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**Construction continues on the overpass that was destroyed in November following a collision involving an 18-wheeler. The 18-wheeler struck beams supporting the FM 2566 overpass near the 170 mile marker of I-20.**

## Fatality reported

**Herald Staff Report**

The Herald has learned at least one person died early this morning after a vehicle accident which occurred on Highway 176 west of Big Spring. The deceased was male but his identity had not been released by press time. Efforts to find more information about the accident were unsuccessful. More information will be published in Friday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

## Chili cook-off to fire up here this Saturday

**Herald Staff Report**

Despite a forecast in the early 60s Saturday, it will still be chilly in Big Spring. Oops, make that chili. The Fraternal Order of Eagles will host the Children-In-Need Chili Cook-Off at its lodge this weekend. The 12th annual event will benefit West Texas Centers' Children-In-Need Benefit Fund. The fund helps meet the needs of children being served throughout the West Texas Centers 23-county area. "Last year's Children-In-Need Chili Cook-Off raised more than \$10,000 for the kids," said Landon Sturdivant, West Texas Centers chief operating officer and an Eagles member. Chili pots will fire up at 8 a.m. Saturday and judging will begin at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per chili entry, with a maximum of two persons per cooking team for each entry. Each team is asked to cook a minimum of five pounds of chili, as "We want the public to have plenty of opportunities to try everyone's chili," Sturdivant added. Judging begins at 11:30 a.m. and hungry guests may begin eating soon after. A \$5

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## Water leaks north of city repaired

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer

Just follow your nose. That's what city crews were doing late Wednesday while investigating a complaint about an alleged decades-old sewer leak north of Big Spring. "The individuals that were complaining weren't giving good enough detail about the location or contact information," said City Manager Todd Darden. "But the guys went out last night and found it and it has been fixed." The leak was located in the Banks Addition behind Lakeview school and wasn't easy to find, Darden said. "We found it by following the smell. It was in



Darden

some high weeds and at 9:30 p.m. I received a text that it had been cleared." Prior to this incident, a similar, but unrelated complaint was made about a leak at One Mile Lake near the GEO prison located on Interstate 20. "As for the land owners, it was a similar situation," said Darden. "The description was very vague and it was actually on the other side of the lake. At first we thought it might be connected

to the GEO leak, but it wasn't." According to Darden and previous reports, the GEO leak was due to debris clogging up the pipe and causing back-flow. "It's been fixed and we are continuing maintenance and making sure that GEO is doing what they are supposed to be doing," said the city manager, who also explained that incidents such as this happen "once in a blue moon." Darden said a sewage leak complaint was made about a year ago

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## Forsan's Mikeska is one of state's best trumpeters

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Forgive someone if they say Brady Mikeska has every reason to toot his own horn. But he does. The Forsan High School senior was selected to be part of the All-State Band for the Association of Texas Small School Bands, one of only 290 high school musicians throughout the state who received the honor. More than 9,000 Texas high school students auditioned at all region bands in various parts of the state this school year for a chance at all-state. Top chairs in those regions — 1,620 students in all — competed at recent area tryouts and the top musicians at that competition earned a spot at state. "The competition was fierce," Mikeska said. "I stuck through it and got a spot."

The trumpet player said he is looking forward to attending the band clinic and concert which will be held Feb. 12-15, during the Texas Musical Educational Association convention in San Antonio. "I think the music is probably going to blow me away," he said. "It will be amazing to be with musicians from the whole state of Texas." Mikeska is an active student at Forsan. Besides serving in the band, he is a member of the National Honor Society, student council and participates in one-act play. The Forsan senior plans to attend college at Texas Tech University where he hopes to participate in the band and is considering becoming a medical doctor. Contact Lyndel Moody at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)



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**Brady Mikeska, a Forsan High School senior, was selected for the All-State Band for the Association of Texas Small School Bands.**

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# Take Note

• Healthy Woman is "Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years" on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner go on sale Feb. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring is under new leadership, and, leaders say, is taking a new path.

"We are seeking new members and volunteers to walk this path with us and share in our vision," said Randy McKinney, committee vice president. "Come and join us in this journey to a new future."

Powwow Big Spring will host its 10th intertribal powwow April 5-6 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more information on the organization or to join, contact McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• The community is invited to join Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center as we bid a fond farewell to Alan Abel, MD on Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a come and go reception. The celebration will take place in the Surgical Clinic at the Malone and Hogan building.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps offers 12 weeks of job training for women seeking employment or better employment. We provide computer training, resume preparation, and interview skills in a Christian setting. We also have a free certified nurses aide training program. The next session starts Feb. 3. Applications are being accepted now. For more information or to get an application, call 432-517-4627. Leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of

expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filing fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

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

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

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

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

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

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

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

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

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th.

# Support Groups

## THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion 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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us.

Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact

Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. Open meeting at 7 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.

doesn't cover sewer.

Officials at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said they are aware about the incidents, but were unable give any other information.

## SATURDAY

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

## SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting

A public service announcement was to be released by the city of Big Spring sometime today.

To contact Andreaia Medlin call 263-7331.

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

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Gage Mims, 56, died Thursday. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Speck Bray, 69, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

# LEAKS

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at the GEO location and the culprit at that time was a tree.

"A mesquite tree

had wrapped its roots around the pipe," said Darden who added, "When that happens it doesn't take much to damage the pipe. At that time, we laid 30 foot of line out there, but this

recent incident was because of the debris in the line."

While the city does maintain the water lines, Darden explained that the insurance policy held by the city

# CHILI

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cover charge will allow guests to sample chili from each team and judge for themselves which pot of chili is the best.

"The West Texas Centers Children-In-Need Chili Cook-off grows in attendance each year because it is well-run and supported by the community," said West

Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.

"We have found throughout the years that chili cooks do a great deal of word-of-mouth advertising about the event," Smith noted. "The reputation of the event continues to grow and attract a number of local cooks, who just compete once a year here to those who travel from far off to participate.

"With these funds, we were able to help

more than 160 children with special needs," turdivant said. "Raising funds to help children with special needs get those needs met is the sole purpose of this event. During the past 11 years of this event, the Eagles have donated more than \$80,000 toward the West Texas Centers' Children-In-Need Benefit Fund."

The chili cook-off will

be at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third St.

For more information, call Sturdivant at 432 264-3247.

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Opinion

Lessons for Andrew Cuomo

Not so fast, Andrew Cuomo. We see what you did there. After publicly bashing conservative New Yorkers as "extreme" people who have no place in his state, the intolerant Democratic governor wants to blame the media for his unmistakable contempt for those who oppose abortion, support gun rights and defend traditional marriage.

Newsflash: Crapweasel politicians can backtrack and scapegoat, but they can't hide. When he railed against socially conservative Republican candidates in a radio interview last week, Cuomo hyperbolically singled out those he called "right-to-life, pro-assault-weapon, anti-gay" citizens. Sounding unapologetically purgative, the governor said these political opponents "have no place in the state of New York, because that's not who New Yorkers are." His bigoted comments provoked a fierce social-media-driven backlash led by devout Catholics and Second Amendment activists in the Empire State. And now, he's got job-creating, tax-paying conservative business people threatening to leave. Heckuva job, Andy!

In a desperate damage control attempt, Cuomo issued a statement claiming that the New York Post "distorted" his words. It's always the messenger's fault. The Shove Guv also accused his critics of being "entirely reckless with facts and the truth." Really? There was no equivocation in Cuomo's political eviction wish. Whether he was talking about conservative candidates and/or the voters and donors who support them, you can't get any clearer than "have no place in the state of New York."

Translation: You don't belong. Pack your bags. Don't let the door hit ya on the way out. Scram.

All of his lefty friends on MSNBC and at Soros Central may be cheering Cuomo on, but this

marginalization strategy is bound to backfire. Here in Colorado, supposedly moderate Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper threw in with the radical gun-control crowd and is now paying the price. Major businesses have left the state. Two leading state Democratic legislators were recalled last fall by grassroots campaigns outspent 8-to-1 by gun-control forces underwritten by New York Nanny Stater Michael Bloomberg and Bill Gates.

Reminder: It wasn't just "extreme conservatives" who revolted. Pueblo Democrat Angela Giron lost in her Obama-loving Democratic Senate District 3 by a whopping 12 points.

Another state Democrat and staunch gun-control extremist, Evie Hudak, resigned in disgrace last November rather than face the wrath of the independent recallers. Once a hot 2016 Democratic presidential prospect, Hickenlooper's approval ratings have plunged.

Cuomo also has set himself up for an unforgettable schooling by hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers who are gathering in Washington, D.C., this week for the 41st annual March for Life.

"I am guessing that Andrew Cuomo's remarks are going to be repeated by every speaker on the platform," Stasia Zoladz Vogel, president of the Buffalo Regional Right to Life Committee, predicted in the Buffalo News before the Wednesday march.

As for Cuomo's reckless dismissal of what he considers an "extreme" minority, a recent poll of New Yorkers showed that the vast majority "support sensible restrictions on abortions, with 80 percent opposing unlimited abortion through the ninth month of pregnancy and 75 percent opposing changes in current law so that someone other than a doctor can perform an abortion." Contrary to Cuomo's distorted view, the 21st-century pro-life movement is a diverse convergence of increasingly young and minority activists, feminist pro-lifers, independents and social conservatives. And contrary to Cuomo's reckless telling of history, pro-life activism

is ingrained in New York history.

The suffragists who famously met at Seneca Falls, N.Y., were ardent advocates for life. They didn't mince words. Elizabeth Cady Stanton condemned the "murder of children, either before or after birth." Alice Paul, who crusaded for the Equal Rights Amendment, called abortion "the ultimate exploitation of women." Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, as Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannerfuser pointed out in her review of pro-life feminism, was horrified by the abortion industry and the women who enabled it: "The gross perversion and destruction of motherhood by the abortionist filled me with indignation, and awakened active antagonism. That the honorable term 'female physician' should be exclusively applied to those women who carried on this shocking trade seemed to me a horror. It was an utter degradation of what might and should become a noble position for women."

Now we know where Andrew Cuomo would have stood had he been around when pro-life suffragists came knocking on New York's doors: blocking their way. Cuomo insists he "respects" all of the people he dumped on last week. Yet, he continues to willfully mischaracterize their positions and smear them as dangerous haters. It's telling that he employs the partisan pejorative labels "anti-gay" and "pro-assault weapon" alongside "right to life." As if endorsing the "right to life" is in itself an act of bigotry or a horrific, unspeakable crime.

There are no do-overs: Cuomo rolled out the unwelcome mat and announced a new state of intolerance. His undemocratic extremism is as extreme as it gets. Out: "I Love New York." In: "New York Hates You." Let the homebuyer, business owner, taxpayer, voter and visitor beware.

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MICHELLE MALKIN

Istle is nimbler than you think

Chris Christie's master plan is working. By making himself totally intolerable to Democrats, he is making himself somewhat acceptable to Republicans.

A variety of Democratic mayors in New Jersey are now howling at Christie for being a bully and a creep.

This is music to his ears.

Christie, the Republican governor of New Jersey, wants to be the Republican nominee for president in 2016. But in the past, he has cooperated with Democrats and even rubbed shoulders with Barack Obama.

This has helped Christie in the very early, largely worthless public opinion polls, but it has hurt him with influential Republicans.

Republican fat cats wonder why they should bundle big dollars for Christie. Once elected, he could squander their tax dollars on things like feeding the hungry and housing the homeless.

And ideological "movement" Republicans are tired of nominating candidates who slide to the left in order to get elected but then don't get elected. This time, they want a far-right fire breather who will, at the very least, feed their sense of martyrdom.

Christie has found a solution: He will get Democrats to hate him. He will get liberal talk show hosts to hate him. He will get left-wing bloggers to hate him.

Then he will go to the Republican big shots and say, "Hey, if these goons hate me, how bad could I be?"

The only flaw in his plan is that it is difficult to campaign for president from prison. Or while under indictment. Or even while under serious investigation.

So Christie must be nimble. No, not physically. Physically,

he is about as nimble as a Macy's Thanksgiving float.

