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Early voting gets under way

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Early voting in the political party primaries began this morning, as local Republican and Democratic voters decide which candidates will continue on to the November election.

Set to continue until Feb. 26, early balloting for both parties will be held in the same location, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom.

Early voting polls are located in the elections office on the third floor of the courthouse.

They will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extended-hour voting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, Feb. 25, when the polls will be open until 7 p.m.

"We've had a lot of success with these extended-hour

days in the past because a lot of people have to work until after 5 p.m., and don't have the opportunity to cast their ballots early," said Bloom.

"It's very important to remember you can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democratic primary,

but you cannot vote in both," she added. "The primaries act as a nominating process to decide who will be on the ballot in the November election. However, you don't have to vote in the primaries to be

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Dr. Michael Stevens (upper right), special assistant to the superintendent of Big Spring schools, talks to a group of city, county and civic leaders about the school district's facility needs during a meeting at the high school library Monday.

Republicans consider five propositions

Special to the Herald

Early voting for the 2010 Republican Primary began today and along with candidates for offices from courthouses to the state house, voters will have the chance to weigh in on five ballot propositions.

The propositions were placed on the GOP primary ballot by the State Republican Executive Committee during its December 2009 meeting in Austin. The non-binding propositions are intended to gauge voter interest in issues, as well as inform elected officials where the party's grassroots stand on the issues.

"These ballot propositions are Texas Republicans' chance to be heard on issues facing our state," said Republican Party of Texas Chairman Cathie Adams. "All five of the propositions came up from the grassroots through the SREC to address serious concerns. Voters should study the questions and then use their vote to speak directly to their elected officials."

The five ballot propositions are as follows:

Ballot Proposition 1: Photo ID

The Texas legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

YES or NO

Ballot Proposition 2: Controlling Government Growth

Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined

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Making a case for the bond

BSISD officials meet with city, county, civic leaders

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are taking their case for new facilities to the public.

Trustees and other school officials met with various city, county and civic leaders Monday to explain why the district wants to call a bond election and receive input on the plan.

A crowd of about 30 people met in the high school library to hear



Stevens

Dr. Michael Stevens, special assistant to BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar, explain why school trustees will likely call for a \$60 million bond election this year.

If approved by voters, that \$60 million would be spent in the following manner:

- Three new elementary campuses would be constructed and

existing campuses at Bauer, Marcy, Washington and Goliad would be demolished. In addition, classrooms and a physical education gym would be added to Moss Elementary (\$42 million).

- Kentwood Elementary would be renovated (\$1 million).

- Eleven classrooms would be constructed at the junior high school to accommodate the district's sixth graders. In addition,

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White House defends year-old stimulus

PHILIP ELLIOTT
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, defending his economic stimulus plan on its first anniversary, is dispatching his Cabinet across the country to try to calm an anxious public as Democrats head into potentially devastating mid-term elections.

A weeklong push to highlight the stimulus program's first year was

starting with a Tuesday trip by Vice President Joe Biden to hard-hit Saginaw, Mich., to tour a small business, a jobs training program and a solar factory that all received Recovery Act dollars.

Obama's fellow Democrats planned to tout programs putting people back to work under the \$787 billion spending bill. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was touring a medical center in Atlanta on Tuesday;

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano was promoting stimulus projects in Virginia and Texas the same day.

In all, senior administration officials are scheduled to visit 35 communities before Friday to counter Republican claims the massive deficit-spending program has failed. Obama plans to surround himself at the White House on Wednesday

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Obituaries

Cristela Orenelas

Cristela (Estella) Ornelas, 81, died Feb. 15, 2010. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at 11 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Udegbunan officiating. Rosary will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ornelas was born Jan. 24, 1929, in Nixon. She married Eulalio (Larry) Ornelas on Nov. 6, 1949. They were married for 60 years. She was a longtime resident of Colorado City. She worked for the Colorado Independent School District for numerous years and retired. She was a member of the Guadalupanas and Cursillistas at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Ornelas is preceded in death by her parents, Blas and Maria Garcia; daughter Angela Ornelas; one sister, Elisa Arispe; four brothers, Liborio Garcia, Moises Garcia, Andres Garcia and Pedro Garcia; and one grandson.

She is survived by her husband Eulalio (Larry) Ornelas of Colorado City; four daughters and one son, Adelita Ceballos and husband Ernest, Gabriel Ornelas and wife Becky and Alicia Moreno and husband Tanis Jr., all of Colorado City, Armelinda Ornelas of Lubbock and Amanda Carrisalez and husband Carlos of Big Spring; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one brother, Manuel Garcia of Abilene; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.

- KENNETH ALLEN BONNETT, 19, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JEREMY J. FELTS, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- OTIS J. PORTER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear, capias warrant for violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid, possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- ROBERT RIVERA, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of theft of property and speeding.

- FABIAN RICHARD LARA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- ISRAEL BENJAMIN VELA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- KENYATTA SHARDEE COLBERT, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- JIMMY SCOTT MITCHELL, 28, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- LATASHA LATONY TUBBS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROSENDO CRUZ RODRIQUEZ, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- ROBERT GOMEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- TIODORO DIAZ, 41, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- MICHAEL ANTHONY SMITH II, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL GABRIEL GARCIA, 27, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- JACQUES LARON FOSTON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- ORTENCIA CHAVERA HERNANDEZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to stop at a stop sign and possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- GUADALUPE GUERREO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

- LEONSA JIMINEZ, 50, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- STANLEY L. FRALEY, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.

