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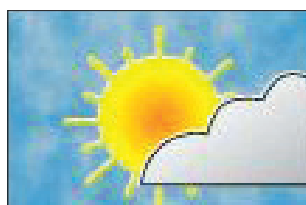
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## BSISD to name superintendent Tuesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials announced they will name a new superintendent early

next week.

BSISD trustees made the announcement at the end of their monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Irene Galan, board presi-

dent, said the announcement will be made at a special meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the high school board room.

The announcement came

after trustees spent much of this week interviewing candidates for the position, which has been vacant since late June. The board interviewed six semifinalists out of 34 to-

tal applicants for the job.

"They were all very strong candidates," Galan said. "It was a very eye-opening pro-

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## Youth fishing tournament set Saturday

Herald Staff Report

First Christian Church and the Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau will sponsor a youth fishing tournament Saturday at Comanche Trail Lake.

The tournament, open to youth 17 years old and younger, will begin at 1 p.m. and continue through 4:30 p.m., with prizes awarded for the first and most fish caught. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Registration will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"This is our second year to do this," said Ken McIntosh, organizer of the event and minister at First Christian Church.

The lake has recently been stocked with rainbow trout by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

For more information, contact the CVB at 263-8235.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Autumn Moore looks over some of the hogs scheduled for exhibit today at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show, which runs through Saturday at the county fairbarns.

## Tax receipts up 33 percent for Big Spring

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

Sales tax receipts were up a whopping 33 percent for Big Spring this month, according to figures from the State Comptroller's Office.

The city received \$508,477.62

in receipts to start the new year, compared to \$381,860.80 Big Spring received in January 2008. Since this is the first month of 2009, the year-to-date comparisons are the same.

Abilene witnessed an increase of 5.5 percent in sales

tax receipts, comparing the \$2,627,369.79 received this month to the \$2,490,179.02 the Key City took in for January 2008.

Ackerly received \$7,307.20 this month, up 59.33 percent compared to the \$4,586.17 tak-

en in for January of 2008.

Receipts were up 37.87 percent in Andrews, which received \$314,368.94 this month compared to \$228,006.26 a year ago.

Coahoma took in \$9,488.64, up 18.6 percent compared to

the \$8,000.36 received in January 2008.

Colorado City had a 17.85 percent increase in receipts, comparing \$46,879.96 this month to \$39,775.91 12

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## Investigation begins in plane's splash landing

By **JENNIFER PELTZ**

and **CRISTIAN SALAZAR**

Associated Press Writers

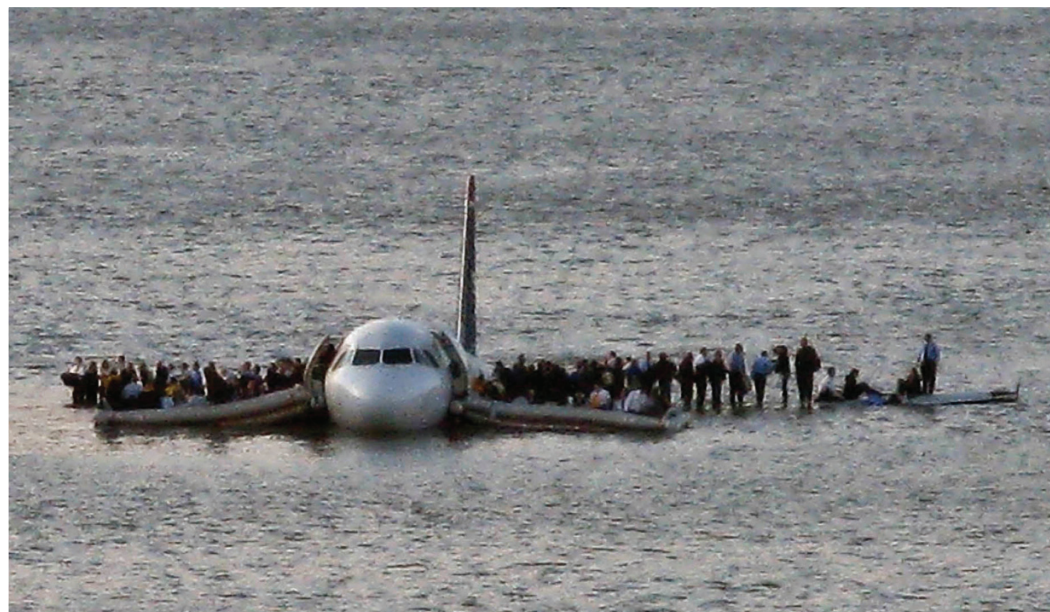
NEW YORK — Investigators brought in a giant crane and a barge Friday to help pull a US Airways jetliner from the Hudson River, and survivors among the 155 people aboard recounted tales of horror and hailed the pilot as a hero who delivered them from certain death.

While on a rescue raft with pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III in the frigid cold, passenger Billy Campbell said he went to him.

"I leaned over and grabbed his arm, and I said I just want to thank you on behalf of all of us," Campbell told NBC's "Today" show. "He just said, 'You're welcome.'"

Campbell was sitting in the back of the plane when it landed on the water.

"The water was rushing in through the window seams and we couldn't get the



AP Photo/Steven Day

Airline passengers wait to board a ferry to be rescued on the wings of a US Airways Airbus 320 jetliner that safely ditched in the frigid waters of the Hudson River in New York, Thursday after a flock of birds knocked out both its engines. All 155 people on board survived.

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COMPLETE STORY

## Obituaries

### James Gunn



James Arthur "Jim" Gunn, 68, of Coahoma died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Colorado City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 25, 1940, in Salinas, Calif. to Zelma and Jewell Gunn. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 until 1961. He was a tool pusher for Nort Fiscus from 1961 until 1984. He later worked for D&H Transport, Daniel's Construction Company and as a dozer operator for Howard County, retiring because of ill health in 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Gunn of Coahoma; one daughter, Laura Gunn of Phoenix, Ariz.; two step-sons, Pete Fincher and wife Karen of Stephenville, and Brad Fincher and wife Deb of Morgan Mill; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; mother, Zelma Gunn Howell of Abilene; seven sisters, Janise Riddell of Abilene, Nancy McBride of Dudley, Marcia Sanders and husband Rocky of Abilene, Edna Gunn of Cartersville, Mo., Joan Gunn of Austin, Norma Verner of Lubbock and Detra Howell of Abilene; two brothers, Michael Gunn and wife Jeanette of Cartersville, Mo., and Gary Howell of Abilene; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two sons, James "Jimmy" Robert Gunn and Kenneth Wayne Gunn.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday. Places are \$10. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Serving will be from noon until 3 p.m. at the post, 3202 W. Highway 80. Carry-outs are welcome. Everyone is invited.

- Dr. Steven L. Brown will speak on Navigating the Medical Maze during Monday's noon meeting of the Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association at the Howard College Cactus Room. Lunch is \$6. Contact Bo Fryar at [jbfryar@rcrom.net](mailto:jbfryar@rcrom.net) or 399-4510 or Jean Slate at 263-4080 for reservations through Friday. Dr. Brown is a clinical associate professor of internal medicine at Texas Tech University and a cardiologist in private practice in Midland. He has written numerous articles for medical and research journals.

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

- West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

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

## Police

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

- JASON CAREY**, 27, of 1801 Settles, was arrested Friday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- EVAN BLAKELEY**, 20, of 1375 S. Hulgan, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MATTHEW SCOTT REAVES**, 25, of 1707 Yale, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 2700 block of Central.
- THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- ERIC MICHAEL GATES**, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for an accident involving damage to a vehicle.
- TRISTA JANAE COVEY**, 20, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a motion to adjudicate guilt on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHNNY LARA JR.**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- TABYTHA NIKOLE GARCIA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- DAVID MARTINEZ VALDES**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- GREGORY SCOTT MCKENZIE**, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a *capias pro fine* for possession of marijuana.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of Cherry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and McDonald Road. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of W. Interstate Highway 20 and Highway 80. Service refused.
- TRAUMA** was reported in the 2400 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support Groups

**TUESDAY**

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

## Your Local Weather

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<b>67/32</b>	<b>63/34</b>	<b>70/36</b>
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.