He must be nimble politically. Which, actually, he is.

Take his performance Sunday at the posh seaside abode of Home Depot co-founder Kenneth Langone, at what was billed as a "meet-and-greet with party donors" in North Palm Beach, Fla.

Christie was asked when his current controversies might subside, and according to Politico, he replied, "I don't know."

He also was asked by the deep-pocket crowd whether Social Security and other entitlement programs need to be means-tested. Millionaires and billionaires worry a great deal that middle-class Americans will get a dollar of Social Security they don't really need and will waste it on a thing like their retirement or birthday cards for their grandchildren.

According to Langone, Christie said he is "absolutely" for means-testing.

OK, so that was two boxes checked; Democrats may continue to hound him, but he will stay loyal to his principles and, for example, pander to wealthy donors.

But what if his current problems deepen and he has to occupy his time with depositions and testimony and producing years of records?

Well, that was his best answer of all.

Christie claimed that all 65,000 state government workers in New Jersey have "access to the governor's stationery," so there always has been the risk that somebody could do something "stupid."

Did I say nimble? Chris Christie could run across the keyboard of a piano without making a sound.

Look at what his defense could be if some investigator were to turn up a letter from the governor's office that implicates Christie in wrongdoing.

"Hey," Christie could say, "that wasn't me."

That was any of the 65,000 employees of New Jersey, who are issued my personal stationery on

their first day of work — along with their 'At Least We're Not Delaware' T-shirts."

His statement at Langone's bash continued the theme Christie sounded in his Jan. 9 news conference, in which he said, "I have 65,000 people working for me every day. And I cannot know what each one of them is doing at every minute."

They may be shutting down bridges. They may be threatening mayors. They may be stuffing large quantities of money into canvas sacks.

How is Christie supposed to know? He is only the governor, not the state's chief executive. Well, actually, he is the state's chief executive. But now he's got all this stationery to keep track of.

Even if each state employee were issued just one ream, that would mean Christie would have to keep his eye on 32.5 million sheets of paper. It's unfair.

"In a government of 65,000 people, there are going to be times when mistakes are made," Christie said in his news conference. "Mistakes were made."

Bridges were blocked. Traffic studies were faked. Reputations were ruined. But Christie was doing his job battling for the people of New Jersey, just as he will battle for the people of the United States if he is nominated and elected president.

And if he is elected, some people may not get their Social Security and other entitlements. But he can absolutely guarantee they will get his stationery.

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Help us, dear Lord, to make the best of difficult times. Amen

# Muppets' mini-makeover aims to boost kids' health

The Associated Press

Bert and Ernie jump rope and munch apples and carrots, and Cookie Monster has his namesake treat once a week, not every day. Can a Muppets mini-makeover improve kids' health, too?

A three-year experiment in South America suggests it can. Now, the Sesame Street project is coming to the United States.

Already, a test run in a New York City preschool has seen results: Four-year-old Jahmeice Strowder got her mom to make cauliflower for the first time in her life. A classmate, Bryson Payne, bugged his dad for a banana every morning and more salads. A parent brought home a loaf of bread instead of Doritos.

"What we created, I believe, is a culture" of healthy eating to fight a "toxic environment" of junk food and too little exercise, said Dr. Valentin Fuster, a cardiologist at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital.

Six years ago, he started working with Sesame Workshop, producers of television's Sesame Street, on a project aimed at 3-to-5-year-olds.

"At that age they pay attention to everything" and habits can be changed, he said.

"The need is clear: A third of U.S. children and teens are obese or overweight. Many don't get enough exercise, and a recent study found that kids' fitness has declined worldwide. They're at high risk for heart and other problems later in life.

"The focus is younger and younger" to try to prevent this, said Dr. Stephen Daniels, a University of Colorado pediatrician and a spokesman for the American Heart Association. The group's annual conference in November featured Fuster's experiment as one of the year's top achievements in heart disease prevention.

For Sesame Street, the project offered a chance to improve the lives of young viewers and give a makeover to certain Muppets.

"While Cookie Monster is an engaging figure, we felt there was an opportunity there to really model healthy eating," said Jorge Baxter, regional director for Latin America for Sesame Workshop.

The new message is that certain things like cookies are "something you can eat sometimes, but there are some foods that you can eat all the time," like vegetables, he said. The healthy messages have been gradually incorporated into the television show, and its producers even made a doctor Muppet — Dr. Ruster (pronounced "Rooster") — in Fuster's image for the preschool project.

It launched in Colombia because U.S. schools that Fuster approached years ago were reluc-



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In 2014, the project is planned to launch in New York in what sponsors hope will be a first step to fight childhood obesity nationwide.

tant, but a wealthy family's foundation was willing to sponsor the experiment in Bogota.

It involved 1,216 children and 928 parents from 14 preschools. Some were given the program and others served as a comparison group.

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For example, in areas with poor access to parks or play spaces, parents were coached to encourage kids to use stairs instead of elevators and to walk instead of taking a bus.

Children's weight and exercise habits were measured at the start and 1 1/2 and 3 years later.

Although many moved or dropped out by the time the study ended, researchers document-

ed a significant increase in knowledge, attitude and health habit scores among kids in the program versus the comparison group.

The proportion of children at a healthy weight increased from 62 percent at the start to 75 percent at three years for those in the program. Ironically, in Colombia, that mostly meant that more undernourished kids grew to reach a healthy weight.

In New York, where the program plans to launch in several early childhood and Head Start programs this spring and fall, project leaders will have to tackle under- and overweight kids.

"A lot of the kids are from low-income families, shelters," and many have poor access to healthy foods, said Rachael Lynch, director of educational services for an Episcopal Social Services preschool, The Learning Center, in Harlem. "It's a mecca for fast food around here. We're trying to get them to walk past the Chinese food or pizza or McDonald's, to go home and make something."

Her preschool tested the Sesame Street project last summer and "it really took off" with kids and parents, she said.

"They love it. The kids relate, I can't stress it enough," to the Sesame Street characters, she said.

The program had kids work in a nearby community garden one day a week to learn about growing vegetables.

They had a "mystery food box" to reach inside, feel and guess the contents, then use what they found to make a healthy snack such as smoothies, fruit salads, microwaved baked apples and apple dip.

Children took home a "weekend update" to list and draw pictures of what they ate. Parents were asked to sign it to encourage an adult focus on healthy meals.

Kateshia Strowder said the program had a big impact on her and her daughter, Jahmeice.

"We'd be in the grocery store and she would name every vegetable. It's amazing. Brussels sprouts — she likes it. Cabbage — she likes it," Strowder said. "I'm not a vegetable eater, to be honest. But I had to learn to do those things for her."

Donte Payne said the same for his son, Bryson, a 4-year-old who also was in the Harlem program.

"It made him more interested in eating more healthy things," Payne said. "He became very interested in salads. He loves salad now."

In Colombia, the program is now expanding to about 20,000 children, and in Spain, a project is starting in Madrid. In New York, a foundation Fuster runs at Mount Sinai will sponsor the U.S. launch, aided by private donors.

Dr. Jaime Cespedes, a pediatric and heart specialist who helped lead the project in Colombia believes it will succeed wherever it is tried.

"Sesame knows kids, knows media and how to communicate the messages," he said. "When you get the kids to deliver the message to the family, change will come."

## Sudoku Answer on Page 3

### sudoku

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

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Crucial Decision

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ —  
♥ A K J 10 9 8 4  
♦ 10 7 2  
♣ J 7 3

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

SOUTH  
♠ A K 9  
♥ 6 3  
♦ A K Q J  
♣ A K Q 6

The bidding:  
4♥ North East South West  
4NT Pass 4NT Pass  
5♦ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♦ Pass 7NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.  
Some contracts stand or fall on one decision, and in such cases declarer is best advised to delay that decision until the last possible moment. South failed to do that in today's deal, and as a result went down in an ice-cold grand slam.

West led the queen of spades, and it was immediately apparent to declarer that the outcome would hinge on how he fared in hearts. Having learned that when holding

nine cards of a suit missing the queen, it was slightly better to play for the drop of the queen rather than to finesse, South won the spade lead and all too hastily cashed the A-K of hearts. When the queen did not appear, he had to go down one, losing a spade trick at the end.

Declarer was very remiss when he plunged headlong into tackling the hearts at the outset. With 12 sure tricks in sight — two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs — there was no need to make the crucial decision in hearts so early.

After winning the spade lead with the king, he should have played a heart to the ace and then cashed four clubs and the A-K-Q of diamonds to produce this position:

North  
♥ K J 10 9  
West  
♠ J 10  
♥ Q 7  
South  
♠ A 9  
♥ 6  
♦ J

The lead of the diamond jack at this point would have finished West. Whatever he discarded, South would score the rest of the tricks. How to play the heart suit would not have entered the picture at all.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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# Poll: People see Obama as nice guy, so-so prez

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nice guy, so-so president. Taking stock of President Barack Obama at the five-year mark in his term, less than a third of Americans consider him to be an above-average chief executive. Nearly twice as many find him likable.

A new Associated Press-GfK Poll finds the president's personal image to be on the rebound after taking a hit during the government shutdown late last year, with 58 percent now sizing him up as very or somewhat likable. That's up 9 percentage points from October, just after the shutdown.

Yet as Obama prepares to stand before Americans for his annual State of the Union address on Tuesday, people are largely pessimistic about the country's direction, down on the condition of the economy and doubtful it will bounce back anytime soon. Unemployment? Seventy percent think it will go higher or stay the same.

Obama "wasn't a total disappointment," allows Joshua Parker, a 37-year-old small businessman in Smyrna, Tenn. "He didn't put us into a

Great Depression."

But Parker, a self-described political independent and conservative, suspects that someone who understood the economy better could have done more.

"He would probably be a guy I would like to hang out with if he wasn't president," says Parker. "But I like a lot of people who are not qualified to be president."

Across the country, Democrat Sabrina Carag, a 58-year-old retired accountant in Pleasanton, Calif., gives the president higher marks on both performance and personality.

If things aren't great in the country, this former Republican reasons, it's the fault of her old party and the Republicans in Congress.

"They block him every step of the way," says Carag. "I don't think it's fair for them to say he's been a bad president. How can you do any-

thing if your hands are tied?"

From Huntsville, Texas, 51-year-old Wes Brummett thinks the economy will improve eventually — but it may be up to his grandchildren to do it.

Obama, this Democrat says, seems like an all-right guy and a good dad, but "he needs to show more leadership."

"People are getting disheartened," says Brummett, a self-employed computer systems administrator.

On the cusp of his sixth year in office, Obama is far removed from those heady days before his first inauguration, when two-thirds of Americans predicted he'd be an outstanding or above-average president.

Now, 31 percent think he's been outstanding or above average, a quarter size him up as average, and 42 percent

describe his presidency as below average or poor.

The ranks of those who believe he's been outstanding or above average have edged down 6 points since just after Obama's re-election in November 2012, reflecting slippage in how he's viewed by Democrats, particularly liberals.

And while Obama's likability numbers have recovered somewhat, doubts about his decisiveness and honesty persist. More than half of Americans wouldn't describe him as decisive or honest. Fifty-two percent don't find him particularly inspiring.

The president's overall approval rating has remained fairly stable, with 45 percent approving and 53 percent saying they don't. He's picked up a little support, however, on his handling of unemployment and the federal government. People still view him negatively on both issues, but the share that disapproves has dropped 7 percentage points on each issue since October, largely a reflection of greater support among independents.

Congress continues to take

its own outsized lumps in the polls as well. Just 14 percent of Americans approve of the way legislators are handling the job — up from a low of 5 percent after the government shutdown, but still nothing to celebrate. More than 9 in 10 Republicans say they disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job. It's the first time that's happened in AP-GfK polling since Republicans took control of the House after the 2010 elections.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted Jan. 17-21, 2014, using KnowledgePanel, GfK's probability-based online panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. It involved online interviews with 1,060 adults. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points for all respondents.