- MARSHALL POTTS, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

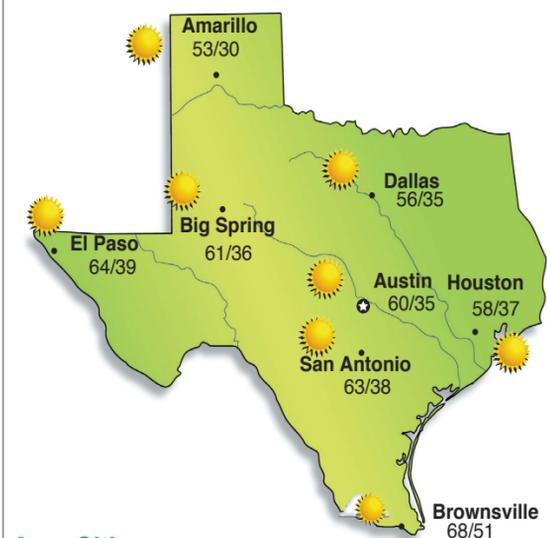
- MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 2/17	Thu 2/18	Fri 2/19
		
61/36 Sunny skies. High 61F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	65/40 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	65/38 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	60	39	sunny	Kingsville	66	45	sunny
Amarillo	53	30	sunny	Livingston	57	30	sunny
Austin	60	35	sunny	Longview	55	33	sunny
Beaumont	57	35	sunny	Lubbock	59	32	sunny
Brownsville	68	51	mst sunny	Lufkin	58	31	sunny
Brownwood	62	37	sunny	Midland	64	38	sunny
Corpus Christi	62	44	sunny	Raymondville	68	48	mst sunny
Corsicana	55	34	sunny	Rosenberg	59	36	sunny
Dallas	56	35	sunny	San Antonio	63	38	sunny
Del Rio	62	39	sunny	San Marcos	61	35	sunny
El Paso	64	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	34	sunny
Fort Stockton	65	39	sunny	Sweetwater	61	36	sunny
Gainesville	52	32	sunny	Tyler	54	32	sunny
Greenville	52	32	sunny	Weatherford	55	32	sunny
Houston	58	37	sunny	Wichita Falls	54	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	25	pt sunny	Minneapolis	29	10	pt sunny
Boston	40	28	sn shower	New York	38	29	pt sunny
Chicago	32	21	flurries	Phoenix	74	49	mst sunny
Dallas	56	35	sunny	San Francisco	67	47	mst sunny
Denver	49	26	cloudy	Seattle	55	37	mst sunny
Houston	58	37	sunny	St. Louis	34	19	mst sunny

Police blotter

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

- DAJOUR DRAKKAR GOODLEY, 18, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of no driver's license.

- DERRICK B. PRICE, 17, address unknown, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.

- TERRY MOSLEY, 58, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sleeping in public.

- CARLOS MUNOZ, 22, of 809 Willia, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.

- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA — TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 4200 block of Highway 80.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Scurry.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of W. Fourth Street. Service refused.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 28-20-4-32. Bonus Ball: 14.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 23-27-13-29-7.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-2-5-3. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-9. Sum It Up: 18.

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VOTE

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eligible to vote in the November election.”
 Bloom said there is still time to request a mail-in ballot for early voting, which can be a big help for many area residents who will find themselves outside of Howard County during balloting.
 “We offer ballots by mail to those voters who are home bound or temporarily out of town,” said Bloom. “The requirements for a mail-in ballot are you must be 65 years or older, on disability or will be out of town during the voting period. This includes college students. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is

Feb. 23, and all they need to do is call our office to get the process started. It’s that simple.”
 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 features 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 is facing 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, as Democratic incumbent Gary Simer is unopposed in the party primary. On the Republican ticket, however, business owners John Cline and Roy Beauchamp will ask voters to decide who will challenge Simer in the November contest.
 The seat of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 is also up for grabs in March, as incumbent Kathryn Wiseman takes on challenger David Baird in the Republican primary. On the Democratic ticket, business owner Ricky

Hughes is unopposed in March, and will face the winner of the Republican race in November.
 Also facing off in the Republican primary are local attorneys Mike Thomas and Tim Yeats, who are running for the seat of 118th District Court Judge.
 This year’s primaries 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 this year.
 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. 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.
 Bloom said anyone with questions regarding the election can contact her office at 264-2273 for more information.
Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

BSISD

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a fire suppression system would be installed (\$2.7 million).
 • Science labs would be renovated at the high school, which would also receive a new roof, fire suppression system and lighting. (\$12 million).
 • Construction and renovation of ground-work, parking lots other other items related to major construction is estimated to cost \$2.5 million.
 The plan would figuratively redraw BSISD’s map, leaving four elementary campuses, a junior high housing grades 6 through 8 and the high school.
 The district’s rationale for the bond issue included the following points.
 • The four elementary campuses targeted for closure are in bad shape and cannot be fixed in an economically feasi-

ble manner.
 Stevens pointed to two facility studies conducted within the past four years that recommended outright closure of Washington and Bauer campuses and massive renovation of Marcy and Goliad to bring those buildings up to modern specifications.
 “But the more we looked at our elementaries, the more we realized that it would cost less to construct new buildings than it would to renovate our existing campuses,” Stevens said.
 • The timing for the bond is about as good as it is going to get.
 While Stevens admitted there’s never a good time to raise taxes — “It’s like buying a house or having kids; there’s never a right time,” he said — some economic factors are working in the school district’s favor.
 For starters, Stevens noted, interest rates are currently at historic lows.
 “Interest rates are somewhere between nothing and nothing right now,” he said. “They’re the lowest I’ve

ever seen.”
 If voters approve the bond, school officials estimate they will be sold at interest rates ranging from 3.75 percent and 4 percent, well below traditional rates.
 Another factor working in the district’s favor is a decrease in the cost of building materials, Stevens said.
 • The projects would enhance the environment for teaching and learning.
 Stevens said studies show that student achievement scores increase by an average of 5 percent with an upgrade in facilities, as well as making it easier for school districts to attract and retain quality staff.
 • The move would create more pride in the school district throughout the community.
 “If I was showing a prospective new business around town, I would like to be able to say, ‘Let me show you around our school district,’ instead of, ‘Let me show you our junior high,’” Stevens said, referring to the most modern facility in the BSISD inventory.

• Perhaps most importantly, passing a bond now would give the district valuable breathing room before it is forced to consider further renovations.
 If voters approve a bond this year, it will be at least another 15 to 20 years before the district would have to consider additional upgrades, Stevens said.
 The effect on the district’s tax rate would be notable, he conceded.
 Officials estimate the tax rate would increase

by 35 cents for the life of the 20-year bond, raising taxes on a medium priced home in the district by \$70 a year. Homeowners of property valued at \$100,000 would see taxes increase by almost \$240 a year.
 Despite the specter of more taxes, school officials believe the time is right for a bond election.
 “Any place you go, no one wants to pay more in taxes,” Stevens said, “but they will pay for quality ... if they know

you’re trying to do the right thing for their children.”

