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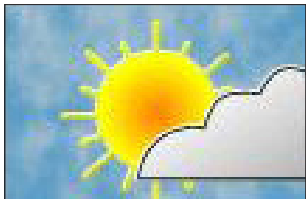
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Big Spring firefighters carry a scorched mattress believed to be the flash point of a structure fire in the 3900 block of Parkway Tuesday afternoon. No damage estimates were available, but no major injuries were reported in the fire, which was quickly brought under control.

Week off for Thanksgiving
highlights BSISD calendar

Trustees will consider approval Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to approve the 2009-2010 school year calendar when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

The calendar will be markedly similar to the current schedule, with one major exception — students will be off the entire week of Thanksgiving, instead of only three days.

Highlights of the 2009-2010 calendar include:

- School year starts — Aug. 24.
- Labor Day holiday — Sept. 7.
- End of first six-week period — Oct. 2.

- End of second six-week period — Nov. 6.
 - Thanksgiving holiday — Nov. 23-27 (students only; teachers will have staff development days Nov. 23-24).
 - End of first semester — Dec. 18.
 - Christmas break — Dec. 21 through Jan. 4 (students only; teacher will have staff development Jan. 4).
 - End of fourth six-week period — Feb. 19.
 - Spring break — March 15-19.
 - End of fifth six-week period — April 9.
 - School year ends — May 28.

The calendar includes two “bad-weather days” — April 2 and May 3 — in which

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Foul play not
suspected in
transient’s death

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man believed to be homeless was found dead in Coronado Plaza Tuesday morning, according to local law enforcement officials.

The body of Donald Edward Raymond, 56, was discovered shortly after 9 a.m. in front of the former Wal-Mart building — located behind McDonald’s

— according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD.

“Officers responded to the Coronado Plaza Shopping Center in the 2600 block of Gregg Street in reference to a possible unattended death,” said Everett. “Officers found Raymond’s body lying in the

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Fangtastic show
opens Saturday
at local fair barn

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

After a one-year hiatus, the annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup will once again slither its way into the Howard County Fair Barns this weekend, with shows slated for Saturday and Sunday.

Sponsored by the American Business Club, the event was cancelled last year because the dates conflicted with the Easter holiday, but according to Dennis Burns, spokesperson for AMBUCS and coordinator of the roundup, the demand for the slithery creatures is still high in West Texas.

“A lot of people have been asking about it,” he said. “And we’ve gotten a lot of response from hunters. People

What: AMBUCS Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup.

Where: Howard County Fair Barn off FM 700.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

seem to understand why we didn’t have one last year.”

The roundup will feature a number of regular acts and demonstrations, including snakes races and venom-milking demonstrations — not to mention a chance for area residents to find out if the desert-dwelling critter re-

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FATAL ACCIDENT

HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

A Big Spring woman died as a result of a two-vehicle accident near the intersection of Fourth Street and Scurry Tuesday morning. Services for 53-year-old Manuela Rivas are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. At least one other person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center following the accident. See Story, Page 3A.



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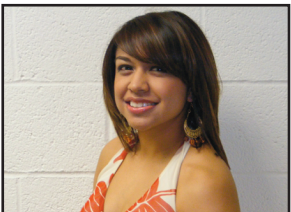


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Errors cost Lady Steers

Big Spring falls to 0-2 in district play

Herald Staff Report

PLAINVIEW — Fielding miscues continue to haunt the Big Spring Lady Steers softball team.

After showing vast improvement over the weekend in games against Hobbs, N.M., and Greenwood, the Lady Steers took a couple steps back Tuesday in a District 4-4A matchup against Plainview.

Plainview managed just four hits in the game, but eight fielding and throwing errors by the Lady Steers led to eight unearned runs in an 11-4 win for the Lady Bulldogs.

Big Spring led 4-0 heading into the bottom of the third. Linzee Yarber got Big Spring's first run on the board, scoring off a double by Kenzie Hunt.

The Lady Steers scored three more runs in the third after Mirella Torres singled to score Yarbar and Jillian Valle. Torres later scored on a hit by Macy Briggs.

That's all Big Spring would produce, though.

Plainview scored eight unearned runs in the third inning. The Lady Steers committed five errors in the frame alone.

The loss — suffered by Kelly Sage — sends Big Spring to an 0-2 start in District 4-4A play.

"The girls are playing very hard and have the desire and talent to win," said Big Spring Head Coach John Sparks. "It is my job to find a team chemistry that is going to produce the runs and make plays so we can be successful. Hopefully I can get that done."

The Lady Steers travel to San Angelo Friday to face Lake View in their third district game of the season at 4 p.m.

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Plainview 008 201 x—11 4 0
W - Cassandra Chavez. L - Kelly Sage. 2B: BS - Kenzie Hunt. RBI: BS - Hunt, Mirella Torres 2, Macy Briggs.

Quick work Forsan baseball, softball squads utilize run-rule

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

FORSAN — It was a short night on the baseball and softball diamonds in Forsan Tuesday.

Both the Buffs and Lady Buffs made quick work of their respective opponents, utilizing mercy rules.

The Lady Buffs' district softball game against Menard was called after three innings, giving Forsan a 15-0 victory.

The Buffs worked their way quickly through five innings and picked up a 10-0 win over district foe Westbrook.

Both pitching staffs threw one hiters.

Lady Buffs 15, Menard 0

Control was a problem for the Menard pitching staff as they hit four Forsan batters and walked 10 more, allowing the Lady Buffs to score several runs without taking the bat off their shoulders.

"We outmatched Menard a bit," said Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts.

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Steers win first 4-4A game in 2 years

By BILL NORRIS

Special to the Herald

PLAINVIEW — For the first time in two years, the Big Spring Steers baseball team has won a district game.

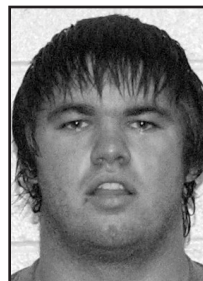
The Steers got off to a rousing start in their first District 4-4A game of 2009, taking out Plainview, 10-4.

"The kids were focused and really wanted this win," Big Spring Head Coach Bert Otto said. "It's great for the seniors and juniors."

Making the win more impressive

was the fact it was on the road and over a team that had been picked by many to win the district.

The Steers got off to a hot start, scoring three runs in the first. Kaegan Hunt led off with a triple to right and scored two batters later when Jeremy Solis ripped a three-bagger to left center.



Hollandsworth

Matt Ritchey plated Solis with a single to left and later scored on a single by Rance Terry for an early 3-0 lead.

Plainview pushed one across in the first to make it 3-1, then Hunt got things started again for the Steers in the second with a single to right. Martin Yanez followed with a double and Cade Hollandsworth drove them both in with a line-drive triple to left center to make it 5-1 after two.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma Bulldogettes third baseman Jennifer Castilaw gets a hit to drive in the only run of the Bulldogettes' 1-0 win over Jim Ned Tuesday in a District 7-2A game played in Coahoma.

Bulldogs win 7-2A opener

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The first inning of play was misleading on the baseball field in Coahoma Tuesday night.

A combined nine runs were posted in the opening frame of a District 7-2A contest between Jim Ned and Coahoma, indicating a potential shootout.

However, Jim Ned's bats went cold, while Coahoma continued to drive the ball into the outfield, giving the Bulldogs a 14-5 win to open district play.

Jim Ned's first five batters recorded a hit in the first inning and a Bulldogs' miscue in the field allowed three runs to score. The Indians posted five runs in the opening frame and it turned out to be the only inning they were able to cross the



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Coahoma Bulldogs pitcher Nathan Deporto winds up in a District 7-2A game against Jim Ned Tuesday in Coahoma. The Bulldogs routed Jim Ned, 14-5, for their first win of the district season.

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Sports in brief

Relay for Life Dodgeball Tourney set for Saturday

A dodgeball tournament to raise funds for Relay for Life has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Junior High gymnasium.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$5 a person to play. There must be four boys and four girls to a team. First game is scheduled for 11 a.m.

A concession stand will be available.

Lady Steers boosters meeting March 30 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 30 in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers athletes in junior high or high school are encouraged to attend.

BSCC hosting 3-person scramble April 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble tournament April 4-5 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course April 4 and practice rounds the day before.

