any news organizations that report this ill-gotten information are, if not un-American, surely "morally treasonous and spectacularly dishonorable."

Are those the words of intelligence talking heads railing against National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden? No, they are the thoughts of screenwriter and "Newsroom" creator Aaron Sorkin, who argued in The New York Times on Monday that news organizations should not print stories about purloined internal Sony corporate documents — replete with dirt on stars' compensation, employee medical records and top execs' emails, some with snarky racial references to President Barack Obama. The documents were extracted by a group that calls itself Guardians of Peace, which threatened to leak more Sony tidbits if the corporation goes through with its scheduled Christmas Day release of the comedy "The Interview," about a CIA-inspired assassination plot

against North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong Un.

"You're giving material aid to criminals," Sorkin scolded. And: "First, salaries were published. Not by the hackers, but by American news outlets." Sorkin directed more umbrage toward the "American journalists helping them" than he did toward the hackers, who reputedly are linked somehow to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

There is something precious about Sorkin's outrage toward the Sony leaks. Sorkin notes that the Guardians of Peace have threatened Sony families. OK, the same can be said of a spate of national security leaks, which threaten to expose U.S. intelligence assets abroad.

It says something about this country's lack of seriousness that the Hollywood left can applaud hackers who purloin sensitive national security information but can find outrage after leaked information that Hollywood honchos — as opposed to tea party activists — can be racially insensitive. CNN's Don Lemon confessed that he is "torn" about the Sony story. Lemon asked, "Do you want people gaining information that way?" How else does Lemon think this happens?

Sorry. It's hard to hit the brakes on the leak culture when it has run over so many nameless public servants in the intelligence community.

For its part, Sony reacted with Washington-like heavy-handedness. The entertainment giant hired David Boies, the lawyer who represented Al Gore's losing case on the 2000 Florida presidential vote recount. He shot off a letter to news outlets warning that the material is "stolen information," that Sony does not consent to publication of hacked documents and that the corporation "will have no choice but to hold (them) responsible for any damage or loss arising from such use or dissemination by (them)."

If Sony wants to win public sympathy, then its execs should be railing about the copious blood on Kim Jong Un's hands. They could vow not to buckle to blackmail, be it from the henchmen of a North Korean despot or anonymous anarchistic hackers. They even could talk about the ugliness of information theft.

Instead, Sony hired a big-shot lawyer to repeat the thought of every Hollywood biggie treated like a civilian: Don't you know who I am?

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

# Parkview opens new therapy center

Special to the Herald

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation has opened a new therapy center that is nearly twice the size of the previous facility and has new equipment for treating fractures and other types of injuries.

"This gives us more variety," commented Mari Mahurin, occupational therapist and director of rehab. "This puts our treatment at a higher level. We've noticed a big increase in the number of rehab patients and have added another fulltime therapist. We deal with people who are here on a short term basis and we want to get them back to work or back home as soon as possible."

The new therapy room has two entrances now. One opens to the general nursing home area, another allows short-term residents the opportunity to go direct from their wing to rehab.

"All of our therapists live right here," said Mahurini. "It's nice to hear an older person tell one of our therapists, 'I know your grandmother.'"

Kristi Beauchamp, daughter of owner Vicki Cole and administrator of Parkview, said the therapy is especially beneficial for residents who leave the hospital but are not ready to go home. Here they get the care they need.

"We want to keep people in Big Spring," she said, "so they won't have to go out of town for therapy. Our well-trained therapists offer an invaluable service."

Parkview is located at 3200 Parkway Road in Big Spring and can be reached at 432-263-4041.



Courtesy photo  
Therapist Adam Hyatt, PTA, guides Milton "Mo" Hilton on the step one rehab bicycle at the new Parkview therapy center.



Courtesy photo  
Therapist Susan Henderson, PTA, left, and therapist Patty Blakeney, PTA, right, help Pat Dickenson with the balance bars.

## News in brief

### Taliban school massacre leaves scene of devastation as Pakistan mourns for 148 slain

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — The Taliban massacre that killed 148 people — mostly children — at a military-run school in northwestern Pakistan left a scene of devastation and carnage as the nation mourned and mass funerals for the victims got underway Wednesday.

The attack Tuesday at the Army Public School and College in the city of Peshawar was the deadliest slaughter of innocents in the country and horrified a nation already weary of unending terrorist assaults.

Blood was pooled on the floor and the stairs as media were allowed inside the school a day after the attack. Broken window glass, door frames, torn notebooks, pieces of clothing and children's shoes were scattered about. A pair of child's eyeglasses lay broken on the ground.

Prayer vigils were held across the nation and in other schools, students spoke of their shock at the brutal slaying in Peshawar, where seven Taliban gunmen, explosives strapped to their bodies, scaled a back wall using a ladder to get into the in the morning hours on Tuesday.

Students were gunned down and some of the female teachers were burned alive. Army commandos fought the Taliban in a day-long battle until the school was cleared and the attackers dead.

### Jeb Bush sets stage for Republican presidential race, his ambitions no longer in question

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's suddenly become crystal clear that Jeb Bush has his eye on the presidency.

With just a few words, the former Florida governor stepped further into the 2016 Republican presidential contest than potential rivals, declaring via Facebook on Tuesday that he will "actively explore the possibility of running." Some of those rivals, as well as veterans of presidential politics generally, saw his statement as a de facto announcement that ends months of speculation about his intentions.

The son and brother of presidents, Bush is the early favorite of the Republican establishment wing, and his move puts immediate pressure on other establishment-minded GOP contenders to start competing with him for donors, campaign staff and national attention in a crowded field of potential contenders.

"I didn't expect to see this happen this quickly," said Gov. Terry Branstad of Iowa, where the first votes will be cast in January 2016 caucuses. For months, while other GOP prospects were in motion around the country, Bush largely avoided prominent political gatherings, instead pitching his education ideas to policy audiences and showing "a little self-restraint" about his ambitions. That began to change recently, and is destined to change more now.

### Australian leader says siege gunman was dropped off nation's security watch list years ago

SYDNEY (AP) — A gunman responsible for a deadly siege in a Sydney cafe was once on the national security agency's watch list — but was dropped off it years ago for reasons that remain unclear, Australia's prime minister said Wednesday.

Man Haron Monis, a 50-year-old Iranian-born, self-styled cleric described by Prime Minister Tony Abbott as deeply disturbed, took 17 people hostage inside a downtown Sydney cafe on Monday. Six-

teen hours later, the siege ended in a barrage of gunfire when police rushed in to free the captives. Two hostages were killed along with Monis.

Abbott said that Monis was on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation's watch list in 2008 and 2009, but was later dropped from it. The agency was watching Monis because he had sent a series of offensive letters to the families of dead Australian soldiers, Abbott said.

"I don't know why he dropped off the watch list in those days, I really don't," Abbott told reporters.

### Russia ruble recovers some of its losses after Tuesday's collapse

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's embattled ruble appeared to be regaining some of its catastrophic losses in early trading on Wednesday, boosted by the finance ministry's announcement that it is about to intervene to support the currency.

Deputy Finance Minister Alexei Moiseyev was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that it is going to sell foreign currency from its treasury accounts "as much as necessary and as long as necessary."

The ruble lost over 15 percent of its value this week despite Tuesday's massive interest rate hike by the Russian central bank and was at some point more than 20 percent down on Tuesday.

The world's worst-performing currency along with the Ukrainian hryvnia, the ruble has lost more than 50 percent of its value this year. After posting some fresh losses at the opening, the ruble reversed its fall an hour into the trading.

