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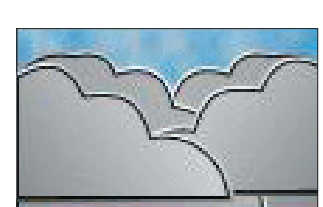


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Working together

Common interests shared by entities

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Working together can bring results. That's the message representatives of the county's different taxing entities heard during a unique joint meeting held Thursday evening at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts.

Representatives from the county's municipalities and school districts, Howard College, Howard County, the Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Economic Development Corp. have been meeting informally for the past year to discuss "issues of common interest" and ways for the different entities to cooperate in addressing those



Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, addresses a joint meeting of Howard County municipal, school and economic development agencies Thursday evening.

issues. Consider Thursday night's meeting a progress report. "Representatives from the different entities have been

meeting to find ways to work together, finding community issues that need to be addressed," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks

said. "We wanted to bring the board members of all the entities together and update them on what we've been doing," Since their first meeting in

October 2008, these representatives have targeted a wide variety of issues, including:

- Grant writer services — Sparks said one idea the representatives quickly warmed to was securing a grant writer to pursue outside funding sources that would benefit all the different entities. The result was an "inter-local agreement" in which the respective organizations pooled their resources to pay for a grant writer.
- That action has, to date, resulted in the awarding of more than \$1 million in grants to fund educational and municipal projects ranging from wastewater treatment upgrades to vocational education programs, Sparks said.
- Name recognition — Another issue raised during the informal meetings was the need to "get the word out about Big Spring and Howard County" in order to attract business and industry and further enhance community development programs,

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UW officials say goal is still attainable

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Still more than \$100,000 shy of its \$300,000 goal for its 2010 campaign, officials with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County say they feel confident the charity will be able to make up the difference with special events planned for the spring and summer.

Jeanie Coor, executive director, said an economic slowdown has presented the local charity with a challenge during the fund-raising year. "This year's campaign has been a little bit slow because of the economy and the circumstances going on, not just

in the Unites States and Big Spring, but all around the world," said Coor. "However, we've really done pretty good. We're up to almost \$200,000 now, and our goal for this campaign is \$300,000. We're planning to put on some special events in the spring. We've planned a golf ball drop and a golf tournament, and possibly a few other things we have currently in the works. We're hoping these events will help us meet our goal in the end."

During a dinner Thursday night at the Dora Roberts

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Jeanie Coor, executive director of the Big Spring United Way, discusses the 2009 fund-raising campaign while charity president Tim Yeats, right, and board member Wayland Pierce look on during a dinner Thursday night at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Voter registration ends Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Time is quickly running out for Crossroads residents planning to cast their ballot in this year's political party primaries, as Monday is the last day to register to vote in

the elections. With several contested races in Howard County and the outlying areas and early voting set to begin in slightly more than two weeks, Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said

now is the time for prospective voters to double-check their readiness.

"You can check the expiration date on your voter registration card, or if you're unsure, you can contact our office and we can look it up

for you," said Bloom. "Either way, it's better to be sure before Monday's deadline gets here, that way you have time to make any necessary changes or corrections."

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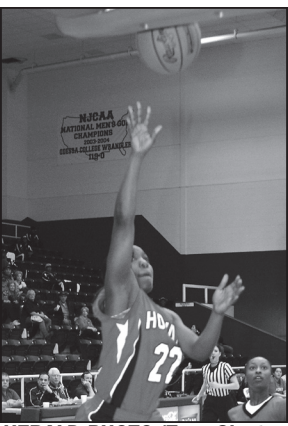
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HC women earn 2nd straight conference win



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Kenyatta Colbert had one of her best games as a Hawk Thursday.

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Howard College Hawk women are showing up before our eyes.

The Hawks used a dominant second-half performance Thursday to get past the No. 20 Odessa College Wranglers 64-53 on the road, earning their second straight conference victory.

Tasha Tubbs had

15 for the Hawks, but Kenyatta Colbert stole the show with 18 points and four assists to lead Howard (16-4, 2-3) on 6-of-9 from the floor as she continues to heal from a back injury. The squad outscored Odessa 40-26 in the second half.

“She’s getting healthier and healthier. I’m proud of the way she’s fought back and recovered from the injuries,” Hawks coach

Earl Diddle said. “She’s showed a lot of courage and she’s a really important part of our team. Tonight I was happy because she was so aggressive with the ball.”

Asia Reid and Twyla Ards each scored 10 points in the game. Reid’s nine rebounds paced Howard, which edged Odessa 41-40 on the glass.

Judith Tabala led the Lady Wranglers with 15

points, the only Odessa player in double figures. Odessa lost its third straight game.

The Hawks were down three at half and faced a three-minute scoring drought midway through the second half. But their defense held the Lady Wranglers at bay over that stretch, and Howard later turned that part of the ball game into a 12-2 un.

“I thought that was

the only time during the game where we lost our rhythm,” Diddle said. “So when we did pick it up defensively, got going again and got over the hump, we finished really strong.”

The Hawks will move into third place in the region standings Saturday. Depending on the weekend matchup between New Mexico Junior College

See **HOWARD**, Page 2B

Hawks stifle Odessa for road win

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Howard men brought their lunch pallet to Odessa on Thursday night.

The No. 7 Hawks turned in a workmanlike defensive performance as they edged No. 10 Odessa 67-50 on the road for a second straight win and sole possession of second place in the Region 5 standings. Howard (18-2, 4-1) trails only No. 1 Midland College as the first go-round of conference play nears its end.

“Our players worked really hard this week knowing it was a critical game for us,” head coach Mark Adams said. “If we were going to make a run at a conference championship, we had to win on the road.”

Josh Watkins and Jae Crowder once again paved the road for the Hawks, scoring 19 and 14 points, respectively.

“They’ve been doing that all year for us, those two guys,” Adams said. “They’ve always stepped up when we needed them to.”

But it was the Hawks’ defensive effort, particularly their rebounding, that proved the difference.

