

Obituaries

Peggy Willis



Peggy Willis, 62 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 1. A private family service was held on Jan. 4.

Peggy was the daughter of Thurston and Eunice Speck, born on July 30, 1948, in Ponca City, Okla. She was a devoted wife, mother and nanny.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 40 years, Bill Willis of Midland; son, Bill Willis Jr. of Dallas; daughter, Brandy and son-in-law Ron Letcher of Midland; Nicole and son-in-law Charles Wilson of Denton.; five grandchildren, Blake, Jensen and Evan Letcher and Brittany and Jai Wilson; two brothers, Larry Speck of Oklahoma City and Bobby Speck of Lawton, Okla.; a sister, Millie Speck, also of Lawton, Okla.; and numerous nephew and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thurston and mother, Eunice and sister, Barbara Speck.

The family suggest memorials be made to a favorite church or charity of choice.

Arrangements were made through Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Paid obituary

Adam Eziah Viera



Adam Eziah Viera, 16 months, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 17, 2009, in Dallas.

He is survived by his mother, Vicki Rodriguez of Big Spring; father, Adam Viera of Big Spring; grandparents, Nancy and Andrew Caraway of Big Spring, Benito Rodriguez of Big Spring and Dolores Viera of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Particio Rodriguez of Big Spring, Josefina Gutierrez of Big Spring and Alvin Gutierrez of Austin; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Paul Viera Sr.; and great-grandparents, Betty O. Rodriguez, Preciliano and Benita Viera and Lalo and Maria Mora.

Pallbearers will be Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Isaac Tarin, Cameron Williams, Manuel Gutierrez, Gilbert Anthony Gonzales Jr. and Daniel Viera Jr. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Burnard Marion Mayo



Services for Burnard Marion Mayo, 92, of Ben Wheeler, formerly of Big Spring, were held at 1 p.m., Dec. 18, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Ben Wheeler with the Rev. Carlton Young officiating, under the direction of Eubank Funeral Home of Canton.

Burial was in Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mr. Mayo died Dec. 13, 2010, in Canton.

He was born Oct. 8, 1918, in Roosevelt, Okla., to H.G. and Mable Ashley Mayo. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ben Wheeler. He grew up in Roosevelt, Okla. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from LTV after 29 years of service. He lived in Arlington from 1950 to 1994 and then moved to Big Spring until moving to Ben Wheeler in 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Deveda Lee Moore Mayo; and brothers, Marvin and Clark Mayo.

Survivors include his daughters, Cheryl Mayo Garner of Granbury, Linda Somerville of Minnesota and Rita and husband Carlton Young of Ben Wheeler; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Taylor of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Erlinda Gonzales

Erlinda Gonzales, 48, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at Hospice House in Odessa. Vigil services will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

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

- RICKY BOB YANEZ, 25, of 1302 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for theft with a previous conviction, terroristic threat and harassment.

- ALEXANDRA ELIZABETH BROWN, 20, of 1306 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and speeding in a school zone.

- SHAQUITA BRIZHAY SNEED, 20, of Snyder, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no driver's license – when unlicensed.

- JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 27, of 1404 E. 15th St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to report change of address or name, failure to appear (two counts), driving while license invalid, no valid permit for livestock and two warrants from another agency.

- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of Winston.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- CARLOS RAFAEL CORTEZ-CORTEZ, 30, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on an Arizona warrant for fugitive – violation of parole for narcotic drug possession for sale.

- RICKY BOB YANEZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of harassment, terroristic threat and theft with a previous conviction.

- JOSE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ JR., 23, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- KAYLA MARIE KIRKHAM, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no safety belt for child, no driver's license (two counts), displaying an expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.

- ALEXANDRA ELIZABETH BROWN, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check, no driver's license and speeding in a school zone.

- JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to adjudicate guilt, a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, failure to change address, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

- SHAQUITA B. SNEED, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Central. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 8000 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

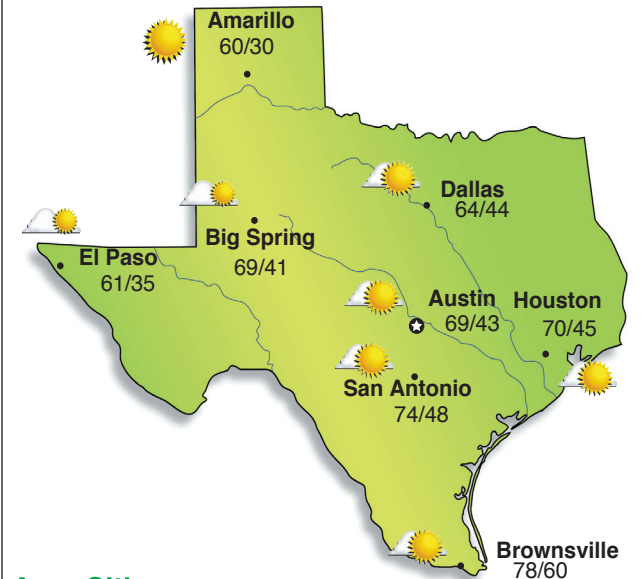
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/7	Sat 1/8	Sun 1/9	Mon 1/10	Tue 1/11
69/41	68/34	68/25	45/17	47/25
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Showers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 20s.	Rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper teens.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	65	43	pt sunny	Kingsville	78	54	mst sunny
Amarillo	60	30	sunny	Livingston	69	41	mst sunny
Austin	69	43	mst sunny	Longview	63	43	mst sunny
Beaumont	69	44	mst sunny	Lubbock	65	33	mst sunny
Brownsville	78	60	mst sunny	Lufkin	69	42	mst sunny
Brownwood	68	43	mst sunny	Midland	67	43	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	74	54	mst sunny	Raymondville	79	57	mst sunny
Corsicana	64	44	mst sunny	Rosenberg	70	44	mst sunny
Dallas	64	44	mst sunny	San Antonio	74	48	mst sunny
Del Rio	72	46	mst sunny	San Marcos	70	43	mst sunny
El Paso	61	35	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	44	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	68	46	mst sunny	Sweetwater	66	43	pt sunny
Gainesville	60	38	mst sunny	Tyler	62	42	mst sunny
Greenville	60	41	mst sunny	Weatherford	63	38	mst sunny
Houston	70	45	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	64	38	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	25	flurries	Minneapolis	16	5	sn shower
Boston	36	29	sn shower	New York	37	29	snow
Chicago	21	13	pt sunny	Phoenix	61	39	pt sunny
Dallas	64	44	mst sunny	San Francisco	59	50	mst sunny
Denver	49	26	sunny	Seattle	47	37	rain
Houston	70	45	mst sunny	St. Louis	33	26	pt sunny
Los Angeles	63	45	pt sunny	Washington, DC	38	26	sn shower
Miami	70	51	mst sunny				

Take Note

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

- Big Spring's own Charley Johnson will be inducted as a member of the 2010 Class into the Texas Sports Hall Of Fame on Feb. 7, 2011, in Waco. If you can't attend but would like to list your name in an official program ad that congratulates Charley for this momentous achievement, contact Ken Johnson at 940-325-4366 for details or e-mail at kenrocknj@suddenlink.net. If you want to attend the ceremonies, contact Ken about discount tickets.

- An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

- A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarría family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

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LIGHTS

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call the event a success.