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## News in brief

### Ex-staffer for congressman alleges harassment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former staffer for Rep. Blake Farenthold is suing the office of the Texas Republican, saying she was sexually harassed and fired soon after she complained of a hostile work environment.

Lauren Greene, a former communications director for Farenthold, filed the lawsuit last week in federal court in Washington.

In a statement Tuesday, a spokesman for Farenthold — first elected in 2010 — said the congressman expected to be cleared of wrongdoing “once all of the facts are revealed.”

Greene alleges in her lawsuit that Farenthold made sexually suggestive comments to her, including some she says were designed to gauge her interest in a sexual relationship with him. She also says Farenthold disclosed to another staffer in the office that he had been having sexual fantasies about Greene.

In addition, Greene alleges that the office chief of staff “bullied” her and treated her hostilely, but that when she addressed the problem with Farenthold, was encouraged to simply stand up for herself.

She says she complained about the behavior to Farenthold in June and was fired less than a month later despite having never been warned that her job was in jeopardy.

Farenthold spokesman Kurt Bardella said Tuesday that while Farenthold could not discuss the specifics of the complaint, he and other members of the staff “have a very different view of the allegations.”

“For the record, the office did not and does not discriminate based on sex or any other unlawful factor,” the statement said.

### Southwest bag workers picketing over flight delays

DENVER (AP) — Saying Southwest Airlines is neglecting workers and its customers, baggage handlers are bringing attention to the company’s slide in on-time performance as they seek a new contract.

Workers picketed and handed out leaflets to passengers at Denver and 15 other airports across the country Tuesday. On Wednesday, they plan to press their point in an ad in USA Today.

For years, Dallas-based Southwest was the most punctual of big U.S. airlines, but it stumbled after trying to squeeze in more flights into its schedule. Southwest has also prided itself on keeping its employees happy, believing that would guarantee good service for its customers.

“That recipe is kind of gone and it’s profits over people and that’s not acceptable,” said Charles Cerf, president of the Southwest baggage workers’ union, Transport Workers Union Local 555, who was picketing in Orlando, Florida.

About 50 percent of the time, Cerf said there is only one worker pulling bags out of the bigger version of the Boeing 737 Southwest now flies even though the plane holds 38 more passengers than the previous version, requiring an extra flight attendant. He said that is contributing to the airline’s delays and hurting customers.

Southwest was in last place in on-time arrivals among the largest five carriers in 2013 and much of 2014 but topped American and United in October, according to figures released last week. Over the summer it began scaling back its schedule changes and allowing more time between flights.

### Adler wins runoff to become Austin’s new mayor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Attorney Steve Adler has

defeated city council member Mike Martinez in a runoff election to become Austin’s next mayor.

About 8 p.m. Tuesday, Martinez told supporters he had called Adler to congratulate him on being Austin’s next mayor. At the time, the count of almost 50,000 early ballots cast showed Adler had 70 percent of the vote.

Later, in unofficial returns with all 236 precincts reporting, Adler took 67 percent of the vote to 33 percent for Martinez.

Adler outspent Martinez and was the perceived front-runner heading into Tuesday’s runoff after grabbing 37 percent of the first-round vote last month. That was 7 percent more than Martinez but short of a majority in an eight-candidate field.

Outgoing Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell has been in office since 2009 but is term-limited.

### North Texas woman gets probation in mother’s death

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas woman has been sentenced to probation in the death of her elderly mother, whose emaciated body was found in their apartment three years ago.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports 58-year-old Bonnie Ann Cupples of Euless was sentenced to 10 years of probation on Tuesday. Authorities say 77-year-old Bonnie Lee Cupples weighed 86 pounds when they found her body. Her death was ruled a homicide due to malnutrition, dehydration and grave bedsores.

Bonnie Ann Cupples pleaded guilty in May to serious bodily injury to the elderly by omission.

### Report: Texas man killed by officers was on drugs

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A medical examiner says a man killed by El Paso police had drugs in his system when officers shot him seven times.

An autopsy report released Tuesday says 22-year-old Marco Perez had amphetamine and methamphetamine in his blood when he was killed in October.

El Paso police responded to the Quality Inn & Suites after an employee reported being threatened by Perez. They say officers shot Perez after he refused to drop a handgun and pointed the weapon at them. He died at the scene.

No other injuries were reported.

The police department hasn’t released the names of the officers involved. Three were placed on administrative leave.

The Texas Rangers are investigating.

### Jury to deliberate a 2nd day on ex-judge’s penalty

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) — Jurors are to deliberate a second day the fate of a former justice of the peace convicted of killing a North Texas district attorney’s wife in what prosecutors describe as a revenge plot.

The Rockwall County jury resumes deliberations Wednesday on punishment for Eric Williams. Jurors deliberated for a little over two hours Tuesday before recessing. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty, but jurors could opt for life imprisonment without parole.

Williams was convicted this month in the shooting death of Cynthia McLelland. He is also charged, but hasn’t been tried, in the deaths of Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and assistant prosecutor Mark Hasse.

Prosecutors say the deaths were retribution after Hasse and McLelland prosecuted Williams for stealing county equipment, costing him his job and law license.

### East Texas baby died of malnutrition, dehydration

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — A pathologist has testified that the 2013 death of a 2-month-old East Texas baby occurred due to malnutrition and dehydration.

Dr. Candace Schoppe testified for the prosecution in the Lufkin murder trial of the boy’s parents, 19-year-old DeQuisha Jackson and 20-year-old Isaiah Tolliver.

Attorneys for the couple begin their defense Wednesday in the trial involving the death of Imauri Jackson.

Schoppe, who took the stand Tuesday before prosecutors rested their case, says the infant was very small, emaciated and severely dehydrated.

Autopsy results indicated the baby weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces at birth. He weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces when he died in October 2013. The death was ruled a homicide due to neglect.

### Texas woman free on bond in salt poisoning case

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas woman has been released on bond while she awaits a new trial after being convicted of capital murder in the 2006 salt poisoning death of her foster son.

Thirty-seven-year-old Hannah Overton of Corpus Christi was released Tuesday after serving more than seven years of a life sentence in prison. A judge in Corpus Christi set bond at \$50,000 and approved unrestricted access to her five children while she’s free.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in September overturned her conviction in the death of 4-year-old Andrew Burd, citing ineffective counsel at her 2007 trial.

Overton says Andrew had emotional and medical problems, including an eating disorder in which he’d consume odd food items. He had elevated sodium levels when he died at a Corpus Christi hospital.

### Wreck scatters grapefruit along I-35 in Austin

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Boxes and bags of grapefruit have ended up scattered along a Central Texas interstate following a traffic accident.

KXAN-TV reports nobody was hurt early Wednesday in the wreck that spilled citrus near downtown Austin.

Austin police are trying to determine what caused the Interstate 35 crash that led to traffic delays and rerouting of some vehicles. Investigators believe one truck apparently sideswiped another, damaging a rig that was hauling grapefruit.

Texas Department of Transportation crews cleared the fruit and I-35 fully reopened in time for Wednesday morning’s traffic rush.

### San Antonio Zoo reopens Komodo dragon exhibit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Zoo has reopened its Komodo dragon exhibit on the one-year anniversary of a deadly fire that killed one of the animals and several other reptiles.

Firefighters were in attendance for the reopening on Tuesday, which debuted a 10-year-old female named Tiga brought in from the Toronto Zoo.