PROPS

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increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.
 YES or NO

Ballot Proposition 3: Cutting Federal Income Taxes

In addition to aggressively eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called “federal economic stimulus.”
 YES or NO

Ballot Proposition 4: Public Acknowledgement of God

The use of the word “God,” prayers and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property.
 YES or NO

Ballot Proposition 5: Sonograms

The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.
 YES or NO

The primary vote is March 2.

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FOR 118TH DISTRICT JUDGE



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 My parents were Dr. Clyde and Jane Thomas. I am married to my wife, Sandra and have three children and two stepchildren.
 I have the qualifications to be District Judge with over 25 years overall experience practicing criminal, civil and family law in West Texas. I also have numerous hours of courtroom experience from not only my private practice but as Big Spring City Attorney and Howard County Attorney.
 I have served on the board of Directors of the YMCA and Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.
 As District Judge, I would remember that it is a privilege to serve in such a capacity and not my right. That my power comes from the people of Howard, Glasscock and Martin County and it would be an honor to serve as 118th District Judge.
 I would appreciate your vote and remember... *every vote is important!*

Early voting begins February 16, 2010
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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Mouton, Knocke deserving of Man, Woman of Year

We were very pleased last Thursday when it was announced that Drew Mouton and Jeanie Knocke were named Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year for 2009.

Knocke, a Big Spring native who has been a long-time employee at Wells Fargo Bank, was called a "real angel" by Jan Hansen, who presented her with the award during the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, and was the award's recipient last year.

Knocke's contributions to our community are clearly numerous and include her involvement in the Relay for Life over the past nine years. She also has volunteered with the Big Spring State Hospital, Isaiah 58, the Humane Society and the Salvation Army.

Mouton, an attorney, was described as a "Renaissance man" by Terry Hansen, a past honoree who presented him with the award.

Through his involvement with organizations like the United Way, the YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement and the Boy Scouts of America, Mouton has given much of himself to the betterment of our community.

He has also been active in Big Spring Main Street, the Big Spring Community Foundation, the Howard County Industrial Development Corporation, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, Shattered Dreams, the Trial Lawyers Care Program and the local Civil Service Commission.

Truly, Knocke and Mouton are community-minded people who go out of their way to make Big Spring and Howard County a better place for the people who reside here and who visit.

We congratulate both of them and offer a proud, but humble "Thank You."

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are worth everything.

Amen

A recipe for airport insecurity

Last August, Nicholas George, 22, was getting ready to fly from Pennsylvania to Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., when TSA agents found Arabic-English flash cards in his pocket — the 200 cards included such words as "bomb" and "explosive" — two stereo speakers in his carry-on bag, a Jordanian student ID card and a passport that showed he had visited Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Sudan. TSA agents detained George for questioning.



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They determined he was not a security threat and released him less than five hours later. Now, he is suing.

Of course the ACLU is representing George. The group explained in a press release that episodes like George's "may actually make us less safe, by diverting vital resources and attention away from true security threats."

Nonsense. If ever there was a person you want the TSA to look at very carefully, it's a young male who has Arabic flashcards with words like "bomb" in his pocket, studied in Jordan and recently spent time in Sudan, a country that the State Department believes to sponsor terrorism. Add the fact that George had stereo speakers — remember an explosive-laden tape recorder was used to bring down Pam Am Flight 103 in 1988 — in his carry-on luggage, and it would amount to professional malpractice if TSA and FBI agents did not search and question George.

When I first read this story, I had to wonder if, in a world with no shortage of individuals hungry to be victims or discredit the system, the young man was trying to be detained.

ACLU attorney Mary Catherine Roper assured me that George is not the type of person who would try to start trouble. If he had wanted to get the TSA's attention, she said, "There are far more provocative things he could have done than having flashcards in his pocket."

Fair enough, but surely the ACLU understands why the TSA would want to question and search George. Her answer: Not really. Roper thinks the TSA was right to search his speakers, but because they contained no explosives, airport security should have let him on the plane.

"Learning the Arabic language and traveling to the Middle East as a college student, I don't think that's a suspicious circumstance," Roper explained.

You know, I'm one of those people who has no patience for people who complain every time a white grandmother undergoes a TSA search, because profiling doesn't always work.

But that doesn't mean TSA agents are supposed to wear blinders.

George's passport alone — which he did not have to show to board a domestic flight — should warrant extra scrutiny. Without the "bomb" flashcard.

Roper maintains that after the initial questioning, TSA agents should have understood George was an American student with a Middle Eastern Studies major — and promptly let him catch his plane. Instead, TSA and Philadelphia police detained and questioned George — who, according to the TSA, had been flagged because he exhibited fear reflexes — until the FBI questioned him.

(As an aside: The ACLU complaint claims that authorities never Mirandized George during the nearly five hours he was held. That would mean that authorities were faster to Mirandize accused Christmas Day bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab than George. That means authorities questioned

George longer than Abdulmutallab without Mirandizing him.)

According to the complaint, a TSA supervisor questioned George "in a hostile and aggressive manner," while he was "polite and calm." Also, FBI agents questioned George to see if he was involved with any "pro-Islamic groups," then determined George was not a threat. However, the complaint alleges that FBI questions were "wide-ranging and strayed far from any conceivable criminal activity."

Boo-hoo. "Nick is not claiming to have been scarred for life. No one is trying to get rich off this," Roper told me. And: "What this is about is accountability."

You see, if learning Arabic or traveling to the Middle East is enough to get you handcuffed and questioned by the FBI, then — Roper said this — "the terrorists have won."

Au contraire; if TSA staff, airport cops and FBI agents — the plaintiffs in this lawsuit — are afraid to do their jobs, then terrorists will win.

Look no further than Fort Hood, Texas. Colleagues were afraid to report the radicalized rants of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, lest they seem anti-Islamic, so they looked the other way. The toll: 13 dead.

Now, I won't say that the Philly security team did everything right. If George's claim of remaining handcuffed for two hours is true, that is excessive. But if the student truly wants accountability, he can complain through the proper channels about abusive treatment. If his goal, however, is to cow airport security folks so that they'll be afraid to question some kid with an "I h Jihad" t-shirt and a boarding pass, then this lawsuit is the perfect venue.

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Bipartisanship is singer-payership?

It's not a good idea for Republicans to accept President Barack Obama's invitation to a "bipartisan" health care summit, because it would not advance acceptable health care reform. The only thing it likely would advance would be Obama's propaganda message — and, thus, his socialist agenda.

Everyone knows Obama wouldn't be considering such a move if the American people had not so resoundingly rejected Obamacare.