Obituaries

Eugene Wilson

Eugene Wilson, 73, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 24, 2009, Big Spring. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Virgil Morris

Virgil Harold “Hoss” Morris, 79, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Manuela Rivas

Manuela Rivas, 53, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Schwan’s food distributors will hold a fund-raiser for the March of Dimes from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at the Big Spring Mall. A percentage of proceeds from all food orders received during the drive will go to the March of Dimes’ “Miracle of the Moment” drive. For more information, contact Cherly Shults at 213-2112 or Louis at (505) 220-3963.

• Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will hold a bake sale beginning at 5 p.m Friday at Wal-Mart. Donations of baked goods will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St. For more information, call Sonnett Hildebrand at 264-0455.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

• Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating in May and have been accepted at Texas A&M for fall 2009. Students must be Howard County residents who plan to enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club Web site at <http://bondwebs.com>.

• The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

• Coahoma alumni will hold an all school, all classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at pmeeks@basin-net.net or (432) 267-6688 with updates. More information will be shared as the reunion planning progresses.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the “Hat Lady,” Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JOSE LINFERNAL, 34, 1501 Wood, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHNNY LARA, 20, 1101 S. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOAQUIN DUENEZ, 37, 700 Moss Lake Rd., was arrested on charges of assault/family violence and interfering with an emergency call.
- PATRICK RODRIGUEZ, 33, 4205 Theo, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 1900 block of MLK.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell and 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of 11th.
- INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1400 block of 19th.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff’s Office reported the following activity (note: officials reported 53 prisoners in the county jail):

- ADRIAN ESCOVEDO YANEZ, 20, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of

Fire/EMS

criminal trespass and possession of marijuana.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Scurry. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of Cactus. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported at Highway 87 and FM 1584. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5000 block of N. County Road 23. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Gail Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 3900 block of Parkway.

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.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

CHANGING DATES

• The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Your Local Weather

Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28
 79/43 Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 79F.	 47/30 A few showers possible, windy.	 67/37 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman’s Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LU-LAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Prospector’s Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

There has been another rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery — to \$34 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night’s \$24 million drawing.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night’s drawing were: four, 25, 34, 43 and 44. The Mega Ball number was 45.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-6-13-36-10.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,204

Winning ticket purchased in: Houston.

he winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-1-3. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-6. Sum It Up: 19.

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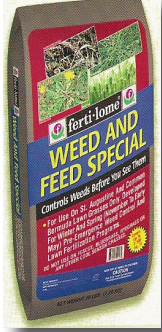
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Baylor edges Auburn, advances to NIT semis

Hot-shooting Bears headed to MSG for bid to finals

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer
AUBURN, Ala. — The Baylor Bears made big baskets, grabbed timely rebounds and dodged a few bullets.

Apparently, they're getting the postseason formula down pretty well.

Curtis Jerrells rebounded a missed free throw then made 1-of-2 from the line with 6.9 seconds left and Auburn couldn't convert two late chances to tie or pull ahead, helping the Bears advance to the semifinals of the NIT with a 74-72 win Tuesday night.

Kevin Rogers added 19 points and nine rebounds to help the Bears (23-14) extend their improbable run after finishing ninth in the Big 12 Conference and going 59 years without a postseason win. They started the string with a league tournament that included upsets of Kansas and Texas.

"I think it shows great character," Jerrells said. "We didn't have the kind of season we wanted during the conference season, but we pulled together. We found the energy to go into the conference tournament, do some damage, and then just continue on from there."

The Tigers (24-12), who matched the second-best win total in program history, had two chances in the final seconds to at least tie it.

Trailing 73-72, Auburn forced a turnover on the inbound pass with 16 seconds left. "I should probably have come up with a better play," Baylor coach Scott Drew quipped.

DeWayne Reed attempted a leaner and was fouled, but missed both free throws and Jerrells rebounded the second.

"I came up to the line and missed two free throws that could have tied the game or you win it," Reed said. "It hurts bad."

Rasheem Barrett's 3-point try bounced off the the rim at the buzzer.

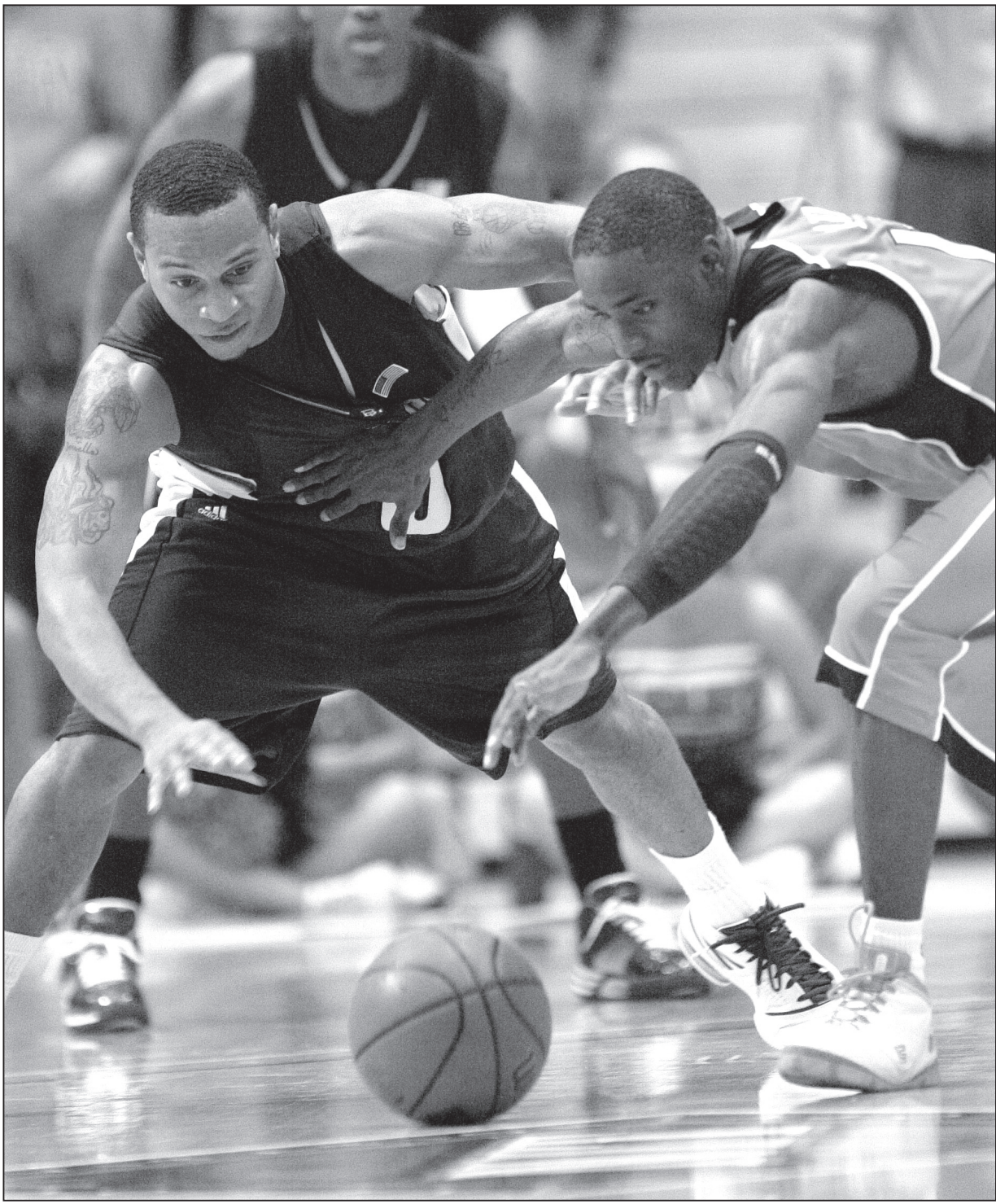
"I had a wide-open look and just hit back rim," Barrett said. "I just didn't knock it down."

"I was taking whatever they were going to give me. To tell the truth, it looked good. It looked real good. When it hit back rim, I knew it was over."

Baylor will play the St. Mary's-San Diego State winner next Tuesday in New York, their first game at Madison Square Garden since the 1950 NCAA Final Four.

Kevin Rogers had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Bears, who shot 51 percent. Jerrells added 16 points and eight assists against only one turnover.

Tweety Carter had 13 points and made three 3-pointers. Jerrells, Rogers and Henry Dugat took over



Auburn's DeWayne Reed, right, goes for a loose ball with Baylor's Curtis Jerrells (0) during their NIT third-round college basketball game at the Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum in Auburn, Ala., Tuesday. Baylor won 74-72, clinching a spot in the semifinals against Penn State, which defeated Florida Tuesday.