Odessa came into the game as the best rebounding team in the region and the No. 3 defense, facing a Howard team that ranked No. 1 in scoring defense, but its achilles heel had been on the glass. The Hawks edged Odessa 40-38 in rebounds.

“I always talk to our players about the most important part of defense, (which) is rebounding, and it’s still a huge weakness of ours,” Adams said. “We don’t have just a huge team. We have some good athletes, but our challenge is going to be to team rebound and everybody played a part (Thursday).”



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Carlos Emory slams a ball home Thursday in the Hawks’ 67-50 win over Odessa. Emory scored nine points as the No. 7 Hawks took down No. 10 Odessa for sole possession of second place in the Region 5 standings.

Joe Bright, the Hawks’ 6-foot-3 post man, certainly did his part. He recorded 11 boards to go with 10 points.

“Joe was the unsung hero doing all the dirty work and getting some loose balls and some offensive rebounds,” Adams said. “He played so well for an undersized post man to come up with those boards.”

Watkins agreed. “I told Joe before the game to assert himself more on the offensive end, and he did that today,” Watkins said of Bright, who recorded eight offensive rebounds. “He was strong with putbacks and all that. Everybody provided.”

A fast start out of the gate put Howard in the lead the entire way. They scored the first 12 points of the game and

didn’t allow a bucket until the 14:27 mark.

“Odessa is a very physical team,” Adams said. “We have a lot of respect for them, we had to match their intensity and we did that tonight.”

The Wranglers fought back to within four at 16-12 with 10 minutes left in the first half, but that was as close as they would get all night. Howard kicked off another run at the nine minute mark with six straight points from Watkins, and when the dust settled Howard was again up 12, 28-16, with five minutes left in the opening half. The Hawks took a 33-24 lead into the locker room.

The second half was more of the same for Howard, who led by as many as 22 in the game. Any time Odessa

threatened to make a run, the Hawks went to Crowder.

“A lot of credit to our players. Jae Crowder made some big shots,” Adams said.

The Hawks will wrap up the first go-round of conference play with Frank Phillips at home Monday. Tipoff is 7:45 p.m.

Howard (67)
Austin 3-4 0-1 6, Sundufu 2-5 4-7 9, Watkins 4-12 11-14 19, Crowder 5-11 3-6 14, Emory 4-6 1-2 9, Bright 4-8 2-4 10. Totals 22-47 21-34 67.

Odessa (50)
Hubbard 6-11 2-4 15, Woodberry 3-13 0-4 6, Norwood 0-0 1-2 1, J. Brown 4-12 2-4 11, Harris 1-7 0-0 2, Schaffartzik 1-5 0-0 3, D. Brown 3-7 3-7 9, Savage 1-1 0-0 2, Coleby 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 19-57 9-24 50.

Halftime — Howard 33, Odessa 24. 3-point goals — Howard 2-6 (Sundufu 1-2, Watkins 0-2, Crowder 1-2), Odessa 3-17 (Hubbard 1-3, Woodberry 0-5, J. Brown 1-3, Schaffartzik 1-5, D. Brown 0-1). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Howard 40 (Bright 11), Odessa 38 (Woodberry 7). Assists — Howard 5 (Watkins 2), Odessa 4 (Schaffartzik 3). Total Fouls — Howard 21, Odessa 23

Hawk baseball set to defend 2009 title

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

The weather may not agree, but it’s time for baseball at Howard College.

The Hawks are the No. 1 team in the preseason rankings after last year’s dream season. But with a whole new cast of characters, Howard coach Britt Smith has a tough job ahead of him to get his ball club ready for the 2010 campaign, which starts Saturday against Wharton County Junior College in San Antonio.

Smith will be the first to say this year’s squad does not measure up with last year’s team, most of which moved on to the pro ranks or division I colleges.

But Smith knows his team has a target on its back.

“There’s certainly a difference between being the hunter and the hunted,” Smith said. “We’re going to get everybody’s best shot. Everybody is going to play last year’s record and last year’s team. The problem is it will be this year’s class trying to do it.”

That coupled with a road-heavy early schedule gives the Hawks some early hurdles to clear. Howard will play eight of its first 10 games away from Big Spring.

“When we got back from the (Junior College) World Series, everybody in the country was done scheduling but us,” Smith said. “Not many teams had open games, and most of them didn’t want to play us. That’s why a large portion of our schedule is on the road, and we had to take the games we could get.”

For Smith, though, that may not be a bad thing for this year’s group.

“Sometimes it’s good to get a young team on the road and get them

away from town and pressure and people that know them,” Smith said. “When you’re on the road, it’s just the guys and all you worry about is playing baseball.”

Certain key pieces return from that 2009 squad, and they will be looked at to carry the load as a young team gets settled in.

Joe Leftridge, who will move to center field after patrolling left last season, returns as the team’s top hitter. Leftridge hit .396 with six home runs, 58 RBI and 33 stolen bases last year. He is entrenched in the leadoff spot and is the catalyst for the Hawk lineup.

“He’s a game-changing type player,” Smith said.

Blake Barnes and Burch Smith will carry the load for the Hawks’ pitching staff. Barnes posted a 9-4 record with a 3.27 ERA and three saves in 17 games last season. He struck out 60 and walked 14, and opponents batted .259 against him. Burch Smith was 4-0 with a 3.05 ERA in 14 games with 11 starts last year. He struck out 48 and walked 27 with a .219 opponents’ batting average.

“Smith and Barnes are two of the biggest impact guys in the country,” Smith said. “Joe Leftridge is the same way on the position side. If we’re only returning three guys from that team, those are three pretty good guys.”

Steven Niedwiecki will get his chance at first base this year after playing behind two division I transfers last season. Niedwiecki batted .400 in 35 at bats in 2009.

Howard’s incoming class is certainly talented, raw though it may be.

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Sports in brief

Howard College softball opener postponed to Sunday

Due to inclement weather and field conditions, the Howard College Hawk softball game scheduled for today vs. Cisco College will now be played on Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m.

The games scheduled for Saturday vs. Temple College are currently remaining on schedule and will be played Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m.