From the very beginning, he has approached this issue more as a dictator than one interested in hearing genuine input from the other side. Nor has he shown good faith, having broken his cynical promise to televise the debates on C-SPAN and having misrepresented his plan in a number of particulars.

When called on the C-SPAN pledge, he glibly replied that most of the process has been televised in regular sessions of Congress and committee hearings, knowing full well that's not what anyone understood him to mean when he made his promise.

He has been as highhanded and dishonest in dealing with this issue as he has been with any other, which is quite a mouthful. He has ridiculed Republicans for their alleged obstruction and for not offering ideas of their own, when it was Republicans who first called for bipartisan talks last May and who did offer alternative plans, which Obama summarily rejected.

He looked us straight in the eye and told us, disingenuously, that in his plan, there would be no federal funding for abortion, no rationing, no interference in the doctor-patient relationship,

no forcing people out of their private plans, no bill that was not budget-neutral, no single-payer plan and no decrease in patient choice with his public option.

As he waltzed unannounced into a news conference after failing to make himself available for one for some seven months, he proceeded, as usual, to decry "the political posturing that often paralyzes this town." I wonder whether he considers himself a participant in such posturing. After all, no modern president has ever engaged in the kind of incessant sniping at his predecessor or his opponents that Obama has. None has failed to take responsibility for his own actions the way Obama has. None has debased a State of the Union address to "call out" his political opponents.

If he wouldn't even square with us in his short statement on the proposed "bipartisan" health care summit, why should we expect him to in the meeting itself?

When he announced that he is "going to continue to seek the best ideas from either party," what were other members of his administration saying?

One White House official told The Washington Post, "This is not starting over."

Don't make any mistake about that." And Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said that Obama will "absolutely not" reset the legislative process. "I think he sees this as a step to actually accelerating the process forward," she said. "He wants a bill at his desk, and he sees this as kind of closing the loop and let's go."

He views this, just as he did his appearance at the Republican retreat, as an opportunity to use Republicans as a prop, to depict them as partisan obstructors of his magnanimous plan to save our health care system.

Obama says the American

people are demanding bipartisanship and "a seriousness of purpose that transcends petty politics."

I don't think so. And I don't think his primary concern is what the American people want. If he were truly listening to the people, he would hear their rejection of Obamacare and the rest of his socialist agenda. He would heed the freshly released Rasmussen poll showing that 61 percent of Americans want him to drop health care reform. Yes, the American people have spoken, but what they're demanding is not bipartisanship. Rather, they want him to cease and desist from his socialist schemes.

Indeed, bipartisan compromise in this case would likely be very detrimental to America's best interests. What Obama means by bipartisanship is that he be allowed to proceed with his plan to expand government control over health care with the fewest possible cosmetic changes necessary to con Republicans into signing on — a ploy right out of the Saul Alinsky street agitation playbook.

Any bipartisan action on this bill would necessarily result in further government control over health care and move us ever closer to a single-payer system. Yet the only way to improve our health care system is to roll back, not increase government's role. It follows, then, that no reform at all would be vastly superior to so-called bipartisan reform.

Seriously, does anyone believe that Obama will agree to any plan that includes market reforms? Of course not. Republicans — on behalf of the American people — should just say "no!"

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Bird Poop:

Wounded hawk survives prickly cactus landing

The most restful part of his day was the drive to and from work. Mornings offered an awakening wildlife scene, while the afternoons were highlighted by the announcement of sunsets to come.



BEBE McCASLAND

Miles of barbed wire fences seemed to corral the endless grasslands and rolling hills in the distance. As the road gently rose and descended over the grades, he never tired of what he might see.

With the quarry almost in sight, the man almost missed the dark image standing in the dry grass a few feet from the asphalt. Not sure of what he had seen, the man slowed, turned around and drove back to the area.

From the back of the large, dark brown creature, he knew it was a hawk. "Why here?" he thought as he left his truck. From the moment he had stopped his vehicle, the raptor had started to flee an imminent danger.

Struggling to fly, the bird was unable to clear the withered grasses that hampered its progress. Trying to run, its every step seemed hobbled and painful. Easily overtaking the hawk, the man grabbed the raptor.

Wincing from whatever was hidden

beneath the heavy layers of feathers, the man was determined to hold the wriggling bird until he could reach his pickup. As he shifted the hawk to rest against his hip while being held with one hand, he managed to open the door.

Placing the large bird of prey on the floor, he closed the door and headed for the driver's side. Through the window, the man could see that the bird had remained where he had placed it.

After slithering inside with the door partially ajar, he quickly shut it. He and the bird would have to decide what to do next.

"Down the road from the stone quarry," said a troubled voice that was barely audible during a cell phone conversation. "It's a red-tailed hawk," he continued. "I've seen them flying overhead many times, but never thought I'd hold one." Since the man would bring the bird as soon as he finished work, we waited.

After thanking him for the delivery, we were concerned not only by his descriptions of the bird's capture, but of his being stuck by something underneath the feathers. Thin and lethargic, the hawk offered little resistance when we laid it on its back, covered its head and started to examine it.

Filled with cactus thorns of varying lengths, the hawk's feet caused us to wonder how it could even tolerate walking. With patience, tweezers and



Courtesy photo

Found throughout the United States, these red-tailed hawks help control rodents. Often, pairs will stay together in the same locale for years.

pliers, Art painstakingly removed every spine from the pads and toes. For the smaller barbs, a magnifying glass was essential.

With its feet finally clear of any of the bristles, we started on the longer thorns imbedded in the hawk's legs "At least now it can stand without constant pain," Art said with relief.

Extending each wing revealed a noticeable injury on the underside of the right wing and several missing primaries. Only a veterinarian could determine if what felt like a broken bone could be set.

Since the man had complained about something sharp sticking his hand, we began carefully feeling of the hawk's chest and belly. Starting at the throat, and working downward, I found what the man had felt.

With two large thorns

stuck in the hawk's breast, we had to be certain we did not break the spines and leave any remnants in the bird.

Accomplishing that removal, I looked at my watch. More than an hour had passed, but the red-tail tolerated it well.

After medications to reduce swelling and combat infection, the raptor was given fluids and placed in a carrier. A pittance of what it normally would eat, a platter of minced mice was placed in its container. An hour later, without disturbing the bird, I turned off the light and mentally wished it well.