AP photo

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"We had a lot of batters get hit at the plate or draw a walk. When you've got the bases loaded and you get a hit, then it doesn't take too long to have things get out of hand. We did a good job hitting the ball today. We've been working on hitting to certain parts of the field and we were able to do that."

The win pushes Forsan to 3-1 in district play, but Roberts says there is plenty the Lady Buffs still need to focus on.

"We're struggling in some areas. We're trying to change some things around and fill some holes," said Roberts. "I think we'll come around. We're definitely going to be poised for a playoff run."

Alyx Pappajohn pitched all three innings for Forsan, allowing just one hit while striking out five Menard batters.

Shelby Jones led Forsan at the plate. The Lady Buffs had only six hits in the contest and Jones had the lone

extra base hit with a triple in the first inning that put the Lady Buffs up 2-0.

"I'm hoping for another 15-0 result. That'd be a nice way to end the first half of the district season," joked Roberts. "I really just want to get a win to keep our momentum going."

Forsan continues district play with a trip to miles Friday. First pitch is set for 5 p.m.

"I hope we're finally getting on a good run in district play," said Roberts. "I think the outcome against Junction will be different when they come here. There's a three-way tie for the district lead with us, Eldorado and Junction. We each have one loss. We beat Eldorado, Eldorado beat Junction and Junction beat us. We let Junction in the door. I don't know how we did it, but we did. One loss could really hurt us in the district standings."

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April and Stacy. Alyx Pappajohn and Kelsey Jones. W - Pappajohn. L - April. 2B: MHS - Stacy. 3B: BS - Shelby Jones.

Bufs 10, Westbrook 0

Forsan's Buffaloes moved to 4-1 in district play with a dominant performance against the Westbrook Wildcats.

The Buffs scored four runs in the second and added six in the fourth as three pitchers combined to give up one hit and two walks.

Foster Burchett started the game and pitched two innings. He allowed just one base runner on a walk and struck out six batters for all of the Westbrook outs in the first two frames of the game.

Rey Martinez took over for Burchett in the third and threw the fourth as well. Martinez struck out three and allowed one hit. Dylan Lowery closed out the game, pitching the fifth inning.

Getting three pitchers on the mound was crucial for Forsan, according to Head Coach Jason Phillips, because the Buffs are looking at a long layoff before their next game.

"Basically, our approach today was to use this as a bullpen session because we don't play for more than a week now," noted Phillips. "I wanted all three pitchers to work on their pitches and locations. It's good they all got some work."

The Buffs were scheduled to wrap up the first half of district play Friday against Hermleigh, but due to some

conflicts the game will be moved to a later date.

Forsan has a bye on Tuesday, meaning the Buffs' next game won't come until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Ira.

The long layoff troubles Phillips. "I'm very worried about taking that much time between games," he said. "I told the guys we're going to be doing a lot of intra-squad scrimmaging between now and then. I might give them a day off, but we're going to keep going. I'm going to make sure the team is on their toes when we're ready to play again."

Forsan's only loss in the first half of district play came to Miles, leaving them a game back for first place in the standings.

"Obviously, I wanted us to start the district 6-0, but that didn't happen. We let Miles take one from us," said Phillips. "We just lost one game so far and we can't be too disappointed. We assume Miles is going to win out the rest of the schedule except for when they play us. Basically, we're playing for a tie for the district championship and having to play Miles for the No. 1 seed in the postseason."

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News Briefs

Storm and ice jams raise flood fears in Bismarck, North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — With record amounts of water feeding into the Missouri River from swollen tributaries on top of a blizzard, state officials urged evacuations along the river and were considering using helicopters to dynamite an ice jam to ease flooding around Bismarck.

Residents in low-lying subdivisions along the river in Bismarck and Mandan were ordered to leave their homes Tuesday after access roads flooded.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., called Bismarck “the most urgent threat” in North Dakota because of ice jams north and south of town and heavy snow forecast. Officials did not immediately have an estimate on the number of people forced to evacuate along the river.

President Barack Obama declared North Dakota a federal disaster area, which means the federal government will pay 75 percent of state and local government costs for the flood fight. North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven said the state is grateful for the help.

Obama signals willingness to compromise on some details

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Congress pushing back against his proposals for energy, taxes and other matters, President Barack Obama is taking a bend-but-don't-break posture.

He will compromise on certain details if he must, he signaled at his news conference Tuesday eve-

ning, but not on the heart of his key initiatives.

His strategic retreats are a nod to political reality. He is angling to avoid confrontations he probably can't win, but to sacrifice no more than is absolutely necessary.

On energy, for instance, influential Democratic lawmakers have joined Republicans in opposing Obama's bid to reduce greenhouse gases through a program that would let companies buy and sell a limited number of permits to pollute.

“When it comes to cap and trade,” the president said, using the proposal's nickname, “the broader principle is that we've got to move to a new energy era. And that means moving away from polluting energy sources towards cleaner energy sources.”

Bomb kills 10 civilians on eastern Afghan road used by foreign troops

KABUL (AP) — A roadside bomb ripped through a van carrying civilians on a road used by foreign troops in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing 10 and wounding six, officials said.

In the south, three Australian soldiers were wounded in another blast.

The attacks are a reminder of the dangers facing Afghan and foreign forces as thousands of new U.S. troops roll into the country to try to reverse the Taliban gains of the last three years.

They also came a few days before President Barack Obama unveils his plan to tackle the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan, which is battling an Islamic insurgency

of its own.

The explosion that killed the civilians happened in Sabari district of the eastern Khost province while the van was on a road also used by foreign and Afghan troops, said Police Chief Abdul Qajum Bakizoy.

Postal Service seeks changes in law to help it cope with troubles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing dire financial conditions, postal officials are turning to Congress for help.

Postmaster General John Potter and other top agency officials were facing the House Oversight subcommittee on the federal workforce and post office Wednesday.

The post office was \$2.8 billion in the red last year and is facing even larger losses this year due to the sharp decline in mail volume in the weak economy.

Potter has raised the possibility of cutting mail delivery from six days a week to five, and is also seeking relief from the requirement to set aside several billion dollars annually to prefund retiree medical care.

“With the Postal Service facing budget shortfalls the subcommittee will consider a number of options to restore financial stability and examine ways for the Postal Service to continue to operate without cutting services,” subcommittee chairman Stephen F. Lynch, D-Mass., said in announcing the hearing.

Local woman suffers fatal injuries in auto accident

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was killed as the result of injuries suffered in a two-vehicle accident here Tuesday morning.

Manuela Rivas, 53, was declared dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following the mid-

morning accident at the intersection of Fourth and Scurry streets.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, said Rivas was eastbound on Fourth Street when her Chevrolet Blazer collided with a Ford Taurus

driven by Robert Hilario, also of Big Spring.

“The investigation indicates that Ms. Rivas was in the far right lane ... and ran a red light as Hilario's vehicle was crossing the intersection,” Everett said. “The vehicles then collided.”

Police and emergency

medical service personnel responded to the scene and both Rivas and Hilario were transported to SMMC, where Rivas was later declared dead.

Hilario was treated and released from the hospital, Everett said.

It was unknown if ei-

ther driver was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, he added.

Funeral arrangements for Rivas are being handled by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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State hospital social workers to host ethics conference

The Big Spring State Hospital Social Work Department and the West Texas VA Healthcare System will host an ethics workshop Thursday in the state hospital's Allred Building Auditorium, 1901 N. Highway 87.

The workshop — Ethical Re-

sponsibilities - “The Bob Ne-whart Take on Ethics” — will be from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Beth Robinson, professor and chair of Lubbock Christian University's Department of Behavioral Sciences, will facilitate the workshop.

Attendees will participate in

ethical decision-making scenarios, which can apply to new and experienced professionals. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and costs \$25.

Three hours of Social Work Continuing Education will be provided upon completion of the workshop.

The Big Spring State Hospital Social Worker of the Year will be presented during the workshop.

For more information, contact the Big Spring State Hospital Social Work Department, at 268-7277.

HOMELESS

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parking lot in front of the vacant building. His body was first found by a passerby who

notified police.

“Raymond is believed to have been homeless, and has been living in the Big Spring area for some time now,” said Everett. “There were no signs of foul play, and the only signs of

injury appear to have occurred when he fell.”

The body was sent to Lubbock for autopsy by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, who pronounced Raymond dead at the scene.