A heating mat used to keep the reptiles warm ignited the two-story building last year. A 15-year-old Komodo dragon named Scatha and five other reptiles died in the fire.

Zoo workers incubated an egg Scatha had buried and hatched her daughter, Phoenix, who is also on exhibit.

The new enclosure is heated by water.

### Perry likens Hanukkah to Boston Tea Party rebels

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry is marking the first night of Hanukkah by likening the Jewish Festival of Lights to the Boston Tea Party.

In a statement Tuesday, Perry compared Jewish Maccabee rebels to American colonists who protested against British rule in 1773.

The Republican said it was “fitting” that this year’s first night of Hanukkah falls on the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees after their victory over the Syrians.

Perry said the Maccabees “knew, as the Jewish people know, that the few can overcome the many” and that “faith can transcend persecution.” He also saluted “our ally, Israel.”

Perry leaves office Jan. 20 but is mulling a second presidential run in 2016.


### 5th Circuit won’t rehear Texas whooping crane case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The federal appeals court in New Orleans has voted 11-4 against reconsidering a ruling that Texas is not directly responsible for the deaths of 23 endangered whooping cranes and doesn’t have to draw up a conservation plan balancing the interests of water users with the need to protect the big birds’ habitat.

In June, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a district judge’s ruling that Texas should have known that permits to withdraw water from rivers flowing into the Aransas and San Antonio bays would let saltier Gulf of Mexico water flow in, reducing availability of key foods for the world’s only natural flock of whooping cranes.

The Aransas Project, an environmental group, will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the case, for reasons including those in a strong 36-page dissent by three of the judges, attorney Jim Blackburn wrote in an email.

That opinion said the appeals court did something it should not do, reconsidering facts rather than ruling about procedure.



## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Improving Your Chances

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♦A 9 4			
♣5 4 2			
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		♣Q 10 7	
		♠J 10 9 8	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠A Q J 10 5			
♥K 4			
♦K 2			
♣A Q 6 3			

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

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Let’s suppose that declarer can make a particular contract only by taking a successful finesse against a missing king. If nothing in the bidding or play indicates otherwise, he is said to have a 50 percent chance for the contract.

In some cases, though, declarer can find a way to improve on the

straightforward 50 percent chance of the finesse succeeding. A means of adding to one’s chances is something a careful declarer is always on the lookout for.

Consider this deal where South’s slam seems to depend solely on a successful club finesse. But this is not really an accurate assessment. With correct play it is possible to make the slam not only in the 50 deals out of 100 where East has the king of clubs, but also in another 10 deals or so where West has the singleton or doubleton king.

To cater to this additional possibility and thereby raise his chances from 50 to 60 percent, South wins the heart lead with the king, draws trumps, plays the K-A of diamonds and ruffs dummy’s nine of diamonds, then cashes the ace of clubs and leads a heart to the ace.

These preliminaries attended to, South now leads a club and plays the queen after East follows low. (South, of course, does not know that West was dealt the doubleton king.)

West takes the queen with the king but, thanks to South’s advance preparations, must return a heart or a diamond. This allows declarer to discard a club from dummy as he ruffs in his hand, and the slam is home.

Tomorrow: Hidden asset.  
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## Sudoku Answer on Page 12

# sudoku

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

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# Segregated Waco cemetery to be united

By I.B. SMITH  
Waco Tribune-Herald

*Editor's note: This is an AP Member Exchange shared by the Waco Tribune-Herald.*

WACO, Texas — At Greenwood Cemetery, a chain-link fence cuts Waco's history in half.

On the other side are more than 1,000 black residents, including college presidents, business leaders, a state legislator, a baseball star and Broadway baritone Jules Bledsoe. But those visiting the white side must exit the cemetery and re-enter on the black side to see their tombstones.

Soon that fence, a rusting legacy of Jim Crow segregation, is likely to become history, too.

The city of Waco, which has maintained the black side of Greenwood since 2007, has informally agreed to take over maintenance of the white side from the East Waco Greenwood Cemetery Association in the coming year. The city intends to remove the separating fence and unify the entire cemetery within a new fence.

"That should have been taken out 75 years ago," Councilman Wilbert Austin, whose district includes East Waco, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "There was a separation there, but now we need to open that whole cemetery up."

City parks and recreation director Rusty Black said development in the area, including the Baylor Research Innovation Collaborative research park across Business 77 from Greenwood Cemetery, has given the city impetus to clean up the cemetery. The city also plans to replace a state historical marker that was stolen recently from the cemetery and to create a new decorative entrance to the cemetery.

The city established Greenwood in 1875 as a segregated cemetery. For most of the cemetery's life, each side of the cemetery has been maintained by separate volunteer organizations with a small contribution from the city.

"Everybody's getting old, members are dying off, and the money's not coming in to take care of it," said Greenwood vice

president Robert Nussman. "We agreed to go ahead and let the city take it over and take the fence down."

No one associated with the cemetery knows the origin of the fence or seems to blame anyone alive for its existence.

Noah J. Jackson, last living member of the People's Cemetery Association board, said he has found his counterparts on the other side of the fence to be "good people," serving to honor the dead just as he did.

Jackson, a 1953 graduate of all-black A.J. Moore High School who went on to be a Veterans Affairs manager and contractor, grew up visiting the cemetery and has relatives buried there. But as a youth he never gave much thought to the fact that blacks and whites were segregated in death.

"It was the norm," he said on a tour of the cemetery Friday. "We paid very little attention to the fence being here. It was like another graveyard over there. We just focused on what we had."

Annie Randle, a leader of the People's Cemetery Association, told the Tribune-Herald in March 1971 that the fence had been there as long as she could remember.

"I suppose they wanted that so the black ghosts wouldn't go over there and bother the white ghosts," Randle told the newspaper.

Newspaper clippings from the early 1970s to the 2000s chronicle how both associations struggled to muster the money and volunteer hours needed to keep up their sides year after year.

In the early 1970s, the white section was reportedly watered and well-mowed, while the black side was choked with weeds and trash.

The black community stepped up to do a months-long cleanup in 1975, and by the late 1980s, it was the black side that was well-kept, thanks to the work of the People's association, which drew on city funds and annual dues of \$50 per family.

The white side fell into disarray by 1990, then the East Waco Greenwood Cemetery Association was reborn with a new board and a dues-

paying membership of 93. The association has mowed the section regularly since then, but it has struggled to keep up with the job as membership has fallen by nearly half.

"We've already mowed it six times this year, and next week we're going to get it mowed again," Nussman said. "You're talking about \$400 for every mowing."

Nussman, 83, is no longer able to help with physical work at the cemetery, such as clearing brush and tree limbs.

Since about 2000, County Commissioner Lester Gibson organized crews to clean up parts of the cemetery, including a county-owned section that happened to fall within the white side of the fence.

Research from the Waco city attorney's office shows that McLennan County created a pauper cemetery on the Earle Street side of Greenwood in 1883. Scores of victims of the 1918-19 Spanish influenza pandemic were buried in an unmarked mass grave there, according to past news articles.

Gibson said he's pleased to see the city taking over maintenance and removing the traces of bygone segregation.

"I think it's a positive move," he said. "It unifies that area into one cemetery. I can understand the division back in that day, but we've moved forward since that time. It's one cemetery. When you're dead, you're gone. There's no color out there, just a whole cemetery that needs to be protected."

The city's plans to unite and enclose Greenwood may face some challenges, starting with the fact that the city doesn't own all of it. Deed records show that parts are owned by private parties, including the defunct People's Cemetery Association and the heirs of mortuary owner E.G. Boykins.