Greeting me the next morning was an eager, hungry raptor. As I looked at the hawk, I kept wondering why it had wound up in prickly pear. That type of accident would be more

likely of a first-year young. This bird was a breeding adult.

The top of the bird's tail, while banking in the sky, would have readily identified it as a red-tailed

hawk. Underneath, the color would have appeared to be cinnamon in hue. Its creamy white under parts and streaked belly were typical also.

Four days after receiving the hawk, our February weather cleared enough for a trip to South Plains in Lubbock. With an appetite for at least a dozen mice a day, the raptor had started regaining its weight and strength.

When the phone rang the next morning, I sensed it was Gail Barnes with news of the raptor. "It's full of pellets. That hawk has been shot. The vet can set the broken bone in its wing," she contin-

ued. Recovery looked promising.

If any sense could be made of its predicament, being shot and helplessly falling into a large patch of cactus seemed plausible.

Five weeks later, the hawk was placed in a flight cage. Flying to the lowest perch, it gradually attained the higher roosts. Joined by another recovering red-tail, it welcomed a companion with calls only the two could understand.

Forty-two days after being found on the Garden City Highway, the raptor was released. As it gained altitude, it flapped its wings, then sailed as if content to remain in the sky forever.

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Parent's Corner: Texas' testing changing again

You have all heard of the TAKS test that students must take throughout their school years. Well, the time has come for the State of Texas to once again upgrade the test, make it more difficult and give it a new name.

The Commissioner of Education has announced that the next generation of student tests will be the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness). The STAAR name, pronounced the same as star, will be used for the 12 end-of-course assessments mandated by SB 1031 in 2007 and the new grade 3-8 assessments mandated by HB 3 in the 2009 legislative session.

The new tests will be used beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. Students in the graduating Class of 2015, who are currently in seventh grade, will be the first students who must meet the end-of-course testing requirements, as well as pass their classes, in order to earn a diploma.

The new tests will be significantly more rigorous than previous tests and will measure a child's performance, as well as academic growth.



DARRELL RYAN

The last TAKS-based school accountability ratings will be issued in 2011. Ratings will be suspended in 2012 while a new accountability system is developed and the new test will debut in 2013.

The STAAR includes 12 end-of-course exams in the four core subject areas in high school and will be more closely tied to college readiness standards and make students more ready for career and college with more end-of-course tests in more subjects.

Texas has had some sort of state assessment since 1980. The first state-mandated test, in use from 1980-1985, was administered to students in grades 3, 5 and

the English III and Algebra II end-of-course assessments.

The last TAKS-based school accountability ratings

9 in reading, mathematics and writing, and was called the TABS (Texas Assessment of Basic Skills). In 1986, the TABS was replaced by the TEAMS (Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills) which tested reading, mathematics and writing in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11; it was the first state test that students were required to pass to earn a diploma.

In 1990, the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) was initiated to be used until 2002. It tested reading, mathematics and writing, ultimately given to students in grades 3-8 and 10. Additionally, science and social studies were tested at eighth grade, Spanish-language tests available for students in grades 3-6, and four end-of-course exams provide optional methods for meeting graduation requirements.

The TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) has been in use since 2003 and assesses math-

ematics, reading, writing, English language arts, science and social studies. Students have been tested in grades 3-11 and promotion tied to test results for students in grades 3, 5 and 8. Graduation requirements were expanded to include English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

I guess you might say that now Texas is the Lone "STAAR" State.

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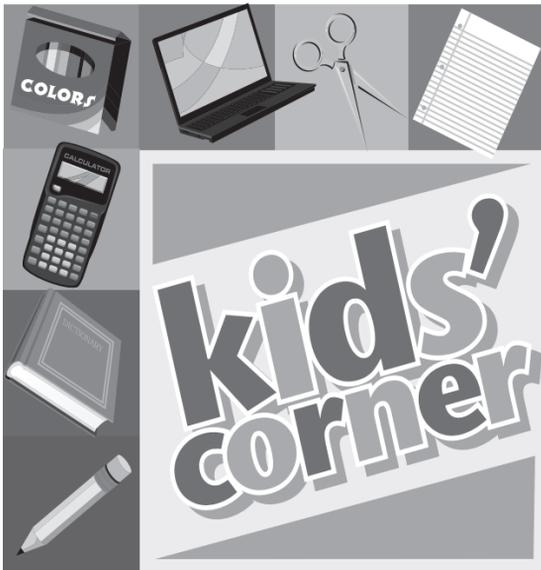
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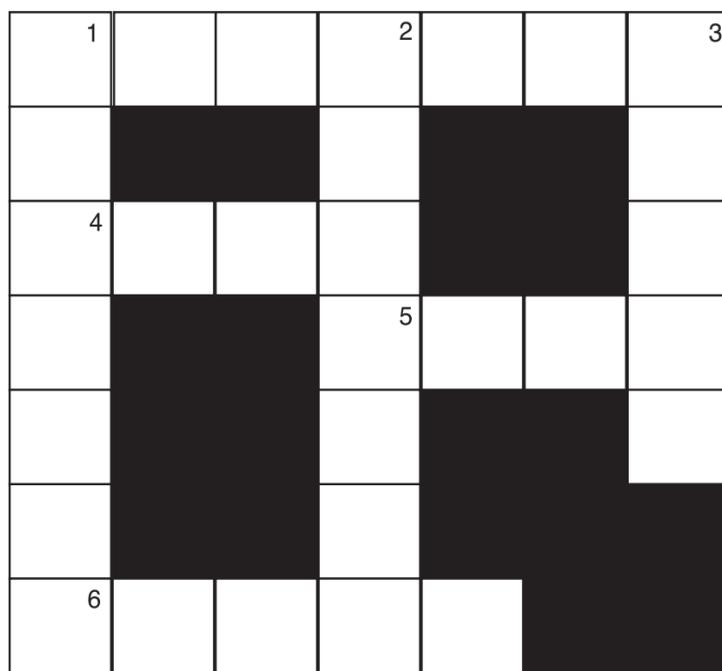
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- 4. Furniture
- 5. Short note
- 6. Woman in wedding

DOWN

- 1. Place to clean
- 2. Hard gemstone
- 3. Man in wedding

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ANSWER: FIANCE

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Word**

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**How they
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ENGLISH: Bride

