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Burkes honored for role at SWCID

Campus buildings named for husband, wife, adminstrator, instructor

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

The Howard College board of trustees gave special recognition to Dr. Douglas and Beatrice Burke by naming buildings on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus in their honor during their regularly scheduled meeting Monday.

The administration building, now called the Douglas Burke Education and AdminHoward College to establish SWCID and to lead its early development. When he passed away in 1988, we lost a giant in the field of deaf education."

"Dr. Burke was a true visionary as he worked with

sen to honor Dr. Burke for his pioneering role in the life of SWCID.

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As the first deaf individual

to lead an institution of higher education in the nation, Burke paved the road for all deaf leaders and students.

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Sparks

president. "When Dr. Burke passed away in 1988, we lost a giant in the field of deaf education."

Burke's early work in the establishment of a community college for the deaf was a milestone in the world of higher education as it created new opportunities for the deaf not only in Texas but on the national and world-wide scene, officials said.

Sparks added, "He is cer-

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Jail gets **OK** from state board

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners received some good news concerning the new county jail Monday morning, as officials informed the court the facility passed a re-inspection with flying colors, earning a certificate of compliance from the state.

The \$11.57 million jail — which accepted its first inmates in late April 2009 — failed an inspection conducted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in September 2009, as the state agency identified a number of problems with documentation.

According to Jail Administrator Mike Dawson, the commission conducted a reinspection of the facility Friday, part of a follow-up called for after the jail failed to make muster last year.

"They conducted the re-inspection on the See JAIL, Page 3



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

County Jail Administrator Mike Dawson, right, informs members of the Howard County Commissioners Court Monday morning that the jail recently passed its re-inspection, earning full state certification.

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Budget deficit projected at \$1.35 trillion

By ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The lat-

est congressional budget estimates due Tuesday predict a \$1.35 trillion U.S. deficit for this year, a top legislative aide says. The Congressional Budget

Office figures confirm the massive problem facing President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies just days before his Feb. 1 budget submission. The White House says Obama will propose a three-year freeze on domestic agency budgets, though the savings would barely make a dent.

The White House is under considerable pressure to cut deficits — the red ink hit a record \$1.4 trillion last year — or at least keep them from

growing. Encouraged by last week's Massachusetts Senate victory, Republicans are hitting hard on the issue. Opinion polls show voters increasingly concerned as November elections near.

The budget office said the deficit would slide to \$480 billion by 2015, CBO says, but only if tax cuts on income, investments and large estates are allowed to expire at the end of this year. Most budget experts see deficits as far

higher once tax cuts and other policies are factored in. The 2010 deficit figure is in line with previous estimates and would be a slight decline from last year's shortfall. But plans afoot on Capitol Hill for a new jobs bill and a coming Obama request for war funds

would add to the total.

The figures arrived just hours before the Senate is likely to reject a White House-backed plan to establish a bipartisan task force to recommend steps to curb the deficit.

The spending freeze, expected to be proposed by Obama during the State of the Union address to Congress on Wednesday, would apply to a relatively small portion of the federal budget, affecting a \$477 billion pot of money available for domestic agencies whose budgets are approved by Congress each year. Some of those agencies could get increases, others would have to face cuts; such programs got an almost 10 percent increase this year. The federal budget total was \$3.5 trillion.

The freeze on so-called discretionary programs would have only a modest impact on a deficit expected to match last year's \$1.4 trillion. The steps needed to really tackle the deficit include tax increases and curbs on benefit programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

That is the idea driving the Obama-backed plan to create a special task force to come up with a plan to curb the spiraling budget deficit. But the Senate sponsors of the plan say it has attracted too much opposition from the right and left to prevail. Republicans say the panel

deficit reduction blueprint after the November elections

it would try to develop a

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Obituaries

Melton Law Kelley

Melton Law Kelley, 87, of Belton died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at a Temple nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple with James Cripe officiating.

Melton was born Oct. 8, 1922, to the late Rube William and Cordia Hillard Kelley. He was a member of the Salado Masonic Lodge, Rod and Gun Club of Ft. Hood, VFW Lodge 4008 in Belton, the Killeen Chapter of the American Legion and The Cattleman's

He was also preceded in death by a son, Lonnie Kelley; a brother, Curtis Kelley; and two sisters, Lucille Smith and Lois Calvert.

Survivors include his wife, Helen M. Pirtle-Kelley of Belton; one son, Michael Gene Kelley Sr. of Madisonville; one daughter, Patsy Jean Kelley Heckler of Big Spring; three stepdaughters, Lillian Cripe and Bobbye Jean Chlapek, both of Temple, and Michell Rundell of Georgetown; two brothers, Anson Lee Kelley and Horace LaWayne Kelley, both of Salado; two step-sisters, Rita Maude Smith and Ava Bell Miller of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and six greatgreat-grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to the Salvation Army.

P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring 79720.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton is in charge of arrangements.

Maria G. Munoz

Maria G. Munoz, 76, of Bastrop, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, in Bastrop. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will

be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial She was born Sept. 15, 1933, in

Big Spring and was a lifetime resident until moving to Bastrop two years ago. She worked for the Big SpringIndependentSchoolDistrict, primarily at Big Spring High School, for more than 15 years. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Ruben Munoz and wife Linda of Bastrop; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Raul Hernandez of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Felipe

R. Munoz, on March 27, 2000.

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

Take Note

- A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had failure to appear. surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also Monday by the HCSO on a Taylor County warrant suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one for tampering with government records. side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.
- Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.



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James W. Mathews

James W. Mathews, 78, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born May 18, 1931, in Hearne to Frankie and Guy Mathews. He was a longtime resident of Big Spring and worked a number of years at Perco Car Care. He was a member of the Highway 80 Church of Christ. is survived by one daughter, Marilyn

Broussard and husband Donald of Baytown; one brother, Ulysses Mathews and wife Jewel of Big Spring; one sister, Floydada Honeycutt of Marlin; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter and one sister.

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

Jessie Leo Adkins

Jessie Leo Adkins, 92, of Siloam Springs, Ark., formerly of Stanton died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Ark. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of

Police blotter

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

• CLARISSA DEAN, 30, of 2609 Wasson Rd. Apt. 2, was arrested Monday on two local warrants. • THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of FM

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in

the 600 block of Sixth Street. • POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 600

block of Sixth Street. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

In the 1500 block of Bluebird. In the 100 block of Carey.

 ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this

• JOHN PATRICK CHANDLER, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of sale of alcohol to a minor.

CLARISSA ADAME DEAN, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and

 ANGELA RENEA GREEN, 44, was arrested • ROBERT COBLE, 21, was arrested Monday by

the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation. • JULIE AGUINAGA CRUSES, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping

- failure to appear. • JASON LEE BROWN, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear (two counts), speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility and public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: • MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W.

Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of

Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1500 block of E. FM 700. Service refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E.

15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the area of Val Verde.

One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of N.W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.



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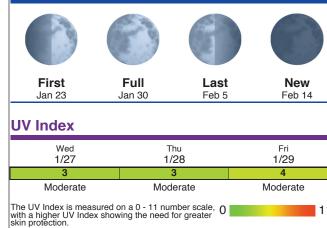
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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-15-30. Bonus Ball:

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$275,000.

Winning ticket purchased in: Hankamer.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-12-17-20-27. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-4-3. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-9. Sum It Up: 13.

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Texas news in brief

District apologizes for

Hitchcock trustee's sex talk HITCHCOCK (AP) — A Houston-area district has

sent a letter of apology to parents after a school board member's motivational talk to some girls turned to the topic of sex. The assembly took place Jan. 15 at Crosby Middle

School in Hitchcock.

Some parents complained about Shirley Price,

who is also a trained counselor. Price was supposed to talk about doing well on achievement tests. School spokesman Randy Dowdy says much of

the discussion about sex was initiated by stu-

Price says her remarks were misinterpreted. The Jan. 22 letter from Superintendent Mike

Bergman says the speaker's topic was "off-target and objectionable." Pastor S.D. Siverand of Galilee Missionary

Baptist Church, speaking on behalf of Price, said she had learned that girls were being pressured to have sex and she urged them to abstain.

Hitchcock is about 35 miles southeast of

Two die after being found shot along East Texas road REKLAW (AP) — One of two men found shot and

dumped along a rural east Texas road was able to describe two suspects before dying.