Assistant City Attorney Annette Jones said it may be impossible to establish the rightful owners. It's possible that the city could assume full ownership after declaring the privately owned sections abandoned. But she questioned

whether anyone would want to claim those sections, since by law they can't be sold and no further burials are allowed there.

"From a legal perspective it would be nice" to have title to the whole cemetery, she said. "It's a management question as to what risk you want to take."

Also in question is whether old fences can be removed and new fences erected without disturbing unmarked graves below. City officials said they will work with the Texas Historical Commission to seek fencing solutions that won't disturb graves.

It's anyone's guess as to how many people are buried at Greenwood, because original burial records and many markers have been lost. Volunteer surveys in the 1980s found more than 2,000 markers remaining in the entire cemetery.

According to volunteer transcriptions on the website findagrave.com, the Waco Day newspaper in 1889 listed 22 Confederate veterans in the cemetery, along with five Union veterans and four War of 1812 soldiers. But many of those markers are long gone.

Donald Crockett, president of the East Waco Greenwood Cemetery Association, said he has tried for years to locate the grave of his grandfather, Samuel Thomas Crockett, who died in August 1938.

"He was so poor, he didn't have money for a marker," Crockett said. "My grandmother's last

wish was that we could find her husband."

Nussman, the vice president, said he has served on the cemetery board for years out of duty to his family buried there, including his German immigrant grandfather, Herman Nussman, and grandmother.

Also buried there but without a stone is his uncle, Henry, who drowned in the Brazos River in 1910.

"One of the articles said he was drowned by a big fish," he said.

Noah Jackson said he still goes to visit Greenwood to see family buried there and to be inspired by the black leaders of yesteryear.

A bed frame marks the grave of a baby in the white section of Waco's Greenwood Cemetery. The cemetery has been segregated since the city created it in 1875. Now the city will remove the fence and maintain both sides as a unified cemetery. Photo by Rod Aydelotte

Those include educators such as J.H. Hines, G.L. Wiley and L.M. Sublett. Two Paul Quinn College presidents are buried there: William Laws and H.T. Kealing, who was also the black college's first student. R.L. Smith, who founded the Farmers Home Improvement Society to help black farmers become financially independent, is also notable for being elected to the state Legislature in 1894.

Also interred is Andrew "Lefty" Cooper, a star pitcher in the Negro Leagues in the 1920s

and '30s. Cooper, who lived from 1898 to 1941, was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

Most famous of all is Waco native Jules Bledsoe, 1899-1943, who wielded his powerful baritone voice in operas, movies and Broadway shows including the original production of "Showboat."

As the character Joe, he introduced "Old Man River" to the world, and his tombstone is inscribed with the lyrics, "Ol' Man River/ He just keeps rolling along."

Jackson said he never got to see Bledsoe when he performed in Waco, but through a family connection he once owned a costume of the famous singer.

Just knowing that a man like Bledsoe could succeed was an inspiration to a young boy growing up in segregated Waco, Jackson said.

"It made you feel better to know he could make it," Jackson said.

The black side of Greenwood has improved under city maintenance, Jackson said, adding he'd like to see more attention paid to old markers.

"This needs to be fenced and gated, and there needs to be more research done on who's buried here," he said.

The neighborhood deserves better, especially now that the BRIC is bringing high-level researchers and jobs to East Waco, he said.

"That project is going to help the city move forward," he said. "All this has to be raised to the level around it."

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Big Spring linebacker Garrett Wigington was one of three Steers named to the 2014 APSE Class 4A all-state football team on Tuesday. Wigington led the team in tackles and sacks this season as a junior.

## Steers put three on APSE all-state team

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Garrett Wigington, Tobby Tannehill and Nathan Schneider were all among the best players in the state this past season while leading the Big Spring High School Steers to a second straight berth in the regional quarterfinals.

On Tuesday, the Associated Press Sports Editors' put into writing what everyone knew. All three were named to the organizations' 2014 APSE Class 4A All-State Team's honorable mention roster.

In all, the three BSHS standouts were more than 75 Texas high school football

standouts honored by the group.

A two-way starter, Wigington was among the Steers' top defensive players this season as a junior linebacker. He finished as the team's leader in tackles with 121 and sacks with six. He also registered 14 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Schneider helped anchor a talented BSHS defensive line. The junior standout finished with 59 tackles, including two sacks. Of his 59 stops, six came behind the line of scrimmage.

Tannehill was the catalyst for a potent Steers' offense. The senior quarterback led the team in rushing and passing in 2014, rolling up 1,547 yards and 13



Nathan Schneider



Tobby Tannehill

TDs on 194 carries as a runner, and completing 116 of his 223 passing attempts for 1,858 yards and 21 TDs.

### Texas APSE Class 4A all-state football team

The 2014 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 4A all-state high school football team, released Tuesday. Voting based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position.

#### FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

##### Linemen:

— MICHAEL COFFEY, Navasota, Sr. -- 96 percent grade  
— CHASE HERRIG, Sinton, Jr. -- 76 pancakes, 97 percent grade, 1 sack allowed  
— MATT HITER, Argyle, Sr. -- 91 percent grade, offense averaged 50 pts/game, 38 pancakes, 1 sack allowed  
— DANE JESTERS, Gilmer, Sr. -- 93 percent grade, 58 pancakes  
— WYATT SANTOS, Van, Sr. -- 95 percent grade, 24 pancakes, 1 sack allowed

##### Receivers/ends:

— TRENDAVIAN DICKSON, Navasota, Jr. -- 51-1,229, 24 TDs receiving  
— TRENTON JONES, Levelland, Sr. -- 1,326 receiving yards, 19 TDs  
Quarterback:  
— SHELTON EPPLER, Navasota, Jr. -- 161-234-2,967, 42 TDs passing, 7 INTs  
Running backs:  
— CEDRIC BATTLE, WF Hirschi, Sr. -- 2,489 rushing yards, 31 total TDs, 202 points  
— DRAESHAUN HANNAH, Mexia, Sr. -- 2,187 rushing yards, 28 TDs; 2 TDs receiving  
— D'ANTHONY HOPKINS, Cuero, Sr. -- 210-2,050, 30 TDs rushing, 2 receiving TDs  
— JOZEF RUIZ, Van, Jr. -- 9-10 FGs, 57-57 TDs, 19 touchbacks  
Offensive Player of the Year: Cedric Battle, WF Hirschi

#### FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

##### Linemen:

— TYRIQ BURNET, Willis Point, Soph. -- 88 tackles, 13 sacks, 24 TFL, 2 FF, 2 FR  
— DEDRICK GARNER, Fairfield, Sr. -- 93 tackles, 23 TFL, 8 sacks, 4 FF, 4 FR  
— D'SHAN HARLEY, WF Hirschi, Sr. -- 54 tackles, 29 TFL, 15 sacks  
— ALBERT MAGALLANES, Rio Hondo, Jr. -- 75 tackles, 20 sacks, 23 TFL, 2 FF, 3 FR  
Linebackers:  
— AARON BERNAL, Boerne, Sr. -- 149

tackles, 8 TFL, 6 sacks, 2 FF, 2 FR  
— DEVIN EGGINS, Fairfield, Sr. -- 170 tackles, 8 TFL, 2 sacks, 3 FF, 3 PBU  
— ZACK MCMAHEN, Vernon, Sr. -- 119 tackles, 24 TFL, 5 TFL, 5 sacks, 2 FF, 1 INT, 1 defensive TD  
Defensive backs:  
— REAGAN ANDERSON, Devine, Jr. -- 8 INTs, defensive TD, 11 pass deflections, 31 tackles  
— DIAMEON BREWER, Wilmer-Hutchins, Jr. -- 62 solo tackles, 9 INTs, 3 FF, 7 PBU  
— JUSTUS PARKER, La Vernia, Sr. -- 53 tackles, 7 INTs, 11 pass deflections  
— CAMERON WEISS, Mineral Wells, Soph. -- 50 tackles, 14 PBU, 8 INTs, 2 FR  
Punter:  
— CLAYTON HARP, El Campo, Sr. -- 45.6 avg., 17 punts  
Defensive Player of the Year: Devin Egins, Fairfield

#### SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

##### Linemen:

— Thom Berry, Gladewater, Sr.; Jonathan Castillo, Perryton, Sr.; Colton Hall, Liberty Hill, Sr.; Jacob Perez, Cuero, Sr.; Kyle Rickman, Seminole, Sr.  
Receivers/ends:  
— Blake Lynch, Gilmer, Sr.; David Snelling, Boerne, Sr.  
Quarterback:  
— Jarrett Stidham, Stephenville, Sr.  
Running backs:  
— Tre'von Jackson, Sanger, Sr.; Nick Ralston, Argyle, Sr.; Juwan Washington, Kennedale, Sr.  
Kicker:  
— Edgar Sanchez, Henderson, Sr.

#### SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

##### Linemen:

— David Bearden, Dargyle, Jr.; Colton Knapp, Pleasanton, Sr.; Daylen Mack, Gladewater, Sr.; Cameron Reynolds, Stephenville, Sr.  
Linebackers:  
— Darrin Bradley, Houston Wheatley, Jr.; Bohner Cottongame, Graham, Jr.; Derrick Walker, Ferris, Sr.  
Defensive backs:  
— Landon Gonzales, Graham, Sr.; Clay Johnston, Abilene Wylie, Sr.; Houston Vela,

Perryton, Sr.; Derrick Williams, Kennedale, Sr.  
Punter:  
— Zane Boles, Henderson, Sr.

#### HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Josh Albina, Geronimo Navarro; Carlos Becerra, Celina; Chance Bishop, Kennedale; Spencer Brandt, Yoakum; Ty Crabtree, Monahans; Ty Crain, Sweetwater; Isaac Espinoza, Gladewater; Andrew Flanagan, Kennedale; Jose Gonzalez, Graham; Cooper Hedge, Abilene Wylie; Blake Hickey, Godley; Wil Holmes, Robinson; JP Ortiz, Devine; Noah Perez, Stephenville; Carlos Ponce, Krum; Roberto Requena, Caldwell; Jacob Rowland, Willis Point; Chris Simmons, Levelland; Sean Strickland, Midland Greenwood; Taylen Vaughn, Celina; Esteban Vijil, La Vernia; Matt Waggoner, Argyle; Brance Watts, Sanger; Josh West, Athens; Jarod Wood, Kilgore.  
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## Bryan, Steers roll past G'wood

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Tyler Bryan, Ty Sealy and Kei'Shawn Broussard all scored into double figures on Tuesday and powered the Big Spring Steers to a thrilling 60-51 victory over the Greenwood Rangers in non-district basketball action in Greenwood.

The Steers didn't waste any time against the Rangers. Big Spring raced to an early advantage by outscoring Greenwood by a 20-11 clip in the first eight minutes.

The Rangers fought their way back in the second. Greenwood posted a 14-10 run in the frame and went into the half trailing by just five, at 30-25.

Big Spring all but put the icing on the win with a dominating third-quarter performance. The Steers outscored built a commanding 51-37 lead in the frame by outscoring the Rangers by a 21-12 clip in the third.

Bryan finished the game as Big Spring's top scorer, netting 16 points in the contest. Sealy and Broussard both added 12. Six of Broussard's total six of came via a pair of clutch three-point shots.

The Steers, who are scheduled to host Seminole in the Steer Gym on Friday, also picked up excellent play from seniors Tobby Tannehill and Matt Yanez. Tannehill chalked up six points in the contest, while Yanez added 5.

With the loss, Greenwood fell to 0-15 for the season.



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring suffered a 45-43 loss to Greenwood on Tuesday.

## Late rally lifts G'wood past BSHS

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Greenwood Rangerettes buried a three-pointer later in the fourth quarter and then held on to claim a tough 45-43 victory over the Big Spring Lady Steers in non-district play on Tuesday in Greenwood.

The Rangerettes needed a 14-11 run in the final eight minutes to top nail down the come-from-behind victory.

The Lady Steers held the upper hand early in the contest. Backed by the play of seniors Julianna Rodriguez and Jackie Castillo, the BSHS girls built a slim 9-7 lead in the first quarter.

After Greenwood had rallied for a 21-19 halftime lead, the Lady Steers hit stride. They posted a 13-10 run in the third and took a 32-31 lead into the fourth.

Rodriguez led all BSHS scorers in the game with 18 points. Castillo added nine.

## Frogs give Patterson new deal after Big 12 title

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU coach Gary Patterson has a new contract after leading the Horned Frogs to a Big 12 title in only their third season in a power-five conference.

Athletic director Chris Del Conte acknowledged Tuesday that a new deal was in place for Patterson that also takes care of his assistant coaches at the private school. Del Conte wouldn't give specific details.

Patterson was already among the Big 12's highest-paid coach-

es, with a salary of about \$4 million this season.

Del Conte would only say that Patterson is under contract "through the end of the decade" and that the coach is "well taken care of" financially. The AD said the agreement was reached Dec. 7, the day after the regular-season finale when the Frogs clinched a share of the Big 12 title with defending champion Baylor.

"We don't wait around, you don't let grass grow between your toes when you have the

very best in America," Del Conte said. "So we settled up ... shook hands and crossed the T's and dotted the I's and we're off to the next subject."

Patterson is TCU's winningest coach with 131-45 record in 14 seasons, after three seasons as defensive coordinator under former coach Dennis Franchione. The Horned Frogs (11-1) play Mississippi (9-3) in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 31.

"I'm always glad to have 20 bucks to buy soft drinks because that's about all the time

I have to do what I've got to do," Patterson said Tuesday as the Frogs officially accepted the bowl bid. "I'm in a little bit different situation, more like a Frank Beamer. ... At some point in time you become more than the coach with the university, You're the ambassador for it. You don't just make decisions to win football games, you make decisions to make the university better, especially at a small, private school because you can have an effect."



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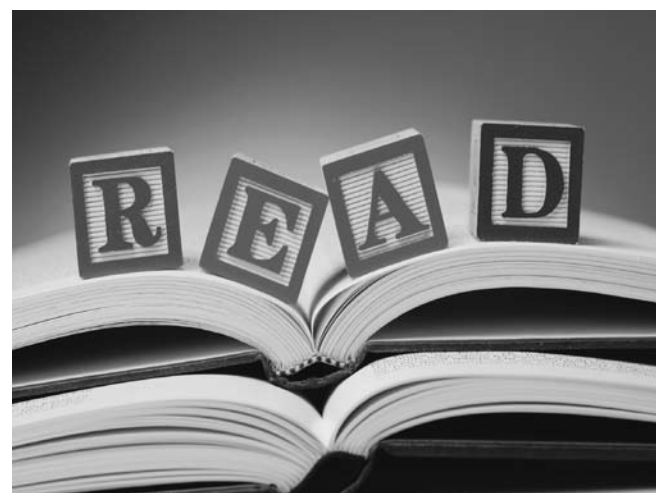
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Annie's Mailbox ®

**Dear Annie:** I have two teenage children from a previous marriage. For the past 12 years, they have lived with their mother 90 miles away, and I have visitation every other weekend and alternate holidays, etc. I have always exercised visitation faithfully and have a good relationship with both of them.