Everett said Raymond's family has been notified.

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BSISD

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students and staff will be off unless bad weather forces the cancellation of school at some point during the year.

In addition, TAKS testing will be conducted Oct. 20-23, March 3,

April 6, April 27-30 and June 29-30.

Recent legislative mandates have forced Texas school districts to begin the school year no sooner than the fourth Monday in August and end it no later than Memorial Day. That leaves educators little room to improvise on the schedule.

“There's really not much we can do with it,” conceded Dr. Michael Stevens, interim superintendent of BSISD. “The state ... really has us limited on what we can or can't do.”

Also Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Employment recommendations for 289 teachers, counselors,

diagnosticians and support staff.

- Cancellation of the District 4 trustee election.
- Possible action on a teacher separation agreement.
- Extension of the district's depository contract.

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SNAKES

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ally “tastes just like chicken.”

The 45th roundup will begin with weigh-in of snakes at 1 p.m. Friday. Public times will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and noon until 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4 to 11.

Also returning this year will be world renowned snake handler Jackie Bibby, who has been expanding his career with appearances in movies such as “Any Given Sunday,” “Serving Sara” and “Courage Under Fire,” but hasn't let go of his real passion: snake handling.

Bibby, who carries the title of World Champion Snake Handler — not to mention Central Texas Arm Wrestling Champion — is well known for his rattlesnake-themed

feats, which include climbing into a sleeping bag full of the reptiles. He holds the world record for taking a bath with the most rattlers at an amazing 87 snakes for 45 minutes.

And while these records aren't likely to be challenged by most Americans, Bibby has gotten the attention of outrageous shock-rock maven Marilyn Manson, who reportedly decided to top the Texas snake man back in 2008.

However, since the story concerning Manson was leaked — reportedly by a source close to the singer — attempts

by Bibby to contact the star have been unsuccessful, according to his Web site.

The event is a hard one to describe to someone who's never seen a rattlesnake roundup, Burns said.

“I usually just tell them to come out and see it,” he said. “It's really more educational than anything. We teach people what to do and what not to do and how to behave around the snakes.”

Extracting venom from the snakes also has a medical benefit, he added.

“Almost all heart attack and stroke medi-

cine has its roots in rattlesnake venom,” Burns said. Venom collected at this year's event will be sold to BioTech, a medical firm, for further research.

For more information on the roundup, contact Burns at 270-3409.

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CBA, economy focus of discussion at NFL meetings

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

DANA POINT, Calif. — America’s Team will open its palatial new home this summer, most likely without a naming rights deal.

The NFL trims its staff by 15 percent, commissioner Roger Goodell takes a pay cut, and three-quarters of the teams don’t raise ticket prices for 2009.

A new collective bargaining agreement with the players union must be reached in the next year, or the league faces an uncapped 2010 season and perhaps a labor stoppage.

Troubled times are brewing for the NFL.

“It’s a different business atmosphere than 20 to 30 years ago,” Houston Texans owner Bob McNair said Monday. “Originally, we wor-

ried about selling tickets. Now we’ve got to worry about selling tickets, about keeping media partners happy, operating stadiums, keeping fans happy in the stadium, servicing debts.”

Economics and the CBA are the main topics of discussion at the owners meetings, but resolutions are not forthcoming anytime soon. While the NFL is the most profitable of leagues, with the average team value estimated at \$1 billion, it still is surrounded by question marks.

Most notable, of course, is the CBA, which the owners opted out of last year — effective after the 2010 season — saying it favored the players too heavily.

“We need a structure that works long-term,” McNair said. “We can’t expect the fans to pay more and more

and more. We have to hold all our expenses down and labor is just one of them.”

The players get about 60 percent of applicable revenues, and with the league considering expanding the regular season to 17 or 18 games — and cutting out some preseason matches — the NFLPA is not about to consider any substantial cuts in that number.

Plus, the NFL must be sensitive to the problems of its media partners, particularly the TV networks, and of its sponsors.

Consider that when the Dallas Cowboys open their \$1.1 billion stadium this summer, it might not have a corporate name on it. With the Cowboys’ atop the NFL value list and their popularity so high, selling naming rights would seem an easy chore.

Not in this economy, though.

“We’re not naive to what’s going on in the country and the economic crisis,” Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones said. “We’re very respectful of that now. Obviously, there are some factors when you’re opening a new building in this economy.”

The Cowboys reportedly had AT&T lined up for naming rights last year, but that deal has been put on hold.

While Jones didn’t want to paint the situation with a broad brush, he noted that many companies are wary of spending millions of dollars for naming rights, especially if they have been trimming staff and seeking government bailouts.

“Obviously there is some sensitivity out there,” he said. “I don’t know

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BULLDOGS

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plate.

“With the exception of the first inning, we had a strong game,” said Coahoma Head Coach Shane Fuller.

“After the first, our pitching and defense settled down. I’d be real happy with this game if we hadn’t had that bad first inning.”

Nathan Deporto picked up the win for the Bulldogs (9-3, 1-0), pitching a complete game and allowing just

three more hits and no runs after the opening frame.

Coahoma scored four runs in the first and second inning, taking an 8-5 advantage into the third.

The Bulldogs added two runs in the third, fourth and sixth frames and came one base hit short of ending the game via the 10-run mercy rule in the sixth.

P.J. Daylong led the Bulldogs’ effort at the plate, striking two balls to the outfield fence for doubles. Deporto helped his own cause by also sending two pitches to the wall for a double and a triple.

“Right now, we’re doing a good job

of focusing on hitting the ball to the opposite field,” said Fuller. “Those shots that went to the wall were opposite field hits for those guys. We’ve been working real hard on keeping our hands inside the ball.”

Coahoma continues district play at 1 p.m. Saturday, playing host to Ballinger.

“We’re going to match up well with anybody, but our district is tough,” noted Fuller. “You better show up to play every game or you could lose to anybody. If we show up to play like we did for most of today, then we’re going to be tough to beat. If we play more than one inning like we did the

first inning today, it’ll cost us a game.

“Ballinger is about a .500 club right now, but it’s all about who you’ve been playing in your pre-district schedule,” he added. “They’ve been playing 3As and you expect them to be that way. I haven’t seen them play, so I don’t know much about them other than that.”

Jim Ned 500 000 0—5 8 2
Coahoma 442 202 x—14 14 2
Ingram, O’Dell (5) and O’Dell, Ingram (5). Nathan Deporto and Donnie Garcia. W - Deporto. L - Ingram. 2B: JN - Ingram, O’Dell, Hodges. CHS - P.J. Daylong 2, Deporto, Donnie Garcia, Ray Gutierrez. 3B: CHS - Deporto.

COAHOMA

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only scoring a couple more wins. We can’t win like that all the time. It’s good to get the win, but we’ve got to take care of those mistakes.”

The lone run of the game came in the bottom of the fourth inning, when Jennifer Castilaw hit a single to score Joanna Gonzales.

Tippett, who is a senior committed to play at Vernon Community College next season, gave up one earned run on six

hits and a walk, while striking out five batters.

The only extra base hits of the game came off the bat of Jim Ned shortstop Kylee Sartin. Sartin struck two of Newton’s pitches to the outfield wall. However, Jim Ned (4-14, 0-2) couldn’t capitalize.

Coahoma opened the season 2-8, but have improved to 16-8 and 2-0 in District 7-2A with a 14-game win streak.

“We got healthy and started getting people in the right spots,” said Tadlock. “We played some tough teams in those first 10 games. We’ve played a few since.

We had five or six graduate from last year and I knew it was going to be some juggling to see what was there. We’ve finally got it figured out.”

The Bulldogettes host Ballinger at noon Saturday.

“I don’t know much about Ballinger,” said Tadlock. “They beat Jim Ned, 4-1. We only beat them, 1-0. We better come to play.”

Jim Ned 000 000 0—0 3 1
Coahoma 000 100 x—1 6 0
Talena Tippett and J. Roberts. Heather Newton and Berkley Iden. W - Newton (12-1). L - Tippett. 2B: JN - Kylee Sartin 2. RBI: CHS - Jennifer Castilaw.

STEERS

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Plainview hurt itself in the third with a throwing error that ended up costing the Bulldogs two more runs, making it 7-1 after three.

The Steers offense was impressive all night as six of their 12 hits went for extra bases. Hunt finished the night 3-for-4 and scored three runs. Solis was 2-for-

5 with two RBI, while Hollandsworth went 1-for-3 with two RBI, helping his own cause.