Rusk County Sheriff Danny Pirtle says the victims were discovered Monday afternoon near the town of Reklaw and the suspects in the killings are sought. A message left by The Associated Press with the sheriff's department was not immediately returned Tuesday. Pirtle says one man was in the road, while the

other was on the shoulder.

Pirtle says a person who found the two gunshot

victims was able to talk to the second victim before he also died, to get a description of two suspects who drove away in the dark-colored Cadillac. Names of the victims were not immediately

released. A motive for the shootings is sought. Reklaw is about 140 miles southeast of Dallas.

Fort Hood heroes to be guests at State of the Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two police officers credited with stopping last year's shooting rampage at Fort Hood will be guests of the first lady during Wednesday's State of the Union speech. Sgts. Kimberly Munley and Mark Todd will watch

President Barack Obama's address with Michelle Obama in a gallery overlooking the House floor. On Nov. 5, the officers opened fire on Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, who is accused of killing 13 people in the worst mass murder on a U.S. military base. Munley was wounded in the incident. According to witnesses, Hasan walked into a pro-

cessing center at Fort Hood in Texas and opened fire with a pair of handguns. Hasan has been charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

University of Texas plans 5 percent budget cut AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas

is putting together a proposal for a 5 percent cut that could trim about \$29 million from the statefunded portion of its budget. Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and

House Speaker Joe Straus last week told state agencies, including higher education institutions, to submit budget-reduction plans by Feb. 15. "It's a sizable amount of money," UT President

William Powers Jr. said Monday during a meeting of the Faculty Council. "This is not good news."

A public forum was scheduled Tuesday in Austin to discuss a proposed tuition increase of nearly 4 percent in each of the next two school years.

'We understand the economic climate. The system has been a leader in looking at organizational efficiencies. So we're going to look at this and work diligently with our campuses on how we navigate this course right now," said UT System spokesman Anthony de Bruyn. UT's overall budget, including legislative appro-

priations, federal research grants, tuition, gifts and other items, rose 2.8 percent to \$2.1 billion for the fiscal year that began Sept. 1. But after covering higher health insurance

charges, increased student financial aid and other costs, UT had just \$6.7 million more than the previous fiscal year for academic purposes, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

Powers has led an effort to free up millions of dollars for retaining and recruiting top faculty members. Some staff members have been dismissed, and more layoffs could be in the works. About 36 percent of faculty members got raises this year.

Brownsville food fight: Beef vs. chicken BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A food fight in

Brownsville has led to a cafe owner facing an aggravated assault charge over a customer allegedly whacked on the head with plate. Police say Maria Del Rayo Cordero is accused of

tossing a tray of food and tea at the customer who had complained he ordered a chicken dish, but was served beef. KRGV-TV reports the pair argued before both

allegedly threw food items at each other. Police say the owner is accused of grabbing a

plate and striking the man. Paramedics treated him at the scene on Saturday.

The owner was freed after posting \$7,500 bond.

BUDGET

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for a vote before the new Congress convenes would lead to big tax hikes. Democratic opponents say they don't want to vote on proposals to cut benefit prolike grams Social

Security without being able to shape the plan. Obama's three-year

spending freeze will be part of the budget Obama will submit Feb. 1, senior administration officials said, commenting on condition of anonymity to reveal unpublished details.

It is likely to confront congressional opposi-

tion from a handful of powerful lawmakers who write 12 annual appropriations bills. They have become used to hefty increases but now are being asked to tighten their belts. House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, a Democrt,, declined to comment, his spokesman said.

ans programs, foreign aid and the Homeland Security Department would be exempt from the freeze. The savings would be

The Pentagon, veter-

small at first, perhaps \$10 billion to \$15 billion, one official said. But over the coming decade, savings would add up to \$250 billion.

Sen. John McCain, who lost to Obama in last year's presidential election, said he supports any attempt to cut discretionary domestic spending. "We need to do so," he said Tuesday. But in an appearance

on ABC television's "Good Morning America," the Arizona Repub-

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a pair of servers and

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Mark Barr said was

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 James W. Mathews, 78,

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JAIL

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deficiencies that were found during our annuinspection al September," said Dawson. "All of them were documentation deficiencies. The fire hazard check list was not being completed and documented. Fire extinguisher inspections. inmates signing for knowledge of jail rules and regulations, classification (of inmates) and documentation inmate recreation were

all required by the state. "The recreation was

happening, however, it was not being documented. The re-inspection showed 100 percent compliance and no de-

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now recognize his wife,

Beatrice. Mrs. Burke

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ficiencies, and we'll be issued a certificate of compliance by the Commission on Jail Standards."

Dawson said running the new facility, which houses more than double the maximum number of inmates as the prior county jail, has

"It was documentation deficiencies that were the problem. It was not that these things weren't being done," said Dawson. "We're in a new facility now, sometimes with as many as three times as many more inmates than we had in the old facility. We're coming up on a year operating the new jail and we're just getting a little better at it."

as a deaf leader in the

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in the advocacy of deaf

education, Sparks said.

Mrs. Burke also served

as a SWCID faculty

member and retired af-

ter 19 years of service.

During her tenure as a

SWCID faculty member,

she received the highly-

esteemed Minnie Piper

"Beatrice Burke has

been and continues to

be an integral part of

said Dr. Sparks. "She

has shown a deep com-

mitment to SWCID and

SWCID family,"

Professor award.

its evolution."

Several of the documentation problems identified by the state agency were a result of the county's switch to a new jail software system SMART public safety software — which has been causing problems for county officers since it was implemented.

commissioners court, along with a request from the sheriff, have voted to do away with the SMART public safety software, which was purchased prior to the move to the new jail," said Dawson. "The sheriff's office has had numerous problems with patrol, investigations and our civil department (due to the software). We've also had issues at the jail, but not to the extent the

civil and patrol side, but we've certainly had problems. "The court decided to

sheriff has had on the

scrap the SMART software and go back to our old system. The changeover is going better than I had initially expected, to be honest. There have been a few glitches, but we're working through them. We had 17 inmates arrested over the weekend, and we managed to work through all of those thanks to the hard work of the staff."

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners looked to beef up the county's computer system by approving more than \$25,000 in new software and hardware.

The purchase includfirewall software

ma. Totaling \$25,827, the purchase was unanimously approved by commissioners. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

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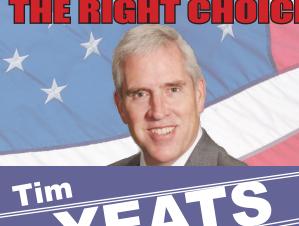
"The Burke family is a

are indebted to them for their leadership and vision that have been critical in getting us where we are today. A ceremony to unveil

lege," said Sparks. "We

the new building names honoring the Burkes will be held this summer as part of the ongoing 30 year celebration at SWCID. For more information,

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Our View

'Best Loser' event again set to begin

eady for a new challenge? Or maybe you made a New Year's resolution to lose weight, but really haven't gotten started on what seems a monumental task yet? Well, chances are you're not alone. And we here

at the Herald, in cooperation with Serenity Spa, may be able to offer a little added incentive.

That's because the Herald and Serenity Spa are co-sponsoring the 2010 Best Loser Fat to Fitness Spring Challenge. Perhaps you've already noticed the advertisements we've been running in the paper. Maybe you haven't. One thing's for certain. We here at the Herald

know from personal experience that losing weight is a little easier when you've got somebody working to lose weight along with you. It's even better when you've got a support group.

That's why the challenge is looking for teams four people of any sex and any age — to take part in February, March, April and May. That's right, this year's challenge will last a month longer than 2009's inaugural event.

Entry fees are \$50 per team — \$12.50 per team

Those teams will be competing for not only some bragging rights, but some cold, hard cash — like all the entry fee money. The grand prize could be worth \$500 or \$1,000, it just depends on how many teams enter.

Official weigh-ins will be at the Serenity Spa, the first one scheduled for Feb. 1 to Feb. 5 (Preferably Feb. 1). Team pictures will be taken Feb. 8 through Feb. 12 here at the Herald offices.

Team progress will be monitored and recognized. However, only a team's weight loss percentage will be noted, not the individual's, so nobody is going to be embarrassed.

So, we're encouraging readers to take part in the challenge. Be sure to sign up no later than Jan. 31. That means you need to drop your entry form and team fee here at the Herald in person by Friday. claimed. Mailed entries must be received by Jan. 31.