"Things went really well," she said. "I'm very pleased and I can't say enough about how Howard Stewart and his family helped. I just can't say enough about those people."

Howard and Vickie Stewart, along with their children Quintinn and Stephanie, helped take over day-to-day oversight of the festival this year while Simmons recovered from recent hip surgery.

Simmons also praised the hundreds of volunteers who helped in one capacity or another this year.

"If we didn't have them, this operation wouldn't happen," Simmons said.

Organizers are already thinking about the next festival, which will light up the city park in December.

"We're hopeful of getting some new displays," Simmons said. "But we'll just filter through those ideas as the year goes along and see what we come up with."

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



Pictured are volunteers with the 2010 Festival of Lights.

Courtesy photo

► Odds and Ends

Man, pregnant wife get escort to hospital, ticket

LONDONDERRY, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire man rushing to get his pregnant wife to the hospital says he was given a state police escort, and then a speeding ticket.

John Coughlin says he'll fight the ticket, but the state police say it was deserved.

Coughlin hit a speed of 102 mph on Sept. 18 as he rushed to a Manchester hospital with his wife.

When a trooper tried to stop them, the Coughlins called 911 and said the baby was coming. The trooper then turned the pursuit into a hospital escort.

WMUR-TV says baby Kyle was born six minutes after they reached the hospital.

The trooper congratulated Coughlin on the birth of his son and then handed him a ticket.

State Police Major Russell Conte says the trooper did the right thing, contending Coughlin put his wife, unborn child, himself and the public at risk.

Homeless Ohio man's radio voice makes him web star

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Job prospects are rolling in for a homeless Ohio man with a golden radio voice who has quickly become an online sensation.

The Columbus Dispatch reports video of Ted Williams posted this week on the newspaper's website has commanded millions of views.

In the clip, Williams stands near a Columbus highway ramp demonstrating his smooth, deep speaking voice. He holds a sign that asks motorists for help and says, "I'm an ex-radio announcer who has fallen on hard times."

Williams, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native says he had trouble with drugs and alcohol and is now two years sober.

Columbus radio station WNCI invited him to its studios and says ESPN and MTV have expressed interest.

Florida suspect's wife sees photo on TV, calls police

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) -- Authorities south of Tampa say a man confessed to robbing a bank after his wife saw a surveillance photo on the evening news and alerted them.

A camera got a clear shot of the man with a pony tail and scruffy beard robbing the First Bank in Bradenton on Tuesday. The robber got away.

But Manatee County Sheriff's officials got a break Tuesday evening when Afra Sandifar saw a news report about the robbery. She called authorities and told them her husband was the robber.

That's when 45-year-old Troy Sandifar fled the couple's apartment.

Deputies stopped his vehicle but Troy Sandifar refused to get out. They say he ingested what appeared to be drugs before they were able to arrest him. He was taken to the hospital, where authorities say he confessed.

Idaho police: Man stole cop car to be deported

JEROME, Idaho (AP) — Police in Idaho say a man who asked authorities to arrest and deport him to Mexico stole a squad car after his request was denied.

The Idaho Mountain Express reports that 38-year-old Guadalupe Cruz-Vasquez went to the Jerome County Sheriff's office Monday and demanded to be deported.

Police Sgt. Duane Rubink says authorities declined to take the Jerome resident into custody, so he walked to a nearby police station, broke the window of a squad car and drove away with the vehicle.

Rubink says a cell phone inside the ve-

hicle helped police track its location near Carey, but police didn't need to stop it: The car ran out of gas.

He says after that, Cruz-Vasquez finally got his wish.

Pythons begin wedded blisssss

SVAY ROLUM, Cambodia — Hundreds of villagers flocked to a wedding ceremony Monday between a 16-foot, 200-pound female python and her slightly smaller mate — both believed to be magic snakes that bring prosperity and peace.

The two-hour ceremony in Svay Rolum village, 12 miles south of the capital Phnom Penh, ended with two Buddhist monks blessing the pair and villagers showering them with flowers as wedding music played.

Most Cambodians, almost all Buddhists, also subscribe to animism — a belief that spirits can inhabit all sorts of living and inanimate objects. Whenever an odd animal makes an appearance, it is cause for the superstitious to celebrate.

"We married these pythons to ask for health and prosperity in our village," said 41-year-old Neth Vy, owner of the female python named Chamrouen.

"We were told (by fortunetellers) that the two pythons are husband and wife and they need to live together, and if we don't marry them we will meet bad luck," said Neth Vy, who found the then-tiny python while fishing 16 years ago.

He said since the snake became part of the household, the family's living conditions had steadily improved and no misfortune had befallen them.

The male python, named Kroung Pich, was caught 12 days ago by Hin Mao, a 44-year-old childless woman who said she regarded it as her son.

Burglar gives tequila back

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Madison police are looking for a burglar who gave back a bottle of tequila after the homeowner hit him in the head.

Madison police say a husband and wife, both 50, were sleeping when the woman heard someone walking in their house at about 5:10 a.m. Friday

The man followed the burglar out of the house, grabbed him by the shoulder and hit him in the head with a knife sharpener. The burglar then handed over a bottle of tequila.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 16, 2011. All cotton fields will be matted, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

BSISD

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construction work, which would allow the district to add another campus while staying within the financial boundaries set by voters in May.

Already, BSISD has put its personnel to work on one of the bond projects — constructing new classrooms at the junior high — Saldivar said.

"None of the other

projects would change," he said. "We will do everything we said we'd do with the bond money."

Moss, which was constructed in 1966, is the youngest of the current elementary campuses, but Saldivar said the differences between a new building and one which is renovated — especially if the costs are the same — should be obvious.

"The differences just don't make sense right now," he said. "Plus, if you have a new school,

you'll have fewer (maintenance) issues down the road."

BSISD trustees will explore this new option when they meet Jan. 13. Saldivar said a final decision on the matter may be made at that time.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

School board members have all our support

It's a new year, and what better way to kick off a new year than to salute the men and women who sit on the school boards in our community, especially since Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2011 as School Board Recognition Month.

Not surprisingly, districts across the state are using this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenges facing the education system can also be among its greatest strengths. For example, during a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Perry said in announcing the proclamation.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is a difficult and oftentimes unappreciated task, but for over two centuries, American school boards have risen to such challenges," he added. "School boards also deal with issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both well-educated and physically active, and — as always — the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities.

"The people who make up these boards volunteer their time because they care about their communities and their schools. Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) designates January as School Board Recognition Month, to emphasize the importance of the services these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and students of Texas. At this time, I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions realized through the work of our school boards," he said.

We couldn't agree with the governor more. The men and women who serve on the Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Stanton, Grady and Sands school boards deserve to be recognized and honored.

What's more, we all need to thank these trustees. They hold important positions, make weighty decisions and do so without being paid for their time and efforts.

In a time of financial uncertainty, they are willing to step forward to face the critical challenges facing our public schools. It's an enormous responsibility and we applaud them for being willing to take on the task.

They deserve not only our thanks, but our wholehearted support.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we walk with You, Lord, we are confident in Your love.

Amen

Guard personnel will not fail

Monday marked the beginning of a new chapter in the distinguished history of the Texas Military Forces. At 1 p.m. local time in a contingency operating base (COB) outside of Basrah, Iraq, the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division transferred authority of U.S. Division – South to the 36th Infantry "Arrowhead" Division of the Texas Army National Guard.