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## Bulletin Board

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

**TODAY**

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

**THURSDAY**

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 7-30-1-6. Bonus Ball: 22.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 34-17-25-14-5.  
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,085.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-2-2-0. Sum It Up: 8.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-4. Sum It Up: 10.

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## Church News

### First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene welcomes everyone to our exciting and spirit-filled services.

Sunday mornings, we have a meet and greet time with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. with a mixture of contemporary and traditional music to uplift your soul. This is followed by a scripture-based message from our pastor.

Wednesday nights, all adults are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. for your choice of one of two interactive Bible Studies in the sanctuary building. Bob Heneghan is leading a class through the Book of John and Leonard Hadley's class meets in the commons with various scripture studies.

The youth are invited to study "The Grind" with Sharon Rich in the gym upstairs in the "Salt Shaker."

Children meet Wednesday night for Caravan, our midweek scouting ministry that teaches lessons that begin building towers of truth in their lives.

Prime Timers Group, for those 55 and older, meets the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Burl and Barbara Cooley are leading this reorganized ministry.

First Church of the Nazarene's ministry to Hispanics is led by the Rev. Felix and Marta Torres and meets for worship and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday in the fellowship hall. You are invited to this service which is in Spanish.

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## Give yourself a million dollar gift

How would you like to give yourself a million-dollar gift this New Year? Our world is in desperate need of this gift today, and you have the power to receive it. This gift is 100 percent free – all it costs you is a decision. It is called "happiness" and since you are the one who must decide, why not choose to give yourself this awesome gift?



JERRIE STOCKS

Sadly, many choose unhappiness instead, not realizing that their decision is often manufactured by their lifestyle. Happiness is determined by our thought patterns and the way we choose to live our daily lives. Although social conditions may be responsible for many of our woes, all of us have the ability to move forward by choosing happiness over unhappiness. It is just as easy to think happy thoughts as it is to think

unhappy ones. This has been proven hundreds of times both medically and scientifically. And in spite of the problems that may still be there, unhappy thinking only tends to make troubles seem bigger than they are. It never diminishes them or makes them go away. So make up your mind that this New Year you will triumph over the negative. It is well within your power to do so.

Since happiness is determined by your thoughts, make a point to not think or speak negatively. This only creates depression, discouragement, and failure. You can never be your best when negative thinking is your companion.

A good example of refusing negative thinking and speaking is a lady whose husband became disabled a few years ago and his salary was their only income. When she told me her husband could no longer work, I asked her what her plans were. Her answer? "Trust in the Lord."

During their readjustment period, she kept a smile on her face. She never once murmured

or complained to me (or anyone else) about their current problems or those ahead. Nor did she talk about having no money to purchase food even though they had none at the time. This lady is the epitome of true happiness. She understands the value of choosing happiness over unhappiness, even in adverse situations. When I mentioned this situation to my husband, we decided to be her lifeline for the food they needed. I don't say this with a holier than thou attitude, but as an example of how it enhanced our lives, and how we were humbled to help others in need.

If you want to give yourself a million-dollar gift this New Year, then choose happiness. Change your thoughts and reach out to others in need. I assure you, the worry and depression will soon be gone and you will wonder why you didn't do so sooner.

Proverbs 16:20 says, "He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." God bless!

## BSISD

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Galan declined to reveal the name of the new superintendent, but added that trustees believe the person is highly qualified for the position.

"All along, our focus was to find a person

who best fit our school district's needs," she said. "After interviewing all the candidates, we feel this person will do a very good job for Big Spring Independent School District."

The district has been without a full-time superintendent since Michael Downes resigned in June 2007 after five years as chief executive of the district. Dr. Mi-

chael Stevens, former superintendent of Herford ISD, has served as interim superintendent since that time.

Once a finalist is named, that person must wait a state-mandated 21 days before being officially hired. In any case, Galan said last week she doesn't expect the new chief to assume full-time duties with the district until this sum-

mer. In other business, trustees approved:

- Agreements to allow the Howard County Election Administrator's Office to conduct this year's trustee election. Two positions on the board — District 2, currently held by Maria Padilla, and District 4, held by Tony Kennedy, will be up for election May 9 for three-year

terms. Both Padilla and Kennedy indicated Thursday they intend to run for re-election.

The trustee election will be held in conjunction with Big Spring municipal elections May 9.

- The district's audit. The board learned no negative findings were reported by district auditors.

- The district's 2008 tax roll.

- The hiring of Karen Fryar, physical education instructor at Bauer Elementary.

## RECEIPTS

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months prior. Forsan received \$7,253.96 this month, an amount 33.94 percent higher than the \$5,415.51 taken in for January 2008.

Noting a decrease of 8.59 percent in tax

receipts was Lamesa, which took in \$85,200.08 this month compared to \$93,207.80 a year ago.

Lubbock experienced a slight increase — 2.96 percent — when comparing receipts of \$3,677,130.32 in January 2009 to \$3,571,085.40 in January 2008.

Receipts were up 11.71 percent in Mid-

land, which received \$2,942,785.42 this month and \$2,634,284.96 a year ago.

Monahans realized an increase of 30.28 percent, comparing the \$146,413.50 received this month to \$112,380.62 in January 2008.

Odessa received \$1,891,617.35 this month, up 8.1 percent compared

to \$1,749,843.98 for January 2008.

Receipts were up 7.56 percent in San Angelo, which received \$1,555,404.95 this month compared to \$1,445,959.74 in January 2009.

Snyder received \$229,787.44 this month, down 3.61 percent compared to the \$238,408.12 received a year ago.

Receipts were off 13.98 percent for Stanton, comparing the \$20,717.82 received this month to the \$24,085.08 taken in for January 2008.

In Sweetwater, receipts were up just 3.93 percent, comparing the \$215,847.50 received in January 2009 to the \$207,683.88 received in

## SPLASH

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back exit open," he said. "So, that scared us a little bit, and we tried and the flight attendant did a wonderful job trying, but then finally turned and said immediately "Go to the wing (exit)."

National Transportation Safety Board investigators will now focus on recovering the black box from the plane and interviewing the crew about the accident — apparently caused by birds that slammed into the plane's two engines. The Airbus A320, built in 1999, is tethered to a pier on the tip of Lower Manhattan.

Sullenberger and copilot Jeff Skiles and crew have become instant heroes for guiding the plane to safety and safely evacuating the passengers.

Sullenberger, 57, of

Danville, Calif., is a former Air Force fighter pilot who has flown for US Airways for 29 years. He also runs a safety consulting firm.

US Airways chief executive Doug Parker said in a statement it was premature to speculate about the cause. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said there was no immediate indication the incident was "anything other than an accident."

It was a chain of improbability. Birds tangle with airplanes regularly but rarely bring down commercial aircraft. Jet engines sometimes fail — but both at once? Pilots train for a range of emergencies, but few, if any, have ever successfully ditched a jet in one of the nation's busiest waterways without any life-threatening injuries.

"We had a miracle on 34th Street. I believe

now we have had a miracle on the Hudson," Gov. David Paterson said.

If the accident was hard to imagine, so was the result: Besides one victim with two broken legs, there were no other reports of serious injuries to the 155 people aboard.

"You're happy to be alive, really," 23-year-old passenger Bill Zuhoski said.

US Airways Airbus

A320, bound for Charlotte, N.C., took off from LaGuardia Airport at 3:26 p.m. Less than a minute later, the pilot reported a "double bird strike" and said he needed to return to LaGuardia, said Doug Church, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Army cannot allow another major mistake

We see the numbers every day, the casualty counts that tell us the number of men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We do not see the faces behind those numbers, but we know they are there.

And we know those numbers represent real people, people whose deaths leave a terrible void in the lives of those who loved them.

The U.S. Army made a horrible mistake recently, sending out insensitive letters to the families of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The salutations, according to the Los Angeles Times, read: "Dear John Doe."

The letters, printed by a private contractor, were sent out in December, and a software problem resulted in a malfunction that printed the wrong place-holder salutation at the top of the letter, the Times reported.