SPANISH: Novia

ITALIAN: Sposa

FRENCH: Jeune mariée

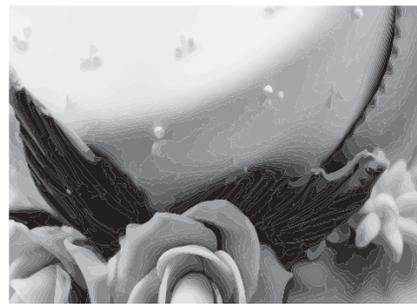
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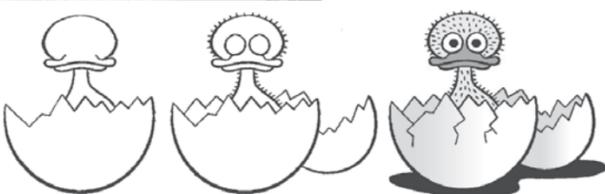
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Shorthanded Hawks fall at home to Midland



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Jackie Bartelson puts up a shot over Midland's Heather Sheppard Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

Even without three starters Monday, the Hawk women made Midland nervous for the first 20 minutes at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks led for most of the first half and went into the locker room down just four points. But Howard (18-7, 3-6) didn't have enough ammo in the second half to keep pace with the taller Lady Chaps, who pulled

away for a 55-39 win.

"I thought we hung in there pretty good," Hawks coach Earl Diddle said.

The Hawks were without starters Tasha Tubbs, Asia Reid and Kenyatta Colbert, who were suspended indefinitely for a violation of team rules.

Colbert was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less, and Tubbs was also arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

"We've made some adjustments on how we play because we do struggle scoring now," Diddle said. "You've got your top three scorers out now. You can cover for one, but it's hard to cover for three. We've got to get better shots and we've got to get the right people shooting shots."

Jackie Bartelson scored a game-high 15 points for Howard. Jessi Cowden and Lauren Mansfield led Midland with 11 points apiece and Coahoma native

Heather Sheppard scored eight points in the game.

The Hawks shot 6-of-32 from the 3-point line and had to settle for jump shots outside all night.

"They did a great job defensively. We just couldn't get a shot," Diddle said. "They've got great personnel, they're hard to score against and we've just got to get better with this group we have."

Howard outrebounded

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UPSET CITY

Howard knocks off No. 1 Chaps

BY **JOE ZIGTEMA**
Sports Editor

Midland coach Ross Hodge called Howard forward Jae Crowder the best player in the country after the two teams' first meeting in January.

On Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Crowder made a case for that honor.

Crowder scored 28 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as No. 4 Howard upset the No. 1 Chapparals 57-53 at home, handing Midland its first loss of the season. Out of a time out, the sophomore transfer drilled a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left and one second on the shot clock that put the nail in the coffin for Midland.

"The play was a jump shot, but the defense extended me so I just extended it to a 3-pointer," Crowder said. "I visualized it going out of the time out. I told myself, 'I'm going to make this shot,' and that's what happened."

In a tight game that Howard never led by more than seven, the Hawks held off a late Midland charge to win their seventh straight game.

"We knew it was going to be a game that



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Joe Bright goes up for a rebound Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Bright had six rebounds in the game as Jae Crowder scored 28 points and had 14 rebounds to lead the Hawks past the No. 1 Chaps. Howard handed Midland its first loss of the season.

would come down to very small, small plays, and I just thought that they made the small plays," Hodge said.

The Chaps were outrebounded for the first time all season by the Hawks, who grabbed 41 rebounds to Midland's 33.

"We felt like the key was going to be rebounding, and we were able to get on the boards and do that," Howard coach Mark Adams said. "We knew if we won the rebounding battle, we would win."

Darrell Williams

scored 17 points to lead Midland, and Jonathon Simmons scored 14. Crowder was the only Hawk in double figures.

The Hawk defense limited the Chaps' explosive transition

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Steer lifters take first at Coahoma meet

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring boys took first at the Coahoma Invitational over the weekend as three Steers earned first place in their weight classes.

Ben Merworth won the 132-pound class with a 900-pound total, Derrick Anderson took first in the 220-pound class with 1,445 pounds and Jonathon Molina lifted 1,500 pounds to win the super heavyweight class. Anderson was named best lifter on the heavy platform.

Zach Hernandez, Justin Yanez and Sawyer Roberts each finished second in the 132, 275 and super heavyweight classes. Anthony Garcia earned a third-place finish in the 181-pound class.

Host Coahoma took fifth in the meet. Justin

Coker won first place in the 148-pound class with a 1,065-pound total.

Dusty Salmon took third and fourth in the 114-pound class, respectively, and M.J. Castillo and Mike Villareal took third in the 132-pound and super heavyweight classes, respectively.

San Angelo Lake View won the girls' team event. Coahoma's Laurel Nix took first in the 97-pound class and Heather Newton finished first in the girls' 148-pound class. Garden City's Kelsi Hicks won the 198-pound class with a 640-pound total.

Steer powerlifters have won their last two meets dating back to the Big Spring Invitational on Jan. 23. Their next meet is in Sweetwater on Feb. 27.

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Hawk baseball wins 3 at San Jac tourney

Herald Staff Report

HOUSTON — The Howard College Hawks got wins over Navarro, Grayson and host San Jacinto over the weekend in the San Jacinto tournament in Houston.

The No. 4 Hawks are now 6-2 on the season as they beat Grayson 6-4, Navarro 13-11 and San Jacinto 3-2.

Left fielder Kevin Sah went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs in the win over Grayson. Pitcher Tyler King got the win, allowing two runs and scattering six hits over seven strong innings. King struck out six and allowed just one walk. Blake Barnes shut the door for his first save of the season in the game.

In a wild game against Navarro, the Hawks scored seven runs in the fifth and held off a late charge from the

Bulldogs, who scored six runs in the last two innings. Five Hawks stole bases in the game, including Joe Leftridge, who was 3-for-5 with a stolen base and a run scored.

Reid Scoggins earned the win with three scoreless innings in relief of Josh Ezernack, who allowed three runs in four innings. Barnes again shut the door in a shaky outing, allowing six earned runs in two innings.

Burch Smith was spectacular in the Hawks' third win of the weekend over San Jacinto. Smith allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings to earn the win. Christian Mendoza earned his first save of the season with two scoreless innings.

The Hawks will travel to Jacksonville Friday for a weekend double-header with Lon Morris.