As always, we suggest that you make sure your if God were willing that a man doctor says it's all right to take part.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our judgment is better, Lord, when we're walking with You.

Stop the merger merry-go-round

hat may be the dumbest corporate merger of all time the \$165 billion deal that saw AOL gobble up Time Warner a decade ago — ended just before the holidays, when AOL formally

spun off into a totally separate company. That AOL-

Time Warner merger had been a disaster for years. Indeed, the merger had essentially become a joke, a move so wrongheaded that outside observers could only laugh at the folly behind



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The yuks first broke out when execs at the newly merged media giant forced staff on the Time Warner side to use AOL's email.

That email, designed for consumers, bombed in the workplace. Large attachments crashed the system. Messages vanished. Amazingly, that fun went on for a year. But the merger would be no

joking matter for the thousands of workers who lost their jobs, as execs of the new AOL-Time Warner rushed after the "synergy" they claimed their merger would surely create. Meanwhile, the executives

who cut the merger deal laughed all the way to the bank. Time

Warner's numero uno cashed out \$153 million in stock option profits in the merger's first year. AOL's top gun collected \$100 million in the second.

Those windfalls came as no

Corporate execs, in our modern economy, don't cut merger deals to create better companies. They merge simply to create bigger companies — because bigger companies mean bigger rewards for the executives who cut the Those executives whose com-

panies get swallowed walk away with lush golden parachutes. The execs who do the swallowing get larger paychecks because they have larger companies to

Only the foolish among these executives, of course, actually do much managing.

The really clever ones just keep cutting deals. Hewlett-Packard CEO Mark Hurd, for instance, wheeled-and-dealed 31 mergers in the 46 months after he became the HP chief in 2005. Hurd collected just under \$40 million in salary and new stock incentives in 2008.

The enormous wealth that mergers create — or, to be more accurate, the enormous wealth that job slashes and price hikes by newly merged companies generate from workers and consumers — doesn't all funnel into corporate executive suites. Mergers leave investment bankers equally flush.

Wall Streeters who specialize in "mergers and acquisitions" the M&A crowd — take a percentage cut of every merger deal. Over one recent six-year period, Goldman Sachs alone collected \$2.7 billion in merger fees.

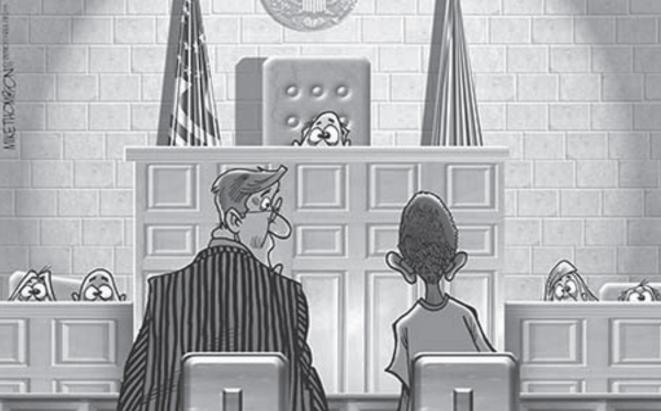
Last year's financial meltdown did put a crimp on M&A fees. But business is booming again. The most recent "good" news for the merger boys: a \$30 billion deal, announced last month, that will give cable giant Comcast a majority stake in NBC Univer-

All these billions of dollars in merger wheeling and dealing will cost workers and consumers billions more. Jobs will disappear as newly merged companies ax newly "redundant" workers. Prices will climb as newly merged firms exploit their more dominant market share and flex their marketplace muscles.

The financial-sector reform legislation now moving through Congress offers consumers some much-needed protection from the credit card and mortgage games today's financial giants so enjoy playing. But the legislation does nothing to limit the mighty rewards that merger games can bring.

We need more reforming. Until we have it, those games will continue.

Sam Pizzigati, an Institute for Policy Studies associate fellow, edits Too Much, an online weekly on excess and inequality.



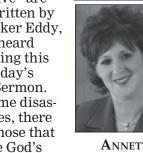
"ALL I DID WAS ASK IF WE COULD SUBMIT SOME BRIEFS..."

Wondering what is God's will?

don't presume to know the answer to this question in regard to the earthquake in Haiti as some people have

"Jesus never prayed to know

should live" are words written by Mary Baker Eddy, which I heard read during this past Sunday's Lesson Sermon. Every time disaster strikes, there will be those that conclude God's will is at work. I can't explain why tragedy falls prey to some and not others, but I could never believe that God's will for His children is pain and suffer-



ANNETTE **B**RIDGES

When multitudes gathered before Jesus, he didn't know the history or plight of all who gathered. There was no discussion with his disciples about who was worthy or not worthy of being saved. He prayed for everyone. He loved everyone. And he healed everyone who came to

Surely this was true because Jesus knew our Father-Mother God loves and cares for everyone impartially and unconditionally. When sadly hearing the news

him for healing.

about the horrific earthquake in Haiti, I couldn't help but be reminded of a survivor's story who experienced the tsunami in Sri Lanka. Her story is one I often think about and have shared with others many times. The question of whether or not it was God's will that she be faced with a tsunami is not what came Amen to her mind.

She was in Sri Lanka for the wedding of her niece, along with other family members and friends. They were having breakfast in their beach hotel when the monstrous wall-high waves hit. She spoke of not knowing how to swim and being crushed by furniture and other debris as she reached out for something to save her.

But the first thought that came to her as she tumbled in the water was the Psalmist's words "I shall not die, but live." (Psalms

More thoughts came to her, some giving her direction such as "Cycle ... paddle ... use your legs." She thought of Jesus calming a storm on the sea with those powerful three words, "Peace, be still." (Mark 4:39) And also the words, "Know that God is here." And again that declaration, "I shall not die, but live.'

I was comforted that in her extreme peril, she received what she described as "angel thoughts." Mary Baker Eddy's words, "These angels deliver us from the depths" suddenly seemed poignantly true.

Hearing about this survivor's story taught me that perhaps it's not necessary to try to explain why bad things happen, where evil comes from or whether or not it is God's will. I thought if she could survive a tsunami of that proportion, what could I not survive, endure or overcome? So perhaps even against all odds, any of us could be victorious, saved or healed.

This tsunami survivor example has given me encouragement to meet disaster or catastrophe in life. Maybe you, too, will be encouraged to find answers for overcoming your own catastro-

phes

Clearly, this dear woman believed she could turn to God to help in her time of crisis. She must have known God not as a destroyer but as Creator — as a protector and preserver of humanity and as a God of love. The book of I Kings says God is not in the wind, earthquake or fire. God is the "still small voice" that

the situation. (I Kings 19:11-12) Perhaps such knowledge and faith could help any of us when faced with a crisis. You and I may never encounter a tsunami or experience an earthquake, but how do we contend with whatever we may be facing extreme debt, divorce, unemployment, injury, illness?

is present no matter how dire

Do we give up? Do we believe there is no hope? Do we resolve to a life of chance, vulnerability and uncertainty? The inspiration I gained from one woman's victory over a formidable foe has strengthened my confidence and trust in the mightiest power of all — the Divine.

While we all may face struggles and hardships that at times bring us to our knees, we can be assured that the "still small voice" will be with us, will lift us up and guide us onward and upward to a new day — to solutions, freedom, peace, comfort,

May we too have the strength and faith to look at adversities and proclaim, "I shall not die, but live.'

Surely this is God's will for His beloved children!

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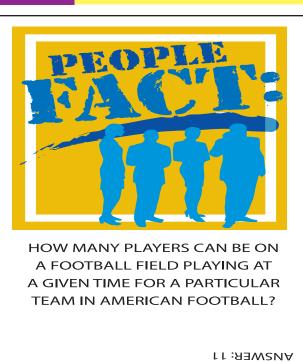
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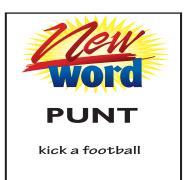




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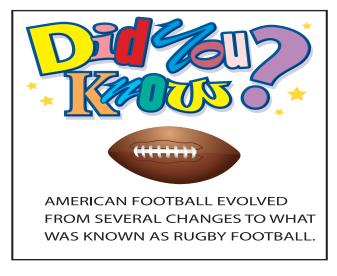
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BSHS students give helping hand to Haiti



By HANNAH WEBER
Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Student Council is holding a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross to help with the Haiti Relief Effort.