Army officials responded immediately. "There are no words to adequately apologize for this mistake or for the hurt it may have caused," Brig. Gen. Reuben D. Jones said in a statement.

We know that bureaucracies make mistakes, and we know that the U.S. Army, despite this egregious breach, appreciates the huge sacrifices its soldiers make, but these types of errors cannot be allowed to happen again.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can escape for a few minutes, Lord, when we silently say a quick prayer.

Amen

# French fries in triplicate

How 'bout one more holiday story to start off the new year? Or, more correctly, to cap off the old one?

It's a "feel good" piece about three young men who had put in their time at school one day just before dismissal for the holidays. En route home, they talked their mom into an ice cream stop at McDonald's near Hulen Mall in Fort Worth.

Ron Hoffman, who owns several McDonald's restaurants in the city, saw them get out of the car. The 16-year-olds, sharply dressed in their uniforms worn to school at the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, caught his eye.

Thinking their neat appearance to be the very kind sought in prospective employees, he hoped that maybe, just maybe, the purpose of their visit might be to check out employment opportunities.

He overheard their conversations about ice cream, and his heart sank. Mom's mandate, however, was a quick cockle-warmer. In fact, her proviso could have been no more effective if he'd scripted it himself.

"We'll order the ice cream AFTER you boys get applications for jobs," she announced.

Hoffman and two of his associates quickly introduced themselves, as if on cue. Applications were completed in short order, and the youngsters were hired before they could eat their ice cream.

Matthew, Mark and Luke Wilborn — identical triplets born in Fort Worth to the Rev. and Mrs. James Wilborn — had landed

their first jobs.

Their assignments? Manning the three drive-through windows.

The trio is having tons of fun noting double takes — then triple takes — as customers drive through.

"Are y'all twins?" is a typical question at window No. 2.

At window No. 3, some customers are pretty sure that it's the same guy zipping quickly from window to window.

TV folks jumped on the story first. Brett Johnson from NBC-Channel 5 in Fort Worth spent several hours with McDonald's "three disciples." (An early question, of course, was whether the triplets had a brother named "John." They have five siblings, including one "James," but no "John.")

In our world that is sometimes described as a "train wreck in progress," hope and good will — however faint — are wonderful nuggets in a slag field of "gloom and doom."

The clip was picked up by NBC affiliates throughout the nation. America is breaking into a smile as viewers learn of these youngsters serving folks in triplicate.

"Shelf life" of the story remains strong.

Queries have come from Jay Leno's "Tonight Show" in Los Angeles and from "Good Morning America" in New York City.

Who knows where these sons of a preacher-man will wind up? Right now, Matthew, Mark and Luke are taking it all in stride.

These youngsters have a plan. All three are musicians. They play electric guitars and have goals to reach star status, say like the Jonas Brothers.

When they graduate from the Academy a couple of years from now, they hope to attend UCLA to learn more about the music

industry.

I hope someone lets them know that my services are available to help them on the national scene. I just might be able to help them get a shot at Good Morning America.

After all, I'm experienced, having been a guest there last summer.

Oh, you didn't see it? I'm sorry. To refresh your memory, it was a Friday in Bryant Park. During Sam Champion's weather-cast, I muscled my way through the mass of humanity until I was just one person away from the restraining rope. Alas, the "obstacle" was a big college guy waving a sign to his mom and dad back home in Nebraska. It read, of course, "SEND MONEY."

OK, so I was a "face in the crowd." At least I'm not claiming to be an advisor to ABC. That would be a stretch, too. However, when I offered to advise the ABC moguls, they said if they ever needed my advice, they'd ask for it.

What nerve!

As to the triplets, maybe there'll be a talent scout posing as a customer. After the youngsters process the order, including the inevitable question about "wanting fries with that," they can "sing their 'thank-you's.'" Or at least strum guitar accompaniment.

And one day, they can tell their kids and grandkids about working the drive-through windows at McDonald's, where they brightened the way for others on life's rocky roads.

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# When to think twice ... or not

Thinking twice or even three times about a possible action or decision is often warranted wisdom. But are there times when over-thinking causes us to become stuck in rumination?

The time of year is upon us when many undergo their annual ritual of introspection. People ponder and consider how they can improve the way they live their lives.

Too much analysis, however, can be like kneading dough. And like dough, a problem can swell in size and seem larger than it really is. When this happens, a deluge of negative thoughts and emotions can overwhelm the over-thinker to the point of interfering with forward movement and progress.

The ruminator becomes so trapped in the past -- focusing only on negative memories -- that he also becomes pessimistic about the present and fatalistic about the future.

So perhaps over-thinking is not the best way to keep New Year's resolutions and reach goals.

Thinking too much can also result in indecisiveness. And indecision always leads to inaction.

I've often wondered if the disciples of Jesus thought twice

when Jesus asked them to follow him.

In the book of Matthew we read, "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." And the Bible tells us, "And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." (Matthew 4:18-20)

And yet another time we read, "And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." (Matthew 4:21-22)

It sure doesn't sound like these disciples belabored much over their decision to follow the Master.

Again, I'm not encouraging rash and hasty actions. Certainly the prudence of thinking twice is unquestionable in many instances. Naturally we want to make responsible decisions and wise moves. But there does seem to be some truth to the expression -- "the paralysis of analysis."

If you are dissatisfied with your life, one of the best approaches could be to act more like the person you want to be rather than sitting around analyzing yourself. Aristotle put it this way: "We become just by the practice of just actions, self-con-

trolled by exercising self-control, and courageous by performing acts of courage."

Maybe instead of wondering whether or not you have time to talk a walk, you go take a walk. Or rather than questioning if you should go back to school, you register for a class. Or in lieu of hesitating to put in for time off, you take that vacation you've not had in years. And instead of complaining about the paint on your house, you go buy paint and change it. And in place of dreaming about taking time for yourself, you make that appointment to get a pedicure or a massage.

Or even instead of belaboring over whether or not you should order dessert, you order and enjoy it, my friend!

Whether or not you think twice about something, the end result always needs to be some decision and action. Don't get trapped by contemplating, deliberating, chewing on and mulling over to the point of doing nothing -- unless doing nothing is your decision, of course.

It could be that sometimes, at least occasionally, our best self-instruction is: "Don't think -- just do!"

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## Church News

### First United Methodist Church

Saturday, all church leaders will meet in Garrett Hall for Leadership Training. Members of the administrative board will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served for all leaders. Committee chairpersons and committees will meet from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. This a vision and planning session to chart the course of ministry for the year.

Sunday, our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will continue with the series "Irresistible Invitation." Week two's sermon title is "A Love Like No Other." Individual study books and guides are available in the church office for \$12. Prepare your heart and spirit to be renewed by God's extravagant love.

The Rev. Jim Wright completed his duties as minister of music last week at First Methodist. This Sunday the congregation and community is honoring both Jim and his lovely wife Mary with a luncheon and reception at noon in Garrett Hall. Our folks will be there and we would especially invite those in the community and other churches who have been a part of Jim's music ministry in the Living Christmas Tree and other community endeavors.

Watch for more information about upcoming events such as "Walk Thru the Bible" and another Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace" — all coming soon to First Methodist Church at Fourth and Scurry, where families grow in Christ.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Wednesday activities include Bible study at 5:17 p.m., youth group and choir practice at 6 p.m.

Liturgist for January is Helen Glass. Donna Ammonet is in charge of "Take Ten" re-

freshments for Sunday.

At the congregational meeting following worship last Sunday, the annual report was received and a session recommendation to confer the title of Pastor Emeritus on Flynn Long was acted on by the congregation.

The Working Women's Bible Study group met Thursday evening.

The lectionary for the second Sunday in Ordinary Time is I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51. The choir will be joined by soprano Tiffany Greathouse, who will offer a solo of Mozart's "Laudamus Te" and sing with the choir on "Laudate Domenum." "A Tough Beginning," based on Mark 1:13, is the topic of the Rev. Bronaugh's sermon.

### First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Saturday evening, Jan. 10, was our bimonthly Frolic. About 20 attended to enjoy six different entertainment acts.