Coahoma ends season with Ballinger loss

Herald Staff Report

BALLINGER — The Coahoma Bulldogs ended their 2010 campaign with a 58-38 loss at the hands of Ballinger on Monday night.

Ballinger scored 26 points in the first quarter en route to the win.

Coahoma was led by Isaac Garcia's 11 points and Martin Leija's 10.

"It was two teams that were out of the district race, and they played better than we did," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "I'm sorry for our seniors that it ended that way,

but they did a great job this year and we're going to miss them."

Coahoma ended the year 16-14 with a 3-7 mark in district, including several close losses. Nine seniors played their last game in a Bulldog uniform. They were Josh Paniagua,

Jared Ringener, Lane Douglass, Martin Leija, Isaac Garcia, Taylor Bridge, Kirk Hahn, Alex Crabtree and Tom Sawyer.

Ballinger 58, Coahoma 38
BHS 26 12 12 8 -- 58
CHS 14 11 11 2 -- 38
Ballinger- Ryan 3, Pena 4, Keese 21, Lang 15, Evans 17;
Coahoma- Paniagua 4, Ruiz 4, H. Williams 6, Leija 10, Garcia 11, Hahn 2, Crabtree 1

Sports in brief

Steers, Lady Steers in action tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers will play in their second playoff game in as many years tonight as they take on No. 3-ranked Canyon High at Lubbock Christian today at 4:30 p.m.

The Steers, meanwhile, are coming off their first district loss to Frenship on Friday as they host Plainview at Steer Gym at 7:30 p.m.

Boys playoff shirts will be on sale at the game for \$15. Profits benefit the Big Spring booster club.

Forsan downs Van Horn in bi-district round

The Forsan Lady Buffs kicked off their 2010 post-season campaign with a 72-26 drubbing of Van Horn in Fort Stockton on Monday night.

The Lady Buffs outscored Van Horn 25-5 in the first quarter. Ambra Hill scored 16 points, Morgan Forshee scored 12 and Kelsey Jones scored 10 to lead Forsan. The Lady Buffs will travel to Slaton on Friday to take on No. 10 Smyer. Tipoff in that game is 6:30 p.m.

Playoff games scheduled at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Howard College will host several high school playoff games as the postseason wears on, including two girls games tonight.

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Taliban's top military commander captured in raid by Pakistani, U.S. intelligence forces

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Taliban's top military commander has been arrested in a joint CIA-Pakistani operation in Pakistan in a major victory against the insurgents as U.S. troops push into their heartland in southern Afghanistan, officials said Tuesday.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the group's No. 2 leader behind Afghan Taliban founder Mullah Mohammad Omar and a close associate of Osama bin Laden, was captured in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, two Pakistani intelligence officers and a senior U.S. official said.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release such sensitive information.

One Pakistani officer said Baradar was arrested 10 days ago with the assistance of the United States and "was talking" to his interrogators.

Baradar is the most senior Afghan Taliban leader arrested since the beginning of the Afghan war in 2001 following the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

Haiti's president predicts 3 years needed to clean rubble from capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — It will take three long years to clear the rubble left by Haiti's devastating earthquake, said President Rene Preval who admitted even he's still afraid to sleep under concrete in case another quake strikes.

In a rare exclusive sit-down interview, Preval told Associated Press Television News on Monday that Haiti faces a long reconstruction process that will result in fewer people living in the capital, Port-au-Prince.

"It will take 1,000 trucks moving rubble for 1,000 days, so that's three years. And until we move out rubble, we cannot really build," Preval said.

Sitting in the airport police station that serves as the country's temporary government headquarters, Preval calmly laid out the difficulties of rebuilding an impoverished country amid aftershocks and the threat of more earthquakes.

He said the government has destroyed some hastily rebuilt structures in the capital, but he said that until alternative housing plans can be completed, the government's ability to regulate reconstruction will be limited.

Bayh cites partisanship and gridlock as reasons for leaving Senate, but GOP doesn't buy it

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-term Sen. Evan Bayh says ever-shriller partisanship and the frustrations of gridlock made it time for him to leave Congress. Republicans aren't buying it, saying he and fellow Democrats sense that voters will be after their heads this fall.

The Indiana Democrat, a moderate who twice came close to being added to his party's national ticket, said Monday he will not seek re-election this November. The announcement gives Republicans a strong chance of capturing his seat and makes it likelier that the 59 votes that give Democrats com-

mand of the 100-seat Senate will dwindle.

Bayh, 54, said his passion for helping people is "not highly valued in Congress." He said he did not love the institution in which his father, Birch Bayh, had also represented Indiana.

"My decision should not be interpreted for more than it is, a very difficult, deeply personal one," Bayh said in a statement he read in Indiana. "I am an executive at heart. I value my independence. I am not motivated by strident partisanship or ideology."

In another swipe, he said he wanted to work in the private sector, perhaps running a business, university or charity, for "solutions not slogans, progress not politics."

Husband of accused Ala. professor says he went with her to gun range before shooting

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama professor practiced at a shooting range not long before police say she gunned down three colleagues and wounded three others during a faculty meeting, her husband said.

Amy Bishop's husband, James Anderson, said his wife acted normally while they were at the range and none of her behavior in recent days foreshadowed Friday's rampage. Bishop, a Harvard-educated neurobiologist, is accused of shooting six people at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Two survivors remained in critical condition Monday.

"She was just a normal professor," he told The Associated Press during an interview at his home Monday.

Anderson said his wife didn't reveal why she took an interest in guns. He knew she had a gun, but didn't know when or where she got the weapon.

"I really don't know how she got it, or where she got it from," he said.

Small plane trying to land breaks apart, nose-dives into snowy field by NJ airport; 5 dead

WALL TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A small plane trying to land broke apart and tore through a snowy field next to a runway Monday afternoon, killing all five people aboard, including a teenager and a child, and scattering debris over 200 feet.

The crash was reported at 3:45 p.m. at Monmouth Executive Airport, about 35 miles east of Trenton, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters. The weather was overcast, but no precipitation was falling.

Capt. Tim Clayton of the Wall Township police said debris from the crash was scattered over a 200-foot stretch of snowy ground.

Clayton said the victims were three men, a teenager and a young child. The names of the victims were not immediately released, but Clayton said at least three were related. Two were from New Jersey, the other three from elsewhere, he said.