Changes are posted at www.hchawk.com. Check Monday’s Herald for results.

Big Spring vs. Frenship game postponed to Saturday

Big Spring’s scheduled Friday home games have been moved to Saturday due to inclement weather.

Coach Marcus Morris said the games will be moved to Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Steer Gym.

The Lady Tigers beat the Lady Steers earlier this season. The boys teams will meet for the first time this year.

See Monday’s Herald for game results.

Big Spring to host district swim meet

The Big Spring YMCA will host the 2009-2010 District 4-4A swimming and diving championship meet today and Saturday.

The meet got under way at noon today. The finals will run Saturday with warm ups at 9:30 a.m. before competition begins at noon. Diving finals will start one hour after swimming finals conclude. Pick up the Herald for results as soon as they are available.

Obituaries

Michael Brown

Michael Brown, 80, of Vincent died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 14, 1929, in Vincent and married Betty Jones on July 4, 1949. He was a life-long resident and farmer in Vincent and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Brown of Vincent; four daughters, Brenda Conner, Charlotte Hall and husband Raymond Hall, Cindy Longorio and husband Donald, and Barbara Morgan and husband James, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Chad Conner, Michael Hatfield, Dustin Morgan, Wesley Longorio, Kimberly Rodriguez and Amanda Longorio; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Bessie Brown; and one brother, Charles Brown.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721-1448, or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Marcela 'Marcy' Rivera

Marcela "Marcy" Rivera, 47, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following a one-vehicle accident in Howard County. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 31, 1962, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to Paula and Francisco Martinez. She moved to Big Spring in 1977 from San Luis Potosi. She had been employed at Big Spring State Hospital for 15 years, and later she was employed by Patterson Farms.

She is survived by her husband, Rudy Rivera of Big Spring; two sons, Ronnie Rivera and Bobby Joe Rivera and wife Maria, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Paula Rivera and husband Johnny Leos of Big Spring; mother, Paula Torres of Big Spring; four brothers, Jose Martinez, Frank Martinez, Gabriel Martinez and Beto Martinez, all of Big Spring; one sister, Angelica Arredondo of Big Spring; and 11 grandchildren.

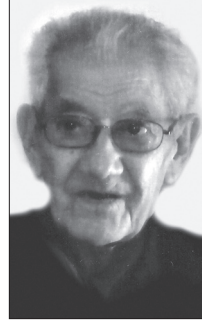
Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Maria Diaz

Maria Diaz, 87, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frank Salazar

Frank Salazar, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born June 4, 1925, in Big Spring to Isabel and Catarino Salazar and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Ruth White on May 31, 1964, in Big Spring. He worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 35 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and

was a past president of the Parrish Council. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Salazar of Big Spring; one daughter, Lisa Williams and husband Mark of Midland; two sons, Tony Salazar and wife Michelle, and John Salazar, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Flora Salazar and Mary Salazar, both of Big Spring; one brother, Celedonio "Joe" Salazar and wife Cruz of Big Spring; sister-in-law, Gina Salazar; seven grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Tim Salazar; and two sisters, Inez and Juanita Salazar.

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

Police blotter

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

- JAMES HOWARD JENNINGS, 56, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY LEE LOUIS, 51, of 1109 Lloyd, was arrested Thursday on a charge of fraud by check.
- JESUSITA ZAPATA, 33, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Thursday on 10 local warrants.
- BRINDLE FOUST, 30, of 1750 Tucson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft - more than \$50, less than \$500.
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 27, of 803 Lorilla, was arrested Thursday on a Tarrant County warrant.
- ERNESTO M. MUNIZ, 24, of 1112 Sycamore, was arrested Thursday on a Midland County warrant.
- VERONICA MARTINEZ, 26, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 46, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- JOE GUZMAN, 44, of 134 Jonesboro, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- INJURY TO A CHILD WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 2500 block of Merrily. According to police officials, no arrests have been made and the incident is under investigation by both the BSPD and CPS.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Park.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. In the 4100 block of Parkway.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- LAVERNE GALE JOHNSON, 34, was arrested Thursday by TABC on a charge of sale of alcohol to minors.
- GARY LEE LOUIS, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of fraud-insufficient funds check.
- BRINDLE NICOLE FOUST, 30, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft - more than \$50, less than \$500.
- JESUSITA MICHELE ZAPATA, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of parent contributing to non-attendance, motion to revoke probation for fictitious or counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, expired motor vehicle registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility (three counts), displaying wrong registration on vehicle, expired driver's license (three counts) and failure to appear (two counts).
- JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 1/30	Sun 1/31	Mon 2/1
 47/24 A mainly sunny sky. High 47F. Winds light and variable.	 54/30 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	 59/30 Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.
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Texas At A Glance



motion to revoke probation for non-payment of child support.

- JAMES HOWARD JENNINGS, 56, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- VERONICA MARTINEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear.
- ERNESTO M. MUNIZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear - child support.
- VERETT DWAYNE SMOOTS, 26, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- MICHAEL RAWLS CASTLE, 30, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of assault - family violence.
- JOE GUZMAN, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Scout Hut Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Randolph and Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- ELECTRICAL FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of N. Runnels.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-16-29. Bonus Ball: 8.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-15-31-32-36.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-3-6-8. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-5. Sum It Up: 21.

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BASEBALL

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Perhaps the most heralded prospect on the team may be freshman pitcher Damien Magnifico. Magnifico was selected in the fifth round of the draft last year by the New York Mets and sports a 97 mile-per-hour fastball. He will start the season inactive because of elbow soreness, Smith said. The extent of the injury is unknown.

The Hawks' lineup is not set in stone, Smith said, but he has a good idea of where some players will end up.

Tate Allison and Patrick Palmeiro, son of MLB great Rafael Palmeiro, will play left field and third base. The two transferred in after playing at Grason County College in Denison last year. Allison batted .314 with five



Members of the 2010 Howard College baseball team are introduced Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks are ranked No. 1 in the nation.

home runs and 22 RBI last season. He signed with Angelo State before the season. Palmeiro hit .256 with five home runs and 32 RBI last year at Grayson.