Hollandsworth’s pitching performance was stellar as he kept the Bulldogs in check throughout the night, allowing four runs on eight hits while striking out eight to get the win.

He pitched out of trouble in the early innings, stranding runners on the corners in the first and third frames, and then took over late, getting seven of his eight strikeouts in the final three innings.

“It was incredible,” Otto said of Hollandsworth’s performance. “To hold them to four runs speaks for itself.”

Next up for the Steers is a home game against Frenship at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Plainview 101 011 0—4 8 2
Cade Hollandsworth and Rance Terry. Jason Miller, Chris Valdez(7) and Tanner Velasquez. W - Hollandsworth. L - Miller. 2B: BS - Jeremy Solis, Steven Henry. PV - Valdez. 3B: BS - Kaegan Hunt, Solis, Hollandsworth. RBI: BS - Martin Yanez, Solis 2, Hollandsworth 2, Ritchey, Benavides. PV - CJ Perez, Peter Landaras.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Big Things in Small Packages

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	7 5 4 3 2		
♥	6		
♦	7 5 4		
♣	K 7 3 2		

WEST		EAST	
♠	—	♠	J 9
♥	Q J 8 5 3	♥	A K 10 9 7 4 2
♦	K Q 8 2	♦	9 3
♣	J 9 8 6	♣	10 5

SOUTH			
♠	A K Q 10 8 6		
♥	—		
♦	A J 10 6		
♣	A Q 4		

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
3♥	Dble	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	6♠		

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

“For the want of a nail, the kingdom was lost” might well apply to many bridge hands where a seemingly insignificant card makes all the difference between success and failure for declarer.

If declarer doesn’t have the critical card, then he can’t be held accountable for the outcome. But if he has it when play begins and misuses it, he has no one to blame but himself for an unsatisfactory result.

Take this deal where South wound up in six spades after a highly competitive auction. Pleased with his prospects, he ruffed the opening heart lead with the six, drew trumps

and then played the A-Q-K of clubs, setting the stage for an endplay.

If the clubs had broken 3-3, or if West had started with only two clubs, the plan would have succeeded. South would then have led a diamond to the jack, forcing a diamond return from West into the A-10 or a ruff-and-discard, either of which would have yielded the slam.

As it was, though, when declarer led a diamond to the jack, West won and exited with his remaining club. South ruffed and had to lose another diamond for down one.

As the cards lie, declarer could have made his contract by ruffing dummy’s club and leading the jack of diamonds from his hand. But this would not have worked out well if East had started with one of the diamond honors. However, given that the slam was a sure thing from the start regardless of how the opposing cards were divided, that declarer misguessed how to play at the end at least served the interests of justice.

To assure the slam, all declarer has to do is ruff the opening heart lead with any spade higher than the six. After drawing trumps and cashing the A-Q-K of clubs, he ruffs dummy’s last club high and then leads the six of spades to dummy’s seven. Now a diamond to the jack truly endplays West.

Thanks to the lowly six of spades, the slam was a certainty. All declarer had to do was to recognize its value at the outset.

Tomorrow: Forewarned is forearmed.

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Boys and bicycles

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OUR VIEW

Think about helping Girl Scouts think

All right, we know what a lot of people are going to say, but Saturday is going to be a day for using your head for something besides a ha-track.

That’s because Girl Scouts in West Texas are going to be participating in World Thinking Day and local Scouts are inviting the public to take part.

So, put your thinking cap on and join them at Wal-Mart this Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

World Thinking Day honors Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries, according to Brenda Medlock, who is community services director for the Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin.

“It’s a reminder to the girls they are part of a global community,” Medlock said. “They learn about other countries. Each group takes a separate county and learns about it.”

So, this Saturday Girl Scouts from across Howard County will be at the Supercenter to discuss Costa Rica, Fiji, Ireland, Jordan and Keyna. They’ll be participating in games, activities and projects as they represent five regions of the world — the Western Hemisphere, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, the Arab region and Africa.

“The girls are having a lot of fun with this,” Medlock said. “It’s free to the public but people can donate if they wish.”

So, we suggest local residents that don’t have pressing business help the girls take part in this activity.

Thinking about others is something we could all take to heart a little better. And if you can help out with a donation, there’s no question the Girl Scouts need it and would appreciate your assistance.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we see ourselves in a positive picture of peace, Lord, walking with You.

Amen

Obama should stop raids

It’s going to happen! Regardless of the fact that some people write me bitter letters assuring me that illegal immigrants never will be given any form of amnesty, this is the year when we finally will begin to fix our broken immigration system, with logical and compassionate measures instead of Draconian legislation and Gestapo tactics.

We can expect many tantrums from some Republican anti-immigrant zealots in Congress, but this is finally the year when we will recognize and accept the 12 million otherwise-law-abiding people who already live among us. They already pick our crops, mow our lawns, wash our dishes and cars, and care for our kids and elderly. But at last, this is the year when we will allow them to walk out of the shadows!

President Barack Obama and the Democratic leadership in Congress have signaled clearly that they are preparing a comprehensive immigration reform package that will be unveiled and introduced in Congress this fall.

They say it surely will involve some sort of conditional amnesty and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have no criminal records and can prove they have lived here for at least a few years.

The Democrats typically offer much more rhetoric than action on immigration reform.



MIGUEL PEREZ

So why am I so optimistic that they finally will make this dream a reality? It’s simple: self-preservation! They will do it because breaking their many promises to the immigrant communities, particularly Latinos, is no longer a sane option. If the Democrats fail to reform our immigration system, especially after already using their majority status to ram other controversial measures through Congress, those who depend on support from Latino and other immigrant voters would be committing political suicide.

That’s why we see House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaking out much more forcefully for immigration reform. That’s why other Democrats are participating in a 17-city series of rallies organized by advocates who seek compassionate, comprehensive reform.

That’s why Latino lawmakers were so optimistic after discussing immigration with Obama last week. Again, I say it’s going to happen!

The question now is whether Obama should change some of the policies of the previous administration, even before he goes to Congress and seeks to change some laws. Because Obama has done this with other issues, many immigrant advocates are calling for his administration to declare a moratorium on workplace raids and to cease arresting and deporting non-criminal undocumented workers.

“I stand with other faith leaders and all of you gathered here today and with every immigrant family in this nation to call on our government to end immigra-

tion raids and the separation of families,” said Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, at a church rally in his town Saturday. George, who is also the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted, “Such reform would be a clear sign this administration is truly about change.”

It makes a lot of sense. If we intend to make these people legal residents in the near future, why keep persecuting them? The Department of Homeland Security should concentrate on catching only criminal immigrants and securing the borders to prevent future illegal immigration.

Even before the administration stops the workplace raids, Obama should ban the heinous “collateral damage” tactics of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the federal agency appropriately known as ICE. When ICE agents raid an apartment building or a multifamily home in search of a criminal immigrant, they usually arrest any other undocumented immigrant they find along the way. In fact, they have been known to leave many buildings without the criminal they sought in the first place but with a lot of other undocumented immigrants, whom they consider “collateral damage.”

If the Obama administration wants to fire a warning salvo to let Congress know that real change is coming on immigration, banning workplace raids and “collateral damage” would be a good place to start.

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Pelosi on immigration law

At a recent San Francisco event, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi denounced the Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrests of illegal immigrants. “Taking parents from their children ... that’s un-American,” Pelosi said.

Fox News aired videotape of Pelosi’s “un-American” remark last week, and a minor national story was born. Be it noted that Pelosi wasn’t saying anything new. She has long opposed enforcement of federal immigration laws duly enacted by Congress, even as she pays lip service to the need to enforce the law.

In 2003, Pelosi accused ICE of “terrorizing” workers after agents raided a number of Wal-Mart stores for hiring and contracting undocumented janitors. By the way, during the 2008 primary, then-Sen. Barack Obama also said that some communities “were terrorized” by ICE “raids.”

At a news conference last week, La Speaker gave an increasingly qualified explanation: “What I said was separating parents from their children — ICE raids that separate parents from their children in the middle of night are un-American, and I stand by that. And those were the issues that we were dealing with, three families where the parents were separated — a parent was separated from the

children and the prospect of the second parent being separated. And I do believe that separating parents from their children, in these cases — sometimes in the middle of night — is un-American.”