With the return of the "Big Red One" to Fort Riley, Kan., the capable citizen-soldiers of the 36th Division headquarters are now responsible for a vital twofold mission in support of Operation New Dawn: to supervise the deliberate drawdown of U.S. forces in the nine southern provinces of Iraq, and to advise and assist the Iraqi Security Forces in their noble struggle for a stable, sovereign and self-reliant Iraq.

When our mission here is complete, we will stand down

U.S. Division – South and transfer its responsibilities to a new U.S. State Department consulate general in Basrah, an event unprecedented in the history of the National Guard.

The 688 men and women of the 36th Division headquarters serving here are uniquely qualified for this mission. They come from all corners of Texas and all walks of life: teachers, cops, doctors, lawyers, engineers, civil servants and college students. Many of them have already served in Iraq or Afghanistan and were eager to be a part of this historic deployment.

In fact, since its reactivation in 2004, the 36th Division has deployed more than 20,000 soldiers to overseas contingency operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans, including a deployment of the division headquarters to Kosovo in 2005.

At the same time, our men and women of the Guard provided the backbone of the state's swift response to natural disasters like Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike and the federal government's border security mission along the Rio Grande.

Far from taxing the resources

and ability of the Texas National Guard, these state and federal missions only served to enhance the knowledge, capabilities and professionalism of our citizen-soldiers.

Just as their previous experiences in support of Texas are benefiting our work in the nine southern provinces of Iraq, so too will the experience gained here, working side by side with Iraqis in the ISF and provincial governments, as well as civilians from the Provincial Reconstruction Teams and the State Department, benefit the people and government of Texas in future missions across our great state.

With supportive families and friends behind them and a uniquely Texan tradition of excellence to uphold, the men and women of the 36th Division know there is nothing they can't achieve.

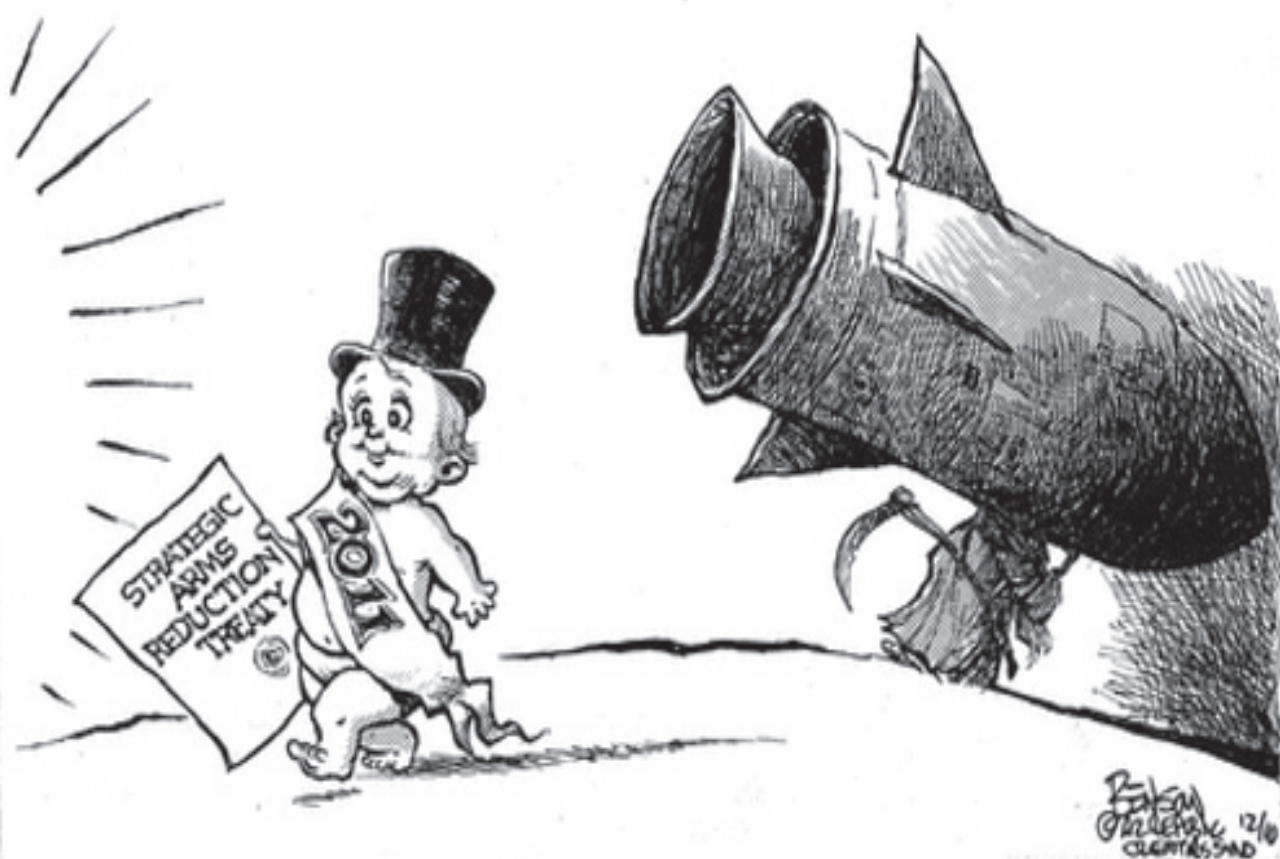
The eyes of Texas are upon us and we will not fail.

Maj. Gen. Eddy M. Spurgin, is a Big Spring native, and currently commands the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard.



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A Good START



Not much to celebrate with tax deal

We enter 2011 with a few more dollars in our paychecks. For about 98 percent of Americans, the extension of Bush tax cuts and the new payroll tax holiday will make it easier for us to afford a gallon, rather than a quart, of milk for our families each month, and to fill our tanks almost as high as we did with lower gas prices last year.

We ought to be consuming less gas and driving electric cars, but I'll leave that for another commentary.

On the other side of the Great Divide: the richest two percent of Americans will get vast windfalls from the deal Obama made with the GOP — ample enough to refurnish second and third homes, or get those boats they've always needed.

But studies show us that they won't. They'll sock that money away for the kids' inheritance. We'll get no stimulative boost to the economy, but it sure will help some dynasties from dying. To give the rest of us some lunch money, House and Senate Republicans insisted this Christmas season on stuffing huge lumps of gold into Paris Hilton's velvet stockings. That's what happened when they extended tax cuts for the highest-income Americans and lowered the

estate tax, which only gets levied on the wealthiest of the wealthy.

The rich keep getting richer. And richer. But, there is some stimulus in this deal, and it's better than no deal at all. And hey...didn't we all get a boost from the "payroll tax holiday?" We didn't have that before! A holiday after Christmas, for a whole year! Hallelujah, Auld Lang Syne, and Happy Valentine's Day!

Let's hold the confetti for a minute and take a closer look. Just because the deal was better than no deal, that doesn't mean it was a good one, even given this difficult political climate.

In addition to non-stimulative and expensive tax cuts and estate tax favors for the wealthy, this package has another poison pill in it. In the 2009 Recovery Act, the Making Work Pay provision gave those of us making less than \$95,000 annually (\$190,000 for couples) a refundable tax credit. Income above that level didn't see a tax credit. It was progressive. Those most likely to use the money, stimulating the economy, received the money.