Survey respondents were first selected randomly using phone or mail survey methods and were later interviewed for this survey online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't otherwise have access to the Internet were provided with the ability to access the Internet at no cost to them.

## ► News briefs

### Are Syrians ready to talk?

MONTREUX, Switzerland (AP) — The United Nations is taking a day to see if there is enough common ground between Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and the opposition to talk directly for the first time since the rebellion began in 2011.

Peace talks charting a path out of Syria's civil war got off to a tense start Wednesday, with Assad's future at the heart of bitter exchanges on the podium as dozens of the world's most powerful diplomats looked on. High-level mediating has yielded little so far, but Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. mediator who is meeting separately Thursday with each Syrian delegation, said there are signs they might be willing to bend on humanitarian aid, cease-fires and prisoner exchanges.

At another Swiss venue, the World Economic Forum in Davos, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani called Thursday for a new election in Syria, saying his nation would respect the results.

"The best solution is to organize a free and fair election in Syria" and once the ballots are cast "we should all accept" the outcome, he said.

Iran, a close ally of Assad's, was barred from participating in the Swiss-based talks to end Syria's civil war.

The absence of Damascus' strongest regional ally stood out even more given that the biggest supporters of the opposition were all present: Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey.

The question of Iran's participation underlines how the international powers that have lined up behind either Assad or the rebels trying to topple him are as crucial to a solution as Syria's warring parties themselves.

Like any of the regional players, Iran can be a spoiler for a resolution it opposes or can be a force for pressuring its side to make concessions.

### Ukrainian president faces ultimatum to call elections or face street rage

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Thick black smoke from burning tires engulfed parts of downtown Kiev as an ultimatum issued by the opposition to the president to call early election or face street rage was set to expire with no sign of a compromise on Thursday.

The three main opposition leaders urged protesters late Wednesday to refrain from violence for 24 hours until their ultimatum to President Viktor Yanukovich expires. They demanded that Yanuk-

ovych dismiss the government, call early elections and scrap harsh anti-protest legislation that triggered the violence.

The largely peaceful protest against Yanukovich's decision to shun the EU and turn toward Moscow in November descended into violence Sunday when demonstrators, angered by the passage of repressive laws intended to stifle the protest, marched on official buildings.

For days protesters hurled fire bombs and stones at police, which retaliated with stun grenades, tear gas and rubber bullets. The Wednesday deaths of two protesters — the first fatalities in more than two months of protests — fueled fears of more violence.

Police on Wednesday tore down barricades and chased the protesters down the hill from official buildings, but demonstrators later set hundreds of tires ablaze and regained their positions under plumes of heavy smoke helped by the wind blowing in the police direction.

### Government panel urges end to phone data spying, records purge

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharply divided government task force that reviewed the National Security Agency's surveillance program for four months has urged President Barack Obama to shut down the agency's bulk collection of phone data and purge its massive inventory of millions of Americans' calling records, The Associated Press has learned.

The recommendation from the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board to abandon the NSA's phone surveillance was even more sweeping than a similar proposal from another panel of experts. That panel, the Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies, advised Obama in December to restrict phone surveillance to limited court-ordered sweeps.

The oversight board's new 234-page report — a copy of which was obtained by the AP — contained several strong dissents from two members of the five-member board — former Bush administration national security lawyers who recommended that the government retain its broad phone surveillance authority. The board disclosed key parts of its report to Obama earlier this month before he unveiled his plans during a speech last week to the nation.

In that speech, Obama said the bulk phone collection program would continue for the time being. He directed the Justice Department and intelli-

gence officials to find ways to end the government's control over the phone data. And he narrowed the NSA's bulk collection by insisting on close supervision by a secret federal intelligence court and reducing the wide chain of calls that the NSA may track. Phone companies have said they do not want to take responsibility for overseeing the data under standards set by the NSA.

Warning that the NSA's massive daily intake of calling records "raises serious threats to privacy and civil liberties," a three-member majority of the oversight board said the government should end the surveillance program and "purge the database of telephone records that have been collected and stored during the program's operation." The board said the NSA should instead seek records directly from phone service providers using "existing legal authorities."

### Va. AG's office says state's gay marriage ban is unconstitutional; will no longer defend it

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia's attorney general has concluded that the state's ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional and he will no longer defend it in federal lawsuits challenging it, his office said Thursday.

In an email to The Associated Press, Michael Kelly, a spokesman for Attorney General Mark Herring, said the state will instead side with the plaintiffs who are seeking to have the ban struck down.

Herring planned to file a brief Thursday morning with the federal court in Norfolk, where one of the lawsuits is being heard, notifying the court of the state's change in position in the case, Kelly said.

The attorney general decided the ban was unconstitutional after a thorough legal review of the matter, Kelly said.

Virginia has emerged as a critical state in the nationwide fight for gay marriage. The state's shift comes on the heels of recent court rulings in which federal judges struck down gay marriage bans in Utah and Oklahoma.

### Man executed in Texas despite opposition from Mexico, State Dept.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Mexican national was executed Wednesday night in Texas for killing a Houston police officer, despite pleas and diplomatic pressure from the Mexican government and the U.S. State Department to halt the punishment.

Edgar Tamayo, 46, received a lethal injection for the January 1994 fatal shooting of Officer Guy Gaddis, 24.

Asked by a warden if he had a final statement, he mumbled "no" and shook his head. As the lethal dose of pentobarbital began taking effect, he took a few breaths and then made one slightly audible snore before all movement stopped. He was pronounced dead 17 minutes after the drug was administered, at 9:32 p.m. CST.

The execution was delayed more than three hours while the U.S. Supreme Court considered last-ditch appeals.

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Chesney Copeland  
Adrianna Escalera  
Sa'Quan Fizer  
Cruz Flores  
Maecee Goad  
Rivers Hancock  
Adrien Juarez  
Shanelle Landsaw-Baird  
Destinee Marquez  
Celeste Martinez  
Joshua Mireles  
Chloe Paredes  
Hannah Peckenpaugh  
Sebastian Piloto  
Jordan Richards  
Marco Rios  
Trinity Sepeda  
Trevor Simmons  
Michael Stoaks  
Vanessa Viasana  
Kalyn Whitehead  
Hailey Zarraga  
Savanna Zarraga  
5th Grade:  
Mario Alanis  
Mekhi Castillo  
Damian Franco  
Bryson Kemper  
Briana Ledesma  
Alexander Leuschner  
Quemarian Lewis  
Brendan Phipps  
Stella Richardson  
Diego Rios  
Brandon Rogers  
Sidney Roll  
Andrea Sotelo  
Autumn Vardell  
Shawntreonia Washington  
Bryan Wilkins  
Jaden Woods

### Moss Elementary

**A Honor Roll**  
1st Grade:  
Aiden Bailey  
Sophie Deanda  
Marianna DeLaCruz  
Alyssa Doll  
Cayden Franco  
Gentry Johnson  
Aiden Loudermill  
Andre Lodermill  
Hannah Miller  
Evan Phipps  
Narely Pina  
Austen Raines  
Joshua Rios  
Robert Rios  
Emily Starr  
Blayk Vadney

Ana Villagrana  
Katie Williamson  
Rebekah Wood  
2nd Grade:  
Lauren Bryans  
Eviana Canales  
Isaiah Diaz  
Ethan French  
Freda Garza  
Karissa Gonzales  
Nevaeh Hernandez  
Alexa Hickman  
Kendall Lewis  
Christian Martinez  
Shelby McBride  
Joel Ornelas  
Christian Pantoja-Strickland  
Braxton Phelps  
Ryleigh Pirraglia  
Cayden Richardson  
Angel Rivera  
Angelina Rivera  
Kaiden Roberts  
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Matthew Salazar  
Bronwyn Saldana  
Daniella Torres  
Angelina Vasquez  
David Villagrana  
Jayson Walker  
Colby White  
Samuel Wood  
Jaelin Wylie  
3rd Grade:  
Ian Bailey  
Cayde Bryans  
Alyson Castaneda  
Kylin Corley  
Zachariah El Hakour  
Katelynn Hale  
Avyn Pina  
Jaysena Roberts  
Derick Walleck  
4th Grade:  
Azariah Calderon  
Avarielle Nuno  
Ashley Sarmiento  
5th Grade:  
Parker Giles  
X'Zavier Knox  
Shawn Mendoza

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1st Grade:  
Juaquin Arguello  
Zoey Blackmon  
Luke Brorman  
Bianca Cardoza  
Diego Carrillo  
Jason Diaz  
Zoei Garcia  
Wilmer Gonzalez  
Solis  
Rayna Greer  
Addisyn Hale  
Sonny Larez  
Neihemara Moreno  
Rihanna Olague  
John Paredes  
Josiah Patton  
Natasha Robinson  
Natavia Robinson  
Maliyah Rodriguez  
Jaycee Smith  
Gary Vasquez  
Novalee Vasquez  
Mariana Viera  
Kai Walker  
Conor Walsh  
Sheridan Whitaker  
Hanna White  
Zaida Ybarra  
2nd Grade:  
Alex Arispe  
Kendra Banks  
Antonito Dehoyos  
Alyandra De La Cruz  
Presleigh Emerson  
Robert Evans  
Cloe Fierro  
Kyle Gay  
Lilia Gay  
Desiree Gonzalez  
Kaylie Herrod  
Jenna Jones  
Evelyn Lerma  
Jared Lopez  
Victor Martin  
LaRae Martinez  
Erin Mendoza  
Samuel Mesta  
Ryan Miller  
Rhansom Neel  
Shawn Olague  
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Ashia Loudermill  
Johnathon Marquez  
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Atanacio Munoz  
Korbin Olsen  
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Juan Rodriguez  
Michael Ruth  
Nayeli Soliz  
Terrirene Spears  
Shelby Thrower  
Zabian Urias  
Elysia Wanner  
Sergio Ybarra  
Joshua Zavala  
4th Grade:  
Serena Alvarado  
Zander Deguzman  
Matthew Doll  
Breanna Escovedo  
Kaylee Garrison  
Gabriella Gonzales  
Autumn Hale  
Nathaniel Hernandez  
Emily Kocak  
Heaven Martinez  
Elijah Mier  
Gregory Miller  
Timothy Ontiveros  
Santiago Ovalles  
Torres  
Ethan Phipps  
Hailey Ramirez  
Tristan Smith  
Desirae Torres  
Nick Torres  
Xilanae Walker  
Arron Yanez  
5th Grade:  
Kiana Banks  
Falicity Calderon  
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Felicia Dahya  
Joshua DeLaCruz  
Emilie Fierro  
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### A Honor Roll

1st Grade:  
Alexis Agüero  
Nevaeh Anglin  
Jeremiah Austin  
Anissa Barraza  
Abigail Bose  
Kloe Canales  
Brianna Carpetner  
Erika Castaneda  
Kai Diaz  
Kegan French  
Breasia Gardner  
Kage Garza  
Trystan Gonzales  
Isabel Guzman  
Alexander Hughes  
Marysol Izaguirre  
Braedon Kennedy  
Aaliyah Lascano  
Chance Leonardi  
Jaxon Mayes  
Autumn Mills  
Brianna Mims  
Kaden Parham  
Aiden Parham  
Mario Pedraza  
Susana Reddekopp  
Shaylah Rodriguez  
Kaleb Sylva  
Cody Thompson  
Teresa Torres  
Saphyra Woolverton  
Mason Wright  
2nd Grade:  
Kaegan Baker  
Brianna Brito  
Kendall Brooks  
Zachary Conner  
Trinity De La Cruz  
Samuel DeLeon  
Isaias Gomez  
Destany Gonzales  
Anthony Gonzalez  
Jack Hamby  
Donavyn Hilario  
Arlene Izaguirre  
Gracie Knight  
Maddox Lane  
Nashaly Lopez  
Jacy Mackenzie  
Devin Mier  
Jacob Orbison  
Jayden Overton  
Elias Perez  
Courtney Sagona  
Enrique Salazar  
Chloe Sanchez  
Edward Thedford  
Mia Valle  
Kenneth Yockers  
3rd Grade:  
June Burick  
Adali Hernandez  
Catirina Hernandez  
Cheyanne Horton  
Zoie Joslin  
Audree Leicht  
Emily Matthews  
Ava Mendoza  
Kortney Moore  
Taylor Partlow  
4th Grade:  
Riley Burns  
Pabillito DeHoyos  
Kalell Smith-Wennik  
5th Grade:  
Daniel Blount  
Ransom Colette  
Mattox Evans