I asked Pelosi’s staff for information about families that ICE had separated in the middle of the night. Spokesman Brendan Daly sent statements made by two children — both American citizens — at the Ess Eff event. The three families turned into two families — Daly noted that Pelosi spoke with others privately — and the two mothers were left at home, although the children fear their mothers also could be deported. There was one 5 a.m. arrest. The teenagers also argued that, as U.S. citizens, they have a right to stay in America, and they believe their parents should be able to stay, as well.

Pelosi added, “We have to enforce our laws.” But if Pelosi really believes in enforcing the law, why is she criticizing ICE agents who put themselves on the line to make immigration laws work?

At the news conference, Pelosi had little good to say about ICE’s enforcement.

She noted, “We don’t have to kick in doors in the middle of the night and take fathers out of their homes.”

Amy Kudwa, from the Department of Homeland Security, told me, “No enforcement actions take place in the middle of the night, whether it be workplace enforcement or fugitive actions.” She noted that ICE agents ask “a very rigorous set of questions” about any humanitarian

needs or care-giving responsibilities someone might have before they detain the person.

And Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano believes in using her department’s “limited resources to the greatest effect, which is targeting criminal aliens and those employers who flout our laws.”

While Pelosi’s use of the word “raids” suggests random sweeps that deprive individuals of due process, in the past couple of years ICE efforts have targeted “immigration fugitives” — that is, individuals who have violated a judge’s deportation order. Unless they’ve refused to show up to a hearing, they’ve had their day in court.

Why were the fathers arrested? I asked Daly. “I don’t know specifically beyond what the kids said,” he answered. That’s interesting because according to ICE, 20 percent of “immigration fugitives” have been convicted of crimes in America in addition to being ordered deported.

In 1995, when the National Rifle Association dismissed those who enforce federal gun laws as “jackbooted government thugs,” the left was outraged. Yet Pelosi essentially has a similar opinion of the men and women who risk their safety daily in order to uphold laws passed by her own legislative body.

They enforce the law, and she dismisses their work as “un-American.” If she doesn’t like the law, she should change it. She’s the speaker.

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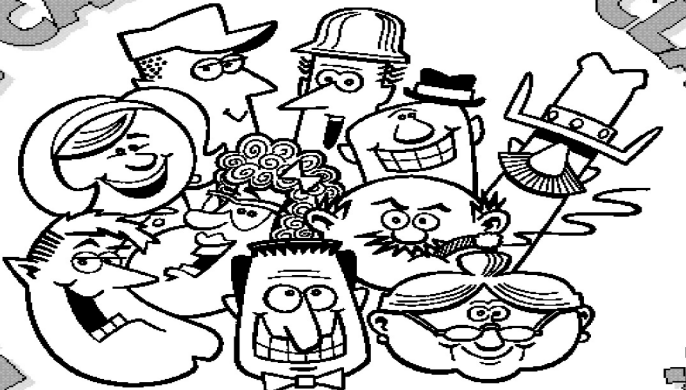
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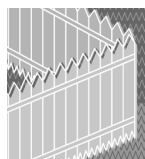
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Things we should — and shouldn't — do

I was looking through some papers the other day and came across some really good advice. I have no idea who came up with these ideas but they are worth consideration.

There are two days in our lives that we cannot do anything about. One is yesterday. We can think about

the past and enjoy or regret what occurred but we cannot change it.

The other is tomorrow.

We cannot do anything



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about tomorrow but we can prepare our thinking and attitudes to face tomorrow; however, we should never borrow from tomorrow.

If we worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, we have worried in vain, and if it does happen, we have to worry twice.

A few years ago I

read a list of things we should do that made sense:

- We should go to bed on time, get up on time so we can start the day unrushed.
- We should slow down, get enough rest and eat properly.
- We should say "No" to unnecessary projects that won't fit into our time schedule or that will compromise our mental health. If possible, we should delegate tasks to others who are capable; we should simplify and take the clutter from our life.
- We should allow extra time to do things and to get to places and pace ourselves.
- We should spread

out big changes and difficult projects over time and not lump the hard things all together.

• We should take one day at a time.

• We should separate worries from concerns: If a situation is a concern, we should find out what we have to do, prepare for it and let go of the anxiety. If we can't do anything about a situation, we should forget it.

• We should learn to live within our budget and not abuse our credit cards.

• We should have backups — an extra car key in our wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

• Sometimes we should remember not to talk. This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

• We should write down thoughts and inspirations and find time to be alone every day.

• We should laugh more often and learn not to take ourselves so seriously.

• We should find time to be with the friends that boost us and not deflate us.

• We should develop a forgiving attitude and we should remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is an attitude of thankfulness.

• We should be kind to unkind people.

• We should never allow yesterday to upset today and, all in all, we should believe that life is worth living and our beliefs will help us create the fact.

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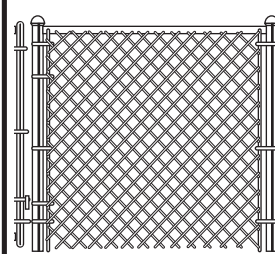
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Mercury enters Aries, conjuring up the energy of a nervous 8-year-old giving the book report of a lifetime. All information seems fresh and urgent. It may feel to you as though you are the first one to discover the world and that you simply must tell everyone about it. Wonders keep opening, each more awesome than the last. Stay innocent.



HOLIDAY MATHIS
 Someone needs to comfort the disgruntled, assuage the unhappy and smooth over things over for the generally ruffled. Your warmth and sincerity makes you the No. 1 choice for the job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Is it possible for you to give someone a raise or a fat tip? To do so in times of cutbacks and layoffs will send a powerful message. You believe in an abundant universe and you stand by your beliefs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you put your mind to it, you can change someone else's mind, too. Observe and strategize. It's not yet time to wage your attack. There is a kind, gentle way to do this, and you will figure it out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Friends may need you more than is good for either of you. Encourage others to be strong instead of codependent.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Spend very little time sympathizing and more time building them up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone loves your ideas and style. Do the work to nail the structure and context of your project, too. That's what will take you from "amateur" to "professional."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a good estimation of where you are going; still, it would save you time and hassle if could be pointed in the right direction by someone who knows. Ask to be mentored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You get pleasure from watching people develop in the ways they have dreamed of going. You will coach others along in your own quiet way. Your support may not be verbally recognized, but it is strongly felt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be swimming with the sharks. You can be as fierce as any of them when you want to be. Ratchet your attitude up a few notches and let everyone know you're a contender.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are being asked to deliver an end result that is unusual and perhaps difficult for you. If you know that this is not your talent, don't waste time trying to make it happen. Call in reinforcements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Friends and colleagues may try to sway your choices. You are too sophisticated to let someone else dictate what you do and how you do it. Kindly rebuff anyone trying to make a

power play on your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Remember those people you helped along? You told them they were doing all the work, but the truth is that no one grows alone. Your assistance favorably impacts the world today in ways you don't know about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are benefits to being agreeable and going with the flow. When you're operating under the radar you'll have a great deal of freedom, which is so fantastic that it overrides your need to state strong opinions.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS FOR A MEMORABLE WEEK — PART THREE: Mercury's movement into Aries helps us celebrate this first full week, and a memorable time.

Take the initiative to make a few strong memories of your own. Here are some suggestions for **LIBRA**: You're the consummate team builder. You have great social foresight — you know when two people simply must meet and you make the introduction. The world is forever altered because of the people you bring together, and that's a feat to remember. **SCORPIO**: Others around you focus their excitement externally. You may decide to use this star power for your internal process. Like a rainmaker, you retreat to your inner sanctuary and bring the heavens — not to mention your own life and the lives of those around you — into

alignment through quiet meditation.

SAGITTARIUS: In order to keep some semblance of normal life you can't always act on your impulses for fun and adventure. But this week is different. In fact, everyone is depending on you to come up with zany tangents and spur of the moment parties. Following your natural inclination for spontaneity you will create one memorable scenario after another. Bring your camera everywhere!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sarah Jessica Parker is a child star turned style icon, and she does it all with Aries spunk. Her natal Capricorn moon points to stellar business sense and Parker has certainly lived up to the aspect. She's a movie producer with a successful clothing line, several signature fragrances and she's also a spokesmodel for various big beauty brands.

This wife and mother is an Aries who has it all!

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I haven't seen my in-laws since we moved across the country three years ago.

They are coming in May for a two-week visit and staying in our home with us and our six children.

When we lived closer, the grandparents insisted on taking our oldest kids on excursions, but then they would ignore them, neglect to feed them or sometimes forget they were along.

One child got lost — twice — at a large city festival. When the police brought him back, his grandparents hadn't noticed he was missing.