If BSHS students want to donate to the Big Spring High School Haiti Relief Fund they can bring their money to the front office or there will be a table set up in the lunchroom through Friday. Student Council representatives will be working the table in the lunchroom.

Senior Haley Carrillo says "It is really good that Big Spring High School is coming together to help a nation in need." Student Council offi-

cers have been working to make it as easy as possible to give a donation for Haiti. They have been creating posters and hanging flyers to help spread the word about the fund-raiser.

There will also be a

There will also be a program called "Hats for Haiti" on Friday. Faculty and students can wear hats that day if they pay \$2. This money also goes to the Red Cross Haiti Relief Effort.

Any size donations are

Any size donations are welcome through this week. Student Council is pushing for everyone to get involved because it will be fun for the high school students at Big Spring High School and great for Haiti.

Hannah Weber is a senior at Big Spring High School.

Big Spring High School Vice President Kyler McGee, left, looks on as junior Daniel Moreno contributes to the school's Haiti Relief Fund. Friday, the school will hold a "Hats for Haiti" program. Faculty and students can wear hats that day if they pay \$2. All proceeds go to the Red Cross Haiti Relief Effort.

Giving a wounded hawk a second chance

"Animal Control," said the familiar voice. After putting the Parks & Wildlife receptionist on hold, an employee finally located the officer who had captured a hawk.

"It's very large and doesn't fly well," he offered as a description.

"Can we put it down?" Having heard often from the public and animal control offi-

cers that

type of



description, she responded quickly. "No! It needs to be examined by the bird people."

After being alerted of the expected delivery to Parks & Wildlife in Midland, we waited until the receptionist called again. "They were right about its being big," she added.

Glancing inside a large dog carrier, we recognized the size and coloration of a ferruginous hawk. Describing its wing feathers and "leggings" as rusty, or the color of iron, the adjective had been a wise choice when ornithologists were identifying species.

Although it resisted my trying to remove it from the enclosure, the raptor lacked the strength and weight I had expected. Free of the walls that had contained it, the hawk flapped its wings repeatedly and sent loose papers floating to the floor.

Finally calm, the bird of prey glanced around the room. Everything about the raptor was large, including its head and bill. At least two feet long with a wingspan of almost five feet, it was regal in its composure.

Positioning the back of the hawk against my chest, with its head well below my face, I extended one wing, then the other. With no obvious breaks, the bird could have sustained bruising, or a soft tissue injury, to the leading edge of one or both wings. A hairline fracture was another possibility. At least someone had seen that it tried to fly.

Of more concern was its lack of body fat. Its keel, or breastbone, was pronounced. Unable to fly and hunt, the ferruginous was facing death by starvation.

Once home, trying to open its tightly clasped



Courtesy photo

From as far north as the state of Washington and southern Canada, the ferruginous hawk migrates to the southwestern part of the United States and Mexico for winter. When available, prairie dogs and rabbits provide its natural food source.

bill proved to be a challenge. Having administered fluids, we later gave it small feedings of baby mice.

Since it was more alert the next morning, we decided to see if it would eat on its own. An hour later, its meal had been devoured.

After several more days, the hawk grew restless as it improved. To prevent damage to its feathers as it started to become more active, and provide the time needed to regain its weight and

flight ability, meant a trip to South Plains in Lubbock.

Before placing it in a carrier, holding this magnificent bird of prey helped me to understand why a friend had described members of this specie as Mexican eagles.

High above our West Texas terrain, he had seen these large soaring birds as they graced his hunting lease.

With their white tails and heads visible in flight, they had resembled in size and partial coloration our

American birds. Ranch hands and other hunters had added to the lore evoked by their presence on mammoth towers supporting endless miles of electrical lines through the ranch.

At the wildlife center, confirmation of no breaks was reassuring. Underweight, the hawk was first placed in a mew in the barn. Over time, as it gained weight and strength, the raptor progressed from using the lowest perches to attaining the highest.

Another two weeks passed. Then it was ready for the flight cage. With the freedom to fly from one end to the other, the ferruginous exercised throughout each day. With its added activity came a ravenous appetite as well.

Finally, with the promise of stable weather, the raptor was placed in a carrier.

Driving through familiar cotton fields, a volunteer from the center soon welcomed the change of scenery as grasslands appeared, then turned into rolling hills and canyons.

To return the ferruginous hawk to open spaces with ample food was reward enough for

the long drive. Placing the carrier on the ground, the man opened the door.

Coming from a darkened area into the bright morning light, the hawk stopped to get its bearings.

Noting the direction of the wind as it walked, then almost hopped with excitement, the raptor suddenly and quickly took flight.

wings continued to flap even though they appeared as if too heavy for its body. The strength it had gained from weeks in

Rising slowly, its

the flight cage enabled the bird to elevate as it used the sustained breeze.

Circling as it rose, the raptor was soon high enough for the volunteer to see the dark V formed by the hawk's feathered legs as its feet came together underneath its tail.

As it continued spiral ing upward, its flight became a graceful reintroduction into its realm, the sky.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. *She* is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds,

News in brief

Senate expected to reject bipartisan deficit task force

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is likely to reject a White Housebacked plan to establish a bipartisan task force to recommend steps to curb the deficit, even as lawmakers digest the news that President Barack Obama wants a three-year freeze in the domestic budgets they

Fresh numbers arriving Tuesday morning from the Congressional Budget Office are expected to bring continued bad news on the deficit, keeping the pressure on Obama and congressional Democrats to demonstrate they're serious about taking on the flood of red ink.

The spending freeze, expected to be proposed by Obama during the State of the Union address on Wednesday, would apply to a relatively small portion of the federal budget, affecting a \$477 billion pot of money available for domestic agencies whose budgets are approved by Congress each year. Some of those agencies could get increases, others would have to face cuts; such programs got an almost 10 percent increase this year. The federal budget total was \$3.5 trillion.

The freeze on so-called discretionary programs would have only a modest impact on a deficit expected to match last year's \$1.4 trillion. The steps needed to really tackle the deficit include tax increases and curbs on benefit programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

Haitians left homeless by earthquake plead for tents

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The dusty soccer field lined with spacious tents is an oasis for earthquake survivors among Haiti's homeless sheltering in acres (hectares) of squalid camps.

Competition for the canvas homes has boiled into arguments and machete fights, a sign of the desperation felt by the hundreds of thousands of people without homes struggling for shelter in this wrecked city. Haiti's president has asked the world for 200,000 tents and says he will sleep in one himself.

Fenela Jacobs, 39, lives in a 4-by-4-meter (13-by-13-foot) abode provided by the Britain-based Islamic Relief Worldwide. She says the group offered her two tents for 21 survivor but she ended up putting everyone in one tent after people threatened to burn both down if she didn't give a

Still, she says living in the 2-metertall (6-foot-high) khaki home with a paisley interior is better than the makeshift shelters crafted from bed sheets propped on wooden sticks where her family was living before.

"It's a lot more comfortable," Jacobs said, though she added it gets really hot inside the tent in Cazo, a Port-au-Prince neighborhood hidden in the hills behind the international air-

Pilot in crash did not heed tower's recommendation

BEIRUT (AP) — The pilot of an Ethiopian Airlines plane that crashed into the sea minutes after takeoff flew in the opposite direction from the path recommended by the Beirut control tower, Lebanon's transportation minister said Tuesday.

All 90 people on board were feared dead after the plane went down in flames around at 2:30 a.m. Monday, during a night of lightning and thun-

Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi told The Associated Press that the tower had asked the pilot "to correct his path but he did a very fast and strange turn before disappearing completely from the radar."

It was not clear why that happened or whether it was beyond the pilot's control. Like most other airliners, the Boeing 737 is equipped with its own onboard weather radar which the pilot may have used to avoid flying into thunderheads.

Lebanese officials have ruled out terrorism or "sabotage." The plane was headed to the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

Obama touts breaks for small businesses that add workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's push to create jobs includes a new tax credit for small businesses that add employees, an idea that has appeal as the nation struggles with an unemployment rate topping 10 percent.

It is an idea, however, that fell flat in Congress when Obama first proposed it last year because lawmakers didn't know how to target the credit effectively. The Obama administration still hasn't provided details on how the tax credit would work, and some tax experts question whether it would.