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### St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites everyone to attend services beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday with adult, youth and children's Sunday school classes following at 10:15 a.m. Our services are led by Pastor Wayne Frost.

Operation On Going Support for our troops isn't stopping



Courtesy photo

### Fifty-three adults and 12 children signed the charter Sunday at Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS at 2905 Lynn.

just because it is a new year. We are continuing for 2009 to help our troops receive items. January items: Hand or feet warmers (as used by skiers, hunters, etc.), Vitamin C drops (like cough drops), and beef or turkey jerky (no pork). You can also donate to the AT&T Phone Card Fund. This allows our troops to call home.

A big reminder that small group Bible studies are starting up again. There are several study groups to choose from and are open to anyone wishing to attend. You may contact the church office at 267-7163, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for places and times.

### College Baptist Church

Brother Ken is preaching a series of sermons on the formation and implementation of our Mission/Vision Statement — "On Mission, In Real Life: Reaching, Teaching, Ministering, in Jesus' Name."

Plans are under way for CBC to be on Mission in New Orleans in March with Steve and Ann Corbin and the Maritime Ministry.

CBC Youth will be participating in Ignite in Lubbock Friday and Saturday.

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We want to remind everyone of the upcoming mission trip to Reserve, La., March 6-14. We will join College Baptist Church in rebuilding the Maritime Ministries which was severely damaged during the hurricane. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate Christ's unconditional love. If you're interested in going, contact Bro. Cal Westerhof through the church office at 267-2291.

The members of East Fourth want to invite you to come hear God's Word brought by our pastor, Keith Weaver.

Sunday services start with Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have Adult Bible Study and prayer meeting, Youth Bible Study and Children's Back Door Bible Study at 7 p.m. A Men's Bible Study is at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Come visit us; we'd love to get to know you. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

What an exciting time we had last Sunday! This was our charter Sunday with 53 adults and 12 children signing the charter for our new church. Kent Ivey took the pictures of everyone signing the charter. Then all the new officers and committee members took their oaths of office.

Pastor Robert Boyce was the officiant for this special Sunday's festivities. He and the elders passed out charter membership certificates and he and the Rev. Carroll

C. Kohl, vice president of the Texas District LCMS, gave certificates of completion to all those who have attended a review course in Christian Doctrine, taught by the Rev. Kohl.

Thank you's were given for all those who cleaned and waxed the new church building in preparation for this special Sunday in our church.

Alive in Christ will have Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. with the Rev. Robert Boyce officiating. Sunday school will follow after coffee and goodies at 10:15 a.m.

Youth confirmation classes will be at 5:45 Wednesday with Bobby Roeber as teacher.

We are located at 2805 Lynn St. Our phone number is 267-2594.

### Baptist Temple Church

We are continuing our sermon series, "I Need to Change." All of us need to change the way we are. We are incapable of doing it on our own. Only God can change us. It isn't easy for change to take place but we must allow God to change us if we are ever going to be set free.

Sunday, Feb. 1, we will have a Super Bowl Outreach Party. We will gather in our fellowship hall to watch the big game on the big screen. At halftime, we will watch a video of Derrick Brooks, linebacker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, tell the story of his faith journey with God. Bring a dish to share and bring your favorite board game if you wish. We will get started at 5 p.m.

We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Jan. 25, we will start a new class called Temple 101. This is open to anyone wanting to know what our church is about. Worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. We also have activities for all ages at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Our 12-step group meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the fellowship hall. It is open to anyone struggling with any addiction. It is free though donations are accepted to cover the cost of the workbook.

For more information, call

us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at [btcbigspring.org](http://btcbigspring.org)

### First Baptist Church

This evening, First Baptist Church is hosting The Stamps Quartet in concert at 7 p.m. This quartet has been a blessing to gospel music lovers for many years, and we are honored to have them come to our city and share the message of Christ through their music. Please come. Bring your neighbors. Let's have a good crowd for these gentlemen.

Our church is very excited about having a man come to our church in view of a call to be the pastor of our congregation very soon. Our Pastor Search Committee has not released his name in respect to him, his family, and current church. We'll keep you updated.

Beth Moore's Bible Study, "Ester: It's Tough Being a Woman", begins Monday at 9:30 a.m. in our conference room. Nancy Spurgin will be the facilitator for the study. Childcare is available.

Fifth and sixth graders, activities just for you begin Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

The Youth will be going back to Glorieta, N.M., this summer. Camp dates are July 20-25. Also, DiscipleNow Weekend is coming in February. Don't miss it.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The St. Andrews's Brotherhood meeting and breakfast is at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 25, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Church reports will be looked over, new officers introduced and vestry members will be voted on.

Please join us for this very important meeting.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

## The investigation

I've been investigated — thoroughly checked out. Not only have my intentions been questioned, but my ancestry has been challenged as well. It wasn't some computer hacker trying to steal my identity; it was a couple of good old boys with cell phones who poked into my business.

It all started out innocently enough when my husband, Dwayne, and I decided to visit the farm house where my grandparents lived when I was a kid. Our three-hour drive from Big Spring culminated in front of a 70-year-old rock house 18 miles down a dirt road off Highway 380 in Stonewall County. It was a trip down memory lane for me and a curiosity drive for both of us. I was amazed at how the mesquite trees had grown up around the empty house and how much smaller it seemed. I'm sure the rooms used to be larger, but even the porch had shrunk.

It was a beautiful day, and Dwayne and I spent several hours hauling junk that the last resident had left behind out of the house. All the time we were there, only two vehicles drove past the house, but just before dark, someone in a car slowed down and almost stopped.

When we got home, there was a call from one of my cousins who lives nearer the old house and takes care of the farm land. She re-

lated a story that could have been a sequel to The Tale of Chicken Little.

In that story, a fluffy chick named Chicken Little enlisted Henny Penny, Ducky Lucky, Cocky Locky, Goosey Loosey and Foxy Loxy to help her report to the king that the sky was falling. In our scenario, the man who discovered the intruders called his brother, who called his friend, who called his mother, my cousin, to report that there was a strange pickup in front of the Boydston place and to ask if anyone should call the sheriff.

Fortunately, I had talked with my cousin the day before we made the trip, and she knew what my intentions were. She was able to vouch for me as a joint heir and defend my right to be inside the old house.

The scripture teaches that those who are children of God have an advocate who bears witness to our relationship to the Father: "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ ..." (Romans 8:16-17 NASB).

I'm grateful for my grandparents who made me one of several heirs to a little piece of farm land and an old rock house way out in the country. However, I'm even more thankful that my Heavenly Father has made me a joint heir to a mansion in heaven. When God's children appear before Him for that final investigation, we will have the assurance that we are joint heirs and the Holy Spirit stands ready to testify on our behalf.



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WHEAT



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The Rev. Bill Welsh, second from right, receives a \$1,200 donation from Lutheran Women's Missionary League members, from left, Fran Jansch, Doris Varley, Irma Dunckel and Sandi Fulesday recently. The donation goes to support the Big Spring High School Bible class.

## Rebuilding a child's landmark

### Big Spring Chicano Golf Association holding tourney to benefit Kids' Zone

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Some things simply tug at the heartstrings of a community.

For Big Spring, the burning of a portion of the Kids' Zone playground in December caused plenty of outrage, particularly since it was built by funds donated by local businesses and with the hands of volunteers.

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association knows it's time to rebuild and is putting a plan to

raise money for the project into action.

The CGA is holding a golf tournament at the municipal golf course in Comanche Trail Park Saturday. The fee for signing up is \$100 per four-man team. There will be a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and all players must be registered by 10:30 a.m.

The response for the tournament has been resounding.

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A sign honoring all the volunteers and businesses who contributed to the funding and building of the Kids' Zone playground at Comanche Trail Park is shown. A portion of Kids' Zone was burned to the ground in December. The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding a fundraiser golf tournament at the municipal golf course at 11 p.m. Saturday in hopes of raising funds to rebuild the playground.

## HC men, women pick up crucial wins

### Hawks hold off No. 10 OC

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

ODESSA — It was almost deja vu. Howard College's men's basketball team was watching a late lead dissipate for a second consecutive game. Monday, the Hawks ended up losing to Western Texas College, 53-49.