### AB Honor Roll

1st Grade:

Matthew Almazan  
Deandra Aragon  
Armando Bravo  
Anestacia Canales  
Havien Carney  
Ryan Carrillo  
Akire Castaneda  
Alliana Chavarria  
Mariah Cooper  
Brycen Cox  
Adrian Deleon  
Eathen Garcia  
Olivia Gomez  
Robert Gonzales  
Xavier Gonzales  
Austin Guzman  
Abbie Hackett  
Zorian Henderson  
Isaiah Jiminez  
Elijah Johnson  
Isiac Martinez  
Lilliana Martinez  
Madelyn Martinez  
Shelbie Mayhew  
Madelinn McCall  
Makayla Mendez  
Raul Mendez  
Santos Mendoza  
Emalyn Olivas  
Anali Ortiz  
Chloe Payne  
Kayley Roberts  
Zackery Rodriguez-  
Anderson  
Destiny Rodger  
Jasmine Threats  
Noah Valencia  
Christian Yanez  
Isaiah Yorkman  
Cameron Young  
2nd Grade:  
Ashton Adams  
Aracelle Alvarado  
Ryland Billadeau  
Brandon Bolt  
Diego Burciaga  
Tryston Colbert  
Isaac Collazo  
Kiley Crisp  
Abigail Davila  
Analisa De Los Santos  
Alexis Dykes  
Daniel Garcia  
Ethan Garcia  
J'alia Groage  
Adryen Guerra  
Damian Guzman  
Tacey Hall  
Melody Hanson  
Terrell Henderson  
Amayia Hernandez  
Jessie Hernandez  
Ethan Hilario  
Colten Kasper  
Jordan Knennedy  
Kaylee Kinsey  
Ryleigh Kosanke  
Aaron Larez  
Jakob Ledesma  
Raelynn Luera  
Jayden Martinez  
Kaiden Martinez  
Alyssa Melendez  
Fayth Meyer  
Casen Munoz  
Jose Munoz  
Valeria Noriega  
Andon Olvera  
Johnathan Petersen  
Jeremiah Presas  
Luke Ramirez  
Chance Richarson  
Noah Rodriguez  
Rebecca Rodriguez  
Maribel Rodriguez  
Aurianna Sarmiento  
Alejandra Taylor  
Jacob Taylor  
Julian Threats  
Freyja Wood  
Keyshaun Woodruff  
3rd Grade:  
Josiah Agüero  
Norma Alaniz  
Christopher Beavers  
Genevieve Bedinger  
Joe Canales  
Gabrianna Carrasco  
Heidi Cervantes  
Mason Cox  
Robert Cox  
Esperanza De Los  
Santos  
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Galia  
Antonio Garza  
Joshua Gonzales  
Daliana Guzman  
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Angel Hernandez

Brandon Hernandez  
Kayen Johnson  
Salvador Juarez  
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Emma Miracle  
Alexia Muniz  
Walter Norman  
Kelby Olivarez  
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Gabriel Baeza  
Angelica Barraza  
Alejandro Bravo  
Audrie Brito  
Jonathon Carrillo  
Isabelle Dawson  
Abewi Delgado  
Attalia Gonzales  
Josiah Gonzalez  
Amozaneq Green  
Jeremiah Green  
Iliah Guzman  
Derek Howard  
Branden Lopez  
Kylee Lynch  
Isabella Marquez  
Mya Molina-  
Rodriguez  
Brooklyn Norris  
Cristina Ortiz-  
Gonzalez  
Esmeralda Ramirez-  
Bravo  
Kialyn Roberts  
Jamari Threats  
Jasa Threats  
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Brinly Watkins  
5th Grade:  
Jacqueline Belew  
Theodore Diaz  
Evelyn Diosdado  
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### A Honor Roll

6th Grade:  
Marissa Aguilar  
Callie Baker  
Brianna Bustamante  
Kimberly Chapel  
Cory Cotton  
Ashley Crisp  
Daelyn Davis  
Raven Diez  
Brooklyn Durham  
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Thaha Hossain  
Jhett Hutcherson  
Madison Kuykendall  
Callie Leicht  
Amber Martinez  
Jarek Martinez  
Kyleigh Mathews  
Andrea Melendez  
Rafael Piloto  
Nancy Pope  
Christian Roberts  
Corey Rogers  
Jeremy Salazar  
Marisa Salazar  
Mark Sanchez  
Anthony Sarmiento  
Theran Sealy  
Zachory Shook  
Raymond Smalling  
Jayden Torres  
Edward Urias  
Bianca Villalobos  
Benjamin Williams  
Jordan Wommack

Joshua Wood  
7th Grade:  
McKenna Alsobrooks  
Arthur Arviero  
Aliana Beserra  
Chloe Bustamante  
Mercedes Castillo  
Kamri Deel  
Shawn Gaitan  
Presley Giles  
Chesney Gillespie  
Emily Hendricks  
Travis Johnson  
Noah King  
Alanna Salinas  
Kaylee Wright  
8th Grade:  
Abbey Bryan  
Rainey Delozier  
John Ibanez  
Trinidad Joslin  
Kennedy Knudson  
Shelbi Nelson  
Nolan Otto  
Gek-Lyn Tan  
Odalys Vela

### AB Honor Roll

6th Grade:  
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Brianna Alaniz  
Jazzmin Allen  
Lorena Alonzo  
Sonny Baeza  
Taylor Bakley  
Timothy Banks  
Emily Bryan  
Abigale Carrillo  
Andrew Cate  
Joey Cavazos  
Manuel Cervantes  
Sebastian Cervantez  
Mariah Chavarria  
Celeste Chavez  
Micheal Christian  
Amaya Cobos  
Dalen Colbert  
Sophia Dominguez  
Diego Duenez  
Tyson Dunmoodie  
Keelyn Dunnam  
Christopher Enriquez  
Juan Escovedo  
Robyn Evans  
Jewel Flores  
Kynlee Fontana  
Andrew Franks  
Alexandria Frost  
Trinity Galloway  
Jamison  
Aracely Galvan  
Lindsay Gamboa  
Areson Garcia  
Haley Garcia  
Joey Garcia  
Gabriel Gomez  
Maribel Gomez  
Nicholas A Gomez  
Nicholas S Gomez  
Ariana Gonzales  
Alexandria Gonzalez  
Alexis Graves  
Harvey Guerrero  
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Obri' Guzman  
Rowdy Hancock  
C J Harris  
Benny Hernandez  
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Damian Hewtty  
Saleen Hewtty  
Sarah Hodges  
Katie Humphries  
Pedro Izaguirre  
Alexies Knox  
Alexandria Leos  
Megan Lloyd  
Gabrielle Longoria  
Aaron Magallanes  
Jarred Marquez  
Brandyn Martinez  
Ethan Martinez  
Sarah Martinez  
Savannah McDonald  
Madyson McNeese  
Keysi Melendez  
Marcus Miramontes  
Nathan Morales  
Alondra Morelion  
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Christian Ortega  
Darian Oyler  
Rocky Ramirez  
Kasin Redding  
Taylor Rider  
Lauren Rios  
Aaliyah Rivera  
Mackenzie Rodrigues  
Franshesca Rodriguez  
Kayleigh Rodriguez  
Colton Russell  
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Nayha Salazar  
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Lauren Shoulette  
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Kenra Thibeault  
Alani Torres  
Jerrod Torres  
Natalie Trevino  
Ramon Valbuena  
Haven Valencia  
Christopher Viasana  
Diondra Villalobos  
A'Londrea  
Weatherspoon  
Zachary Whitehead  
Erin Yeats  
7th Grade:  
Bryson Allen  
Mikal Banks  
Juan Bermea  
Brett Berringer  
Aleyas Bland  
Analisa Blount  
Avantre Brown  
Antonio Cantu  
Chance Carroll  
Paola Castillo  
Christopher Cavazos  
Anisa Cervantes  
Jeremiah Cooley  
Quade Creswell  
Joshua Crosby  
Samara Daniels  
Ariah DeLa Cruz  
Deangelo Diaz  
Austin Douglas  
Tia Esparza  
Alec Espinosa  
Luxie Evans  
Jimmy Faz  
Ryan Fite  
Aryssa Garcia  
Carlos Garcia  
Megan Goad  
Arianna Gonzales  
Chaside Gonzales  
Isabella Gonzales  
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Savannah Grigg  
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Gabriella Lopez  
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Blake Marshall  
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Brendan Martinez  
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Kailey Mathews  
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Jason Miramontes  
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David Molina  
Karleigh Moore  
Rudy Ortega  
Kayleigh Penny  
Desiray Perez  
Fe Perez  
Magali Perez  
Olivia Ramirez  
Sady Ramirez  
Grace Ramos  
Kaycee Reagan  
Hayley Rios  
Christin Rodriguez  
Mateo Rodriguez  
Guilberto Ruiz  
Balderas  
Haiven Rushing  
Benjamin Rushton  
Eugene Saldana  
Jerry Sanchez  
Alenna Sarmiento  
Lawrence Shroyer  
Daniel Sneed  
Ehren Soliz  
Robert Stolo  
Alexis Starr  
Logan Terrazas  
Hailey Thompson  
Kalie Valencia  
Janeigh Vanderbilt  
Bryson Van Vleet  
Oscar Vitolas Perez  
Jaden Walker  
Victoria Walker  
Caden Wash  
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Francisco Zermeno  
8th Grade:  
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AlanArevalo  
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Maria Banca  
Danica Bishop  
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Timothy Rios  
Devin Roberson  
Felix Rodriguez  
Morgan Seaton  
Tyler Stromberg  
Aaron Teichik  
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Jahari Vanover  
Molly Walker  
Ronald Warf  
Kinsey Wash  
Amy Winters  
Drake Worthan

### AB Honor Roll

**9th Grade:**  
Oscar Alvarado  
Andi Armstrong  
Tiffany Bakley  
Aaron Blackshear  
Brantz Burchett  
Aaron Carroll  
Astin Cooper  
Haley Davidson  
Danielle Davis  
Olivia Davis  
Angelica Delgado  
Theron Diosdado  
Breezy Fleet  
Nathaniel Good  
Gloria Haliburton  
Zachary Hamby  
Emily Hernandez  
Daniel Jimenez  
Jacob Joslyn  
Jonathan King  
Stevi Madry  
Megan Magallanes  
Tiffany Martinez  
Kaitlyn Mathews  
Magdalena Medina  
Daniel Norred  
Dru Padilla  
Dominique Penny  
Eddie Pool  
Ryan Rennard  
Amanda Renteria  
Justin Rider  
Faith Roberson  
Samantha Rodriguez  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Torres

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Dominic Saenz  
Daisi Salazar  
David Salgado  
Evelyn Sandate  
Valadez  
Mariah Sarmiento  
Savannah Smalling  
Lauren Smith  
Ysabel Soliz  
Marco Torres  
Christopher Turman  
Hannah Valencia  
Gabriella Viasana  
Alejandra Villa  
Brandi Villa  
Dacia Wagner  
Katie Wash  
Matthew Wood  
Alexis Zavala  
**10th Grade:**  
Francisco Adame  
August Alexander  
Hannah Alsobrooks  
Debora Alvizo  
Jessica Bermea  
Courtney Berringer  
Miriam Bruer  
Bryson Burt  
Stebastian Calderon  
Neve Campbell  
Jennifer Campos  
Eride Cervantes  
Caleb Chandler  
Tommy Chavarria  
Toby Cotton  
Clay El Davenport  
William Davis  
Ashlen Eckert  
Myckala Edwards  
Bailee Fleet  
Morgan Flores  
Destinee Fowler  
Analia Galan  
Manuel Galvan  
Manuel Galvan  
Mary Gomez  
Jonathan Gonzalez  
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Eric Ortega  
Trinidad Ramirez  
Victoria Ramos  
Dominic Reyes  
Brent Riffe  
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Tiffani Ruiz  
Brandon Salgado  
Donovan Salinas  
Abbygail Saucedo  
Kate Sorton  
Matilde Sotelo  
Marisol Starr  
Garrett Wigington  
Lindsey Woodard  
Rebecka Wyler  
Victoria Yanez  
**11th Grade:**  
Mariah Alexander  
Karina Alvarado  
Alyssa Armentrout  
Ryan Armstrong  
Charlie Boling  
Joshua Brown  
Jordan Burgess  
Vicki Bustamante  
Karla Carrasco  
Jacqueline Castillo  
Lucero Castillo  
Kyra Cox