KATHY MITCHELL  
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This year, my daughter has rarely come for weekend visits. She is socially active and has things to do with her friends on weekends and says she'd rather be with them. My son comes regularly.

For the past few years, I've given my kids money for Christmas and birthdays so they can buy whatever they want. I always give them the same amount. Now I

think I should give my daughter less because she is essentially cutting me (and her grandparents) out of her life. I have told her how much we miss seeing her on a regular basis, and she doesn't seem to care.

I talk to the kids regularly by phone, and they both seem to enjoy telling me about their lives and events. Their mother and I are not on speaking terms. She can be irrational and is unwilling to help me.

If my daughter thinks my side of the family is not worth her time, then she shouldn't expect to be treated the same as her brother. My parents also have been generous to my children, and they agree. They are my parents' only grandchildren. Am I wrong to give them different amounts? -- Dad

**Dear Dad:** Please don't. Your daughter is a teenager, and like many teens, she has an active social life that is more important to her than either parent. She isn't trying to marginalize you or cut you off, and if you punish her this way, it will create lifelong resentment for what is a temporary problem.

Consider making some changes to the visitation schedule so that her weekends are freer. Or perhaps, to make up for fewer weekends, you can have more of her vacation time. Look into activities in your area (rock concerts, etc.) that might appeal to her. Offer to let her bring a friend for a weekend once in awhile. Explain that you miss her and so do her grandparents, and ask how to make this work. She will appreciate your flexibility, and in the long run, it will do your relationship good.

**Dear Annie:** I have an estranged sister, and we haven't spoken in 20 years. Family members are always concerned at

weddings and funerals that there will be a "scene" if both of us are invited. I feel these events are not the time or place for family squabbles.

However, at our grandmother's funeral, I simply ignored my sister. But she insisted that she wanted a hug from me. I simply and politely told her "no." She stormed out, crying all the way.

I have nothing to do with this woman. I don't make scenes at family gatherings and couldn't care less if she's there or not. So why is it that the majority of my family sees ME as the bad guy? -- Couldn't Care Less in Idaho

**Dear Idaho:** Because your sister enjoys giving the impression that she wants to reconcile, making you seem heartless. If you don't care, then this shouldn't matter to you. But we will say that after 20 years, you might want to see whether a reconciliation is possible. People can change, and being estranged from a

sibling can take a toll.

**Dear Annie:** This is for "Taking Care of Everything in Iowa," the sister who is caring for her parents without help from her siblings, who tell her to get a full-time job. She already has a full-time job. My family just went through this. Dad and his wife had 24/7 caregivers, costing nearly \$4,000 a month. If they want her to find full-time work elsewhere, are they willing to pay for 24/7 caregivers? I doubt it. "Taking Care" has my utmost respect. -- Just a Guy

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Water-Sign Moon

Hanukkah begins under a mysterious and spiritually aligned Scorpio moon, lending a deep feeling to the rituals of the holiday. Know that this water-sign lunar influence will magnify and morph our feelings. Water reflects what's above and around it, though the reflection is always somewhat distorted. Try to see the beauty in that interplay.



HOLIDAY  
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You know it's love when you don't have to do much other than be together to have a special time. The humor you share is part of what makes it great. It's easy to be funny when you're this comfortable.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your work will satisfy you on a deep level. Is it also satisfying to your boss, customers and colleagues? Ask about how you're being perceived. Encourage people to tell you the truth.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be liberated in

some way. You weren't planning this, so it may feel strange to you, but trust the timing of it. Fully let go so that your arms will be free to embrace the new.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You don't wonder why you were dealt the hand you were dealt; you're too busy figuring out how to play it. Today this will involve a bit of bluffing, and you have a very convincing poker face.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). What you think is a loss may actually be the biggest gain you've had in a while. Think it through. It's possible that short-term defeat provides just the lesson needed for a long-term victory.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What was complicated becomes super-simple. It's all cause-and-effect. Everything you need is in your realm. All you have to do is choose. Happy choices lead to happy feelings.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Accept your feelings for what they are: messages from the heart that help you understand who you are and form bonds with others. You will now have the emotional strength to face a feeling you once would have avoided.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are a lot of people around you who

want the same thing that you want, so hopefully you're ready to compete. The prize will go to the most persistent player.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'd rather act than react. You have better ideas than most, and you'll only get the chance to execute them if you take the initiative. Think ahead and align your efforts accordingly.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Group efforts will be tricky. Everyone will not do the same amount of work. Graciously accept whatever contributions people are willing to give, and try to remain positive and supportive.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends may think you are forgetful, but that's just because they don't understand how your complex and sophisticated mind processes things. You prioritize the most important thoughts and let the lesser details go.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Laugh, and the world laughs with you. Well, at least the part of the world that shares your sense of humor. As for the others, don't waste your time. Play to the audience you know will appreciate you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 17). You'll go into your new year with a radiant confidence. Don't worry about what you'll achieve, because any goal

you set before February is sure to change. First observe and then seek education based on whom and what you're most attracted to. You'll compromise for love and be happier for it in June. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 28, 44, 16 and 46.

**HOLIDAY HACKS 2014:** In recent days, we've looked at "life hacks" to make the holidays merrier for Aries through Aquarius (see archives). As one of the most empathetic signs of the zodiac, PISCES' holiday hack is a mantra: Always seek the best and highest environment.

At this time of year more than ever, Pisces will take in the vibrations and emotions of everything around, so being where things feel peaceful yet inspiring is important. The three environments to consider in this effort are personal, interpersonal and surroundings. The holidays are a perfect time to start from the outside in. Location is destiny at this time. With so many gorgeous settings around, be like a tourist in a strange land for a limited time period, and seek to place yourself in the most interesting and beautiful locations.

As for the interpersonal part of it, we can't always choose our company

completely, but we can gravitate toward pleasant, loving people and away from known bad influences. Ultimately, the most control can be exercised over Pisces' personal environment. If it's good in the head and in the heart, then it will be easier to make fine choices toward comfort and joy.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Sagittarian superstar Manny Pacquiao is not only a world champion fighter in the boxing ring, but a champion who fights for his community and the world at large with his politics and philanthropy. Passion is the prevalent feature of Pacquiao's natal chart, with the sun, the moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Neptune all in intense fire signs. His Venus and Uranus in Scorpio indicates depth and soul.