However, apparently Howard learned from its mistake and held off a late surge from No. 10 Odessa College for a 50-45 victory Thursday.

The Hawks led by as many as 14 points, 44-30, in the second half, but Odessa finally started to live up to its national ranking. The Wranglers rolled off an 11-0 run to pull within 3, 44-41.

Howard got a huge break on its next possession. Point guard Denzel Barnes, who was nursing a sore ankle and tight lower back, pulled up for a three as the shot clock was running down and was fouled in the process. An Odessa player reached up and tapped the ball off the rim after the whistle, initiating a goaltending call.

The shot counted as a result of

the mistake and Barnes capitalized at the free throw line to convert the rare and awkward four-point play, giving

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#### WJCAC Men's Standings

Team	Conference	Overall
Midland College	6-0	19-1
Odessa College	4-2	18-2
Western Texas	4-2	14-5
South Plains	3-2	15-2
New Mexico JC	3-2	15-4
Howard College	2-3	13-5
NMMI	1-4	6-13
Frank Phillips	0-4	10-8
Clarendon College	0-4	8-9

**Thursday's results:** Howard 50, Odessa 45; Midland 74, South Plains 60; Western Texas 80, New Mexico 70; Clarendon at Frank Phillips (No score available); NMMI was off.

**Monday's games:** Clarendon at Howard, Midland at NMMI, Odessa at New Mexico, Frank Phillips at South Plains, Western Texas is open.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard point guard Denzel Barnes looks to drive the lane in action from Dec. 2008 against Midland. The Hawks defeated 10th-ranked Odessa College Thursday night, 50-45, in Odessa.



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Howard College's Rachael Dryver shoots over a defender in action from earlier this season in Midland. Dryver and Hawks won their second straight game Thursday, defeating Odessa College, 71-59.

## Hawk women too much for OC

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

ODESSA — At one point in the second half of the Howard College Hawks women's basketball game against Odessa College Monday, it appeared sophomore guard Miesha Blackshear couldn't even breathe on the sidelines.

Unfortunately for Odessa's Lady Wranglers, Blackshear caught her breath and led the Hawks to a 71-59 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

For 31 minutes of the 40-minute contest, it was clear Howard was the quicker and more skilled team. The Hawks led by as many as 20 points in the second half, but had a five minute period where nothing they put up went through the basket.

Odessa capitalized, holding the Hawks scoreless, while embarking on a 17-0 run. The Lady Wranglers pulled within 3, 56-53, and Howard appeared to be reeling on both ends of the floor.

Head Coach Earl Diddle called time out with slightly

#### WJCAC Women's Standings

Team	Conference	Overall
Midland College	6-0	22-0
South Plains	3-1	16-4
New Mexico JC	3-1	12-5
Howard College	3-2	18-3
Odessa College	2-3	13-8
Frank Phillips	2-3	9-10
Clarendon College	0-4	11-7
Western Texas	0-5	5-16

**Thursday's results:** Howard 71, Western Texas 59; Midland 78, South Plains 37; New Mexico 54, Western Texas 38; Frank Phillips 72, Clarendon 65.

**Monday's games:** Clarendon at Howard, Odessa at New Mexico, Frank Phillips at South Plains, Midland and Western Texas are open.

more than five minutes to play in the game and it was during this break Blackshear appeared to be having an asthma attack.

As the trainers worked to help her catch her breath, the Hawks went on the floor without their top backside defender. Freshman Chassidy Cole then stepped up, hitting a crucial 3-pointer with 4:34 to play to break Odessa's run.

Blackshear returned to the floor shortly after that and immediately jumped a passing lane, picked the ball off

and streaked to the basket for an easy layup.

Blackshear's efforts on the defensive end propelled the Hawks to a 15-6 run to end the game, giving Howard the 12-point victory and improving its conference record to 3-2.

"Miesha is a fantastic anticipator," said Howard Head Coach Earl Diddle. "She anticipates passes on the backside extremely well. Her efforts are made possible by the amount of pressure her teammates put on the ball. She's then free to go after the ball."

Blackshear led the Hawks in four statistical categories with 18 points, seven rebounds, four assists and seven steals. Chassidy Cole scored 16, while Patricia Malouff added 12.

Odessa was led by Priscilla Rbiandja's 16 points. Shon Mbondond scored eight of her 12 in the second half and Tammie Thornton picked up all 10 of her points in the final 20 minutes.

The Hawks led by 14, 39-25, at the end of the first half.

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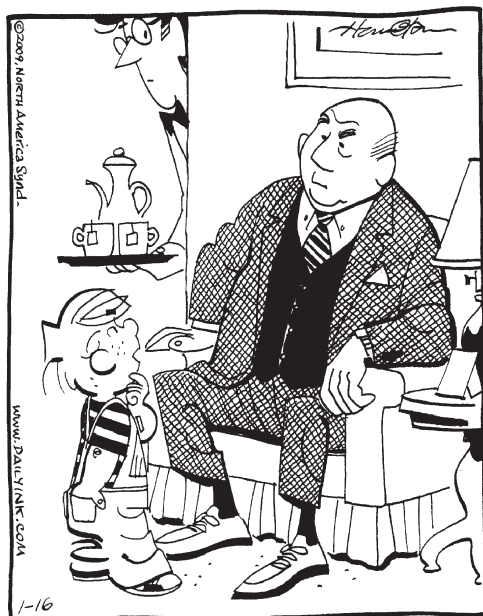
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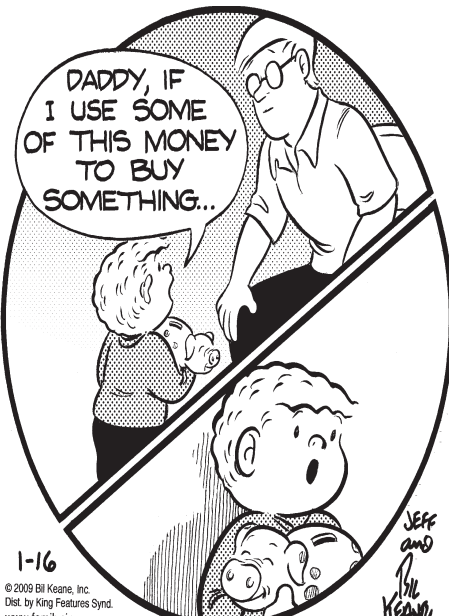
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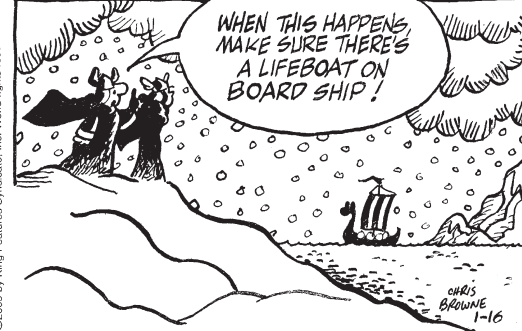
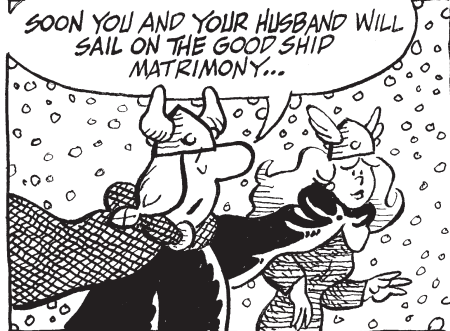
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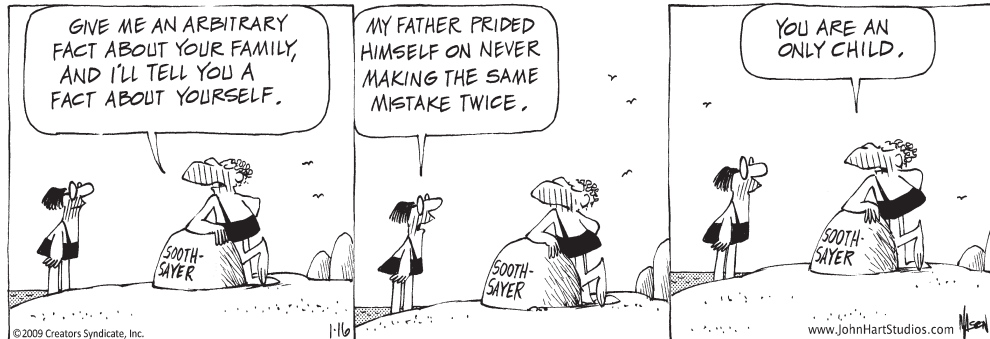