"It's very hard to know when a company is incrementally adding jobs because of a tax credit, and when they would have done it anyway," said Eugene Steuerle, a Treasury Department official in the Reagan administration who is now codirector of the Tax Policy Center, a Washington think tank. "I'm sympathetic to subsidizing low-wage jobs. It's just a question of how you design

Congressional researchers say a tax credit for firms that increase payroll could be a good way to increase employment, if the credit is available to all companies, not just small businesses. They cautioned, however, that it would be difficult to administer.

Among the issues raised by tax

Google tries to keep China sales staff

BEIJING (AP) — Even if Google's stand against censorship leads it to close its search engine in China, the company still hopes to maintain other key operations in the world's most populous Internet market.

Google Inc. is in delicate negotiations with the Chinese government to keep its research center in China, an advertising sales team that generates most of the company's revenue in the country and a fledgling mobile phone business.

Both sides are torn by conflicting

objectives. Google says it's no longer willing to acquiesce to the Chinese government's demands for censored search results, yet it still wants access to the country's engineering talent and steadily growing online advertising

and mobile phone markets.

Chinese leaders are determined to control the flow of information, but realize they need rich and innovative companies such as Google to achieve their goal of establishing the country as a technology leader. Even some Chinese media that rarely deviate from the party line have warned that Google's departure could slow technology development and hurt China's economy.

Suicide bombing targets police offices in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide car bomber killed at least 18 and injured dozens more Tuesday in a strike against a police crime lab in central Baghdad, a day after several hotels were hit by suicide attacks, officials

Rescue crews are still combing through the rubble looking for casualties. Officials say the majority of those killed were likely police officers who worked in the forensic investigation office at Tahariyat Square in the central neighborhood of Karradah. At least 82 people were reported injured.

This week's bombings — all against prominent and heavily fortified targets — dealt yet another blow to the image of an Iraqi government struggling to answer for security lapses that have allowed bombers to carry out a number of massive attacks in the heart of the capital since August.

Police and hospital officials said the bomber in Tuesday's attack tried to drive a pickup truck through a checkpoint and blast walls protecting the forensic evidence office.

Among those confirmed killed were 12 police officers and six civilians who were visiting the office. Officials said more than half the wounded were police.

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Correction

Jessica Hall, a fifth grader Elbow at Elementary school, was incorrectly listed as Jessica Hallford in the A-B Honor Roll section published in Thursday, Jan. 21 edition of the Big Spring Herald .



Growing Mini Roses Indoors can be anywhere from

GARDENING with Charlie **CHARLIE NARDOZZI**

> Kathy Bond-Borie, **Guest Columnist**

Family Features) — Even though the weather has turned cold and we've put our garden roses to bed for the winter, that doesn't mean we have to be rosedeprived until spring.

Miniature roses adapt quite well to life indoors. They are a bit more particular about light and humidity than some indoor flowering plants, but they will reward the extra effort with stunning flowers that come in a wide range of colors.

For the most part, miniature roses are scaled-down versions of full-sized roses, and while they vary in many ways, all mini roses have small, rarely fragrant flowers.

Plants can range from micro-minis (5 inches or less) to 3 to 4 feet or even larger. Flowers

1/2 to 2 inches across, with a color range as broad as for full-size

Mini roses need plenty of bright light, such as in a bright west- or south-facing window. But for repeat bloom, you'll need the supplementary light provided by fluorescent tubes.

Also provide some extra humidity around the plants because indoor air is typically quite dry.

Set plants in a waterfilled tray on a layer of pebbles, or use a room humidifier. If humidity is too low, the leaves will shrivel, turn yellow, and drop. Here are some other tips:

1. Buy new plants each season to ensure that your plants are free of diseases and pests. Choose varieties that are short and especially floriferous. 2. Fertilize weekly

with a fertilizer diluted to one-quarter strength. To encourage blooms, use a fertilizer with a formula high in potassium, such as 5-5-10.

3. Watch carefully for any sign of pests. Spray whiteflies with a lightweight horticultural oil. If spider mites

become a problem, wash plants thoroughly every 2 to 3 days. For a severe infestation of spider mites, strip all leaves and cut the plant back by half. Healthy new growth will emerge rapidly.

4. Use a commercial potting mixture containing perlite and vermiculite when repotting.

5. When flowering has finished, place plants under fluorescent lights to encourage reblooming in about six weeks.

6. After the last frost in spring, gradually acclimate plants to outdoor air. Plant them in the garden or in an outdoor container.

For more tips and garden information visit www.garden.org

A former floral designer and interior plantscaper, Kathy Bond-Borie has spent 20 years as a garden writer/editor, including her current role as Horticultural Editor for the National Gardening Association. She loves designing with plants, and spends more time playing in the garden planting and trying new combinations - than sitting and appreciating

Dear Margo: Another reason God made Google

Margo: My sister, vounger 'Megan," has always unlucky with been men.

But two years ago, she met a man, "Bob," who was handsome and charming and treated

nificently. As she fell in love with him, our family hoped they would marry. Even

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distance (he told her he lived out of state and traveled frequently to her city on business), and even though he and Megan didn't hang out with his friends (we assumed he didn't have a tight-knit group in her town), he was very sweet and had met our whole family.

A few months ago, with no warning, Bob broke up with Megan.

She was distraught. Despite repeated attempts to find out why he dumped her, Bob didn't give her a rea-

Fast-forward to today. My mom and I, both former journalists, went Internet sleuthing and found that Bob has been married for 10 years, has two small children and lives not out of state, but in a suburb 30 minutes from where Megan lives.

We are livid. I want to get ahold of Bob and let him know we're aware of his charade and find him despicable, but I don't want to contact the wife, as she either knows and doesn't care, or doesn't know and would be even more devastated than Megan to learn of his philandering.

Do you have any advice about what to say to Bob once I've gotten ahold of him? I know nothing I say will stop him from doing this sort of thing again, but I'd like to remind him that not only did he hurt my sister, but he's also setting his wife and two children up for a lot of pain.

And his behavior could expose his wife to STDs. Have you any words of wisdom for Megan? — PO'd Sis

Dear PO: As we used to say in our family, "Save your breath to cool your soup."

Whatever choice words you have for this sleaze bucket will have zero effect; he already knows he's married.

I applaud, by the way, your not wanting to tip off his wife. As for your sister, tell

her the probable reason

for Romance Interruptus

is that the Mrs. found out or another babe caught his eye. Remind her that she

just had rotten luck, but she dodged a bullet, spelled b-u-m. I suspect that after

this experience she will check on the status of any future suitors. Margo, historically

> A Dead Ringer at the Office

Dear Margo: About four years ago, my husband had a relationship with another woman.

As far as I know (according to both of them), it never crossed into sex. But ... it was still all the stereotypical sneaking around and lying.

This woman was a friend. Their relationship ended a while back, and I am still with my husband, but every so often something will remind me of it and the old hurt and angry feelings come back. Now, my problem: A

woman was recently hired at my job who could pass as that other woman's sister! Their personalities

are even similar. I am having a very hard time with this. On a daily basis I feel like I'm being slapped in the face. I love my job and don't

want to leave, but please tell me how to continue working here without these feelings rising. By the way, I have not told my husband about her. Spooked

Dear Spook: I suspect you may have no sense of resolution, along with residual doubt about the nature of the now ended "friendship."

If there was no sex, why sneak around and lie — to have coffee or go to the movies? That's one thought. The other that a look-alike

should not rattle you

This is where rational thinking comes in. Just tell yourself that there's an amazing likeness, and what a bum coincidence.

Rational comprehension that your co-worker is not the former friend should calm the waters.

If you don't get a grip on this, you will walk around in a permanent state of upset. — Margo, maturely

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Howard women shoot past Lady Westerners



Tasha Tubbs drained seven 3-pointers for 21 points Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks won their first WJCAC conference game and improved to 15-4 on the season.

By JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

The Howard College women just got tired of missing shots.

The Hawks decided instead to shoot 55 percent from the 3-point line and 51 percent from the floor Monday night as they downed Western Texas 69-63 for their first conference

Tasha Tubbs started the game with two straight threes for said. "I know the girls going. Howard (15-4, 1-3) and went on to shoot 7-of-8 from behind the arc for her 21 points. Kenyatta Colbert was 4-of-5 from downtown for her 12 points and Asia Reid scored her 10 on 4-of-6 from the floor.