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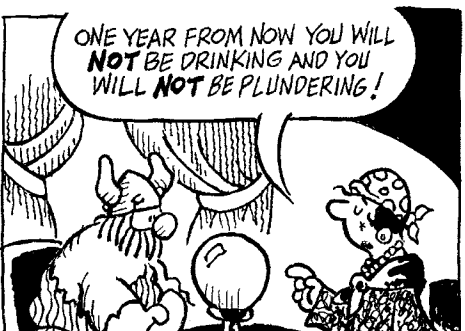
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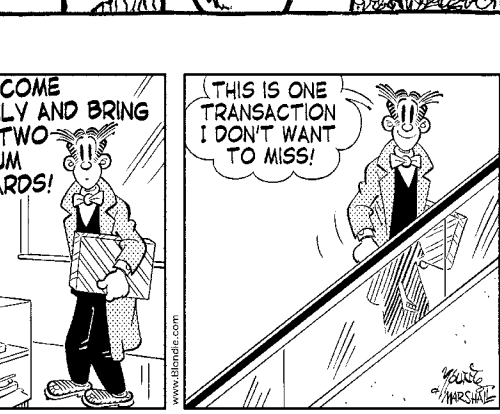
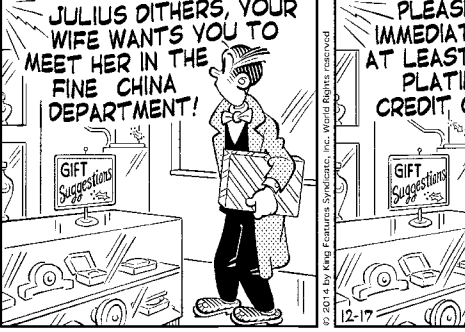


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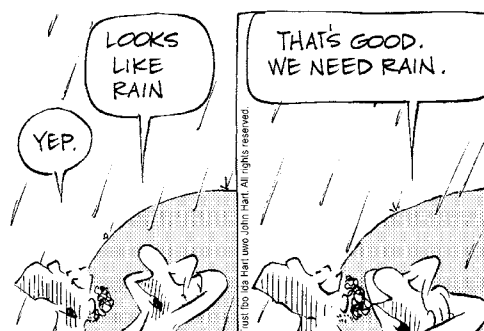
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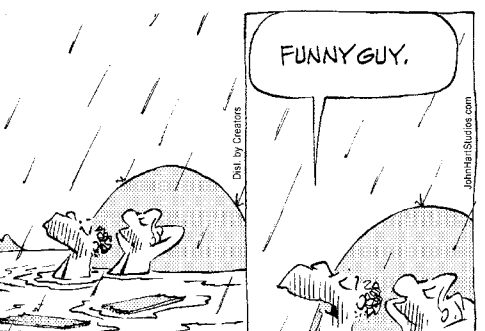
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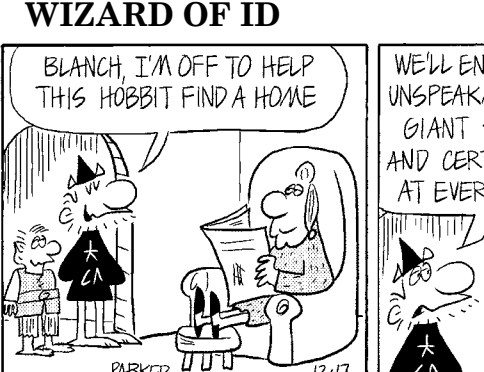
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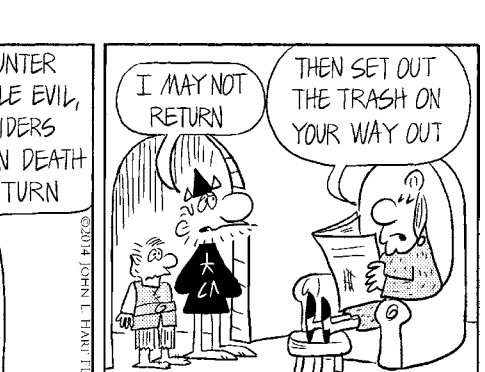
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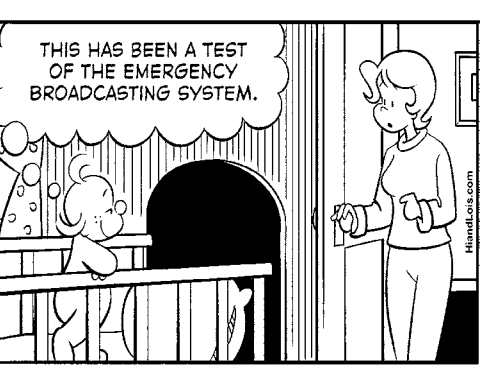
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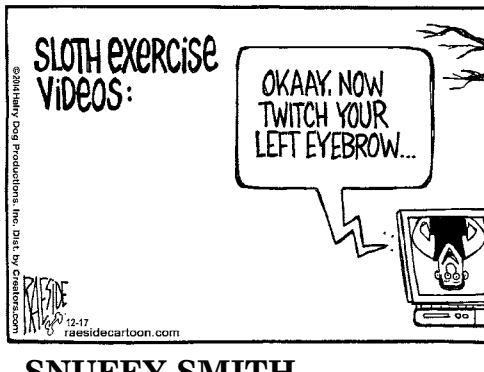
This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 2014. There are 14 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer. On this date: In 1777, France recognized American independence. In 1865, Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 8, known as the "Unfinished" (because only two movements had been completed) was first performed publicly in Vienna, 37 years after the composer's death. In 1914, during World War I, Britain declared Egypt an official protectorate. In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial in Washington of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence; he was suspended from active duty. In 1939, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay. In 1944, the U.S. War Department announced it was ending its policy of excluding people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time. In 1964, the film "Zorba the Greek," starring Anthony Quinn, opened in New York and Los Angeles. In 1979, Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance executive, was fatally injured after leading police on a chase with his motorcycle in Miami. (Four white police officers accused of beating McDuffie were later acquitted, sparking riots.)

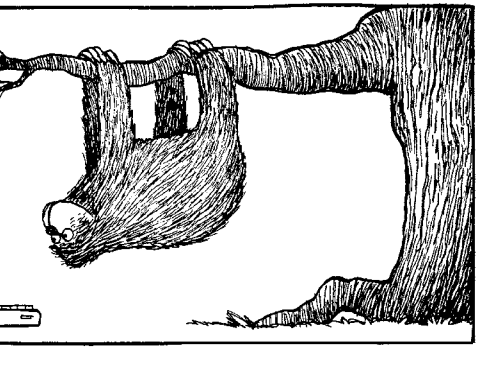
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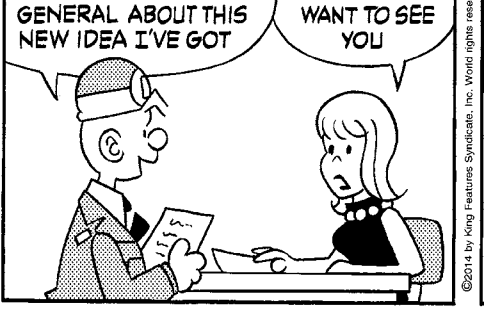
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Scoreboard

**National Football League American Conference**

**East**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 y-New Eng. 11 3 0 .786 442 280  
 Buffalo 8 6 0 .571 302 254  
 Miami 7 7 0 .500 327 301  
 N.Y. Jets 3 11 0 .214 230 360

**South**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 y-Indianapolis 10 4 0 .714 424 317  
 Houston 7 7 0 .500 324 277  
 Tennessee 2 12 0 .143 231 390  
 Jacksonville 2 12 0 .143 211 376

**North**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 Cincinnati 9 4 1 .679 311 289  
 Pittsburgh 9 5 0 .643 389 339  
 Baltimore 9 5 0 .643 376 267  
 Cleveland 7 7 0 .500 276 300

**West**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 y-Denver 11 3 0 .786 407 303  
 Kansas City 8 6 0 .571 322 254  
 San Diego 8 6 0 .571 303 294  
 Oakland 2 12 0 .143 213 381