Tony Calhoun should start at shortstop for the Hawks. Calhoun was a top player at Temecula

Valley High School in California. Marcellous Biggins, a 5-foot-8 infield transfer from Dallas Baptist, will play second base.

Nathan Burns will play right field for Howard, along with several other players who should see time in the corner out-

field spots. "We feel outfield-wise that our depth is just as good as it was last year," Smith said. "Maybe our top level talent isn't what it was last year, but with our depth and overall class, we didn't lose anything in the out-

HOWARD

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Frank Phillips in Hobbs, N.M., Howard could have a chance to move into the No. 2 spot in conference with a win over Frank Phillips at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Monday.

After an 0-3 start to conference play, the Hawk women seemed to have turned a corner.

"We were beaten up and we were a little flat (to start conference play), and we gave a couple games away," Diddle said. "It's part of the pain of being a young team to (be frustrated), and certainly they've responded."

The Hawks started in a 9-2 hole as Odessa's size in the frontcourt was effective early. But Howard clamped down defensively, made a run of their own and played within three points of the Lady Wranglers the rest of the half. A 10-0 run at the 6:45-mark gave Howard its first lead of the game. The contest was tied 24-24 at the end of the half and the Hawks had the ball, but a loose ball at half-court turned into a buzzer-beating shot from the logo for Brittany Pennell as the Lady Wranglers took a 27-24 lead into the

locker room. Howard turned it on midway through the second half on a run that gave them a 44-39 lead with 7:36 left. The Hawks were able to hold Odessa at bay down the stretch with some key buckets, one from Jackie Bartelson with two minutes remaining. A fast break layup from Reid missed off the right iron, and as it came down Bartelson hustled down the floor for the rebound and a putback that extended Howard's lead to 55-47.

"It was a good shot, and (Bartelson) went to the boards," Diddle said. "It was a hustle play that turned in to almost a game-winner."

Howard faces Frank Phillips at home Monday to wrap up the first round of conference play. Tipoff is 5:45 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

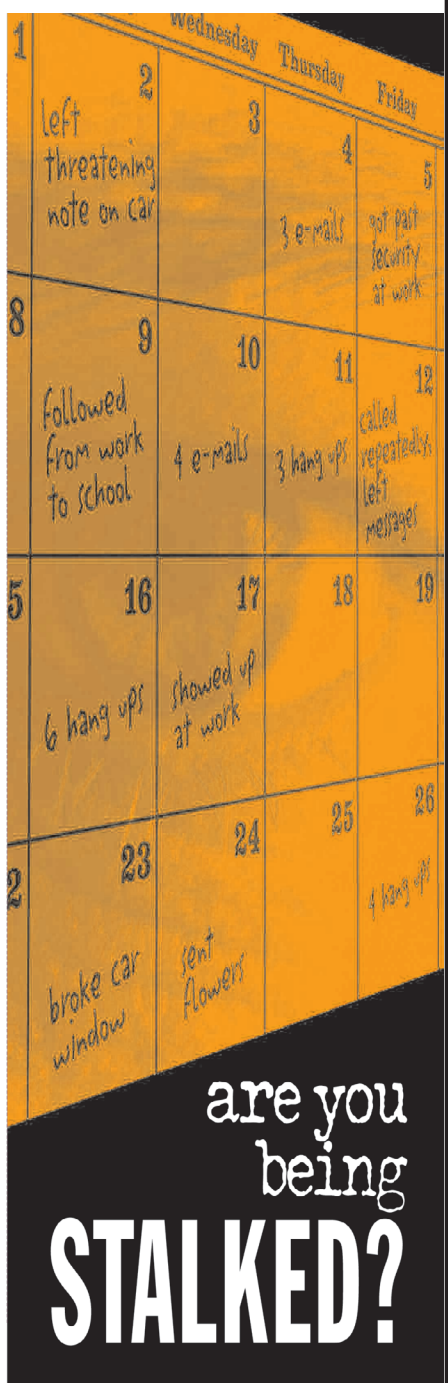
Howard (64) Reid 4-10 2-2 10, Ards 4-7 2-7 10, Murgel 1-6 0-1 2, Colbert 6-9 4-5 18, Tubbs 5-13 1-2 15, Bartelson 4-5 1-2 9. Totals 24-53 10-19 64.

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ARE YOU BEING STALKED?

Stalking is a series of actions that make you feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time. Stalking is a crime. A stalker can be someone you know well or not at all. Most have dated or been involved with the people they stalk. Most stalking cases involve men stalking women, but men do stalk men, women do stalk women, and women do stalk men.

- Some things stalkers do: Repeatedly call you, including hang-ups. Follow you and show up wherever you are. Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or e-mails. Damage your home, car, or other property. Monitor your phone calls or computer use. Use technology, like hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), to track where you go. Drive by or hang out at your home, school, or work. Threaten to hurt you, your family, friends, or pets. Find out about you by using public records or on-line search services, hiring investigators, going through your garbage, or contacting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers. Other actions that control, track, or frighten you.

You are not to blame for a stalker's behavior.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another, yet you can take steps to increase your safety. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. Trust your instincts. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.

Take threats seriously. Danger generally is higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victim tries to leave or end the relationship. Contact a crisis hotline, victim services agency, or a domestic violence or rape crisis program. They can help you devise a safety plan, give you information about local laws, refer you to other services, and weigh options such as seeking a protection order.

Develop a safety plan, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you. Also, decide in advance what to do if the stalker shows up at your home, work, school, or somewhere else. Tell people how they can help you.

Women are three times more likely to be stalked than men.

Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you. Keep evidence of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph anything of yours the stalker damages and any injuries the stalker causes. Ask witnesses to write down what they saw. Contact the police. Every state has stalking laws. The stalker may also have broken other laws by doing things like assaulting you or stealing or destroying your property. Consider getting a court order that tells the stalker to stay away from you. Tell family, friends, roommates, and co-workers about the stalking and seek their support. Tell security staff at your job or school. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

3.4 million people are stalked each year in the United States.