"We did a better job of reading screens, we did a better job of reading where the defense was and that makes all the difference in the world," head coach Earl Diddle

are really happy, and I'm really happy.'

Nastashia Atkins led the Lady Westerners with 20 points. Teisha King added 13 as the team fell to 11-10 and 1-4 in conference play.

Tubbs ignited the Hawks from the start with six straight points, followed by a Reid basket on a Tubbs assist and a D.J. Fountain layup that made it 10-2 Howard in the early See HOWARD, Page 14

But Western Texas would bounce back with a run of its own at the 16-minute mark, and the two teams played within four points of each other for the rest of the half. Howard took a 34-31 lead into the locker room as Tubbs made her fifth 3-pointer of the half two seconds before the buzzer.

The Hawks opened

STEAMROLLED



Josh Watkins is fouled as he puts up a shot over Edis Dervisivic on Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Watkins scored 18 points as the Hawks downed Western Texas 73-44 to move to 4-1 in WJCAC conference play. The Hawks play Odessa on the road Thursday. Tipoff is 7:45 p.m.

HC Hawks thrash Western Texas

BY JOE ZIGTEMA

Sports Editor

Hawks made a state- that loss," said fresh- in and did very well," defense in the second ment Monday night man point guard head coach Mark half, keeping WTC after Thursday's loss at Midland.

They're not going anywhere.

The Hawks scored the first eight points of the game, built a 10-point lead in the first five minutes and trashed the Western Texas College Westerners at Dorothy-73-44 Garrett Coliseum.

Jae Crowder led Howard (17-2, 4-1) with

"It was a real big The Howard College statement coming off LaMont Austin, who had eight points, all from the free-throw line. "We really got locked in, had a few good days of practice, we worked hard on defense and rebounding, and we came together and played as a team (Monday)."

Moses Sundufu scored 11 points off the bench for Howard, and Shaad O'Garro and

lot of minutes in the game.

Adams said." been waiting for this all year and they're very capable."

Lester Johnson led Western Texas with 10 points. The Westerners fell to 11-7 and 1-4 in WJCAC conference play.

The Hawks took a 36-20 lead into the locker room on the strength of two rim-rocking dunks from O'Garro

25 points. Josh Watkins Damion McGee saw a and Carlos Emory in the final minute.

The Hawks brought "Our bench came their No. 1-ranked socoreless tnrougn the first nine minutes. Will Harrison gave the Westerners their 22nd point at the 10:51 mark.

"We just felt like it was important that we get on them in the first five minutes of the second half," Adams said. "They took a lot of charges, but they

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Who's hot, not shifts by week in Big 12

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. Texas and Kansas State have been vulnerable and even Kansas has had a hiccup.

The Big 12 race is shaping up to be wide open if the first couple of weeks of conference play are any indication.

Texas dropped to No. 6 in this week's Top 25 after losing two in a row following the program's first No. 1 ranking. No. 11 Kansas State, which knocked off Texas a week ago, lost at home to Oklahoma State. And No. 2 Kansas' only loss was a whopper, coming against a Tennessee team that suited up six scholarship players and three walk-ons.

No. 24 Baylor, on the other hand, has become the darling of the league after giving the Jayhawks a scare at Allen Fieldhouse and winning its first 11 home games. Texas Tech, with its win over Oklahoma on Saturday, already has matched its win total of a year ago and Colorado, picked to finish last, is no pushover.

"As we go on, the See BIG 12, Page 14

cream will rise," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "For the most part, we felt we had a couple teams that were Top 10 teams, and K-State got in there. I didn't expect them to lose at home. The rest of us are just going to beat each other up. You see teams 3-2, 2-2. It's going to be highly competitive."

The Big 12 went into Monday leading all conferences with seven teams among the top 37 of the RPI, eight teams with 14 wins and eight with a .737 or higher winning percentage.

Those statistics tell Texas Tech coach Pat Knight all he needs to know about the league.

"It's just a week-toweek deal. You can't get frustrated.," Knight said. "If you're not Kansas, you're going to have some bad weeks. You have to get through them and not get down."

The Longhorns (17-2, 3-1) were outshot, outrebounded and were turnover-prone in losses at Kansas State and Connecticut. They were

Steers back in action at Plainview tonight

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring boys and girls basketball teams are back after a Friday night off as they travel to Plainview tonight.

The Steers Lady are getting their second shot at the Lady Bulldogs, who defeated Big Spring at Steer Gym on Jan. 13.

close with Abilene Cooper and 6-foot 5 post Deprise Cravin last Tuesday but ultimately fell 41-26 in Abilene.

With a week of practice under their belts, the Lady Steers will try to improve tonight as they begin the second half of their district

Senior Linzee Yarbar led Big Spring with eight The Lady Steers played points at Cooper. She and posts Cerbi Ritchey and Taylor Seaton will try to keep pace with the Lady Bulldogs, ranked 4A No. 22 in the latest TABC poll.

On the boys side, the Steers are coming off their best performance of the season, a 63-47 thrashing of Abilene Cooper.

They will go for their third straight district win tonight against

Plainview (14-10, 0-2), which has suffered two 51-50 losses at the hands of Cooper and Frenship.

The Steers are in the district driver's seat, though they may be without Tyler Tannehill for the rest of the season. Coach Marcus Morris said Tannehill tore his ACL in the Steers' district opener against Lake View.



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Kenneth Maclin, above, caught this 16.12 pound large-mouth bass Monday at Comanche Trail Lake. He used a green, yellow and white burma with a long bib.

Sports in brief

Coahoma softball players invited for alumni game

All Coahoma Bulldogette softball alumni are invited to join in the 8th annual Coahoma softball alumni game scheduled for Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

The game will be played at the Coahoma High School field as the Bulldogettes 2010 season open-

Call Amy Dunn at 268-3228 or e-mail at adunn@ coahoma.esc18.net for more information.

Big Spring softball tournament needs community support

Lady Steer softball parents and the city of Big Spring Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a 22-team high school softball tournament March

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Call John Sparks for information at 270-2711.

Garden City to serve Bearkat benefit meal

The Garden City Bearkats are holding a benefit meal Sunday at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m. Country-style ribs and all the fixings will be served, and the Bearkats will show their 2009 highlight video, which will be on sale for \$25.

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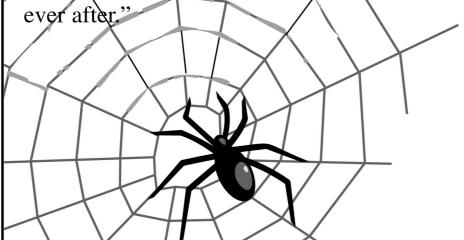
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For all the mischief he causes, at least the Gemini moon has a sense of humor. He knows that if the joke doesn't have a grain of truth inside it, and an equally sized grain of pain, it just isn't funny. If you designate "laughter" as your first reaction to the events that unfold today, you'll

carried out. ARIES (March 21-April

find that your next

reaction will be easily

This will be a day for evening the score. S m a 1 1transactions like paying a bill or larger efforts like repaying a favor or settling a karmic debt

reserves.

HOLIDAY MATHIS

will increase your energy

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone likes you and at the same time feels competitive with you. The complexity of feeling makes this an interesting relationship and one you'll learn a lot from.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you make up your mind to waste away an hour, you do it with passion that something inevitably occurs — you find that

Tomorrow's Horoscope you were productive in you'll learn fast. And this what's important and find

spite of your best efforts to loaf.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't run from your shadow. Instead, move around and try to figure out why it has its particular shape. Investigate your fear. Poke and prod it. See how it responds to different stimuli.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you let too much nervous energy run through you, it will wear you out. Relax. Go to the source of the tension and defuse it. A hot bath may be all you need to get right with the world again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What needs to be handled will happen quickly, just as long as you are willing to confront it. Clear away your worries and troubles as soon as possible so that you can focus on your path to victory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The answer will be simple and obvious. When you're trying to solve a problem, first think inside the box. Come up with so many logical solutions that it fills the box until the box is overflowing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Experience will be your teacher. Her approach isn't always kind and nurturing, but

is the kind of knowledge you couldn't possibly attain in a classroom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What was inaccessible will brought to you — plopped right in your lap, in fact. The problem is, now that it's easily had, you may find it much less appealing. You like to work for your conquests!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you have the right customer, it's easy to sell yourself. You'll meet such a person today. Though your encounter will be brief, this person will leave with a very favorable impression of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20an instinct to be gruff or standoffish with people. This is uncharacteristic of you, so if you're feeling it, there must be a reason. Do what you must to take care of vourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In order to make today worth remembering, you may have to give up the habit of pining away for a fantastic future or lamenting about sentimental past. Act in real time. Do it now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 26). You have an eye on the broad lines, the big picture. You'll do

the perfect helpers to handle the rest. Family relies on your vision. Big projects come to you in May. You'll make money and improve your living conditions, too. Romance whisks you on an August adventure. Cancer and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 41, 3, 22, 29 and 18. CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Ellen DeGeneres doesn't technically have a career in music, and yet her love of music has shaped her career in interesting ways, from the dancing themes of her syndicated talk show to her latest stint as an ìAmerican Idolî judge. Aquarius is a Feb. 18). You may have musical sign and also a sign devoted humanitarian causes. DeGeneres has been awarded numerous times for her charitable efforts.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Both of my parents are heroin users. I am 18, attend college and moved out before high-school graduation due to their drug addictions.