The new tax deal replaces this Making Work Pay credit with the Payroll Tax Holiday.

According to the Center on Economic Policy Research and the Tax Policy Center, a little more than half of tax-filers will indeed get a bigger paycheck due to a tax holiday than they would have under the Making Work Pay credit. However, about 42 percent of taxpayers will actu-

ally pay more taxes in 2011 than they would have if the Making Work Pay Credit had been extended.

So, the less you earn, the more you need, the less you get under this tax deal.

Further, critics of this aspect of the tax deal worry that this payroll tax holiday could become permanent. Congress has been more than squeamish in the past to reinstate taxes after temporary cuts — the incoming Congress even more so. But either way, this shift signifies political willingness to start altering the way we pay for Social Security in way that has never been politically possible before.

As Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., cautioned in a floor debate in December leading up to the vote, "You're talking about the beginning of the end for Social Security."

Couple this with a deficit-hysterical incoming Congress and it's hard not to fear for the long-term well-being of America's imperiled middle- and low-income families.

Entering the New Year, I'm feeling less financially secure. There's not much to celebrate with Obama's tax deal, which accomplished far less than what is necessary or possible.

Karen Dolan is a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, a community of public scholars and organizers linking peace, justice, and the environment in the U.S. and globally.



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News in brief

Upshur County judge suspended after indictment

GILMER (AP) — A state panel has suspended indicted Upshur County Judge Dean Fowler in an official oppression investigation that led some residents to protest by covering their mouths with duct tape.

The suspension was announced Tuesday by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Fowler attorney Todd Tefteller says the suspension, with pay, is standard procedure when a judge has been indicted.

County commissioners in September decided to stop hearing public comment. A protester in November who put duct tape over his mouth was removed from the public meeting.

A grand jury Dec. 29 indicted Fowler on charges of official oppression and abuse of power. Two other county officials also were indicted. No trial dates have been set.

County commissioners on Dec. 30 voted to lift the ban on public comment.

FBI helping investigate threats in Bay City ISD

BAY CITY (AP) — A hand-written death threat letter to a South Texas school district prompted the parents of hundreds of students to keep their children home.

A message Wednesday on the Bay City Independent School District website says classes continue with increased emphasis on safety and security.

The FBI and the Texas Department of Public Safety are investigating.

Parents on Monday were advised by Superintendent Keith Brown of the anonymous letter received Dec. 28. The letter to Brown contains profanity, misspellings and refers to the sender's child getting in trouble. The sender included new "rules" on discipline and threatened to "kill a random student" if the demands were not met.

About half the students in the nearly 3,800-student district missed school Tuesday.

Bay City is about 70 miles southwest of Houston.

U.S. House panel clears Ortiz in travel probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A longtime Texas congressman who failed in his 2010 re-election bid has been cleared in an ethics review of how he spent government funds during overseas trips.

Democrat Solomon Ortiz of Corpus Christi in November lost to Republican Blake Farenthold, who was being sworn in Wednesday.

Ortiz faced a travel-related review by members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

A staff recommendation, dated Dec. 30, was for the committee to close its investigation after evidence did not support any alleged rules violations.

Ortiz did not immediately comment Tuesday. He was first elected to Congress in 1982.

11 hurt in wreck involving Fort Worth city bus

FORT WORTH (AP) — A two-vehicle wreck involving a Fort Worth municipal bus has left nearly a dozen people hurt.

A spokeswoman for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority says the accident happened Tuesday night at an intersection when the bus was hit while going through a green light.

Joan Hunter says 10 bus passengers and the driver of the Nissan that struck the larger vehicle were taken to hospitals, all with apparent minor injuries.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports another bus was called and the remaining 18 passengers continued on their route.

Police are investigating the accident.

Animal fat leaks into Houston Ship Channel

HOUSTON (AP) — Part of the Houston Ship Channel was closed Tuesday after about 15,000 gallons of animal fat leaked into it from a shore-based storage tank.

About 250,000 gallons of animal fat spilled from the tank, with about 15,000 entering the Houston Ship Channel through a storm drain, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard said the cause of the leak was being investigated.

About three-quarters of a mile of the channel, most of the northern portion, was closed.

The Coast Guard said the owner of the damaged tank, Jacob Sterns & Sons, has been notified and is working with the Coast Guard and the Texas General Land Office. A message left with Santa Barbara, Calif.-based Jacob Sterns & Sons, was not immediately returned Tuesday evening.

The Coast Guard said boats were putting a boom around the spill Tuesday evening and a company has been contracted for the cleanup.

No inbound or outbound was being delayed and no oil refineries had been impacted by the closure, the Coast Guard said.

Arlington officer remembered at service

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mourners gathered to remember Arlington Officer Jillian Smith, a 24-year-old rookie killed last week while answering a domestic violence call.

At her funeral Tuesday at Mount Olive Baptist Church, The Rev. James P. Thompson said Smith should be remembered not only for her police service, but also for her deep Christian faith. Smith, a longtime member of the church, attended services

there the Sunday before she was killed.

Thompson said, "She was a saint before she was a police officer."

Smith was gunned down Dec. 28 at an Arlington apartment complex. Police say she was killed while trying to protect an 11-year-old girl from her mother's ex-boyfriend, who also killed the woman he used to date before killing himself.

Texan declared innocent after 30 years in prison

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas man declared innocent Tuesday after 30 years in prison had at least two chances to make parole and be set free — if only he would admit he was a sex offender.

But Cornelius Dupree Jr. refused to do so, doggedly maintaining his innocence in a 1979 rape and robbery, in the process serving more time for a crime he didn't commit than any other Texas inmate exonerated by DNA evidence.

"Whatever your truth is, you have to stick with it," Dupree, 51, said Tuesday.

Dupree was sentenced to 75 years in prison in 1980 for the rape and robbery of a 26-year-old Dallas woman a year earlier. He was released in July on mandatory supervision, and lived under house arrest until October.

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- ♣ 6

WEST

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

EAST

- ♠ Q 7 6 2
- ♥ 6 4
- ♦ 7 6 2
- ♣ Q 9 8 4

SOUTH

- ♠ J 8 4
- ♥ A K Q
- ♦ J 4
- ♣ A K 10 5 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

The defenders' primary goal is to defeat the contract. In planning the defense, therefore, a defender should automatically reject any lie of the cards that does not allow him to achieve that objective, while at the same time seeking one that will.

Consider this case where South arrived at three notrump on the bidding shown. His jump to two notrump without a genuine spade stopper was somewhat irregular, but no better bid was available.

Declarer took the heart lead with the queen — East playing the discouraging four — and led the jack of diamonds. West won, East following

with the deuce, and was faced with the problem of what to do next. Had he continued with a heart, South would have had no trouble scoring 10 tricks.

But West instead shifted to the king of spades, after which declarer could no longer make the contract. This extraordinary play — no other return could have stopped South from getting home safely — had a sound basis. Its purpose was to cut declarer off from dummy's long diamonds, and it succeeded admirably. Whether South won the king with the ace or ducked it (in which case West would continue spades), there would be no entry available later to cash the diamonds.

Two important ingredients went into finding the winning defense.

First, East's play of the deuce on the first diamond indicated that he had an odd number of cards in the suit — most likely three (and declarer, therefore, with two). Had East held a doubleton, he would have played his higher diamond first to show an even number of diamonds.