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TOGETHER

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Sparks said.

- Law enforcement partnership — Sparks said representatives realized the need for greater cooperation between schools and law enforcement. The results have ranged from classes on parenting, anger management and life skills to mediation/dispute resolution programs to gang prevention efforts.
- “We are all about preventing gangs in Howard County, but everyone realizes that those gangs exist,” she said. “We need to focus on how we can change the environment so young people don’t want to join gangs.”
- Expanding educational opportunities — Among the goals in this area are expanding career and technical education

opportunities and increasing the number of dual-credit courses (in which high school students earn college credit for courses taken through Howard College) to include workforce training classes in areas such as welding, construction, heavy equipment operation and electrical.

Overall, Sparks said the group has made good project since the first meeting.

“I think we’ve accomplished much in a short period of time,” she said. “But the challenges remaining are great and we have much work still to do.”

The group will continue meeting at regular intervals and plans to discuss issues such as improving social services and mental health and medical programs within Howard County.

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Support Groups

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.
 - Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles.
 - Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Encourager’s Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

VOTE

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Bloom said early voting in both the Democratic and Republican primaries is set to begin Feb. 16 and continue through Feb. 26 at the county elections office, located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

“Both party’s primaries are being held in conjunction with one another, meaning Republican and Democratic voters will cast their ballots at the same location,” she said. “That should help simplify things and cut down on any confusion, both during early voting and on election day.”

With more than a dozen local residents vying

for their party’s nomination going into the November election, area voters will have plenty of decisions to make during the primaries.

On the Republican ticket, the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court will feature a trio of political hopefuls, including incumbent candidate Jerry Kilgore, who has held the seat for more than a decade now. In the Republican primary, Kilgore will face challengers Donnie Baker and Melanie Gambrell.

The race for the Precinct 2 seat on the commissioners court has also drawn a contest on the Democratic ticket, as Alon USA employee Richard Belew takes on business owner Jim Sinclair.

The Precinct 4 seat on the commissioners court drew fewer competitors this year. Democratic incumbent Gary Simer will go unopposed in the party primaries in March. On the Republican ticket, however, business owners John Cline and Roy Beauchamp will battle it out to see who will challenge Simer in the November contest.

The seat of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 will also be up for grabs in March, as incumbent Kathryn Wiseman will take on challenger David Baird in the Republican primary. On the Democratic ticket, business owner Ricky Hughes will go unopposed in March, and will face the winner of the Republican race

in November.

Also facing off in the Republican primary will be local attorneys Mike Thomas and Tim Yeats, who are running for the seat of 118th District Court Judge.

This year’s primaries will include a pair of state seats, as the U.S. Representative 19th District seat, currently held by Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock), and the District 85 Texas Representative seat held by Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton) will be up for election.

Both Neugebauer and Heflin are running for re-election. Heflin, who is unopposed on the Democratic ticket, will have to face either Jim Landtroop or David Andrews — both of whom are running on the Republican ticket — in

the November election. Heflin has also drawn a Libertarian challenger, as Robyn L. Burwell of Abilene has filed his candidacy, as well.

Neugebauer drew a pair of challengers, as Lubbock’s Andy Wilson will run unopposed on the Democratic ticket and Richard “Chip” Peterson, also of Lubbock, on the Libertarian ticket, sending the contest to the November election.

For more information on the election or voter registration, contact the Howard County Elections Office at 264-2273.

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Marcela Rivera, 47, died Wednesday. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Frank Salazar, 84, died Wednesday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial park.

Maria Diaz, 87, died Friday, January 29, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Community Center to wrap up the charity’s efforts, Coor said fundraising for this year’s campaign may overlap the 2011 effort by a few months.

“The final date, where we’ll actually end our goal, isn’t until Dec. 31,” said Coor. “However, we’ll start our 2011 campaign in August of this year. So people have the opportunity to donate to help make this year’s goal can do so through the entire year, although it will be a lot easier to count the donations that are made before the end of July.”

“By the time we start our next campaign kickoff, we’ll still have money coming in for this year’s campaign but we’ll be starting on 2011. The way the campaigns and years overlap can get confusing,” she added with a laugh. “However, we still have lots of time to work on reaching our 2010 campaign goal.”

Despite being slightly more than \$100,000 away from their goal, Coor said she doesn’t feel the \$300,000 target is unreachable.

“We felt like we needed to set a goal that we felt was attainable for

Big Spring, and we felt like \$300,000 was attainable,” said Coor. “We realized going into this campaign the state of the economy was going to affect our ability to reach our goal, but I really feel confident that with our upcoming special events we’ll be able to make our goal by the end of the summer. We intend to do everything we can to make our goal.”

The local United Way helps to fund more than a dozen agencies, including the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Buffalo Trail Council of the boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin, Howard County Council on Aging, Howard County Human Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis Victim Services, the Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, Westside Community Day Care and the YMCA of Big Spring.

“The money the United Way raises goes to a total of 14 different agencies here in Big Spring,” said Coor. “We distribute the money through an allocation process. All of the money raised stays right here in Big Spring. We’ve complet-

ed our allocation process in December and the money has already been sent out to the different agencies. However, the money we raise this spring and summer through our special events will hopefully allow us to hand out bonus checks to these agencies at our kickoff dinner for the 2011 campaign.”

Coor said recent fluctuations in the national and local economy have forced the United Way Board of Directors to take a second look at how it runs its annual campaigns.

“With the way things are going and the way the economy is acting, the United Way will be handled a little differently in the future,” said Coor. “We’re going to have our regular campaign which starts in August, just like we always have, and it will run through December. After the first of the year we’re going to have our special events campaign through July, and

that will bring in the extra money we need. So our goal will consist of our regular campaign plus our special events campaign.”