Alexander Hughes  
Jade Jones  
Brianna Kight  
Dustin Kinard  
Brianna Kriesen  
Kenan Lewis  
Christopher Lindem  
Joshua Martinez  
Izai Melendez  
Giselle Mendoza  
Seth Mitchem  
Rian Molina  
Joshua Morgan  
Tulsi Patel  
Kristen Poffinbarger  
Laura Ramirez  
Marisella Rodriguez  
Ashlyn Savage  
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Diana Vasquez  
Joe Warf  
Tyler Wigington  
Brittany Wilson  
Nicole Zamora  
Alejandro Zavala

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#### Coahoma Elementary

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Barrett Howe  
McCray Jacobs  
Brylee Martin  
Macie Rodriguez

**2nd Grade:**  
Kenna Best  
Sophia Biddison  
Braiden Boaz  
Tucker Brasher-Wegner  
Karleigh Burt  
Emma Buske  
Maddie Cervantes  
Reagan Chapman  
Laina Garrett  
Juan Carlos Garza  
Zoie Guerra  
Kylee Haynie  
Cayhill Lewis  
Lexus Lozano  
Taylor Manning  
Aidan Nail  
Gavin Padron  
Avery Ponder  
Aurora Ramirez  
Riley Reid  
Brynn Rodgers  
Devin Rodgers  
Natalie Rodriguez  
Ryan Shifflett  
Kiana Vanderbilt  
**3rd Grade:**  
Rowdy Atkins  
Aebrey Beard  
Heartley Best  
Madison Bryant  
Matthew Coskey  
Serena Dobbs  
Jordan Edmondson  
Nikolas Gonzales  
Genaro Gonzalez  
Blake Guerra  
Tristan Guerrero  
Jessica Hamby  
Ryan Harrison  
Shae Lang  
Rylee Logsdon  
Alexcia Munoz  
Gabriela Olivas  
Izaac Padilla  
Jaci Richters  
McKinzy Sanchez  
Ashleigh Smith  
Chloe Walton  
Makenna Webster  
Jacoby Woods  
Felicity Yanez  
Jocelyn Young  
**4th Grade:**  
Rebekah Anzaldua  
Presley Archer  
Abigail Castleberry  
Brandon Ceballos  
Trenton Clark  
Maxwell Darlin  
Felicity Garcia  
Kaylor Green  
Madison Green  
Paula Hagins  
Bryan Hernandez  
Gisela Juarez  
Ky Kemper  
Phoenix Martin  
Kylie Moran  
Jordon Muller  
Allyson Ortiz-Gaige  
Vance Ott  
Ozzy Padilla  
Heaven-Lee Perryman  
Jonah Rayford  
Forrest Riley  
Cole Roman  
Logan Saverance  
Rylan Simer  
Daniel Smith  
Hartlie Smithie  
Darin Edward Soson  
Daniel Vela-Wences  
Serenity Watts  
Madison White  
Ethan Yager  
**5th Grade:**  
Jadyn Barnes  
Ethan Biddison  
Nicolas Biddison  
Corbin Blair  
Seth Brooks  
Brooklynn Calley  
Luke Campbell  
Nathan Chapman  
Wesley Chavarria  
Colin Daniels  
Elizabeth Dunlap  
Bryden Fontana  
Karina Gonzalez  
Robert Grant  
Raul Hagins  
Jordan Hardy  
D'Kota Harrison  
Victoria Harrison  
Kaylee Kernick  
Abigail Lopez  
Kathryn Manning  
Isaiah Martin  
Maliyah Martinez  
Kaden Myrick

Makynlee Overton  
Kolt Redden  
Hailey Richmond  
Layla Salinas  
Sophia Salinas  
Kaitlyn Seay  
Richard Thurman  
Aaron Turnbough  
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Dustlynn Wyatt

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#### A Honor Roll

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Brylea Gordon  
Bari Green  
Marcus Martinez  
Austyn Montgomery  
Jisele Olivarez  
Sydney Rinard  
Naughtia Rockwell  
Taylor Sutherland  
Sailor Truitt  
Hunter White  
**7th Grade:**  
Hope Atkins  
Julia Mashburn  
Zona Ramsey  
Madison Reddock  
Laura Romero  
Zane Shamsher  
Micah Worley  
**8th Grade:**  
Ryleigh Fryar  
Sydnie Gilbert  
Diana Gonzales  
McKinna Hector  
Tyler McFall  
Nathan Ramirez  
Preslie Smithie  
Marissa Welch  
Tatum Willingham

#### AB Honor Roll

**6th Grade:**  
Garrett Anderson  
Cutter Atkins  
Alex Bailey  
Caitlyn Corley  
Emilee Custer  
Leslie Darlin  
JimmieJo DeJesus  
Corrin Edwards  
Senaida Garcia  
Alejandro Gonzales  
Reina Gonzales  
Maria Gonzalez  
Hannah Grimsley  
Adolfo Gutierrez  
Ylana Hernandez  
Anthony Hill  
Kirah Kimball  
Justin Marsh  
Madison Ramirez  
Santana Salinas  
Jonathon Schneider  
Miriam Vega  
Jaden Waters  
Judson Wright  
**7th Grade:**  
Brittany Ceballos  
Bryson Cline  
Ryan Coker  
Allison Eilenberger  
Paisley Gutierrez  
Amber Hoard  
Logan Holgorsen  
Andrea King  
Christian Klug  
Ethan Lopez  
Joseph Manning  
Haven Martin  
Jaxon Muller  
Stacey Overton  
Andrew Romero

#### Ortega

Illiana Sandoval  
Hana Stanislaus  
Justin Sudderth  
**8th Grade:**  
Donovan Barber  
Alyssa Cordona  
Raegan Deel  
Ami Hoard  
Elizabeth Juarez  
Trevor Kernick  
Emily Marsh  
Veronica Montanez  
Mason Moore  
Bryanna Ogle  
Makayla Overton  
Aubrey Parum  
Sydni Sparks  
Jaedan Stanislaus  
Chloe Star  
Aricela Valencia



Erik Dominguez  
Shaylee Franks  
Serena Gonzales  
Taylor Holloway  
Timothy Jimenez  
Yessenia Juarez  
Toby Kennemur  
Karisa Kinard  
Lizbeth Lara  
Joshua Long  
Ashley Lugo  
Mariah McIntosh  
Emily McKinley  
Ariana Molina  
Tyler Nairn  
Marcela Norman  
Sydni Oliva  
Victor Paniagua  
Peeraphol Ramlee  
Cassidi Redlin  
Ethan Rocha  
Analysia Rodriguez  
Rikki Salgado  
Margie Saucedo  
Nephi Simmons  
Ashley Smith  
Corbin Stevens  
Tobyn Tannehill  
Kyre Whitehead  
**12th Grade:**  
Ashley Ambris  
Michael Arista  
Tyler Avant  
Kaegan Baucum  
Matthew Beal  
Alfonso Bernal  
Kalob Burnett  
Nahely Casanova  
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Crystal Contreras  
Presas  
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Nicolas Escovedo  
Gabriel Garcia  
George Garcia  
Gilberto Garcia  
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Dusty Smith  
Nyssa Tran  
Cassidy Walker  
Buddy Wyatt  
**3rd Grade:**  
Sterling Clanton  
Christian Everett  
Lillian Harbin  
Katelyn Haynie  
Austin Herrod  
Neely Key  
Braden Maxwell  
Kaitlyn McDonald  
Rance Redden  
Christopher Thurman  
Audrey Turnbough  
**4th Grade:**  
Anissa Arguello  
Tanner Atkins  
Aubrey Best  
Kobe Cervantes  
Mollie Daniels  
Erik Hernandez  
Grayson Jacobs  
Katelyn Johnson  
Kaylie Kaczyk  
Brysen Kerby  
Raelynn Lee  
Krystal Lopez  
Maddix Martinez  
Joe Mashburn  
Kaden Molina  
Madison Rodgers  
Presley Ruiz  
Madison Scott  
Cheyanne Smith  
Billy Starr  
Maddisyn Wallace  
Ryder Willingham  
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Sonny Jackson-Prince  
Noelia Loya  
Breanna Wilson  
Brayden Worley  
Landyn Young  
10th Grade:  
Cameron Crabtree  
Faith Parum  
Jessica Privett  
Kiefer Pulis  
Omkar Sukhtankar  
Mallory Thomas  
11th Grade:  
Brandon Coker  
Braxton Iden  
Rylie Jacobs  
Jacob Jentsch  
12th Grade:  
Bianca Anzaldúa  
Dalton Critser  
Megan Hurst  
Amanda King  
Shayla Martin  
Savannah Neff  
Haley Walker  
Shanen Warneke

### AB Honor Roll

9th Grade:  
Kody Barber  
Alexander Biddison  
Summer Boudreaux  
Adam Brito  
Natalie Ceballos  
Tyler Cox  
Santana Cruz  
Amber Davenport  
Ashley Ferguson  
Breanna Grant  
Madison Grant  
Makinsey Grant  
Evalena Gutierrez  
Jace Horner  
Kodi Marbeiter  
Carli Martinez  
Fletcher Mashburn  
Isaac Perez  
Nicolas Romero  
Maddelyn Rudd  
Austin Sosa  
Casandra Soson  
Jenavee Striegler  
Bailey Swinney  
Nicole Thomas  
Jonas Turnbough  
Reagan Ver Steeg  
Destine Wilkins  
Thomas Wilson  
10th Grade:  
Kelsey Allen  
Julia Castilaw  
Kassi Coker  
Paul Cortez  
Heather Goodger  
Kelsey Grant  
Britton Heath  
Kaylee Hill  
Callum Hurst  
Ashley Luce  
Crystal McCutchan  
Taylee Miller  
Belia Nelson  
Marisa Ramirez  
Tara Robinson  
Abigail Sanchez  
Zachary Taylor  
Hannah Tucker  
Tyler Witkowski  
Blake Zitterkopf  
11th Grade:  
Philip Bacon  
Christopher Biddison  
Donald Ewing  
Erin Fontana  
Kelsey Garza  
Anna Harrison  
Alexis Jackson  
Joseph Melendez  
Jane Murrell  
Reagan Overton  
Tera Rinard  
Jamen Sanchez  
Kelli Schaedel  
Aloura Scott  
Fisher Williams  
Kaeli Yager  
12th Grade:  
Richard Adamson  
Breann Castillo  
Caleb Chapa  
Kyla Clanton  
Shelby Franklin  
Tyler Frazier  
Kali Gilbert

Jordan Harrison  
Kimberly Henry  
Kayla Jernigan  
Kimberly Jordy  
Zackary King  
Jordan Lang  
Devon Maddox  
Kaci Marquez  
David Mejia  
Sarah Melendez  
Caige Miller  
Gilbert Puga  
Madison Rawls  
Heather Richardson  
Devin Ruiz  
Jerry Sloan  
Joseph Thompson  
Colton Ver Steeg  
Shelby Wilkins