These grandparents also don't communicate well. Nearly every day they get into arguments that end in swearing and giving each other the silent treatment for hours.

My kids hate being with them. When we moved away, we could

claim conflicting schedules to avoid the outings.

Now the grandparents insist that during their visit they take each child somewhere to "get to know them better" since they haven't seen them for so long.

Their health and age may make this their last visit, so they're pouring on the guilt. The older kids can manage now, but they are warning their younger siblings not to go anywhere with the grandparents.

My husband, who has a selective memory and is an eternal optimist, wants to give them another chance. However, cousins who live near them say they've only gotten worse.

My husband and I must work and won't be able to supervise every minute. How do we discourage these outings without offending them? (And they are easily offended.)

— *Dreading the In-Laws*
Dear Dreading: Inform the in-laws that you will not permit the younger children to take individual outings.

An older sibling must accompany them. Then instruct your children not to go anywhere with Grandma and Grandpa without your permission.



KATHY MITCHELL
 MARCY SUGAR

No exceptions for any reason. If the in-laws are offended, so be it. Your children's welfare must come first.

Dear Annie: I am having trouble

with my boyfriend, "Michael." I'm in the ninth grade and he's in the eighth. We've been going out since November, and a few days ago he asked me to kiss him.

The next day he confessed that he thinks he's too young for kissing. Annie, to be honest, I was nervous when he asked me to kiss him because it was my first kiss, as well, and it wasn't exactly the best.

I'd never admit that to him, though. I'm confused. If he thought he was too young, why did he ask me to kiss him?

Please don't judge us. I just want straight advice.

— *In Love in California*
Dear In Love: Why did you kiss him? Because you wanted to try it and you like him. He probably felt the same way.

But afterward, he may have gotten a bit anxious about where it could lead and decided he wasn't ready. That was wise. When you aren't sure about these things, it's best not to do them.

Or, it's possible he felt that he disappointed you, in which case, he may

ask again when he gathers the courage.

Dear Annie: "Happy American Bachelor," who got dumped after a date or two, reminds me of my friend's brother.

He whined about how girls didn't like him because he was "too nice." Well, he was nice when it benefited him.

He only wanted to date pretty girls and made jokes about unattractive ones.

He was cheap, and if he splurged to impress a girl, he expected a sexual return on his investment.

He was marginally handsome and had a good job, but once you spent any time with him, you realized his character was severely lacking.

He is still alone and can't figure out why. There are men who can't find dates because of some flaws, but niceness is not usually one of them. — *Just a Thought*

Dear Just: This is why we suggest that dateless people ask their best friends and closest relatives to critique them. There are times when one needs to hear that brutal honesty.

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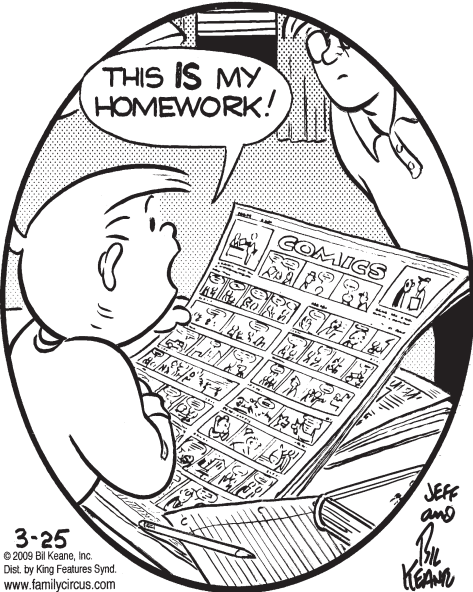
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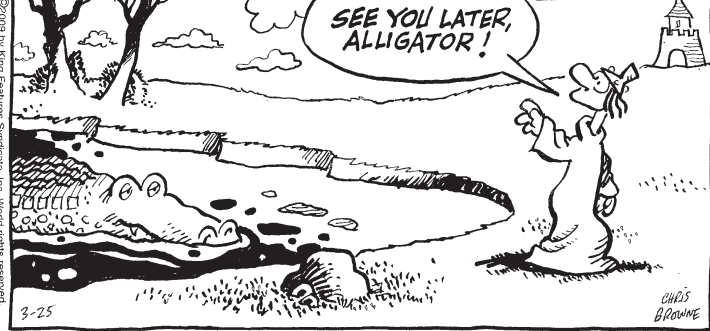
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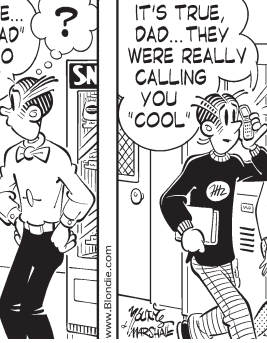
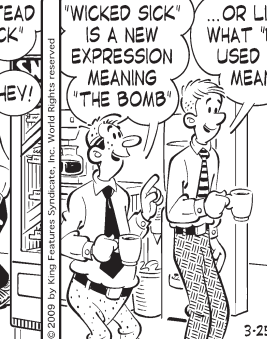


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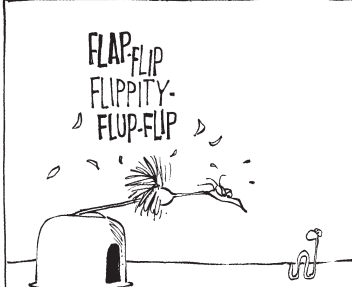
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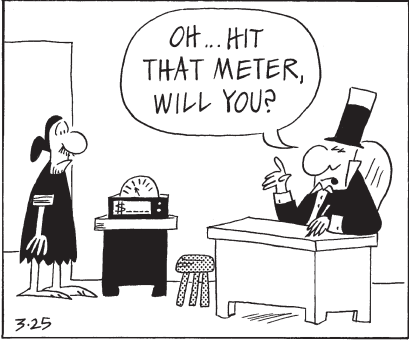
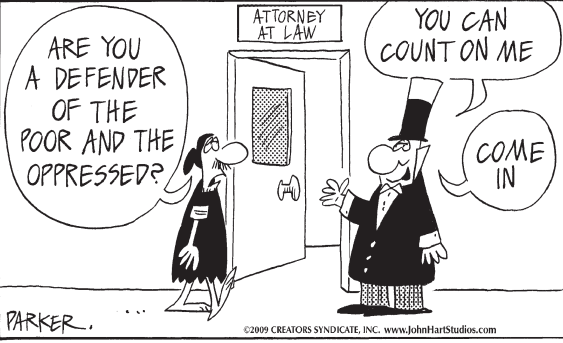
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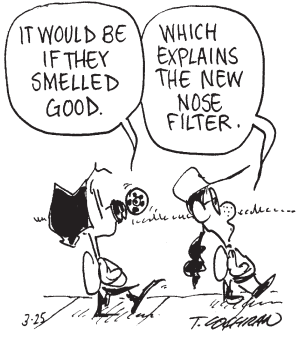
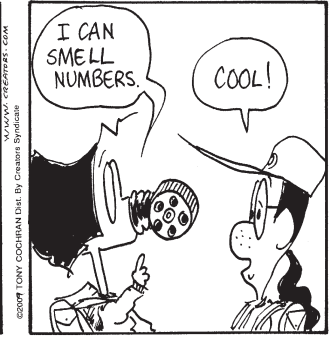
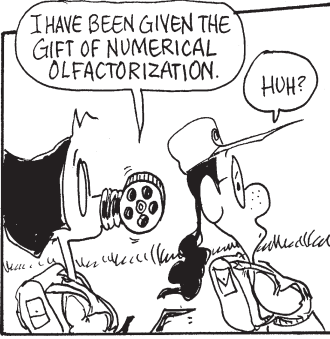
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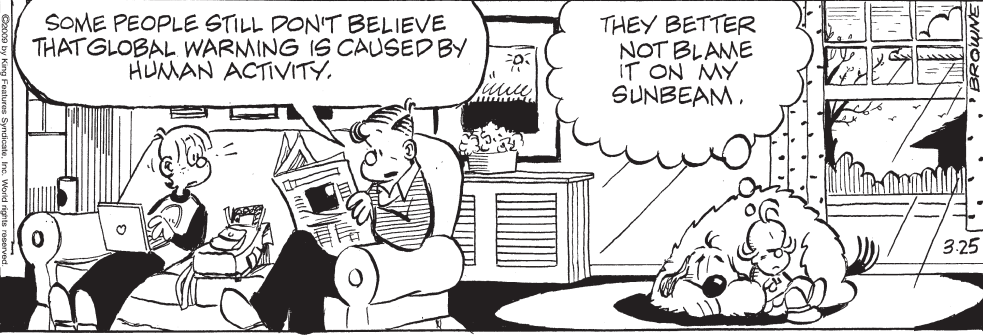
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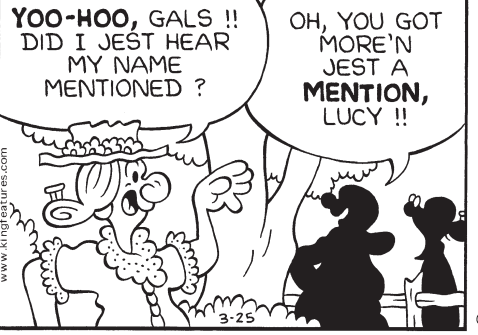
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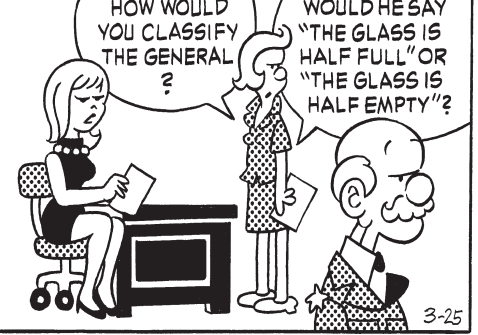
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Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw by counterattacking Union troops.