I frequently get phone calls from my mom when I'm at work or in class. asking for money for food, gas, medicine, etc. Itís always a lie.

They're looking for money to buy drugs. My thinks mother Iím unaware of her heroin use, even though I have told her Iive seen the track marks on her arms and the baggies in her room.

She constantly denies it and changes the subject. How can I get her to stop calling hurting her without feelings? And how can I get her to admit that she uses? Druggie's Daughter

Dear Daughter: You cannot get your mother to do anything. That's up to her. You can, however, find better ways to cope with what is happening so you can create some emotional distance without sacrificing the relationship entirely. Please contact Families Anonymous (familiesanonymous.org) at 1-800-736-9805 or Nar-Anon (nar-anon.org) at 1-800-477-6291, and ask for guidance. You also can

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discussthis with someone in the counseling department of y o u r university.

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Glenn" for 18 years, and we have two

teenage daughters. Three years ago, we bought a new home so we could have a larger family room.

Glenn always wanted a plasma TV, so when we moved into the new

house, he bought one. The problem is, he considers it his alone. He wonit let the girls watch anything on it, saying the TV was not made for ìshows like that.

He becomes angry if we watch when he's not home. One time he went out of town on business and took the power cord with him.

When Glenn watches TV, we aren't allowed to make any noise. Of course, when guests come over, he's a different e r s o n He shows off the TV and will watch whatever

Now the girls and I watch TV in another room in the house or do other activities. It's sad when your children think their father would rather

the guests want.

watch his 3year-old than time them. What can I do to bring my family together other breaking plasma TV? — Not a Fan

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KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

> about husband his fixation on the idiot box and pointed out that his daughters (and wife) feel neglected.

We

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Dear

you've spoken

Would he be willing to set aside a TV-free hour once a week where he will spend time with his family?

If he refuses, you will have to accept the fact that the man is obsessed and make the best of it. We hope he'll wake up before itís too late.

Dear Annie: This is in *Please* reply to "At a Loss," the 16-year-old girl who was medicated for wetting the bed but was having side effects she did not want.

My daughter also had this problem when she younger, and we was discovered it was related to milk intolerance.

She had to avoid all forms of dairy. We had to read labels very closely, as milk is in many things you wouldn't expect and is often listed by other names (casein, lactose, whey, etc.).

Once weid eliminated all dairy from her diet, it took about two weeks for the bed-wetting to stop.

She is in her 20s now and can tolerate very small quantities of milkbased foods in her diet, but still has to be careful.

The young woman who wrote might not have the same results, but itis worth a try — there are no side effects, except for the possibility of having to give up something dairy that she might like. - K.C.

Dear **K.C.:** Several readers suggested that bed-wetting is connected to food sensitivities to gluten, dairy, eggs or chocolate, among others. It certainly cannot hurt to eliminate suspect foods to see whether situation improves.

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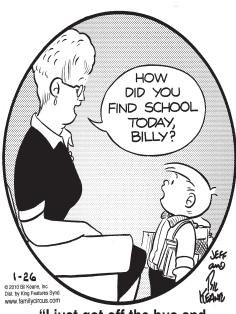
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AND FORGIVE RUFF. HE DIDN'T KNOW HE DID ANYTHING WRONG WHEN HE CHEWED UP MY SNEAKER."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I just got off the bus and there it was."









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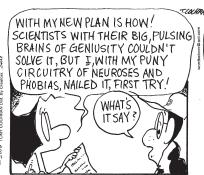






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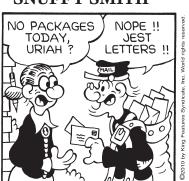




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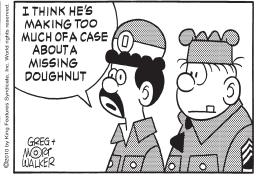






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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2010. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Jan. 26, 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by

On this date:

Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney. In 1837, Michigan became the

26th state.

In 1841, Britain formally occupied Hong Kong, which the Chinese had ceded to the British.

In 1861, Louisiana seceded from the Union.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the

In 1925, actor Paul Newman was born in Shaker Heights,

Ohio. In 1942, the first American

expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II

went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1960, National Football League team owners chose Pete Rozelle to be the new commissioner, succeeding the late Bert In 1962, the United States

launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe missed its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 87. Actress Joan Leslie is 85. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 81. Sportscasteractor Bob Uecker is 75. Actor Scott Glenn is 71. Singer Jean Knight is 67. Activist Angela Davis is 66. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 62. Actor David Strathairn (streh-THEHRN') is 61. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 57. Rock singermusician Eddie Van Halen is 55. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 52. Actresscomedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 52. Hockey Hallof-Famer Wayne Gretzky is 49. Musician Andrew Ridgelev is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer

Jazzie B. (Soul II Soul) is 47. Actor Paul Johansson is 46. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 40. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 37. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 36. Actor Gilles Marini (ZHEEL ma-REE'-nee) is 34. Orlando Magic player Vince Carter is 33. Actress Sarah Rue is 32. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 27.

Thought for Today: "As long as men are free to ask what they must, free to say what they think, free to think what they will, freedom can never be lost, and science can never regress." J. Robert Oppenheimer, American physicist (1904-1967).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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GET IT TOGETHER by Billie Truitt

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- 26 Crow's-nest cry
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- 39 List of choices
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Bulls top Spurs 98-93, nip third Western team on trip

SAN ANTONIO (AP) When the last chance for the San Antonio Spurs came up short, Joakim Noah grabbed the rebound and punctuated a third straight win with a triumphant

Meet the new Chicago Bulls: unlikely road warriors.

Derrick Rose overcame feeling ill to score 27 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter, and the Bulls impressively beat another winning Western Conference team during their sevengame road swing with a 98-93 victory over the Spurs on Monday night. Last week it was at Phoenix, then in Houston. Put it another way: the Bulls, now 7-15 on the road, have won just one fewer road game in the last four days that they did in

"We're not as healthy as we'd like to be, but we're finding a way," Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro said.

their first three months

of the season.

Chicago now ishes up its Western Conference road trip against Oklahoma City on Wednesday and New Orleans on Friday. Both teams also have winning records, but the surging Bulls aren't playing afraid of anyone lately.

Chicago has won 11 of 16 after starting the season 10-17. With a win against the Thunder, the Bulls (21-22) can climb back to .500.

The Spurs, meanwhile, are spiraling.

San Antonio lost its third straight at home, already squandering half of its six-game homestand before hitting the road for virtually the entire month of February. The Spurs have traditionally used their annual "Rodeo Road Trip" to work out the kinks — and at this rate, there is plenty to

Tony Parker scored 20 points for the Spurs, who have lost five of

"We have a team that can win games, especially like the one tonight, but we just need to find way to get it done," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said. "Defensively we aren't as good as we want to be."

Chicago entered the game as the fourth-worst shooting team in the NBA. The Bulls began



San Antonio's DeJuan Blair is rejected by the Bulls' Taj Gibson Monday in San Antonio. The Bulls beat the Spurs 98-93, notching another road win.

their road trip by losing at Golden State and the Los Angeles Clippers, but just like Chicago did wins over the Suns and Rockets, it shot better than 50 percent from the

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich has admonished his defense of late, and this won't help. The Bulls hit 18 of their first 23 shots and stayed above 70 percent shooting for most of the first half.