## Forsan ISD

### Forsan/Elbow Elementary

#### A Honor Roll

1st Grade:  
Koldin Averette  
Jordan Brinlee  
Bridger Brown  
Ethan Buske  
Cheyanne Carter  
Chayna Fletcher  
Alicia Fowler  
Aubrey Franco  
Mary Kate Gabehart  
Drake Gilbert  
Sarah Gomez  
Reagan Grant  
Cooper Grigg  
Amber Hallford  
Lincoln Hansen  
Toryn Kendrick  
Kaedyn Lee  
Makaya Nichols  
Abigail Olson  
James Pascual  
Jaystin Phelps  
MJ Preciado  
Alex Rains  
Ian Riley  
Landry Roberts  
Lorly Sardual  
Zola Stephens  
Scout Stockton  
Huston Stockton  
Juliana Summers  
Tyler Teston  
Emmemela Tubbs  
Jaylwn Wagner  
Kelbee Wells  
Cold Woodall  
Jace Woodfin  
Kenzi Wooldridge  
Patty Yabes  
2nd Grade:  
Erich Bylery  
Connor Bylery  
Ashlyn Clark  
David Hadley  
Lilly Hoff  
Braden Huitt  
Morgan Miller  
Jake Myers  
Caylee Myers  
Logan Reed  
Lyssa Roman  
Jaci Stone  
Hilary Thompson  
Hailey Williams  
Avery Williams  
3rd Grade:  
Robert Bartlett  
Dylan Brown  
Wyatt Cornish  
Katcher Dawson  
Nolan Ezell  
Jackson Hopper  
Ashlee Moore  
Addi Roberts  
Mason Sedberry  
David Summers  
Weston Thomas  
Kaeli Woodall  
4th Grade:  
Caylor Averette  
Joshua Cervantes  
Gabby Gonzalez  
Hailey Grant  
Ella Hoff  
Riley Jenkins  
Emma Johnson  
Cayden Morgan  
Mallory Paul  
Reagan Phillips  
Kenny Richardson  
Reese Rutledge  
Aubrie Smith  
Sawyer Stallings  
Major Stockton  
Maverick Yanez  
5th Grade:

Cameron Allen  
Zadie Andrews  
Hunter Cevallos  
Taylor Clark  
William Cole  
Tiana Cordova  
Rylee Evans  
Paul Evans  
Brenner Gartman  
Hannah Jones  
Elyse Rice  
Kyler Seymore  
Sara Tarbet  
Reagan Thomas

#### AB Honor Roll

1st Grade:  
Ozzie Cervantes  
Brayden Cervantes  
Kimberley Coursey  
Dakota Dhane  
Emma Fernandez  
Greg Henderson  
Rylee Hillger  
Giuseppe Kappel  
Aracellie Melendez  
Colt Nichols  
Spencer Patterson  
Kaylie Rosenbaum  
Reqaee Yanez  
2nd Grade:  
Ethan Barker  
Addie Beall  
Carsyn Brown  
Genesis Brown  
Malachi Daniels  
Russel Edens  
Daniella Fierro  
Wesley Fuller  
Maegan Garza  
Haylee Henderson  
Krislynn Matthies  
Emma Peffer  
Gracie Plaia  
Emily Rice  
Seth Richardson  
Jordan Roberts  
Lybertee Rodriguez  
Paryse Shockley  
Torah Smith  
Grace Stanley  
K'Leigh Williams  
Brooks Wright  
3rd Grade:  
Emily Allen  
Blake Barclay  
Jaren Ceasar  
Trevor Cole  
McKenna Couch  
Taelyn Fulgham  
Gracie Gartman  
Gracie Gonzalez  
Jazzmin Hale  
Charlie Huff  
Marlie Kennedy  
Anson Kirkland  
Weston Layman  
Jaylee Lindsey  
Bobby Lee  
McCormick  
Nolan Park  
Mason Patterson  
Natalie Reese  
Jeremiah Rivera  
David Tidwell  
Cade Wallis  
Kaitlyn Wiggins  
Kelcey Zubiata  
4th Grade:  
James Alexander  
Hailey Beall  
Adrian Enriquez  
Libby Everett  
Luis Flores  
Thomas Gabehart  
Tucker Grigg  
Connar Hair  
Ethan Hunt  
Adrian Juarez  
Harley Lee  
Bryson McMurtrey  
Lindsey Morin  
Aryn Owens  
Alexis Pace  
Eshan Patel  
Dylan Schumpert  
Smilla Stephens  
Brandon Valdez  
Lane Vellinga  
Rylee Yanez  
5th Grade:  
Patrick Bailey  
Alyssa Bowman  
Brianna Elliott  
Ethan Harbour  
Lilly Jaime  
Ely Matthies  
Riley Mince  
Nayeli Paredez  
Faith Raspe  
Gage Speck  
Taryn Spivey  
Kendra Thomas

Averi Tredaway  
Clayton Tucker  
Hannah Williams  
John Brady Wright  
Andre Wright

## Forsan Junior/Senior High

### A Honor Roll

6th Grade:  
Katie Averette  
Ryan Buske  
Hunter Carter  
Mallory Ezell  
Ty Freeman  
Jonathon Gabehart  
Brant Gartman  
Macee Grant  
Berenice Hernandez  
Chloe Igneczi  
Kynleigh Joy  
Lila Knox  
Evan Roberts  
Madison Smith  
Taylyn Still  
Selena Vasquez  
Nathaniel Whitmore  
Nelson Wylie  
7th Grade:  
Mikayla Arzate  
Jaidyn Brwon  
Dora Hickam  
Cassidy McKiddy  
Tatum Miller  
Caden Williams  
Razyl Yanez  
8th Grade:  
Jenna Evans  
Chasidy Grantham  
Bryce Hergert  
Jillian Jones  
Elizabeth Long  
9th Grade:  
Sterling Freeman  
Sandra Hernandez  
M'Kenna Hopper  
Mackenzi Lain  
Serena Reese  
Bria Wilson  
Shelby Zachary  
10th Grade:  
Julia Box  
Ross Freeman  
Taylor Morin  
Maddie Munsell  
Nina Ortiz  
Bailey Wright  
11th Grade:  
Oscar Barraza  
Darby DePauw  
Emily Hatfield  
Birte Heidebrecht  
Zachary Long  
Victoria Martinez  
Sloan Miller  
Hannah Minchew  
Sara Peranovic  
Kelia Smoot  
Hannah Thompson  
Anni Valkeinen  
Trevor Williams  
Yanci Yeater  
12th Grade:  
J.T. Breyman  
Covan Davidson  
Tyler Evans  
Kade Fannin  
Corbin Foster  
Chandler Freeman  
Rachel Haggard  
Raegan Haggard  
Brittney Hergert  
Ali Knight  
Brady Mikeska  
Polo Morin  
Alisa Munoz  
Falon Newton  
Maria Ortiz  
Elizabeth Rhodes  
Amanda Schafer  
Pete Sorola  
Connor Steel  
Luke Still  
Dustin Wright

### AB Honor Roll

6th Grade:  
Micah Arzate  
Allyson Brown  
Joshua Caldwell  
Jaeden Ceasar  
Kassey Darden  
Katelynn Hand  
Cody Huitt  
Paige Parks  
Haley Patterson  
Jacob Patterson  
Keira Peffer  
Samantha Raney  
Cole Riley  
Chloe Scroggins  
7th Grade:

Skyler Armstead  
Zachary Bailey  
Brennan East  
Macey Evans  
Gabe Fox  
Brandon Freitag  
Cassidy Gamble  
Emily Garcia  
Autumn Guidry  
Aaron Gutierrez  
Aeryn Hamblin  
Megan Knoernschild  
Michael Kukoly  
Channing Miller  
Kaylee Morgan  
Natori Morin  
Montie Munsell  
Astyn Pearson  
Luke Settles  
Price Tarbet  
Jacki Torbik  
8th Grade:  
Garrett Evans  
Alysa Le  
Tonie Munoz  
Cole Rosenbaum  
Saige Stallings  
Jaden Wilson  
9th Grade:  
Aaron Alton  
Hannah Beauchamp  
Caper Bingham  
Miranda Cansino  
Rhian Cunningham  
Joshua Evans  
Bree Franklin  
Shyanne Garcia  
Brent Glasco  
Dagan Gray  
Hannah Hancock  
Ashlea Hardin  
Alyssa Kirkland  
Destiny Mata  
Michael Mendez  
Kendall Phillips  
Kenneth Priest  
Victoria Roemer  
Hunter Seymore  
Keelee White  
Blaze Yeater  
10th Grade:  
Ashton Beach  
Kaytlin Brock  
Jeremy Cervantes  
Bryce Gartman  
Kerigann Harbour  
MacKenzie Kennedy  
Alicia Martinez  
Ben Mikeska  
Ian Park  
Walker Park  
Alexis Roach  
Madi Roman  
Blake Rosenbaum  
J.P. Stevenson  
11th Grade:  
Erin Bagnall  
Brittney Cline  
Carley Daniel  
Devin DeVore  
Christian Gamble  
Alicia Heaton  
Alicia Hernandez  
Garrett Kligora  
Abbie Martinez  
Jordan Matthews  
Mary-Ashely  
McDaniel  
Christopher Mims  
Erin Payne  
Ryan Pearson  
Kaleb Stanley  
Jennie Steel  
Dalton Taylor  
12th Grade:  
Jammie Armstead  
Kenna Colvin  
Justin Goff  
Marisol Hernandez  
BreAnna Martinez  
Matthew Mims  
Aaron Patterson  
Amber Posey  
Zane Sanders  
Kolby Self  
Sara Stevenson  
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Jahniah Willard  
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Madison Hataway  
Wyatt Herm  
Blue McMorris  
Gabriella Rios  
Mason Rodriguez  
Taylor Wall  
Nathaniel Ybarra  
2nd Grade:  
Karlo Arellano  
Cyanne Compton  
John Friesen  
Wiley Gaskins  
Tyler Grove  
Lilliana Guerra  
Maria Janzen  
Erynn Kelley

David Klassen  
J'Lyn Ybarra  
3rd Grade:  
Zane Clare  
Kayson Gary  
Zack Grumbles  
Landon Kelley  
Katharina Klassen  
Bianca Plata  
4th Grade:  
Gabriella Cisneros  
Harmani Huggins  
Nelson  
Landry Morrow  
Madlyn Nichols  
Lakyn Sandlin  
Johan Wall  
Emilee Wilde  
5th Grade:  
Karlos Luis Arellano  
Belle Hernandez  
Harlee Reed  
Tristan Reed  
Nancy Rempel  
Riley Webb  
6th Grade:  
Esai Guerra  
Bryce Hamlin  
Cody Staggs  
7th Grade:  
Landon Morrow  
8th Grade:  
Noah Wigington  
9th Grade:  
Mason Gary  
Reagan Hamlin  
10th Grade:  
Nicholas Cisneros  
Kelsey Reed  
Susie Rempel  
Dyllan Tindol  
12th Grade:  
Jorge Pena  
Aaron Ragle  
Jerad Staggs  
Kendra Staggs

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1st Grade:  
Luis Gonzalez  
Giovanni Guerra  
Cyrus McMorris  
Liya Peralta  
Kaleb Ramos  
John Rogers  
Anelia Tarin  
2nd Grade:  
Austin Archuleta  
Alec Barton  
Xavier Cisneros  
Michael Diaz  
Kaden Fouts  
Ryker Grove  
Aleigha Webb-  
Hilburn  
3rd Grade:  
Trayven Archuleta  
Johnny Brown  
Eli Cobos  
Jaden Flentge  
Johan Janzen  
Joseph Mosino  
Heinrich Wall  
4th Grade:  
Abram Fehr  
Nellie Friesen  
Luis Guerra  
Johan Neufeld  
Alexandra Plata  
Lili Porras  
Yesenia Reyna  
5th Grade:  
Lorna Conaway  
Chance Edens  
Agatha Elias  
Victoria Franco  
Me-A Gonzalez  
Monica Quiroz  
Jeb Worthy  
6th Grade:  
Mayra Diaz  
Trudy Friesen  
7th Grade:  
Ryston Archuleta  
Alycia Cisneros  
Alexis Gonzalez  
Andrew Ragle  
Jacob Spivey  
Jayden Wigington  
8th Grade:  
Mattie Grumbles  
Sunny Kuykendall  
9th Grade:  
Laynah Archuleta  
Trevor Blagrave  
Lisa Rempel  
Kailey Tindol  
Samantha Ybarra  
10th Grade:  
Felipe Aguinaga  
Melissa Briseno  
Daniel Gomez  
Austin Nichols  
Dylan Segundo  
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12th Grade:  
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### Sports Calendar

#### TODAY

Women's basketball — Howard College at New Mexico Junior College, 4:45 p.m.  
Men's basketball — Howard College at New Mexico Junior College, 6:45 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Girls' basketball — Big Spring at Snyder, 6:15 p.m.  
Girls' basketball — Lamesa at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.  
Girls' basketball — Forsan at Sundown, 6:30 p.m.  
Boys' basketball — Big Spring at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.  
Boys' basketball — Lamesa at Coahoma, 8 p.m.  
Boys' basketball — Forsan at Sundown, 8 p.m.  
Swimming — Big Spring at district meet, TBA.