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DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2010

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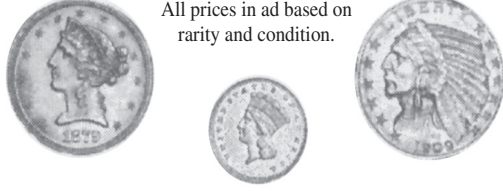


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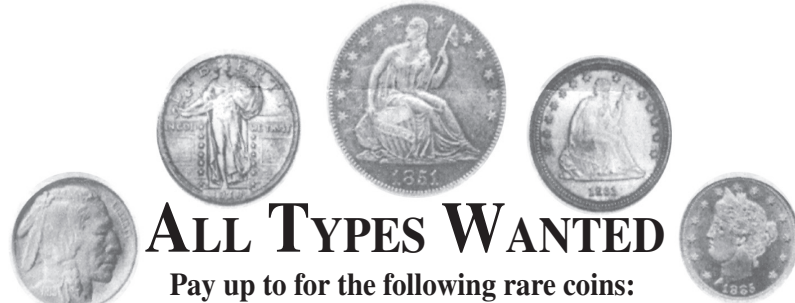


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parents, by the time she finished high school she was more motivated by independence and ambition. Believing, as most teachers do, that she could make a difference in the lives of her students, Brenda graduated from college in a state far away from her parents, attended a job fair, and accepted the first job that was offered to her — a 7th grade math assignment in rural Georgia. Nothing in her Pacific-Northwest childhood background or her teacher-training classes had prepared her for this classroom experience. After she had learned to

translate her students' country brogue into recognizable English, and they had learned to decipher the multi-state eclectic accent that she had perfected, she tackled the task of trying to teach math. She soon discovered, however, that even the students who could add, subtract, multiply and divide proficiently had no clue how to solve their textbook story problems. Acting instinctively, Brenda started making up simple stories to get her students involved in problem solving. Her method seemed to be working well until she started focusing on numbers and ne-

glecting life experience. Facing a roomful of kids who had gotten on the school bus that morning before her alarm had gone off, she asked, "If there were 10 ducks on a pond and the farmer shot three of them, how many would be left on the pond?" Although Brenda was perplexed when they all answered, "Zero," they defended their answer. "If three ducks got shot the other ducks would all fly away as soon as they heard the shots," they insisted. That day, a young teacher learned a valuable lesson that has made her a better teach-

er. She learned that we all approach problem solving from different perspectives. In the Bible, we are given some advice about being open to learning: "Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning" (Proverbs 9:9 NASB). Perhaps the best teacher is the one who is most willing to learn.

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CHURCH NEWS

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and Carson Palmer (quarterback of the Cincinnati Bengals) tell about their faith. You are invited to attend.

February 14 will be our Everybody Birthday Party at 6 p.m. in our fellowship hall. We will celebrate everybody's birthday with one big party. Don and Judy Earley of Fort Worth will be our entertainment for the evening.

During January, our morning services are focusing on giving God the first and the best of what we can give. This Sunday, we will focus on giving God the best of our relationships (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:20-25; and 4:2-15). Our Sunday evening message will be from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13.

You are always welcome here. Sundays, we have classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesdays, we have groups for all ages at 7 p.m.

For more information, call us at 267-8287 or check us out on the Web at btcbigspring.org

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Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. The theme for the sermon is; "God Calls; God Equips," based on the Lessons. Angela Newton is our organist. Acolyte will be Mateo Rodriguez. Elders for this week are Richard Knocke and Richard von Hassell. The liturgy will be read by Bobby Roever. The readings are Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19), Psalm 71: 1-6, (7-11), 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13, and Luke 4:31-44.

Mid Week School is being held Wednesday evenings with a light meal at 5:30 p.m., confirmation classes at 5:30 p.m. and Mid Week School at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in beginning or attending a men's or women's Bible study, contact any member of the Board of Education. These Bible studies could be any day or evening of the week and could be held either at church or in a home.

An 11:30 a.m. Bible study at church on Thursdays; a new Bible study will begin Feb. 4. The focus of this study will be the Lord's Prayer. A light meal will be available. You do not need to be a member of our congregation in order to attend any of our Bible studies.

The Board of Education has scheduled the Second Annual Easter Festival for Saturday, April 3. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled morning. Games, egg decorating, cookie decorating and egg walk are just a few of the activities for all ages.

The LWML will have their Prayer Pal salad supper on the 9th. Prayer Pals for 2009-2010 will be identified and Prayer Pals for 2010-2011 will be drawn. Bring your favorite salad or dessert. If unable to attend, you will need to bring your gift for your prayer pal to church early. Come join us at Kathy Laning's home for this wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship.

February 8, the LWML will serve refreshments at the VA. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 9. The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 11. The Elders will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer

Feb. 6
Women of all faiths will be celebrating this world wide event at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Campus of

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn St.

Celebrants will gather at 11 a.m. in Father Beasley Hall. All women of Big Spring are invited to join us.

Anyone with Questions may call Lupe Ortiz at 263-4631.

East Fourth Street Baptist

We welcome you to East Fourth. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Opportunities to visit, study God's Word and fellowship are on Sundays in Sunday school for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. On Wednesday at 7 p.m. we have adult prayer time and Bible study led by our Pastor Keith Weaver. Our Winter Bible Study is on the Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew. The youth and children also have Bible study during this time. On Saturdays there is a men's Bible study and fellowship at 7 a.m.

This Sunday we are having a fifth Sunday singing starting at 6 p.m. We welcome you to join us for this delightful time to worship through music. There will be a pot luck and fellowship following the service.

Both men and women are invited to

the "Men's Rally" at Circle 6 Ranch Baptist Encampment on Feb. 8. There will be a tour and dinner from 5 to 6:45 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. featuring the Singing Men of West Texas. The cost is \$7 per person.

If you are seeking a church home or just traveling through, we welcome you to come visit with us. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

Religion briefs

Mormon church announces plans for new Utah temple

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church is planning a new temple in Payson.

It will be the fifteenth Utah temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The temple will serve about 78,000 church members.

President Thomas S. Monson made the announcement Monday.

Temples are sacred to Latter-day Saints and are used for religious rituals including proxy baptisms, marriage ceremonies and other rites designed to strengthen church teachings.