Second, the king-of-spades lead was made in the hope that East had the queen (or South the queen doubleton). Unlikely as this was, West could make no other assumption because to do so would have amounted to a concession of the contract. West therefore did what had to be done to achieve his objective and was well-rewarded for his effort.

Tomorrow: Look before you leap.

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News in brief

GOP rushes toward political fight against Obama White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking control of the House at last, Republicans are rushing straight into a political fight with President Barack Obama over health care and changes in Washington they say voters demanded in the midterm elections.

"It's new energy," incoming House Speaker John Boehner told reporters on the eve of his swearing-in.

The oath-taking Wednesday ends two years of Democratic dominance in the capital and ushers in a divided government in the run-up to the 2012 congressional and presidential elections. With campaigns but a short time away, President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans are set to square off over the size of government and the taxpayer dollars it spends.

Fresh from a Hawaii vacation, Obama told reporters aboard Air Force One on Tuesday that he expects Republicans initially to "play to their base." "But I'm pretty confident that they're going to recognize that our job is to govern and make sure that we are delivering jobs for the American people," he added. "My hope is that John Boehner and (Senate GOP leader) Mitch McConnell will realize that there will be plenty of time to campaign for 2012 in 2012."

Security tightened for funeral of assassinated Pakistani governor

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Thousands of Pakistani police were on high alert in Lahore on Wednesday ahead of the funeral for an outspoken provincial governor shot dead by a bodyguard reportedly enraged by his opposition to laws decreeing death for insulting Islam.

Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer, a high-profile, 66-year-old businessman and media tycoon, was a stalwart of the ruling Pakistan People's Party, and his assassination Tuesday sent nuclear-armed Pakistan reeling at a time of great political turmoil.

Taseer, regarded as a moderate voice in a country increasingly beset by zealotry, was a close ally of U.S.-backed President Asif Ali Zardari. He is the highest-profile Pakistani political figure to be assassinated since former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was slain three years ago, and his death underscores the growing danger in this country to those who dare to challenge the demands of Islamist extremists.

Khusro Pervez, the commissioner of Lahore, told reporters Wednesday that city authorities had deployed additional police in the city to ensure peace

before and after Taseer's funeral.

"Police are on maximum alert. Police are guarding all important installations in the city," he said.

Residents of flooded Australian city face long recovery

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Floodwaters in an inundated city on Australia's northeastern coast held steady below their predicted peak on Wednesday as exhausted residents were warned they would face a long wait before the churning, muddy mess dries up.

Residents of the waterlogged city of Rockhampton were hopeful the river had swelled to its highest level, with the mayor saying the community appeared to have been spared any further damage. Water from the overflowing Fitzroy River has already swamped 200 homes and 100 businesses, while flooding elsewhere in northeastern Australia has forced thousands to evacuate.

"It looks like it may have stabilized," Mayor Brad Carter said.

More than a week of pounding rains that started just before Christmas left much of northeastern Australia under a sea of water that is making its way through river systems toward the ocean.

Around 1,200 homes in Queensland have been inundated, with another 10,700 suffering some damage, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said Wednesday. Four thousand residents evacuated from their homes in the flood zone, which spans an area greater than France and Germany combined.

Iran exiles mark death of late monarch's son with grief and anger

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Messages of mourning and anger poured out from Iranian emigres Wednesday as word spread of the apparent suicide of the youngest son of the country's late monarch.

The reported death of 44-year-old Alireza Pahlavi at his home in Boston resonated through Iranian communities around the world as more than just of moment of grief, symbolizing for many another lost link to the era before the 1979 Islamic Revolution toppled the Western-backed shah.

In Iran, the official Islamic Republic News Agency carried a brief story that was the most-viewed early Wednesday. The website of state-run Press TV carried a factual account of the death under the headline: "Son of ex-dictator of Iran kills himself."

Websites and social media outlets — which have become the lifeline for Iran's opposition movements — also became the main forums for the re-

action to the death of Pahlavi, who had reportedly struggled with depression since his sister died in a drug overdose nearly a decade ago.

For years, he had immersed himself in academia and let his older brother, Reza Pahlavi, take the main political role as a figurehead for Iranian exiles. There was no apparent political link to the death.

Cameras, well-lit areas plentiful where slain defense consultant's body dumped in Delaware

NEWARK, Del. (AP) — Whoever dumped the body of a prominent national defense consultant into a garbage bin in a bustling college town risked being detected, either by witnesses or surveillance cameras, with some of the containers in well-lit parking lots, near restaurants and stores.

Police don't know which of the 10 bins collected on New Year's Eve in Newark contained the body of 66-year-old John P. Wheeler III, who was last seen alive the afternoon before some 15 miles away in downtown Wilmington. Where he might have been killed and what he was doing on the days leading up to his death also remain elusive, said Newark police spokesman Lt. Mark Farrall.

"We still don't know the location of the crime scene," Farrall said Tuesday.

Much is known about Wheeler's 40-year consulting career.

African Union envoy: Negotiations to continue to end Ivory Coast crisis

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The African Union's envoy said Wednesday that mediators in the Ivory Coast political crisis will "go the extra mile" to negotiate Laurent Gbagbo's removal from power to avoid the bloodshed that would likely occur if force is used.

West African leaders have threatened to use military force to oust Gbagbo, who has clung to power more than a month after the United Nations said he lost the presidential runoff vote to rival Alassane Ouattara after a decade in power.

Kenya's Prime Minister Raila Odinga, who joined a troika of West African leaders as the African Union's envoy in recent talks, said mediation takes time, giving his own experience as an example. Kenyan political rivals disputed the presidential poll results three years ago and violence broke out killing more than 1,000 people. It took two months to negotiate an end to that crisis.

Odinga became prime minister under a power-sharing deal with his then rival, President Mwai Kibaki.

1 Idaho, 1 Wash. tickets hold winning numbers to Mega Millions

PHOENIX (AP) — At least two people are waking up to find themselves millions of dollars richer.

The holders of a ticket sold in Idaho and another in Washington state will be sharing Mega Millions' \$355 million jackpot from Tuesday night's drawing, lottery officials said Wednesday.

The prize is the fourth-largest in U.S. history and the second-largest in Mega Millions' history, said Arizona Lottery spokeswoman Cindy Esquer. The lottery's prize of \$390 million in March 2007 remains the nation's richest on record.

The two winners from Tuesday will each get \$177.5 million. Besides the jackpot, prizes range from \$2 to \$250,000.

The princely sum drew huge interest across the country as thousands of people lined up to buy tickets in 41 states and Washington, D.C., where the game is available.

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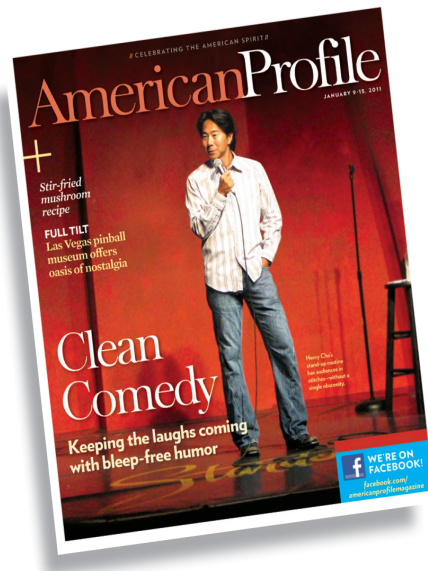
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Hot Streak

Adams' 46 points helps Steers upend Cooper

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

What happened to Lubbock Cooper in Big Spring's 79-57 win Tuesday in Steer Gym happens to a lot of teams — Luke Adams.