File photos  
Howard College's basketball teams travel to Hobbs, N.M. tonight to take on New Mexico Junior College. Bailey Wipff (left photo) and the HC women face NMJC at 4:45 p.m., while David Joseph (right photo) and the Howard men square off with New Mexico at 6:45 p.m.

## What's the fuss?

### Seattle CB defends 'old school game'

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer  
RENTON, Wash. — Richard Sherman wondered if he came to the NFL 20 years too late.

The Seattle Seahawks' All-Pro cornerback wondered if his swagger might have fit better a few decades earlier when that confidence and an unfiltered tongue was perhaps more accepted.

"I studied the old school game more than I studied the new school game, and I play it that way. It rubs a lot of people the wrong way," Sherman said Wednesday. "Giving a true speech after a game, a true passionate speech is old school football. Playing press corner and sitting up there every play is old school football. I guess maybe I just haven't adjusted to the times."

Sherman spoke at length for the first time since Sunday's NFC championship game win over San Francisco where his postgame comments to Fox reporter Erin Andrews became the talking point. It was a loud, emotional moment that happened just a few minutes after the Seahawks earned the second Super Bowl berth in franchise history.

Sherman was at the center of the decisive play, deflecting a pass intended for Michael Crabtree in the end zone and watching teammate Malcolm Smith run over

### Show of support:

## Mother of ex-Cowboy's victim stands behind him

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

DALLAS — As former Dallas Cowboys player Josh Brent was convicted of intoxication manslaughter and confronted with the possibility of spending up to 20 years in prison, the mother of the man he killed sat two rows behind him.

Stacey Jackson has said she's forgiven Brent. And when sentencing starts Thursday, Jackson could be one of several witnesses Brent's attorneys could call to argue for leniency. They have previously asked for probation.

Brent and Jerry Brown were close friends, having played football together at the University of Illinois. Brown had joined the Cowboys as a practice squad player about two months before Brent drunkenly drove home from a night

**"If being mad at Josh would bring Jerry back, I would be the No. 1 person. I would be mad as hell at him."**

Stacey Jackson

of partying in December 2012 and wrecked on a suburban Dallas highway.

Jurors took about nine hours over two days to convict Brent, who was led from the courtroom Wednesday in handcuffs as family members in the front row sobbed.

Jackson sat behind them and showed no visible reaction. She walked out of the courtroom with Brown's family, ignoring a reporter's questions. But she told The Dallas

Morning News last month she is no longer angry at Brent and has maintained a relationship with him since the wreck.

"If being mad at Josh would bring Jerry back, I would be the No. 1 person. I would be mad as hell at him," Jackson told the newspaper, adding doing that "takes too much time and too much energy."

Prosecutors say the burly, 320-pound defensive tackle's blood-alcohol level after the wreck was 0.18 percent, more

than twice the legal limit. Authorities say it would have taken as many as 17 drinks for Brown to get that drunk.

Brent's attorneys argued at trial that the blood tests were faulty and that Brent could not have drunk nearly that much. Attorney George Milner said his client was "guilty of being stupid behind the wheel of a car," not drinking beforehand.

Authorities say Brent was driving his Mercedes as fast as 110 mph.

Milner has said that no one besides Jackson may have suffered from the aftermath as much as Brent, who lost his close friend and his career.

Brent played in 12 games of the 2012 NFL season before the crash, but retired in July.

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### Pro Bowl:

## Sanders takes Luck, Newton early in draft

By OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — NFL great Deion Sanders took quarterbacks Andrew Luck and Cam Newton with his first skill position picks in the Pro Bowl draft Wednesday, going for passers early before focusing on defense in building a team for one win.

Jerry Rice chose New Orleans tight end Jimmy Graham and then Philadelphia running back LeSean McCoy with his first two picks, giving active player captain Drew Brees his top target early to go along with two Saints offensive linemen picked Tuesday.

"I wouldn't rather be with anybody else, obviously," Graham told reporters after being picked. All five Saints in the Pro Bowl ended up on Rice's team.

The picks kicked off the three-hour process of dividing up 60 players for Sunday's all-star game. The draft played out on a beachside estate used for weddings and luaus on Oahu's west side, adjacent to the plush Ko Olina resort where the players are staying for the week with their families.

About 1,000 fans attended the draft, which had cheerleaders, mascots, lei for each player and colored surfboards used as draft boards.

The game is being played in an "unconferenced" format for the first time, straying from its usual AFC vs. NFC teams. Sanders and Rice picked captains and their first 11 players each on Tuesday.

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## Tanaka says Yankees wanted him most

JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO — Masahiro Tanaka says he chose to play for the New York Yankees because they appreciated him the most among the many teams in the majors who were chasing the prized signature of the star Japanese pitcher.

"They gave me the highest evaluation and are a world-famous team," Tanaka said at a press conference in Japan on Thursday after agreeing to a \$155 million, seven-year deal with the

Yankees.

Tanaka said he was "relieved" the deal was done and looked forward to standing on the mound at Yankee Stadium.

When asked what his goal will be, Tanaka's response was direct: "To become World Champions." In addition to the Yankees deal with Tanaka, the Yankees must pay a \$20 million fee to his Japanese team, the Rakuten Eagles.

His agreement calls for \$22 million in each of the first six seasons and \$23 million in 2020,

and it allows him to terminate the deal after the 2017 season and become a free agent.

Asked to deliver a message to Yankee fans in English, Tanaka said he plans to let his performance on the field do the talking.

"I just don't speak English so I'll just have to win the trust and confidence of the fans with my performance on the field," the 25-year-old right-hander said.

Big league teams had until

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## Durant's 36 points leads OKC past Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Teams are finding out there's little they can do to stop Kevin Durant.

Durant had 36 points to offset Tony Parker's season-high 37, and Oklahoma City survived a testy 111-105 victory over San Antonio on Wednesday night, their third win this season over the defending Western Conference champions.

Durant is averaging 38.1 points in his last

11 games, helping the Thunder reclaim the Western Conference's record with a five-game winning streak and an 8-3 mark.

"Kevin did his thing down the stretch, it was pretty remarkable," San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Reggie Jackson gave Durant all the help he needed, matching his season high with 27 points while handing out eight assists.

Durant and Jackson combined for 22 points on 9-for-15 shooting in a 35-point fourth quarter for Oklahoma City (33-10).

Jackson had 11 consecutive points early in the fourth, blowing past Parker for layups to give the Thunder a 94-89 lead with 8 minutes left.

"He has had great games against the Spurs," Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said. "I can't put my finger on

it. We want him to play aggressive basketball on both ends of the floor. I thought he did a good job of finding spots on the floor that he can finish around the rim."

Jackson averages 13.2 points, but has scored 23.7 points against the Spurs this season.

Durant bounced up and down excitedly after his second 3-pointer of the quarter gave Oklahoma City a 108-98 lead with 1 minute remaining.



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**Silence and the Scorpio Moon**

Mercury and Mars are lining up nicely to form an air-sign trine that becomes exact tomorrow. In the meantime, the stinging Scorpio moon could find something to take issue with. Don't. Let it ride. When the action naturally flows in the direction you want it to go, don't say anything to interrupt that process. Be silent and let nothing jinx your good luck.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Part of your success plan is to do the hardest work at your peak times of mental and physical strength. Today's observations will help you get in better touch with your rhythms and preferences.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Many don't understand how power can be derived from service instead of control, but you get it. The more you help and provide for others the greater your sense of personal power becomes.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are enthralled with someone for reasons that are mysterious even to you. This is a good time to break it down in your mind. What

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

quality does the object of your enchantment have that you would like to possess?

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). As for today's dilemma, a fellow Cancer summed it up best. "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody." — Bill Cosby

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). What's the difference between a splurge and a reward? A collection and a hoard? Your feelings and attitude are the difference. You know you're going to do something, so you may as well find a way to feel good about it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a certain amount of energy to spread around today, and you'll resent your friends later if you give them too much of it now. Think about what is really important to you, and do that first.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can organize with the best of them today and might even get paid for it. It is easy for you to see how the pieces can be arranged for maximum productivity.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You understand that people need some degree of consistency in their lives

and relationships in order to feel safe. People can't be at their best if they don't feel safe.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are those to whom significance matters a great deal. They need to be recognized as important. You, sensing this need, have a choice about whether to serve it or not. You'll deliberate carefully on this matter.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Loyalty is important to you. A true friend rushes to celebrate a friend when good things are happening, but not so fast as he rushes to assist a friend who needs help.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your continued good fortune depends on your ability to get up to speed in several areas of your life at once. The timeliness of your actions will make an enormous difference.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sea divers have been known to spend so much time in the depths of the ocean that they can't tell which way is up. Your recent project is pretty deep, as well. A friend at the surface can save the day.

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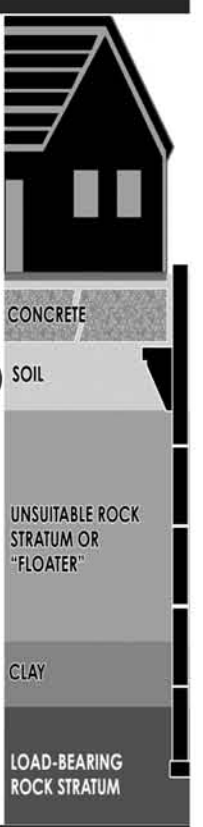
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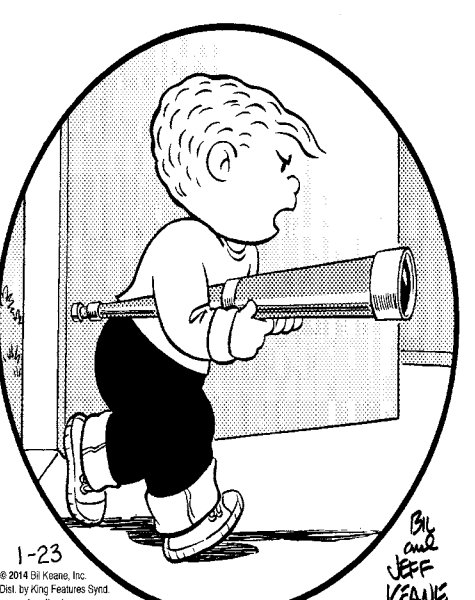
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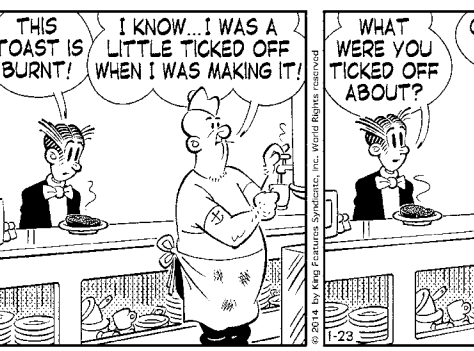


"I sure wish God had never invented clouds."