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Club News

Howard County Democratic Club

The Howard County Democratic Club meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the newly refurbished commissioners courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse. Nineteen local citizens were in attendance.

Jim Sinclair and Richard Belew, Democratic Party candidates for the Precinct 2 commissioners place, spoke and outlined their respective visions for Howard County.

Incumbent Precinct 4 County Commissioner Gary Simer and Precinct 1, Place 2 candidate for Justice of the Peace, Rick Hughes, also spoke.

After the primary candidates had an opportunity to talk, issues as varied as how to increase voter enthusiasm and participation and how to educate voters about voting machines were discussed.

The next meeting of the Howard County Democratic Club will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in the commissioners courtroom.

Heavy snow, ice bury South Plains

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A storm that toppled power lines, closed major highways and buried parts of the southern Plains in heavy ice and snow began moving into the South on Friday, leaving tens of thousands of people in the dark — possibly for several more days.

Winter storm warnings were in effect from New Mexico to North Carolina, and Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe declared a state of emergency. The storm threatened to dump up to a foot of snow across the region after leaving 13 inches in the northern Texas Panhandle, where nearly all of Interstate 40 from the Texas-Oklahoma line to New Mexico was closed.

The closure stranded dozens of people at the Travel Centers of America truck stop along I-40 in Sayre in far

western Oklahoma.

"There's probably 3 1/2 inches of packed ice on the road. And it's not snow, it's all ice," said David Hill of Oklahoma City, who was hauling a load of food products. "I've probably got 2 inches that covers my whole tractor. It's pure ice."

Heavy ice brought down electrical lines and trees limbs, leaving nearly 142,000 homes and businesses in Oklahoma without power Friday, according to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

"In some places, as far as you can see there are hundreds of utility poles on the ground," said Andrea Chancellor, spokeswoman for Public Service Co. of Oklahoma. She said it could be five days before electricity is restored to all customers.

Flights were canceled Friday morning at airports in Oklahoma City and Little Rock, Ark.

Arkansas State Police warned people who were driving to work on Friday to be prepared to be stranded. Spokesman Bill Sadler encouraged motorists to bring blankets, water and snacks with them and to line up a hotel room within walking distance or otherwise plan for an overnight stay.

The snow, sleet and freezing rain were expected to crawl east through Friday. In Arkansas, as much as a foot of snow could fall near the Missouri state line, northern parts of central Tennessee could see up to 8 inches and western North Carolina could get hit with a foot of snow, according to the National Weather Service.

More snow also was expected in Texas and Oklahoma, where dozens of shelters were opened for those who needed a warm place to stay, including First United Methodist Church in Hobart, about 120 miles southwest of Oklahoma City. Pastor Kyle Clark said downed trees and utility poles littered the slick roadways and most of the town of about 4,000 residents had no electricity.

"We've got gas heat and we are illuminating the place with candles," Clark said late Thursday.

Farther southwest in Altus, home to about 7,000 residences and businesses, power was out except at the hospital and other emergency operations.

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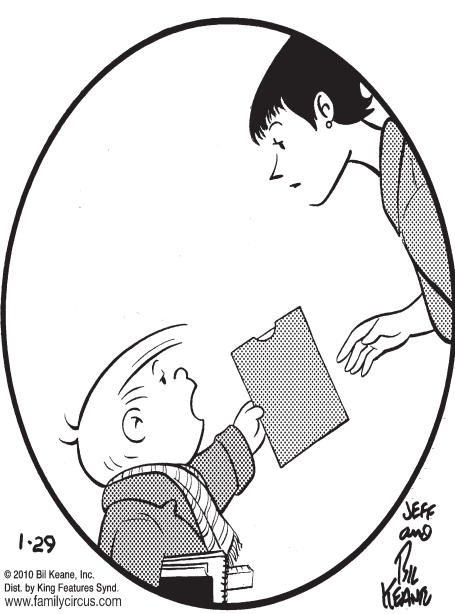
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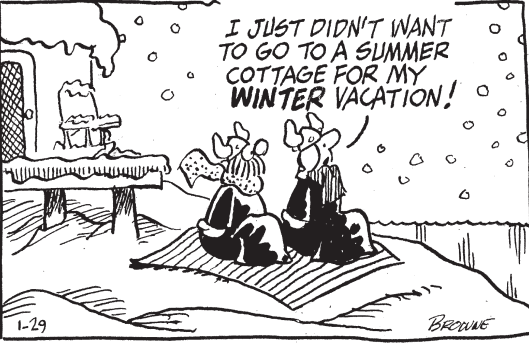
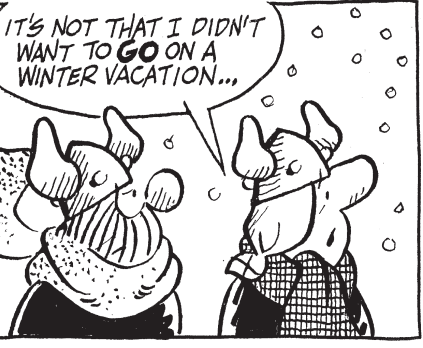
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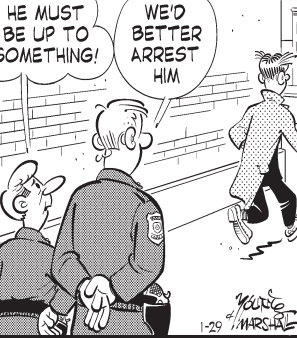