"Adams is a very good player and he came out on fire," Cooper head coach Nate Bridges said. "We knew he was a player. We didn't do a very good job of containing him."

The Steers cruised to the 22-point victory thanks largely to defense and a season-high 46 points from Adams, trouncing the senior's 42-point performance against Odessa Permian earlier this season.

His performances against Cooper and Permian are similar, too. Adams got to the line a lot in both games and consistently made shots.

After scoring 10 points in the first quarter, Adams stayed on a hot streak. In the opening stages of the second quarter, he hit back-to-back 3-pointers and a basket to put the Steers up 22-11. He went on another shooting streak later that quarter with a bucket, four free throws and another field goal to put the Steers up 33-19 as halftime approached.

Adams hit seven total 3-pointers and was 19-of-20 from the free-throw line.

"I just try to keep staying positive," the senior said. "If I miss one, you just can't let it bother you. Just staying confident in my abilities."

Thompson said it's difficult to go away from Adams when the guard is shooting so well and a lot credit should go to his

teammates for playing selfless and finding the hot hand.

Having Luke Adams doesn't just give the Steers a go-to player, but the senior almost acts as Big Spring's safety net.

When plays break down or fail, Thompson said Adams' ability to create his own shot is a good option to go to.

"It sure makes it easy," he said. "If they get a basket and he's hit four in a row and he can pull up in a guy's face, makes us feel pretty confident that if the play breaks down, if the execution isn't there, we fall back and he makes stuff happen."

Thompson said the game got physical late in the fourth quarter and his players did a good job of staving off the Pirates.

Senior guard Tristian Clay said defense shouldn't be overlooked, either. The Steers are steadily improving in that area, rebounding the ball better and creating turnovers.

"Defense once again," Clay said. "We worked on our defense a lot in practice. We came back from the break, everyone was a little out of shape, but everyone did well tonight."

Adams said the key is to make solid defense a part of the Steers' identity. That will win them the tough games.

Speaking of tough games, the Steers have one more home and one more road game before possibly their biggest test of the season — a date with Brownwood on Jan. 14 to open District 5-3A play. Big Spring faces

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton
Luke Adams shoots a layup during the Big Spring Steers' 79-57 win over Lubbock Cooper Tuesday.



Courtesy Photo

The Big Spring girls' basketball team is pictured with the first-place trophy from the Slaton tournament last week. The Lady Steers are on a roll and begin district play at Abilene Wylie Friday.

Bulldogettes beat Stanton, Fulton too much for Bulldogs

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Coahoma-Stanton boys

COAHOMA — Tyler Fulton continues to solidify his claim as one of the district's best players and the Coahoma Bulldogs found that out in a 62-42 loss to Stanton Tuesday night.

"He can go inside or outside," Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols said of the senior. "We worked really hard on him and they played him outside a lot more than they did inside. He's a good rebounder. Hunter Williams battled him tooth and nail."

Outside of Fulton, Nichols said slow second and fourth quarters didn't help the Bulldogs keep pace with the Buffaloes.

The Bulldogs had a solid night from Tanner Ruiz, who had 12 points. Aaron Acevedo, Sheigh Cravens and Ryan Reid had seven apiece.

The win was Stanton's first district victory.

As for the Bulldogs, Nichols said they have a few nagging injuries they're trying to get past, so it's not time to panic about the 0-2 start to district play. However, the head coach said the injuries are not an excuse and the Bulldogs do have to find a way back on the right track.

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Coahoma — Tanner Ruiz 12, Aaron Acevedo 7, Sheigh Cravens 7, Ryan Reid 7

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Fall Banquet for athletics

Big Spring High School will host its athletic banquet for fall sports at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door. Football players, volleyball players and cross country runners will be recognized at the annual event. If there are any questions, call Denise Carillo at 432-816-1685.

Men's city bowling tournament

This tournament takes place Jan. 23 and 24 at Bowl-A-Rama in Big Spring.

The entry forms are to be turned in by Jan. 17. Entry forms can be picked up at the Bowl-A-Rama. The local USBC Chapter is donating \$150 to the prize fund.

For more information contact Diana Ewing at 432-816-7631, Claud Fryar at 432-517-0475, or Sheila Armstrong at 432-270-7596.

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Legals

AGENDA Glasscock County Independent School District Board of Education Public Meeting To Discuss The 2010 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) January 19, 2011 9:00 am Boardroom of Administration Building (308 West Chambers, Garden City, Texas) 1. The Public Meeting will be combined with the called meeting of the board of trustees. #6827 January 5 & 12, 2011

Legals

AGENDA Glasscock County Independent School District Board of Education Public Meeting To Discuss The 2010 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) January 19, 2011 9:00 am Boardroom of Administration Building (308 West Chambers, Garden City, Texas) 1. The Public Meeting will be combined with the called meeting of the board of trustees. #6828 January 5 & 12, 2011

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

In a sense, dying is what keeps us alive. New cells take the place of expired ones, and our organs and tissues are also regenerated. Why shouldn't our spirit echo the cycle? Yesterday's eclipse and new moon in Capricorn invigorated the atmosphere. Darkness gave birth to sunlight, and that's as good an excuse as any to feel brand-new.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tabulate your debts. Whether financial, psychic, emotional or karmic, this is a good day to review, assess and bring it down to the bottom line. Determine a total, and close the books.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may take a bit of mental coaxing to get your mind flowing in the direction of good fortune. But when you really think about it, there will be much in this day to make you feel like the luckiest person on earth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may feel that you lack the control you once had over a certain part of your life. Your professional life seems particularly whimsical these days. Assess what you do have control over, and go from there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will soon make a difference in a scenario that is not so easily managed. The skills you need to be successful in this matter cannot be acquired overnight, so make a commitment to keep working at it for the long term.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll test yourself to see where you stand. The problem is that you are also the one scoring the results — and you would be hard-pressed to find a harsher judge. Soften up!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to look at your watch to know you are hungry. Mentally scan your body and feel its messages. Tune yourself in to the silent language and natural rhythms at work within you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take action to benefit your future. This is different from trying to escape into the future. By endeavoring to make the future you more comfortable, healthy and happy, you will do the same for the present you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It would be dangerously unwise to drive while reading and eating a sandwich. In some way, you are trying to do this in your life — trying to simultaneously take on incompatible tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Part of the

appeal of travel is that you don't know what to expect. You can choose your destination, but you can't choose your adventure because much of it is out of your control. Plan your next trip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have been given a plan to work from, but think of it as a guide instead of a hard-and-fast set of laws. Trusting your judgment will be more fun than adhering to a strict schedule, blue plan or list of rules.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you really want is doable, but something has to give in order to make it all work. Assess the situation, and determine what you can drop. It won't be hard to decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your body wants something different from that which

your schedule currently allows. Perhaps it's more sleep or more exercise. Pay attention to what your body wants, and reconfigure your schedule.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). You hold the recipe for happiness, and all you have to do is follow it. You'll have a cheering section this month. February brings better structure to your schedule. April is your chance to commit to a professional goal. There's a big celebration in May. Invest in yourself in June. A dear wish is fulfilled in July. Leo and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 15, 32, 12 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Why can't I ever seem to keep my New Year's resolutions? I make them every year, and by February 1, they are always broken. Some

years I've made 20 resolutions, some years five or six, and one year I only made one — all to no avail. I don't seem to have the self-discipline necessary to do what I say I want to do or be who I say I want to be. Should I even bother?" — Undisciplined Aquarius