In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington to demand help from the federal government.

In 1911, 146 people, mostly female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community.

In 1975, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded in June 1975.)

In 1988, in New York City's so-called "Preppie Killer" case, Robert Chambers Jr. pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the death of 18-year-old Jennifer Levin. (Chambers received a sentence of 5 to 15 years in prison; he was released in 2003.)

In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City.

Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 87. Former astronaut James Lovell is 81. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 75. Singer Anita Bryant is 69. Singer Aretha Franklin is 67. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 66. Singer Elton John is 62. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 61. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 56. Actor James McDaniel is

51. Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., is 51. Rock musician Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet) is 49. Actress Brenda Strong is 49. Actor Fred Goss is 48. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 48. Actress Marcia Cross is 47. Author Kate DiCamillo (Book: "Because of Winn-Dixie") is 45. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 44. Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine is 43. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Debi Thomas is 42. Singer Melanie Blatt (All Saints) is 34. Actor Lee Pace is 30. Actor Sean Faris is 27. Auto racer Danica Patrick is 27. Singer Katharine McPhee ("American Idol") is 25. Singer Jason Castro ("American Idol") is 22.

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ACROSS

- Succotash beans
- More adept
- Quilters' gathering
- Be gaga over
- "Common Sense" author
- Harrison of *My Fair Lady*
- Testify
- "... man ___ mouse?"
- Sensible
- Go hat-in-hand
- Worthy of a medal
- Practice one's punches
- Income level
- Get down pat
- Work hard on
- Late-blooming flower
- Jockey's handful
- Column crosser
- Nigeria neighbor
- Analyze grammatically
- No longer here
- Quiz whiz Jennings
- Slow on the uptake
- Hostilities ender
- Harbor deepener
- Calmed down
- Wields influence
- Tickled pink
- Chooses to participate
- Brewpub offering
- SALT superpower

DOWN

- "Chocolate" dogs
- Think-tank nugget
- Haunted-house sound
- Slapped the cuffs on
- Baste, maybe
- Better suited
- Door-slam sound
- Tell a whopper
- Vote into the Hall of Fame
- Closes back up
- Speckled game-fish
- Spine-chilling
- Right on the nose
- Type of girder
- Victor merger partner
- Unit-pricing word
- Idaho's capital
- Big name in trucks
- Court legend Arthur
- Complete stop
- Hardly wordy
- Tall and slender
- Years back
- Garden intruder

37 Pretentious in one's teaching

- Sheepskin recipient
- Ceases
- "Unknown," on a sked
- Dorm VIPs
- Actor Baldwin
- Monopoly buy
- Boston Marathon month
- Forest clearing
- Cry from the pews
- Thumb through
- Kick target, perhaps
- Hinge (on)
- Smeltery's raw material
- Not at all square

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Jayhawks have grown up since they last faced Spartans

DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Michigan State’s coaches and players will have no trouble picking it up on film. The Kansas Jayhawks have done a lot of growing up since they visited East Lansing 11 weeks ago.
In many ways, they hardly resemble the hesitant young bunch who let the Spartans go on a 19-1 run and absorbed a 75-62 shellacking on Jan. 10 at Michigan State.
Plus, the rematch on Friday night

will be in Indianapolis, not East Lansing. And it will be the third round of the NCAA tournament, not the final non-conference game before the young Jayhawks got their act together and made a successful defense of their Big 12 regular-season championship.
“We played them the first time and we stunk offensively,” coach Bill Self said Tuesday. “We were a really bad offensive team. I think they had us down 37-18. And that’s after we got off to a good start.”
The Jayhawks scored 11 points in

the first 4 minutes, 43 seconds of that game but managed only seven points the rest of the first half as the Spartans, ranked No. 8 at the time, took command.
Sherron Collins wound up with a game-high 25 points that night, but had only five points and six turnovers in the first half.
“Now we’re older,” said Self. “I think this team will be more confident.”
One thing that hasn’t changed much is Collins. He’s still the point guard and leader of the defending NCAA

champions.
“I think we weren’t ready to play in that environment. We were still young, still trying to find our identity,” said Collins, who scored 25 points in Sunday’s 60-43 second-round victory over Dayton.
“But now I think we’ll be ready for them. Them beating us is total motivation for us to come out and play like we never did before. This is the time of year your playmakers are going to make plays and everybody you expect to play well has to play well.”

BAYLOR

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as Baylor’s winningest senior class with No. 63.
“They’ve done a great job of leading the team,” Drew said. “I’m so happy they’re playing their best basketball at the end of their career so they can have great memories toward the end.”

The Bears hadn’t won multiple post-season games since finishing as NCAA runner-up to Kentucky in 1948.
Barrett led Auburn with 16 points and had hit three of four 3s before his final miss, including one with 19 seconds left to make it a one-point game. Reed scored 13 while Korvotney Barber had 11 points and 13 rebounds.
“We battled and there were a couple of turnovers at the end and a couple of key plays to get back into the game

and take the lead,” Auburn coach Jeff Lebo said. “We just weren’t able to finish it off.
“We’ve had an unbelievable year and I am really proud of them and what they have accomplished.”
The Tigers rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final 2 minutes on back-to-back 3-pointers, trying to extend their first postseason since 2003. Tay Waller hit the first from the right wing with 1:05 left to make it 73-69.
The Bears then managed to wind

most of the shot-clock down but Jerrells was forced to try an off-balance 3-pointer with 29 seconds left. Barrett fired away from beyond the arc 10 seconds later.
“Both teams wanted to go to New York and both teams wanted to keep playing,” Drew said. “Both teams have great upperclassman leadership, so we knew it would come down to the end. We’d prefer it not to get that close at the end, but credit to our guys for getting a stop and the rebound.”

NFL

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if that holds for every company.”
Goodell acknowledged that a lack of companies able to purchase stadium naming rights “will have an effect on how our business model is changing.”
The commissioner does not expect

an uncapped season to occur next year; the current CBA calls for one.
“I don’t believe that will be the case,” he said, noting the NFL’s calendar for a CBA begins in March.
Goodell said he was hopeful a proposal for an expansion of the regular season to either 17 or 18 games could be presented to the owners at the May league meetings in Fort Lauderdale. Implementation almost certainly would not come before 2011.
“I haven’t made a decision on

whether we’ll have a 17-game or 18-game season. We’ll have a good feeling on it when we come out of these meetings,” Goodell said. “We have to sit down with our partners and go through negotiations. We think our content continues to be more valuable to our partners.”
Goodell also mentioned possibly creating a developmental league: “I would like to explore that in the next negotiations.”
He noted that nearly three-quarters

of the teams did not raise ticket prices this year, and that the NFL has been hit by the economic downturn. The league trimmed its staff by 15 percent and many teams have laid off employees — even as free agents reap millions in guaranteed salary.
“It’s definitely hitting us on our revenue side,” he said of the economy. “The risk become greater in that kind of a climate and your revenues become challenged. There’s a lot of uncertainty out there.”





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