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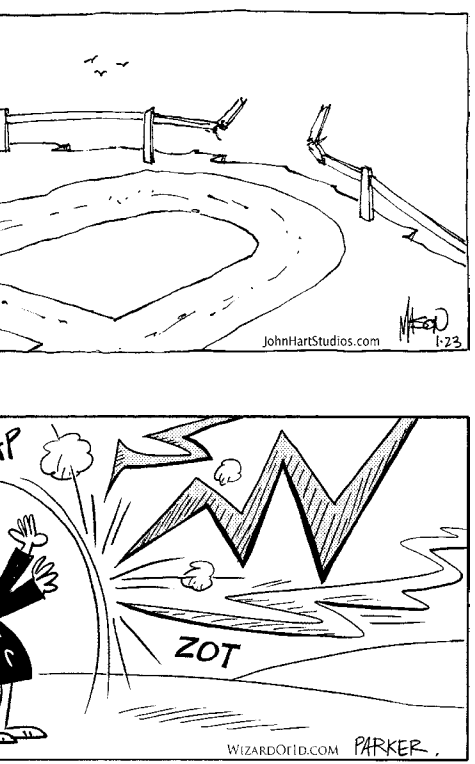


"WE NEED TO WORK ON THE PLACEMENT OF THIS SIGN."

## AGNES



## HI AND LOIS



## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2014. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified as South Dakota became the 38th state to endorse it.

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presi-

dential nomination.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it.

In 1937, 17 people went on trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin's "Great Purge." (All were convicted of conspiracy; all but four were executed.)

In 1944, Norwegian painter Edvard Munch ("The Scream") died near Oslo at age 80.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In 1960, the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe (BATH'-ih-skahf) Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

In 1964, Arthur Miller's play "After the Fall," widely regarded as a thinly-disguised account of Miller's

failed marriage to Marilyn Monroe, opened in New York.

In 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War, and would be formally signed four days later in Paris.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Figueras, Spain, at age 84.

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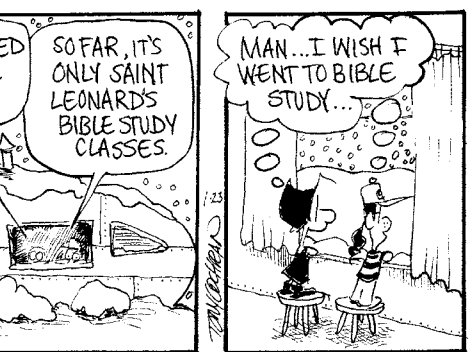
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## BEETLE BAILEY



## SNUFFY SMITH



## Newsday Crossword

## HOW DO YOU DO

by Bruce Sutphin  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Grads
  - 6 Dual-power
  - 10 Rejuvenating resort
  - 13 Flat hat
  - 14 Lincoln trademark
  - 16 Kept out of sight
  - 17 Bakery buy
  - 19 Not to mention
  - 20 Teakettle part
  - 21 Serenaded
  - 23 Casablanca pianist
  - 26 Parking place
  - 27 Papal home
  - 28 Exact copies
  - 30 '20s Ford
  - 31 Yearning
  - 32 Chopin pieces
  - 34 Dorm VIPs
  - 37 Spots for drawbridges
  - 39 Call upon
  - 40 Short putt
  - 42 Furry foot
  - 43 Large arteries
  - 46 Try out
  - 47 GI assignment
  - 49 Become expert in
  - 51 Child-raising mag
  - 53 Dressy duds
  - 54 Call upon
  - 55 Halloween charity
  - 56 Groundwork
  - 58 Fall mo.
  - 59 Simpsons character voiced by Kelsey Grammer
- DOWN**
- 1 Modern Family network
  - 2 Floral wreath
  - 3 Caterer's device
  - 4 Part of YMCA
  - 5 Essential commodity
  - 6 More or less
  - 7 Word on a penny
  - 8 Smidgen
  - 9 Vigorous campaign
  - 10 Some floor coverings
  - 11 Columbus craft
  - 12 Extra charge
  - 15 Crime-show procedure
  - 18 Yellowstone beast
  - 22 Nothing at all
  - 23 Rascal
  - 24 Big name in foil
  - 25 It flows through
  - 27 Moscow mule ingredient
  - 29 Soccer gear
  - 30 Needing a good airing
  - 33 Bakery buys
  - 35 Pop singer Mann
  - 36 Dagwood's "SKNXX-X!"
  - 38 Opposite of euphoria
  - 41 PC pop-ups
  - 44 Ensembles
  - 45 Flatten, so to speak
  - 48 Push-up muscle
  - 50 Self-evident truths
  - 51 Party bowlful
  - 52 Battery terminal
  - 53 Jobs to do
  - 56 Yellow Muppet
  - 57 Sharp blow
  - 60 Female rabbit
  - 61 Bikini top
  - 62 Olive product
  - 63 Small buzzer

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## PRO BOWL

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The new format is meant to liven up the Pro Bowl, which has been criticized by fans and even Commissioner Roger Goodell for the quality of play.

The draft embraces the popular hobby of fantasy football and put many players in the interesting situation of having to watch two of the NFL's biggest personalities pass them up.

"It looks like I'm waiting," Chicago wide receiver Brandon Marshall said after watching four receivers come off the board — including his teammate, Alshon Jeffery. "This is sad — real sad." Sanders retorted: "Somebody get him some aspirin."

Eric Weddle, a San Diego safety who was the third safety picked, said he didn't mind having to wait in a lounge area with the other players while Sanders and Rice took 2 minutes each to make picks, with breaks for commercials in the live telecast.

"It doesn't really matter — just chilling 17 hours in here right

now," Weddle said. "When it comes to Sunday, I'll be on the field in the fourth quarter and ready to wreck shop."

Defensive end Mario Williams became the first player to be assigned when he was the last player at his position off the board.

"Just be careful where you throw the ball," Williams told Brees afterward.

Williams said things played out largely how he anticipated, with teammates picking one another and Sanders playing mind games.

Other players assigned included Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, New York Giants safety Antrel Rolle and New England kicker Stephen Gostkowski to Rice. Sanders was assigned tight ends Jordan Cameron of Cleveland and Jason Witten of Dallas, along with Jacksonville linebacker Paul Posluszny.

"There's been some questionable picks," Posluszny said.

Quarterbacks Nick Foles and Alex Smith were the last players taken. Sanders selected Foles, and Smith was then assigned to Rice as the final pick — nine years after being the top choice

overall in the NFL draft.

Rice then forced a trade on Sanders as allowed under the rules, taking Sanders' sixth-round pick of Indianapolis linebacker Robert Mathis, sending back Brian Orakpo.

Rice had said since being named captain that he wanted Mathis on his team, while Mathis and Sanders have traded jabs on Twitter after Sanders asserted he only wanted young players on his team.

Sanders picked wideouts Dez Bryant and A.J. Green, while Rice chose Josh Gordon along with Jeffery.

Luck playing for Team Sanders puts him on the same team led by his head coach in Indianapolis, Chuck Pagano.

Beyond McCoy going second to Rice on Wednesday and Kansas City's Jamaal Charles being a captain for Sanders, neither manager took a running back early, preferring to pick defenders and receivers. Rice later took DeMarco Murray and Matt Forte, while Sanders took Eddie Lacy and was assigned Washington's Alfred Morris.

## YANKEES

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Friday to reach an agreement with Tanaka, who was 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA last year as the Eagles won the Japan Series title.

The Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago Cubs and White Sox, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston Astros all said they were among the failed bidders.

Tanaka said he consulted with 2013 Rakuten

teammate Takashi Saito and Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish about life in the major leagues before deciding on the Yankees.

"Everything will be new and challenging," Tanaka said. "But I have to rely on the ability that got me this far."

Tanaka was 99-35 with a 2.30 ERA in seven seasons with the Eagles, striking out 1,238 in 1315 innings. Yankees official has tracked him since 2007, scouting 15 of his games.

The Tanaka deal caps

an offseason in which the Yankees added catcher Brian McCann and outfielders Jacoby Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran. The four big deals totaled \$438 million.

"We're going to do what we've got to do to win," Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We had to make sure we had enough pitching to go together with our new lineup."

Tanaka receives the highest contract for an international free

agent and the fifth largest deal for a pitcher, trailing only those of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw (\$215 million), Detroit's Justin Verlander (\$180 million), Seattle's Felix Hernandez (\$175 million) and the Yankees' C.C. Sabathia (\$161 million) under his original agreement with New York.

Tanaka replaces the retired Andy Pettitte in the Yankees rotation, and joins Sabathia, Hiroki Kuroda and Ivan Nova.

## BRENT

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His ties to the Cowboys were prominent at trial.

Two current players, Barry Church and Danny McCray, testified about hanging out with Brent and Brown, first playing video games, then having dinner and going to Privea, a Dallas nightclub.

Cowboys linebacker Sean Lee attended part of the trial to show support for Brent, and team owner Jerry Jones said this week that he was closely watching for a verdict.

"Certainly it's tragic. We've all, to some degree, have been a part of this," Jones said Tuesday, according to the Cowboys' website. "We support Josh. This

has been just a terrible experience for the families who lost a loved one and for Josh who loved Jerry as well."

Jurors saw video of Brent appearing to hold bottles of Champagne in each hand and credit-card receipts that showed Brent had purchased three bottles. They also saw police dash cam footage of Brent losing his balance during field sobriety tests and occasionally stumbling over his words while talking to officers.

It was, in the words of prosecutors Jason Hermus and Heath Harris, a textbook case of intoxication manslaughter. The prosecutors told jurors during closing arguments they should send a message about the danger posed by drunken drivers.

Hermus stood in front of Brent, hit the table and shouted: "They shouldn't be driving, no exceptions, no excuses!"

While Brent is eligible for probation, prosecutors have indicated they will push for jail time. His conviction comes just after weeks of fierce debate about a North Texas teen, Ethan Couch, who received probation for intoxication manslaughter after a wreck that left four people dead. Couch's

case, and the so-called "affluenza" defense his attorneys employed, became the subject of fierce, widespread scrutiny.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins attended parts of Brent's trial and whispered in prosecutors' ears during the questioning of one witness. Watkins told a sports radio station last year that prosecutors had the responsibility to make sure Brent "loses his freedom."

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## SHERMAN

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to intercept it to clinch the victory. Sherman's ensuing remarks were directed mostly at Crabtree but his intense, shouting delivery is what took people aback.

Sherman said the reaction that followed over the next two days left him a little stunned as well.

"I was surprised by it. Because we're talking about football here and a lot of people took it a little bit further than football," Sherman said. "I guess some people showed how far we have really come in this day and age and it was kind of profound what happened and people's opinions of that nature, because I was on a football field showing passion. Maybe it was misdirected maybe things may have been immature, maybe things could have been worded better but this is on a football field. I didn't commit any crimes, I wasn't doing anything illegal. I was showing passion after a football game."

Sherman apologized for taking away the spotlight from the performances by some of his teammates.

Marshawn Lynch's 109 yards rushing and 40-yard touchdown, Jermaine Kearse's 35-yard touchdown catch on fourth-down and Bobby Wagner's 15 tackles all became secondary to Sherman's words.

What seemed to bother Sherman the most in the fallout was hearing the word "thug" attached to his name.

"The only reason it bothers me is it seems like it's an accepted way of calling someone the N-word nowadays. It's like everybody else said the N-word and they said thug and they're like, 'that's fine,'" Sherman said. "That's where it kind of takes me aback. It's kind of disappointing because they know. What is the definition of a thug, really?"

While there's been criticism for his rant, he's also received support. Perhaps most surprising was a tweet from baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron.

Not a huge user of social media — Aaron had sent seven tweets before Tuesday — his message to Sherman read, "hang in there & keep playing as well as you did Sunday. Excellent job - you have my support."

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!

What impact has  
Martin Luther King, Jr. had  
on your life?

**Terrence Cain** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy impacted me profoundly. He taught me that civil liberties are worth fighting for, no matter what the cost, and that even though we've come a long way, we still have a long way to go before everyone is on a level playing field in our society.

**Tiffany Villareal** That all people are equal! Color doesn't make you different.

**Erika Ramirez** That everyone is equal no matter what race you are we all can succeed!

**Ernest Rodriguez** Not being afraid to try something out of your comfort zone.

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