Aquarius is often extremely focused on doing good in the world and helping others to the exclusion of his or her own desires. I'll bet that a lot of your resolutions are at war with your actual priorities. For instance, you may have a resolution to lose weight, and yet it's also important for you to feed your family and you wind up eating what you feed them, which isn't supporting your diet. These things take time and commitment to work out. I suggest that this year you make only two resolutions, the first being your No. 1 goal and the second, a

commitment: Every time you fail at No. 1, get back on track and try again.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Capricorn movie star Bradley Cooper has the resume of an intellectual, an adventurer and a philanthropist. He's a Georgetown University graduate who has traveled the globe and taught classes to inner-city students — all accomplishments that contribute to his special charisma. His moon in Libra indicates a love of elegance and a desire to charm everyone he meets.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old mother of a 9-month-old boy and a stepmother to three older children.

My husband's ex treats me like the third wheel. She walks into my house without knocking and goes through my stepchildren's drawers and takes things.

She won't even look at me, let alone talk to me. To top it off, my husband refuses to stand up for me.

He kisses the ground this woman walks on, even though she was the one who initiated the divorce.

Whenever she calls, he drops everything and goes to her aid. When her car broke down, he gave her one of ours, and I ended up stranded at work.

She constantly interrupts the few moments I have with my husband and son by calling and texting and asking him to do stuff.

She rarely has her children with her, even though she gets paid a substantial amount of child support. And whatever she buys for them, she asks us to reimburse half.

I started going to counseling just to deal with the way my husband treats me because of her. How can I get him to stop doing everything she asks? I'm tired of feeling like — A Third Wheel

Dear Third Wheel: Your husband has put his ex-wife first in your marriage, and this is grossly unfair to you.

The fact that she initiated the divorce did not make him bitter — it made him crave her approval. He needs to understand his motivations for being at her beck and call and how this undermines his marriage.

Ask if he would be willing to attend one of your counseling sessions. It could help a great deal.

Dear Annie: Our son, "Troy," is in love with "Jessica," a young

woman who got into debt with credit cards right out of high school. She has been repaying the money, but her credit history is ruined.

The two of them now share an apartment, but Troy is not about to marry her unless she learns to be more financially responsible.

Troy has told us that Jessica does not save any money, and that she purchases things she will never use and then refuses to get rid of them.

The apartment is a mess, and while part of that is Troy's sloppiness, the other part is Jessica's profligate purchases. They share the rent, but that's all they share when it comes to income and expenses.

Troy doesn't want to nag Jessica and cause stress in the relationship. Do you have any

suggestions on how he might address the money issue? — Georgetown Parents

Dear Parents: Troy is smart not to marry Jessica until she can work on her spending habits, but he cannot help her if he is afraid to address the problem. This is not simple irresponsibility.

Shopoholism is an addictive behavior. Jessica suffers from a compulsion to buy things whether she needs them or not. Sometimes it requires therapy to overcome.

Troy should first contact Debtors Anonymous (debtorsanonymous.org) at 1-800-421-2383 for suggestions.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Losing it in Canada," the parents of two children who chew with their mouths open. I suggest giving each child 25 pennies at the beginning of each meal. Every time the child needs to be corrected, he must give up a penny by putting it in the middle of the table. At the end of the meal, whatever is left will be

converted into nickels, dimes or a quarter, which looks much better to them than pennies.

They will soon realize they don't want to part with their pennies. When they no longer need correcting, reward them with a special outing. — Temecula, Calif.

Dear Calif: Thanks for the great idea. Several readers wrote in with suggestions to correct a child's table manners, and we will print more in future columns.

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2011. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen (RENT'-gun) of a type of radiation that came to be known as "X-rays."

On this date:
In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.
In 1809, the Treaty of the Dardanelles, which ended the Anglo-Turkish War, was concluded by the United Kingdom and the Ottoman Empire.
In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)
In 1925, Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming became the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.
In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.
In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression; this became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.
In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa. home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty in the killings.) The soap opera "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.
In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.
In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 83. Actor Robert Duvall is 80. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Chuck Noll is 79. King Juan Carlos of Spain is 73. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 69. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 65. Actor Ted Lange (lanj) is 63. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 62. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 61. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 58. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 58. Actor Clancy Brown is 52. Singer Iris Dement is 50. Actor Ricky Paul (correct) Goldin is 46. Actor Vinnie Jones is 46.
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Answer to previous puzzle

ATMS	ABOVE	AREA
BRIE	TURIN	SEAL
CANE	TRIES	HERE
SPINNING	WHEELS	
ART	RMS	
ATEASE	SNIT	IRA
TAMPA	SOON	COB
WHIRLING	DERVISH	
AOL	NAGS	EIEIO
REY	ISPY	SCARER
ANT	BTU	
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CASE	NOOSE	HOPE
OXEN	CARET	NOON
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ACROSS

- 1 Blacken a bit
- 5 Applies liniment
- 9 Biblical queendom
- 14 Pocket problem
- 15 Colossal, as a film
- 16 Be nitpicky
- 17 Diva's delivery
- 18 17 Across, e.g.
- 19 Hard to tell apart
- 20 Critter in a shell
- 23 Bungled, with "up"
- 24 Telepath's claim
- 25 Despicable one
- 27 Blackened a bit
- 33 Takes steps
- 37 Prefix for dynamic
- 40 Whittle away
- 41 Campfire features
- 44 Chocolate source
- 45 Painter of melting clocks
- 46 Cloud collection
- 47 Some government securities
- 49 Golf pro Ernie
- 51 Hyundai rival
- 54 Avyand racket
- 59 New Year's party act
- 64 Game-show group
- 65 A Great Lake
- 66 Double-reed instrument
- 67 Prefix for physics
- 68 Jury member

DOWN

- 1 Gaping hole
- 2 Singer Lena
- 3 Name after "a.k.a."
- 4 Gathers in
- 5 Leftover
- 6 Fairy tale's second word
- 7 Hogwash
- 8 Glasgow residents
- 9 Emotional injury
- 10 Sentry's call
- 11 Wickedness
- 12 10-year-old's transportation
- 13 Beer relative
- 21 Chest muscle, for short
- 22 Increases
- 26 Nevada politician Harry
- 28 Sushi fish
- 29 Abu Dhabi resident
- 30 "Arrivederci ____"
- 31 Heaven on earth
- 32 Work station
- 33 Passbook no.
- 34 Bellyacher
- 35 Snack in a shell
- 36 Read the UPC of
- 38 Genetic material
- 39 Gawky at
- 42 Down for the count
- 43 Petty thieves
- 48 Enjoy Vail
- 50 Nautical pronoun
- 52 Totally helpless
- 53 Be in accord
- 55 PC pictures
- 56 Bomb-defusing machine
- 57 Face-down
- 58 Target game
- 59 Gone by
- 60 Cognizant of
- 61 Lima's land
- 62 Whodunit essence
- 63 Frequent tic-tac-toe results
- 64 Faux ____