**East**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 Dallas 10 4 0 .714 381 328  
 Philadelphia 9 5 0 .643 416 347  
 N.Y. Giants 5 9 0 .357 317 339  
 Washington 3 11 0 .214 257 370

**South**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 New Orleans 6 8 0 .429 364 374  
 Carolina 5 8 1 .393 288 358  
 Atlanta 5 9 0 .357 348 369  
 Tampa Bay 2 12 0 .143 254 367

**North**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 Detroit 10 4 0 .714 281 238  
 Green Bay 10 4 0 .714 436 325  
 Minnesota 6 8 0 .429 277 297  
 Chicago 5 9 0 .357 296 409

**West**  
 W L T Pct PF PA  
 x-Arizona 11 3 0 .786 287 244  
 Seattle 10 4 0 .714 339 242  
 San Fran. 7 7 0 .500 251 285  
 St. Louis 6 8 0 .429 291 297  
 x-clinched playoff spot  
 y-clinched division

Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:25 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 20**  
 Philadelphia at Washington, 4:30 p.m.  
 San Diego at San Francisco, 8:25 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 21**  
 Baltimore at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
 Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
 New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.  
 Seattle at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 22**  
 Denver at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

**Atlantic Division**  
 W L T Pct GB  
 Toronto 19 6 .760 —  
 Brooklyn 10 13 .435 8  
 Boston 8 14 .364 9½  
 New York 5 22 .185 15  
 Philadelphia 2 22 .083 16½

**Central Division**  
 W L T Pct GB  
 Chicago 15 9 .625 —  
 Cleveland 14 9 .609 ½  
 Milwaukee 13 12 .520 2½  
 Indiana 8 17 .320 7½  
 Detroit 5 20 .200 10½

**Eastern Conference**  
**Southwest Division**  
 W L T Pct GB  
 Memphis 20 4 .833 —  
 Houston 18 5 .783 1½  
 Dallas 18 8 .692 3  
 San Antonio 17 8 .680 3½  
 New Orleans 12 12 .500 8

**Northwest Division**  
 W L T Pct GB  
 Portland 19 6 .760 —  
 Oklahoma City 12 13 .480 7  
 Denver 10 14 .417 8½  
 Utah 6 19 .240 13  
 Minnesota 5 19 .208 13½

**Pacific Division**  
 W L T Pct GB  
 Golden State 21 3 .875 —  
 L.A. Clippers 17 7 .708 4  
 Phoenix 12 14 .462 10  
 Sacramento 11 14 .440 10½  
 L.A. Lakers 8 17 .320 13½

Trembley minor league field coordinator, Chris Dayton assistant minor league strength and conditioning coordinator, Lebi Ochoa senior adviser to player development and Jeff Pink minor league equipment manager.

**COLORADO ROCKIES** — Agreed to terms with INF Daniel Descalso on a two-year contract.

**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon McCarthy on a four-year contract. Traded RHP Craig Stem to Miami and OF Noel Cuevas to Colorado to complete earlier trades. Designated RHP Brian Wilson for assignment.

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Signed RHP Brandon Morrow to a one-year contract. Designated LHP Juan Oramas for assignment.

**American Association**  
**KANSAS CITY T-BONES** — Signed LHP Kris Regas.  
**LINCOLN SALTDOGS** — Signed C Tyler Smith and INF Eddie Young.

**Frontier League**  
**FLORENCE FREEDOM** — Sent LHP Peter Gehle to Lake Erie to complete an earlier trade. Traded LHP Chris Cummins, RHP Chris Squires and OF Adam Taylor to the Gary SouthShore (AA) for OF Cody Bishop and RHP Ethan Gibbons.

**ROCKFORD AVIATORS** — Signed RHPs Ryan Bonnett and Eric Cedejas and INF Tanner Witt to contract extensions.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS** — Signed RHPs Derek Fischer and Paul Schwendel.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association Eastern Conference**

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**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**HOUSTON ROCKETS** — Agreed to terms with C Clint Capela to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

**Women's National Basketball Association**  
**SAN ANTONIO STARS** — Agreed to terms with coach and general manager Dan Hughes on a multiyear contract extension.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**ARIZONA CARDINALS** — Placed DT Ed Stinson on injured reserve. Signed WR Brittan Golden from the practice squad.

**ATLANTA FALCONS** — Placed CB Robert Alford on injured reserve.

**BUFFALO BILLS** — Released FB Frank Summers.

**CAROLINA PANTHERS** — Released DT Micanor Regis. Signed DT Kyle Love.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Released LB Zac Diles. Claimed OL Andrew McDonald off waivers from Indianapolis.

**DENVER BRONCOS** — Placed LB Danny Trevathan on injured reserve. Waived TE Dominique Jones.

**HOUSTON TEXANS** — Placed QB Ryan Fitzpatrick on injured reserve and WR Travis Labhart on the practice squad injured list. Signed QB Case Keenum from the practice squad and QB Ricky Stanzi and WR Uzoma Nwachukwu to the practice squad.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** — Signed DT Roy Miller to a four-year contract extension.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS** — Released TE Gator Hoskins. Signed TE Gerell Robinson from the practice squad.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Released OT J'Marcus Webb.

**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Placed LB Jacquian Williams and OL James Brewer on injured reserve. Signed DT Dominique Hamilton from the practice squad, OL Adam Gettis from Pittsburgh's practice squad and CB Thomas Gordon to the practice squad.

**NEW YORK JETS** — Released CB Josh Thomas. Signed S Rontez Miles from the practice squad and LB Mario Harvey to the practice squad.

**OAKLAND RAIDERS** — Placed LB Sio Moore on injured reserve. Signed CB Chance Casey from San Francisco's practice squad.

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** — Placed WR Kassim Osgood on injured reserve. Signed LB Desmond Bishop to a one-year contract and TE Xavier Grimble to the practice squad.

**TENNESSEE TITANS** — Placed QB Jake Locker and TE Brett Brackett on injured reserve. Signed QB Jordan Palmer. Signed TE Matthew Mulligan from the practice squad and QB Alex Tanney to the practice squad.

# BSJHS runs past Colts

The Big Spring Junior High School Steers boys' eighth grade B team walked into hostile territory on Monday night in Sweetwater to play the Colts. When the smoke cleared and the dust settled the Steers pulled out a 2-point road victory to pick up their fifth win of the season.

Brendon Martinez led the Steers' effort with 12 points. Calen Rodriguez added 10 points. Carlos Garcia, Jason Miramontez, Brett Beringer and Elias Arredondo also added to the offensive output.

The entire team put forth a great defensive effort as well harassing and frustrating the Colts all night long.

The BSJHS eighth grade A team lost its game, 40-33.

Jaiden Luddington was top scorer for the Steers with 11 points. Channing Miller was leading rebounder both offensively and defensively.

Other players turning in solid efforts were Kobe Gutierrez, who finished with seven points, and Dayton McCoy, who tied for the team's lead in defensive rebounds.

# 'Cats cruise past Hale Center, 72-33

The Grady High School Wildcats scored 22 points in the first eight minutes of the game on Tuesday evening and never looked back en route to pounding out a 72-33 rout of Hale Canter.

With the win, the Wildcats moved to 7-2 for the season.

After building a 22-14 lead ion the first quarter, Grady, which sank 11 three-pointers in the contest, all but sewed the game up with an impressive 19-1 spree in the second. Grady held a 41-15 lead at the half.

They finished the game with a 31-18 run in the second half.

Beau Lucas led all GHS scorers with 23 points.

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