

Bulldogs and Bearkats headed north to Dist. 31-3A for football

by Rey Sifuentes Jr.

Both Raymondville and Lyford High School's football and basketball teams will have to start mapping out bus rides for away games to the north for the next couple of seasons after the University Interscholastic League redrew district lines on Monday. The Bulldogs and Bearkats were moved up to District 31-3A where they will be joined by Corpus Christi West Oso, Orange Grove, and Robstown. Currently in 32-3A, both schools contend with Hidalgo, La Feria, Port Isabel, Progreso, Rio Hondo and Zapata.

Any time there is a realignment there will always be some surprises," Lyford Athletic Administrator Jaime Infante said. "You should always expect the unexpected and we knew we were either going down to the 2A classification with a Corpus district, stay in 32-3A or possibly be moved to where we eventually ended up. I was in Corpus this morning and sure enough our hunch was right so it really didn't surprise us."

One taxing effect Monday's realignment presents will be in dollars spent in transportation.

"The only thing I think people will look to as a disadvantage is the travel now involved and the economics that go along with it from a school administration standpoint," Infante said. "But I think it is a good district and we are excited to be in it."

Raymondville Athletic Director Alex Leal was surprised by Monday's realignment.

"Yes I was very much so because I never figured we would end up in Corpus," Leal said. "I

just did not think U.I.L. would put us there. It is a pretty good distance for us to drive and being that our current district is so close down here I did not think we would get split up."

Football contention in comparison between the bay area and the valley should not vary much.

I don't think it's any tougher or weaker, it is a five team district so football-wise it is of minimal impact," Infante said. "The schools we will face next year play good football just like they do down here; I do not see any difference."

Ditto, Leal said.

"Those teams are very competitive just like down here," Leal said. "Football is football and you always have to compete hard to win just as if we would have stayed here. It is going to be a tough district but it is more the traveling that throws a monkey wrench in everything."

IN ACTION THIS WEEK: BEARKATS

Raymondville High School's varsity, junior varsity and freshman boys basketball teams visit Port Isabel at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday.

The Lady Bearkats varsity, junior varsity and freshman basketball teams host Port Isabel at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday.

Myra Green Middle School's seventh grade boys A and B basketball teams host Progreso at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 4. MGMS's eighth grade boys A and B basketball teams visit Progreso at 5 p.m.

and 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 4.

Raymondville High School's varsity boys soccer team hosts Port Isabel at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Lady Bearkats varsity girls soccer team visits Lyford at 6 p.m. on Friday.

IN ACTION THIS WEEK: BULLDOGS

Lyford High School's varsity, junior varsity and freshman boys basketball teams host Rio Hondo at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday. All three teams visit Raymondville at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

Lyford Middle School's eighth grade A and B boys basketball teams visit La Feria on Thursday, February 4. LMS's seventh grade A and B boys basketball teams host La Feria on Thursday, February 4.

The Lady Bulldogs varsity and junior varsity basketball teams visit Rio Hondo at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Both teams conclude their regular season by hosting Raymondville at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

The Lady Bulldog varsity and junior varsity soccer teams host Raymondville at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Lyford High School's varsity baseball team visits PSJA Memorial at 6 p.m. this coming Monday. LHS's junior varsity baseball team hosts PSJA Memorial at 6 p.m. on Monday.

The Lady Bulldogs varsity and junior varsity softball teams visit Mercedes at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Newly elected Senator Scott Brown arrives on Capitol Hill

By ANDREW MIGA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen.-elect Scott Brown has arrived on Capitol Hill, still basking in the glow of his stunning upset in the Massachusetts special election.

Standing in the bright sunshine outside a Senate office building, Brown told reporters he looks forward to getting to work. He said, "I plan to look at every bill and make a rational decision."

The pickup truck-driving candidate who caught the imagination of Massachusetts voters in upsetting Democrat Martha Coakley called Washington "the best place in the world when it comes to solving problems, and we've sort of lost our way." Brown began his first visit to the Hill Thursday by calling on Sen. John McCain of Arizona,

a key campaign senator, along with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Democratic Sens. John Kerry and Paul Kirk of Massachusetts.

Asked to say precisely what he hopes to accomplish here, Brown replied, "I'm certainly not in favor of higher taxes and cutting Medicare half a trillion."

Mexico GDP down 6.8 percent in 2009

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Mexico's economy shrank 6.8 percent in 2009, the worst result in at least 30 years, the Treasury Department said Friday.

The decline in full-year gross domestic product outpaced the 6.2 percent fall during Mexico's currency and debt crisis in 1995.

A bright spot was a 1.2 percent expansion in the fourth quarter of 2009 from the third quarter, although the level of

economic output was 3 percent lower than the same period of 2008, the report said.

Still, it was the second consecutive quarter of GDP growth. The economy expanded 2.9 percent in the third quarter.

The report represented something of a comeback from the steep 10.3 percent decline in the second quarter, and officials had previously estimated a full-year 2009 contraction of around 7

percent.

The Treasury Department said it expects GDP to grow about 3 percent for all of this year, while noting "the recent evolution of the economy suggest the probability that growth may be greater than that prediction is considerable."

It said the country lost 181,271 formally registered jobs in 2009. Many of Mexico's 107 million people work in the informal sector.

Texas Tech, Pantex to study wind farm feasibility

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech University and officials of the Pantex nuclear weapons plant agree to study feasibility of research wind farm to power the Panhandle plant.

The agreement between Pantex and Texas Tech provides for a feasibility study on the installation of wind turbine generators and related infrastructure at the Pantex plant near Amarillo. The plant assembles and dismantles the

nation's nuclear warheads.

On Tuesday, Amarillo city commissioners approved a \$100,000 grant to help Texas Tech build the proposed National Wind Resource Center near Pantex. Tech is scheduled to begin work on the first phase of the center next year.

The commission also approved a \$12.5 million incentive package to entice Alstom Power Inc. to build a wind turbine and nacelle factory in Amarillo. The nacelles house the components of the wind turbine atop their soaring pylons.

Grand Opening



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Dr. Jose Lozano, M.D. and EMS Staff cordially invite you to attend the Grand Opening Ceremony of the new EMS Station on Friday, February 5, 2010 1:30 p.m. at 693 S. 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580

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Sebastian man...

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9mm shells were located along with a box of shells.

The suspect's name is Eric Jason Vasquez of Sebastian. He was born in 1985 and is being charged with the following charges: Possession of marijuana; possession of controlled substance, to wit: cocaine; evading arrest with a motor vehicle; aggravated assault on a police officer with a deadly weapon (vehicle). Arraignment set for Feb. 3, 2010.

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