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Area basketball: Forsan boys, girls roll

Forsan boys

Forsan 55, Post 45
Post 13 6 12 14- 45
Forsan 10 9 18 18 - 55
Forsan — Self 22, Robles 11, Johnson 8, Suazo 4,
Phillips 3, Bagnall 3, Roman 2, Schreiner 2
Records: Forsan (8-9, 2-0)

Forsan girls

Forsan 49, Post 35
Post 4 7 11 13- 35
Forsan 9 8 12 20- 49
Forsan — Hill 20, Park 9, Forshee 8, Roemer 7,
Stanley 3, Crane 2

Garden City girls

Garden City 73, Veribest 27
VB 8 6 3 10 - 27
GC 17 21 16 19 - 73
Garden City — Lexie Schaefer 16, Rachel Hirt 14,
Kamie Halfmann 14, Taylor Hughes 7, Cassie Hirt 6,
Leticia Ramirez 4, Ashley Halfmann 4, Magdaly Huerta
3, Hannah Halfmann 3

3-point field goals— Garden City 9 (K. Halfmann 4, R.
Hirt 2, Schaefer 2, H. Halfmann 1)
Records: Garden City (9-12, 3-1)

Garden City boys

Garden City 72, Veribest 31
VB 8 6 6 11 - 31
GC 15 20 18 19 - 72

Garden City — Brett Chudej 34, Aaron Long 11, Corbin
Davis 9, Sam Miller 6, Brian Hirt 6, Peyton Schaefer 2
Records: Garden City (4-3, 2-0)

Sands boys

Sands 58, Borden County 31
Sands — Blake Thomasson 16, Preston Vant 9, Sean
Blagrave 9
Records: Sands (17-4, 4-0)

Sands girls

Sands 50, Borden County 49 F/OT
Sands 9 11 12 13 5
Borden 10 16 10 9 4
Sands — Jennifer Gomez 13, Meagan Yarbrough 13,
Lani Robles 9, Lexi Robles 8, Nora Gomez 5, Morgan
Yarbrough 2
Records: Sands (17-3, 4-0)

Grady boys

Grady 83, O'Donnell 51
Grady 23 16 28 16 - 83
O'Donnell 18 7 15 11- 51
Grady — Teague 21, Rodriguez 18, Clay 15, Russell 9
Records: Grady (16-2)

Grady girls

Grady 53, O'Donnell 24
O'Donnell 2 8 5 9 - 24
Grady 15 10 10 18 - 53
Grady — Allison Hancock 10, Tanya Barrios 2, Tiffany
Ramirez 8, Soner Seely 4
Records: Grady (10-8, 1-3)

Jones expects to pick Cowboys coach soon

The Associated Press

IRVING — As Jerry Jones con- sidered minority candidates for his next head coach, front-run- ner Jason Garrett remained hard at work, too, on Tuesday.

rett is still the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. So he was at his desk doing what he was supposed to be doing two days after the end of the season. "Evaluations, evaluations, evaluations," he said.

Anything else to add? "None," he said while walking back into his office.

Jones said on his radio show Tuesday morning that he could have a decision by the afternoon and announce it Wednesday.

STEERS

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Levelland at home Friday and is at Andrews Jan.10.

Big Spring 79, Lubbock Cooper 57
Big Spring 14 26 19 20 - 79
Lubbock Cooper 9 17 13 18 - 57

Big Spring — Luke Adam 46, Tristian Clay 11, Seth
Pearson 8, Dayvion Young 5, Marc Segundo 3, Chaz-

zell Robertson 2, Devante Lloyd 2

Cooper — Brennan Ehler 21, Casey Owen 15, Matt
Johnson 5, Derrick Schulte 5, Kyle Bearden 4, Garrad-
Taylor 4, Mitchell Densford 3

3-point field goals — Big Spring 8 (Adams 7, Segundo
1), Cooper 4 (Ehler 3, Densford 1)

Free throws — Big Spring 23-25, Cooper 9-14
Records: Big Spring (14-6)

Next game: Big Spring vs. Levelland at 7:30 p.m. Fri-
day in Steer Gym

Buckeyes hold off Arkansas to win Sugar Bowl, 31-26

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Terrelle Pryor and four of his teammates won't be able to play another game for Ohio State until October.

They'll have some good memories to tide them over during the long layoff.

Pryor threw two touch- down passes, helping the No. 6 Buckeyes build a big lead, and Solomon Thomas made an inter- ception with 58 seconds remaining to seal Ohio State's first postseason win against a Southeast- ern Conference school, 31-26 over No. 8 Arkan- sas in the Sugar Bowl on Tuesday night.

The Razorbacks had a chance to pull off an improbable comeback when they blocked a punt with the clock winding down. Two plays later, Thomas sur- prised Ryan Mallett by dropping into coverage, and Arkansas' star quar- terback threw the ball right to the 255-pound defensive end.

"That was the sec- ond interception of my whole life," Thomas yelled on the field as his teammates celebrated around him. "It feels great."

Pryor didn't look so great at the end, limp- ing off the field with a sprained right ankle. But he turned in his second straight MVP performance in a bowl, following up last year's Rose Bowl award with a team-leading 115 yards rushing.

Pryor and Thomas were among five Ohio State juniors given five- game suspensions by the NCAA for selling memorabilia and getting discounted tattoos. But they don't have to start serving their penalties until next season, giv- ing them time to come up big for the Buckeyes in the Big Easy.

A thank-you note to the governing body might be in order.

The group of suspend- ed players also included Dan Herron and DeVier Posey.

COAHOMA

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Stanton — Tyler Fulton
22, Trace Sidle 17

3-point field goals —
Coahoma 5 (Ruiz 2,
Acevedo 1, Cravens 1,
Reid 1), Stanton 10 (Sidle
5, Fulton 3, Koonce 1, Ra-
mos 1)

Records: Coahoma (8-9,
0-2), Stanton (13-3,1-1)

Next game: Coahoma at
Slaton at 7:30 p.m. Friday;
Stanton vs. Post at 7:30
p.m. Friday

Coahoma-

Stanton girls

COAHOMA — After losing all three games in the Mary Tatum Holi- day Classic at Reagan County High School last week, the Coahoma Bulldogettes didn't want to come out flat against Stanton.

Thanks to contribu- tions from starters and the bench, the Bull- dogettes beat the Lady Buffs 50-39 Tuesday in Coahoma.

"It's a huge win for

us because we know we have to win as many home games as we can," Coahoma head coach Mitzi Bell. "We had that long break and we did so bad in the tournament. We lost all three games at Reagan County. We finally had everyone 100 percent healthy for the first time in five games. That was just a big factor for us winning. We just had that flow again."

Joanna Gonzales had five steals in addition to nine points. Fresh- man Devon Maddox had 10 rebounds along with here five points.

Coahoma 50, Stanton 39
Stanton 6 12 9 12 - 39
Coahoma 10 21 14 5 - 50

Coahoma — Lynzi Ferrel 8, Joanna Gonzales 9, Ha- ley Pace 8, Jennifer Casti- law 6, Minnie Goodblanket 6, Itzle Gomez 2, Savan- nah Neff 2, Jessi Morgan 4, Devon Maddox 5

Next game: Coahoma at Slaton at 6 p.m. Friday; Stanton vs. Post at 7:30 p.m. Friday

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