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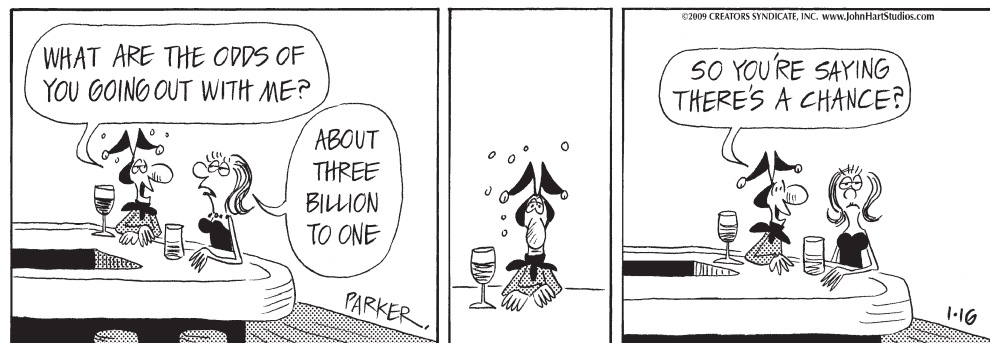
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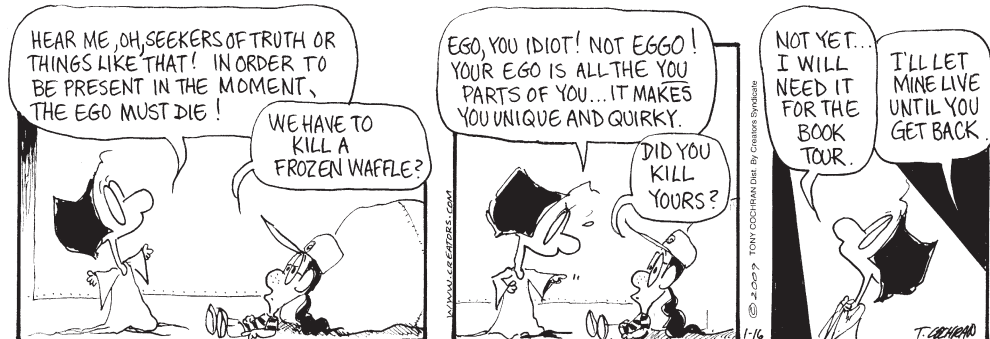
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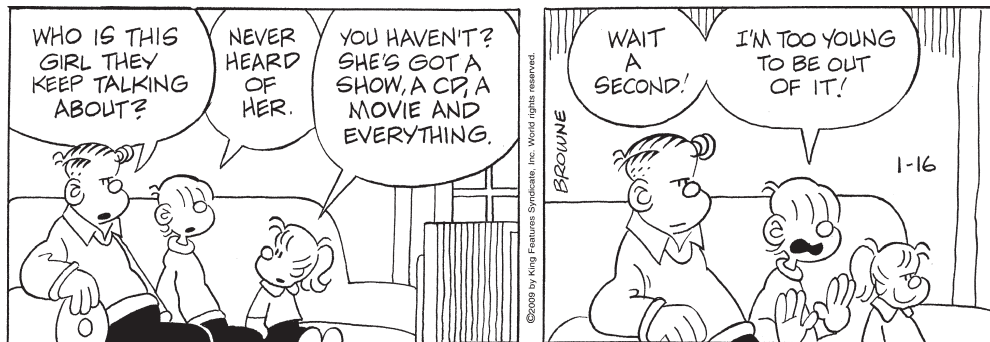
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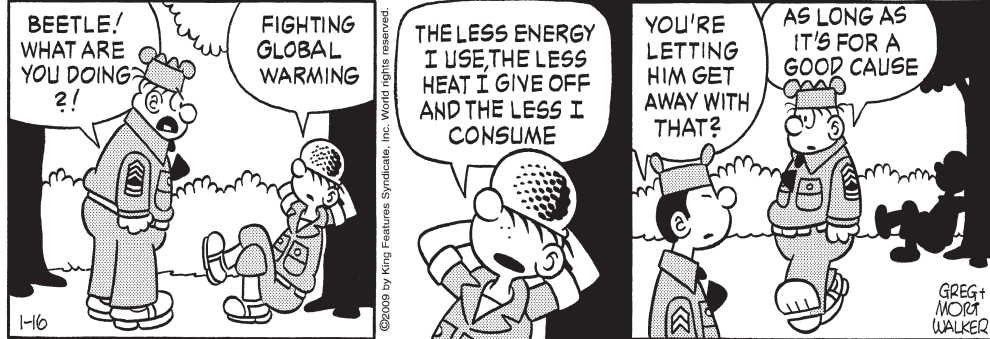
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Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother and about 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas while returning from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D.

Eisenhower took command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London.

In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1989, three days of rioting began in Miami when a police officer fatally shot a black motorcyclist, causing a crash that also claimed the life of a passenger.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off under extremely tight security; on board was Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (The mission ended in tragedy when the shuttle broke up during its return descent, killing all seven crew members.)

In 2007, Sen. Barack Obama, D-III, launched his successful bid for the White House.

Today's Birthdays: Author

William Kennedy is 81. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 79. Rock musician Bob Bogle (The Ventures) is 75. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 75. Auto racer A.J. Foyt is 74. Singer Barbara Lynn is 67. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 66. Country singer Jim Stafford is 65. Talk show host Laura Schlessinger is 62. Movie director John Carpenter is 61. Actress-dancer-choreographer Debbie Allen is 59. Singer Sade is 50. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxine Jones (En Vogue) is 43. Actor David Chokachi is 41. Actor Richard T. Jones is 37. Actress Josie Davis is 36. Model Kate Moss is 35.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | 66 Frat letter        | 10 Something to toast         | revolting!"                    |
| 1 Feudin' with                | 67 Corkers            | 11 Class member               | 38 Quite a stretch             |
| 5 More plentiful              | 68 Football great     | 12 Sky-blue                   | 40 Brood                       |
| 11 One way to stand           | Graham                | 13 Fierce one                 | 42 Hoops grp.                  |
| 14 Meat alternative           | 69 Acuity of a sort   | 18 Big name in eye health     | 45 Far from new                |
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| 17 Michael Keaton film of '88 | <b>DOWN</b>           | 26 Big name in suits          | 50 Expound                     |
| 19 Wrinkly pooch              | 1 Cornered            | 28 Quaint oath                | 51 State of the Union          |
| 20 Playground retort          | 2 Museum regulars     | 30 Skagway resident           | 52 Keep busy                   |
| 21 3-D medical test           | 3 Beatles tune of '64 | 31 Outlying communities       | 55 Adhesive                    |
| 22 Ireland alias              | 4 Bar-counter snack   | 32 Air overseer               | 56 Lead, e.g.                  |
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# Young recants trade request, will move to 3B

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

Michael Young will accept the Texas Rangers' decision to move him to third base, even though the five-time All-Star shortstop initially asked to be traded and still doesn't agree with the plan.

"In an effort not to let this thing drag out and move forward with the task at hand, which is playing winning baseball, I have decided to put an end to this and start bearing down on playing third base," Young said Thursday. "My focus isn't playing for any (other) team."

Young said during a conference call that he knew a trade was unlikely and that another position switch seemed inevitable.

"I didn't see much of a point in letting this drag on," he said. "The last thing I want to do, especially in mid-January, is have my focus on anything other than being ready for spring training."

The Rangers first spoke to Young last month about moving to third base to make room for touted prospect Elvis Andrus to play shortstop.