Kirk Hinrich added 18 points for the Bulls, and Noah had 11 after missing Saturday's win over the Rockets with plantar fascitis. "Hopefully it means

we're growing a little bit," Del Negro said. "I'm pleased with our defense; we got some stops and put 'em down."

Duncan scored 15 points and Antonio McDyess had 14 for the Spurs. Manu Ginobili also scored 14 but was denied twice while barreling to the rim in the final 33 seconds.

Luol Deng made sure of that on Ginobili's first try. Deng swatted his layup

back the way Ginobili came with Spurs trailing 95-93 and 32.8 seconds left. Then down by three with 5.9 seconds left, the Spurs called Ginobili's number again but his layup fell short. "Manu's last

plays," Spurs guard Roger Mason Jr. said, "we'll take any day of the week from him."

Rose didn't practice with the Bulls earlier

Monday because of flulike symptoms that Del Negro described as everything from congestion to "not feeling good." But Rose played just fine hours later even if he didn't look

Rose shot 13 of 23 from the floor and hit a pullup jumper with 56.9 seconds left to put the Bulls ahead 93-91. But Rose clearly wasn't feeling well.

Del Negro said at one point, Rose asked him to "give me a couple more minutes." Rose wasn't pale, Del Negro said, but he had his hands on his knees.

Rose left without speaking to reporters.

In his absence, Noah stated the obvious.

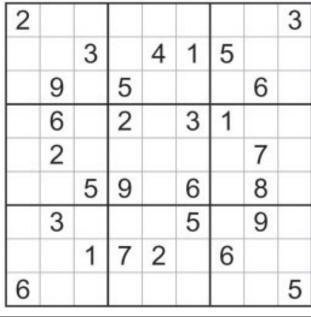
"I'm not gonna lie: D-Rose is playing at a really high level," he said.

NOTES: Newly acquired Bulls G Devin Brown was expected to join the team in Oklahoma City on Tuesday. The Bulls obtained Brown in a trade with New Orleans before the game, giving up C Aaron Gray. ... The Spurs are on their third three-game slide of the season.

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Puzzles by Pappocom

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By Steve Becker

With a Little Bit of Luck

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH WEST **EAST ♥** k 9 3 2 ♦ A 10 9 8 ♣KJ6 SOUTH ♠ A K J 10 8 2 East 4 ♥ North South Pass 4 🏚

West 2 ♥ Opening lead — ace of hearts. There is no question that the ele-

outcome of many deals. Even so, a lucky break must often be accompanied by skillful play if the beneficiary is to cash in on his good fortune. Consider this case where South arrived at four spades after West had opened with a weak two-heart bid.

ment of luck plays a major role in the

West led the heart ace and continued with a second heart, ruffed by

South did not care much for his chances. With no entries to dummy, it seemed likely he would lose a spade, a club and possibly two diamonds in addition to the heart already lost. Nevertheless, he pressed onward, praying for a generous assist from Lady Luck. After cashing the ace of spades,

he led a low diamond to the queen, hoping it might provide an entry to dummy. But when East produced the ace and returned the ten of diamonds, that hope went aglimmering. Declarer won the trick with the

king and had no choice but to lay down the king of spades. When the queen appeared, Lady Luck bade him a fond farewell and left him to his own devices. South was fully up to the task.

After drawing the missing trump, he cashed the jack of diamonds, revealing the 4-2 split. East was now certain to get a diamond trick, and it was declarer's job to turn that development to his own advantage Accordingly, South cashed his last

two spades, coming down to the A-Q of clubs and the seven of diamonds. East had no problem discarding on the first spade but was forced to let go of his last heart on the second spade in order to hold the nine of diamonds and K-J of clubs.

Declarer now led his diamond, and East was a dead duck. He won with the nine but then had to return a club, allowing South to take the winning club finesse for his contract.

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a 54-44 lead midway through the second half behind back-to-back threes from Colbert and another from Tubbs at the nine-minute mark. Western Texas would threaten within six at the five-minute mark, but the Hawks kept them at arm's length with a 6-0 run from there and held off another late Lady Westerner

"I thought we moved the ball better," Diddle said. "I thought we had better player movement, but we lost several leads there, and that was the only discouraging thing. But we found

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bad at the free-throw

line in the two games,

making just 18 of 38

"I didn't do a good

enough job (conveying)

how when you become

the No. 1 team in the

nation, you're going to

be under attack," Texas

coach Rick Barnes said.

"We're going to have to

coach them better and

work a little harder. I

know we're a long way

from being the team we

Kansas State (16-3, 3-2)

let an opportunity slip

away at home in los-

ing 73-69 to Oklahoma

State. The Wildcats play

BIG 12

attempts.

can be."

a way to win." Diddle said the team

is healing from some injuries, such as a concussion McKayla Grahn suffered two weeks ago. She will be back in practice today. Colberts is also dealing with a sore back. "This is the healthi-

est (Colbert) has been in about nine days," Diddle said. I think that too will propel us." Howard 69, WTC 63

Howard (15-4, 1-3)- Reid 4-9 10, Ards 2-10 4, Fountain 4-8 9, Murgel 1-1 3, Colbert 4-6 12 Tubbs 7-9 21, Blagrave 1-2 2, Bartelson 3-6 8 WTC (11-10, 1-4)- Smith 1-5 3, King 4-12 13, Majors 1-2 4, Cassagnal 5-9 13, Atkins 8-11

Wilson 1-3 2 Halftime 34-31 HC; FT HC -12, WT 10-11; 3-point- HC

11-20, WT 3-11; Rebounds 29-26 HC (Ards 5, Atkins 5); Turnovers HC 17, WT 18; Assists HC 15, WT 11; Steals HC 6, WT 4 at Baylor on Tuesday

before hosting the

Jayhawks on Saturday. "At the end of the day," KSU coach Frank Martin said, "you can't lose at home. That's unacceptable. It's a Big 12 game, and we have to understand there are

other good teams." Kansas (19-1, has won five games straight since losing to Tennessee. The Jayhawks started one of their toughest weeks of the season with an 84-65 win over Missouri on Monday night, and they play another rivalry game Saturday at K-State.

Baylor (15-3, 3-2), picked to finish 10th in the Big 12, moved up

HAWKS

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couldn't get the ball to fall and hopefully we had something to do with that. It was a great defensive effort." The Hawks beat for-

mer Howard assistant Jason Sautter, who recruited some of the players on this year's team. Sautter is in his second year at Western Texas.

Howard now sets its sights on another important road game Thursday in Odessa.

The Wranglers were ranked No. 10 in the last NJCAA poll but have lost two of their last three games to Frank Phillips and New Mexico JC, both on the road.

at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in Odessa. Howard 73. WTC 44

The teams will tip off

Sundufu 11, O'Garro 2, Watkins 18, Crowder 25, Emory 8, WTC (11-10, 1-4)- Stringe

Dervisivic 1, L. Johnson 10, harles 8, Jones 7, Harrison 7, D. Johnson 5, Adegoke 2 Barek 2

FT- HC 24-32. WTC 11-19

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a spot in the national rankings after beating Massachusetts 71-45 for its school-record 11th consecutive home victory. LaceDarius Dunn

and Tweety Carter are the Bears' only returning starters from the team that went 24-15 and made it to the finals of the NIT. Dunn is second in

the Big 12 at 19 points a game, and Carter is passing for leagueleading 6.7 assists and shooting 42 percent on 3-pointers.

The biggest impact

has been made by newcomer Ekpe Udoh. The 6-foot-10, 240-pound transfer from Michigan leads the Big 12 with 4.4 blocked shots and rebounds per game. He's averaging 14 points.

Kansas coach Bill Self said Baylor is the surprise of the league.

home," Self said. Texas Tech (14-5, 2-3) posted back-to-back wins against Iowa State and Oklahoma to match its 14 wins of a year ago, but the Red Raiders will get major road tests this week against Texas and Texas A&M.

Colorado (10-9, 1-4) is 9-1 at home, with a win over Baylor and a sixpoint loss to K-State. Alec Burks, averaging 19 points, is the only freshman in the nation to score 10 or more points in every game.

But Buffaloes coach Jeff Bzdelik said his team, which has just one senior, still has a ways to go. Their 67-63 loss at Texas A&M on Saturday was their 32nd straight in Big 12 road games.

"We've done a lot of good things in basketball games to put ourselves in position to win," he said. "We have to close out. It's the little things keeping us from big wins."



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