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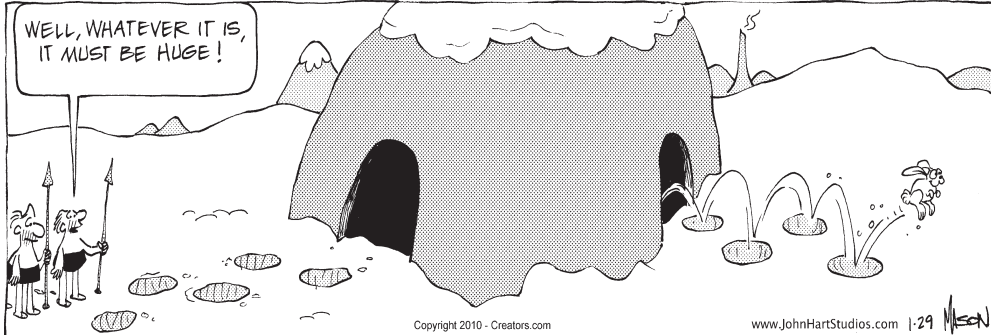
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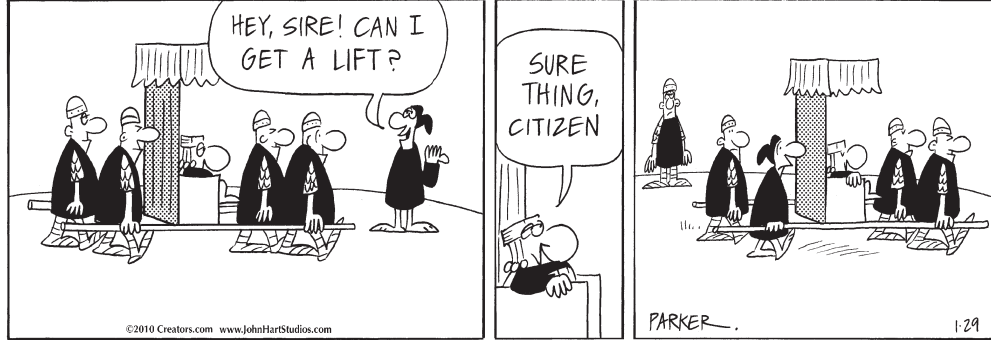
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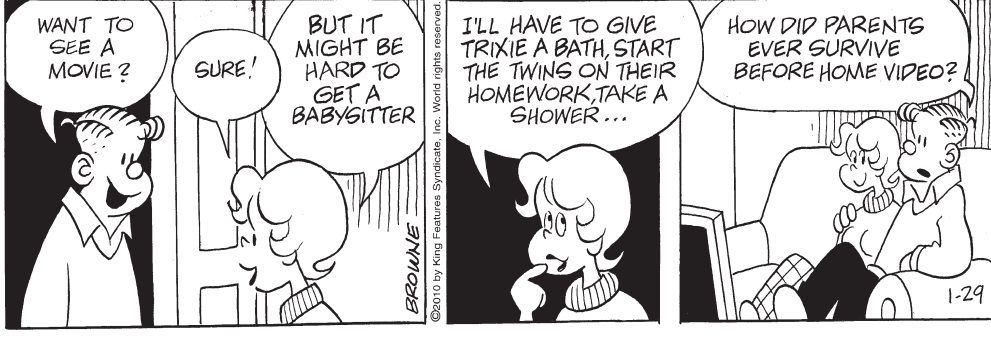
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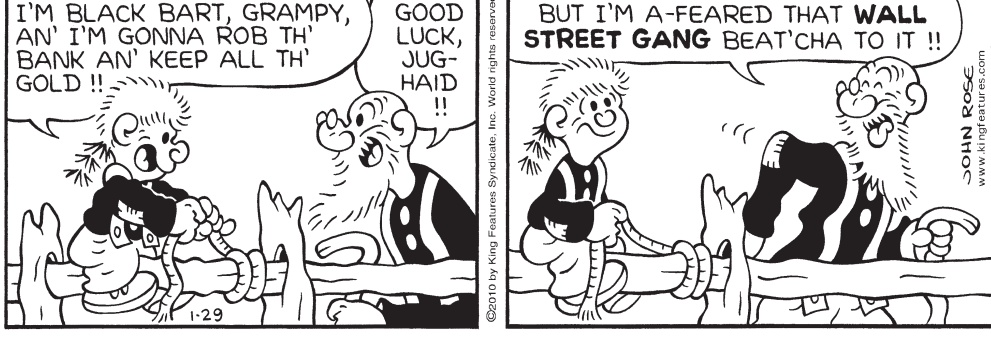
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2010. There are 336 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 29, 1860 (according to the New Style calendar), Russian author and playwright Anton Chekhov was born in the port city of Taganrog (TAG-uhn-rahg).
On this date:
In 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle.
In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.
In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.
In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.
In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1929, The Seeing Eye, a New Jersey-based school which trains guide dogs to assist the blind, was incorporated by Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Morris Frank.
In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.
In 1963, the first members of pro football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.
In 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.
In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)
Today's Birthdays: Actor John Forsythe is 92. Actor Noel Harrison is 76. Author Germaine Greer is 71. Actress Katharine Ross is 70. Actor Tom Selleck is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 64. Actor Marc Singer is 62. Actress Ann Jillian is 60. Rock

musician Tommy Ramone (Ramones) is 58. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 57. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 57. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 56. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 54. Actress Diane Delano is 53. Actress Judy Norton Taylor ("The Waltons") is 52. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato (NRBQ) is 51. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 50. Rock musician David Baynton-Power (James) is 49. Rock musician Eddie Jackson (Queensryche) is 49. Actor Nicholas Turturro is 48. Rock singer-musician Roddy Frame (Aztec Camera) is 46. Actor-director Edward Burns is 42.
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ___ Island, FL
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- Stephen King's first novel
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- Article in *Le Monde*
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- Barracking VIP
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- ___ Paulo
- Simpsons bar
- Spirited attractiveness?
- Rhyme scheme
- Use a crowbar
- Pool shape, sometimes
- Fairly divided
- Hotel amenity
- Marriage counselor?
- Surfer's target
- 100 cents, in some places
- Captain's command
- Tournament favorites
- Garden-variety
- Linen fiber
- Place to learn in French
- Misanthrope, often
- Composer Satie
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- Construction site sights
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- Letter opener
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- "Big Band" period
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- Drink, in a way
- Letters of credit
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- Air Force rank
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- "America's Cowboy" radio host
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