General manager Jon Daniels confirmed Sunday night that the Rangers were exploring trade options at Young's request.

Young, the team's longest-tenured player going into his ninth season,

had since had additional conversations with team president Nolan Ryan that the player described as "especially productive." Young also called manager Ron Washington, but hasn't spoken again with the general manager.

"What was in the best interest of the ballclub is what he wanted to do," Ryan said. "I think that's why he came to his decision early, so we can move on and get ready for spring training. ... He's obviously the leader on our team and we didn't want a situation where it wouldn't work out for the ballclub or him."

This season will start the five-year, \$80 million contract extension Young signed during spring training in 2007 that prevented him from becoming a free agent. He is due about \$62 million over the next five seasons since some of the money was paid as a signing bonus and more is deferred.

That contract was the second-largest in team history, behind only the \$252 million, 10-year deal Alex Rodriguez got in December 2000.

Young switched from second base to shortstop in the spring of 2004, after the Rangers traded Rodriguez to the New York Yankees. Since then, Young has made the AL All-Star team at shortstop all five seasons, and last year he won his first Gold Glove.

Based on his performance, the 32-year-old Young doesn't think it's

the right time in his career to switch positions again.

"When I first had this conversation with the GM a month ago, I didn't think it was time then. I don't think this was time now," Young said. "I feel like I'm playing well at that position, but having said that, it's not my call."

Ryan and Daniels both realize that Young was surprised, even though it is a move that was expected at some point later.

"When you make a decision of this nature, there's no crystal ball that tells you it's the right time," Ryan said. "But we feel like Elvis is ready, we feel like it's the right time."

Andrus is a 20-year-old prospect who has never played above Double-A. But Ryan said Andrus, who came from Atlanta in the July 2007 trade for Mark Teixeira, keeps getting better.

"All we're presenting him with is an opportunity," Daniels said. "He has to go out and do the rest."

Andrus hit .295 with four home runs, 65 RBIs and 56 stolen bases in 118 games for Double-A Frisco last season. He had a .944 fielding average with 32 errors.

Young described Andrus as "a good kid" and said he would do anything he could to help him become a better player.

But Young also is concerned about

learning his new position. He appeared in four games at third as a rookie in 2001.

"This is not going to be an easy move. Just because you're going 40 feet to the right, it's not a slam dunk," Young said. "I told my wife I might as well be moving to left field. Granted some balls still come on the ground and my throws still go to first base, but I'm no longer in the middle of the field, and that was one thing I was initially angry about."

When Young switched to shortstop, he was replacing an AL MVP and allowing Alfonso Soriano, an All-Star second baseman who came from the Yankees in the A-Rod deal, to avoid a position switch. Young was also moving back to the position he played in the minor leagues.

Young is a career .300 hitter, though his streak of five consecutive 200-hit seasons was snapped in 2008 when he was hampered by a fractured right ring finger the last two months of the season. He was the AL batting champion in 2005 when he hit .331.

Ramon Vazquez started a team-high 60 games at third base last season, while rookie Chris Davis and injury-plagued Hank Blalock each started 31. Davis will play first base this season and Blalock, a two-time All-Star third baseman, will be primarily a designated hitter.

# Clemens' former trainer meets with federal prosecutors

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens' former personal trainer Brian McNamee was meeting Friday with federal prosecutors building a perjury case against the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

McNamee arrived at the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington accompanied by his lawyers, Richard Emery and Earl Ward. Asked by a reporter if he wanted to comment on

the way into the building, McNamee shook his head no.

He has told federal agents and baseball investigator George Mitchell he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998-01. Clemens repeatedly has denied using illegal performance-enhancing drugs — including under oath.

McNamee was likely in town to prepare for his expected testimony before a grand jury that has been asked to determine whether Clemens should

be indicted on charges of lying to Congress. A day earlier, and only a few blocks away, convicted steroids dealer Kirk Radomski appeared at the federal courthouse where that grand jury is seated.

A former New York Mets' clubhouse attendant, Radomski has admitted to selling speed, steroids and HGH to dozens of players from 1995 until Dec. 14, 2005. And it was Radomski who led federal investigators to McNamee.

They figure he among the primary

witnesses against Clemens.

McNamee, once close friends with the former baseball star, has turned over to government agents syringes, vials and other items his lawyers said would link Clemens to drug use. Clemens' camp has called it "manufactured" evidence.

McNamee repeated his allegations under oath to congressional investigators and at a public House hearing in February — and Clemens testified in the same settings that he did not use performance-enhancers.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Welcome to the romantic comedy version of your life. With Mercury traveling retrograde in the air sign of Aquarius and the moon tripping lightly through another air sign, Libra, the stage is set for the kind of circumstance that Hollywood screenwriters call "the meet-cute." Singles could bumble and bump straight into their nemesis/life love.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A person or memento from your past will resurface with accompanying deep emotions -- though not perhaps as deep as you thought they would be. It's evidence that



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you've already undergone profound personal healing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). An associate may accidentally bump you from the spotlight. OK, maybe it was intentional. Either way, be the classier person. If you wrestle a pig, you both get dirty. And the pig loves it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Private concerns and responsibilities could compromise your work objectives. Get organized and you'll avoid making a costly mistake. To err is human; to forgive may or may not be company policy.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Opportunities at work are brewing. In spite of any mistreatment from your superiors, this is a time to forgive, forget and remain open. To utilize upcoming events you'll need everyone on your side.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your toil will be justly rewarded. Keep your eyes open to recognize the reward because it won't arrive in the expected form. By day's end you will feel a great sense of satisfaction from a job well done.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Recent disruptions have been a good thing for you and as the dust settles you start to see why. You really didn't plan to benefit from this mixed up situation, and yet when you keep the right attitude you can't help but win.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Recently you were forced by your sense of self-preservation to speak up. And you did so just in time. Now everybody knows you will stand up for yourself. Notice and enjoy the respect you are getting now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have everything you want, and yet, from time to time, you may be inundated with feelings of longing. When gratitude becomes the loudest voice of your inner monologue good fortune is the immediate result.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have been oblivious to some novel, highly beneficial ideas that came your way recently. Leave your comfort zone and stretch your creative muscle with some edgy, innovative sensory delights.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A special someone helps you discover a newfound independence. Let nothing stop your development. The validation you get from an authority figure will reaffirm notions of who you are and who you are becoming.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will communicate with people from days gone by.

Even though none of you travel in the same circles together as you once did, treat all as friends. This is a new chapter.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Avoid the stale, nearsighted visions of others that will only paint your ideas as unreasonable or outlandish. Brimming with passion and self-assertiveness, you'll take steps towards some idealistic -- but not impossible -- goals.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** A dashing suitor may nonetheless be unsuitable for you. Use discretion. **TAURUS:** Your idea of steadfast love is different from a partner's idea -- discuss. **GEMINI:** You align with Mercury, your guiding planet, for some loveable mischief making. **CANCER:** You're idealistic in your

approach to romance and some of those high standards will actually be met. **LEO:** Your notions of fun match perfectly with your partner's and the result is a blissful stretch of together time. **VIRGO:** You need a charismatic counterpart to draw you out and someone who fits the bill will emerge on Saturday. **LIBRA:** A nurturing sweetheart is so attentive you could just about heal an age-old wound in the span of this weekend.

**SCORPIO:** You aim to delight and have no problem with hard-to-please partners. You deliver on their every whim. **SAGITTARIUS:** The answer is not across the globe, or street for that matter. Perfect love is oh, so near. **CAPRICORN:** When a loved one demonstrates the ability to facilitate your detailed plans, you

fall hard. **AQUARIUS:** The one who demands the best from you will get it. **PISCES:** You are drawn to those with an artistic way of framing your current situation. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** For air signs Libra and Aquarius, sharing a life together is a breeze. They could be complete strangers standing next to each other in a movie ticket line, or high school sweethearts who have been married for 50 years and the chemistry is the same: effortless, witty and light. This weekend the two enjoy pursuing high-

-minded endeavors that speak to their joint interest in art, design or philosophy.

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## sudoku

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding Quiz

**You are South**, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:  
**West North East South**  
 1♥ Dble Redble ?  
**What would you bid** with each of the following six hands?  
 1. ♠ 942 ♥ J83 ♦ 62 ♣ K7543  
 2. ♠ Q752 ♥ 96432 ♦ 53 ♣ 84  
 3. ♠ J74 ♥ 85 ♦ Q962 ♣ J753  
 4. ♠ Q108632 ♥ A95 ♦ 74 ♣ 82  
 5. ♠ J82 ♥ QJ95 ♦ Q103 ♣ 1085  
 6. ♠ QJ97432 ♥ 874 ♦ 5 ♣ J3  
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**1. Two clubs.** After East's redouble, you're not required to answer partner's takeout double since partner will get a chance to rescue himself if you pass. You should bid, however, if you have a definite preference for one of the unbid suits, as in this case. Bidding in this situation does not guarantee anything in the way of high-card points.

Two clubs not only describes your hand fairly well, but it may also help partner choose an opening lead if West becomes declarer. The chances are that East-West will eventually buy the contract.

**2. One spade.** This is an even more dreadful hand than in the preceding problem, but there is too much risk that if you pass, partner will bid two clubs or two diamonds

when the redouble comes around to him. He may have only three spades, or four bad ones, and bypass that suit in favor of clubs or diamonds, which could lead to disaster. Your spade bid at this point is an attempt to keep your side out of serious trouble.

**3. Pass.** Here you pass because you have tolerance for any suit partner may name when the redouble comes around to him.

**4. Two spades.** This time you not only want to show your suit, but also that you have some real values. The jump-response in this sequence shows mild interest in game, but is not forcing.

**5. One notrump.** The purpose of the notrump call is to tell partner that you have a balanced hand of limited strength and at least one heart stopper. If partner has a five-card or longer suit, he can bid it if he feels that would offer a safer haven than one notrump.

**6. Three spades.** This is a pre-emptive bid, pure and simple, and there are two reasons for it. First, the jump to three spades cramps the bidding and may cause the opponents to wind up in the wrong contract. Second, the pre-empt may pave the way to a worthwhile sacrifice against an adverse game contract.

Tomorrow: Knowledge is everything.

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KIDS' ZONE

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"We've already got more than 30 teams registered to play Saturday," said CGA member Mike Sanchez. "The community is really getting active in participating in this thing. We're out of golf carts available. There were only 25 carts available so we've been encouraging people to bring their own if they have them. We don't have a club house out here right now either. Anyone wanting to sign up Saturday morning just needs to show up and we'll meet them out front."

The idea for the tournament came from CGA president Charlie Garcia. Sanchez said that as soon as Garcia made the suggestion, every other member immediately jumped on board.

"What happened to that playground was terrible," said Sanchez. "Most of us with the association have lived here all our lives. It was a unanimous decision to do this tournament. We really want to get Kids' Zone rebuilt for the

children.

"The CGA is a community-driven organization," he continued. "We've been that way since we started in 1972. We've always helped out the community with whatever we could. When this situation came up, we knew we wanted to help out."

Food, including burgers and chili dogs, and drinks will also be sold on the grounds. Participants can make their own teams. If someone needs a team, they can be placed on one as long as they're at the golf course and register before the 10:30 a.m. deadline.

All proceeds for the tournament fees and food sales are going to fund Kids' Zone. Plaques will be handed out to teams finishing first through fourth.

"We just want to get the people of the community out here so they'll have a part in what we're trying to do," said Sanchez. "It's a great cause and worth contributing to."

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Odessa struggled to properly take care of the ball for most of the game, turning it over 31 times.

The Hawks had 17 steals and scored 32 points off of Odessa's mishaps. Howard was guilty of just 11 turnovers.

"We really went after the ball and I'm proud of how these girls endured Odessa's run," said Diddle. "Odessa is a good team and for that period in the second half, it looked like this game could get away from us. This was a big win, though. We needed to come up with it to improve our standing in the conference."

Howard hosts Clarendon College

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Howard a 48-41 advan-

tage at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard College 71,  
Odessa College 59

Howard (71)

Miesha Blackshear 5-13 8-12 18, Patricia Malouff 4-9 2-2 12, Rachael Dryer 3-8 3-4 9, Chassidy Cole 5-10 4-5 16, DeAndra Thomas 2-6 0-0 4, Clarissa Krum 3-9 0-0 8, Danielle Cota 1-2 0-0 2, Tamara Wallace 1-4 0-10 2. Totals 14-62 17-23 71.

Odessa (59)

Priscilla Mbiandja 5-14 6-6 16, Judith Tabala 3-6 2-2 8, Shon Redmond 6-9 0-0 12, Diandra Marquez 1-4 0-0 2, Emelda Chew 1-1 0-0 2, Telisha Joe 0-5 2-2 2, Keisha Harris 1-1 0-0 2, Brittany Pennell 1-1 0-0 2, Tammie Thornton 3-6 3-3 10, Tamika Johnson 1-4 0-1 2. Totals 22-51 13-14 59.

Halftime: HC 39, OC 25. 3-point goals: HC 6-20 (Malouff 2-5, Cole 2-6, Krum 2-6), OC 2-12 (Pennell 1-1, Thornton 1-2). Rebounds: HC 31 (Blackshear 7), OC 40 (Mbiandja 5, Johnson 5). Assists: HC 12 (Blackshear 4), OC 9 (Mbiandja 3, Redmond 3). Total fouls: HC 17, OC 20. Fouled out: OC - Redmond.

tage with 1:30 to play. Odessa wasn't able to amount another significant run to take the lead.

Only one Hawk finished in double digits in scoring as freshman Joshua Watkins hit for a season-high 17 points. Watkins seemed to be able to slash inside the lane to get to bucket at will. He scored Howard's final points of the night to put the game out of reach for Odessa.

The Wranglers were led by hometown product Justin Najera, who scored 11, while Tommie Sykes added 10.

The contest was anything but crisp on the offensive end as both teams struggled to protect the ball. Odessa and Howard combined for 42 turnovers, with the Hawks being guilty of 22.

Howard simply did more with Odessa's mistakes, outscoring the Wranglers 20-12 in points off turnovers. The Hawks also held Odessa to 34 percent shooting from the field, while Howard connected on 45 percent of its shots.

The game was as close to a must win as

it can get for the Hawks this early in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference season. After dropping two straight in league play, now Howard has some momentum going its way with a victory over the nation's 10th-ranked squad.

Howard attempts to build on its good fortunes, hosting Clarendon College at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard College 50,  
No. 10 Odessa College 45

Howard (50)  
Devon Baker 2-7 2-3 6, Denzel Barnes 2-5 2-4 8, Ricardo Zanini 0-3 0-0 0, Markeys Deans 3-5 0-0 7, Vladimir Gavranic 3-4 0-0 6, Joshua Watkins 7-11 2-2 17, Dante Menter 1-3 0-0 2, Nikola Mandic 0-0 2-2 2, Latrail McCoy 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 19-42 8-11 50.

Odessa (45)  
Melvin Baker 1-4 2-3 4, Justin Najera 5-11 0-0 11, Tommie Sykes 3-7 4-4 10, Josh Brown 1-8 1-2 3, D'Andre Williams 3-6 0-0 8, Devon McLendon 0-6 0-0 0, Desmond Woodberry 2-4 0-1 4, Brian DeLeon 1-2 1-6 3, Rashad Savage 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 17-50 8-16 45.

Halftime: HC 29, OC 17. 3-point goals: HC 4-16 (Barnes 2-5, Deans 1-1, Watkins 1-3), OC 3-16 (Williams 2-4, Najera 1-2). Rebounds: HC 30 (Baker 5), OC 34 (Sykes 7). Assists: HC 7 (Baker 3), OC 11 (Woodberry 3). Total fouls: HC 19, OC 14. Fouled out: OC - Williams.

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Sports in brief

Lady Steers softball team raising funds at Pizza Inn

The Big Spring Lady Steers softball team will be having a fundraiser Thursday, Jan. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pizza Inn.

The Lady Steers will be helping with service and a portion of Pizza Inn's profits during that time will go to the team.

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School field. Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

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