The plane was based at the airport and was returning to land when the crash occurred, Clayton said. It was not immediately clear how long the plane was gone. Relatives of some of the victims were at the airport when the crash occurred, Clayton said, but it was not clear if they had witnessed

the crash.

Surgery for '24' star Kiefer Sutherland leads to production halt

NEW YORK (AP) — Production of the Fox network thriller "24" has been temporarily shut down so that star and executive producer Kiefer (KEE'-fur) Sutherland can undergo surgery.

Shooting is expected to resume next week with Sutherland's return. Twentieth Century Fox Television would not comment on the nature of Sutherland's ailment, referring to it only as "a medical procedure." The Los Angeles Times first reported the production halt and says Sutherland suffered from a ruptured cyst.

About six more weeks of production time remains for the season. Fox says no disruption is expected in airing the episodes.

Sutherland plays counter-terrorist hero Jack Bauer on the series. The show is now in its eighth season.

Fake Dallas doctor gets 68 years

DALLAS (AP) — A jury in Dallas has ordered 68 years in prison for a man convicted of sexual assault in an attack on a 12-year-old girl as he pretended to be a doctor.

Jesus Garza testified Monday, during the penalty phase, that the girl and her mother had lied about the allegations.

Prosecutors say the woman in June took her daughter, who has a skin condition, to Garza's Grand Prairie apartment for an examination. Garza allegedly had claimed he had a clinic that was being painted.

The mother says she could not see what the 64-year-old Garza was doing because he covered the girl, whose name was not made public as a sexual assault victim, was doing to her.

Three adult women testified that they also were molested by Garza when they sought treatment from him.

San Antonio Water System appeals rejected lawsuit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The board of the San Antonio Water System has voted to appeal the dismissal of its \$1.2 billion water-rights lawsuit against the Lower Colorado River Authority.

"We feel we have been wronged," board chairman Alex Briseno said Monday.

A judge in Austin threw out the lawsuit on Feb. 1, ruling that the LCRA was protected by sovereign immunity, so the San Antonio system would need legislative approval to sue.

The SAWS has accused the LCRA of breaching a water-sharing arrangement by killing plans to capture and resell excess water. The SAWS has paid the LCRA since 1999 to study projects that would generate water for San Antonio.

The LCRA told the SAWS last year that there would be no water available because of growing demands in the Colorado Basin, the San Antonio Express-News reported Tuesday.

"We are going to pursue what we've put into this project," SAWS President Robert Puente said.

OBAMA

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with people who have jobs because of the stimulus plan, then travel to Colorado and

Nevada.

Obama's political team believes the bricks-and-mortar projects across the country could help Democrats stave off emboldened Republicans and their attempts to reclaim majorities in Congress. Al-

though voters have soured on the stimulus spending, individual components have fans across party lines.

The tax cuts Democrats included in their bill have the backing of 70 percent of the public, according to a CNN

poll last month. Another 80 percent support the infrastructure investments, such as the water projects Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson plans to tout in Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday.

Even so, 56 percent of the public opposes the broad plan, according to the CNN poll.

Biden is expected to give Obama a report Wednesday assessing the stimulus' effects.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Much is going right. In the wake of the new moon, the solar eclipse and Mercury's return to direct motion, many will be strutting around with a new attitude. While it's both unwise and unnecessary to boast the particulars that make you feel puffed up with it, it's important to realize that there's nothing wrong with savoring the sensation of power and confidence.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are being judged for someone else's performance — likely that of a child, an employee or someone you have a responsibility to manage. This person will make you proud.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll get the ball rolling on a project by answering the following questions: Who do you need to know? How much money will

you need? What skills will you have to master? This is exciting!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make education a priority, and get going on this immediately. The other parts of your life will fall into place. It will be as though your training was the missing piece that would make the rest run right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Material attachments will hold you back from creating truly meaningful bonds. Instead of seeing things for their physical value, appraise the emotional and spiritual value, and let that be the amount that counts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be in a mood to be orderly. You can see the smooth way to do things, and you will be in a position to show others. Stay upbeat as you encourage improvement all around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some situations require an aggressive approach. Others demand you sit back and watch until you have figured out the one button you should press to open the doors and

clear your way. Today falls in the latter category.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cupid seems to strike willy-nilly. Love's influence often feels beyond human control — although, you'll soon realize that you have more authority over the unseen forces than you first thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When unpleasantness happens, and inevitably it does, you'll find a brilliant escape. Wander off far enough and the tension will diffuse. You'll come back, and the problem will be solved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your imagination will provide the adventure that your schedule prohibits. Carve out a slice of time to relax and let your fantasy life take off. It's amazing what you can see in the span of 20 minutes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be representing a group of people or a cause. Choose your words carefully. Consider how your actions will reflect on those you stand up

for. Your thoughtful choices will be admirable ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Making a decision will tie you down to one path. You probably feel that you're just not ready, and that's valid. For now, life in an unsettled form has its charms.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is a social order being established around you. You probably feel that you are above such pettiness, and yet it's important that you play this subtle game. You'll avoid winding up a doormat for overly aggressive individuals.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16). Your commitment to loved ones makes you strong this year. It is by serving them that you get what you want. Your lessons in love give you incredible power. A new alliance is featured in February. Someone invests in you in March. You'll be called to adventure in April. Whimsy and romance fill June. Scorpio and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7,

25, 40, 15 and 32.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I graduated from college last year, and I've been wandering around ever since. I have a two-year degree and no idea what I want to do. I'm sure that my parents are wondering whether I'll ever leave the nest, even though they've been really cool and told me I can stay as long as I need to. I'm just completely lost. Do you have any career advice for a Taurus?"

You're being too picky. Stop worrying about whether you are in the perfect line of work for you, or whether the position you'd like to go for will be a good choice. Right now you just need to choose work. And if you can't find work that pays well, you are in the perfect position to volunteer, since your parents seem to be in no rush. And even if your parents are worried you'll never leave, their support of you will increase when they see you getting to work. Seek intern programs that seem interesting to you. Say yes to any half-

decent offer. You need experience, and from that you will gather all the information you need to start forming a career vision.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Emmy Award-winner Julia Louis-Dreyfus is a feisty Capricorn with her natal sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn all in the hardworking station of the sea goat. In spite of the fact that she was once chosen by Forbes magazine as one of the 10 Hottest Billionaire Heiresses, she's not one to rest on her laurels. A typical Capricorn, she continues to dedicate herself to her work and art.

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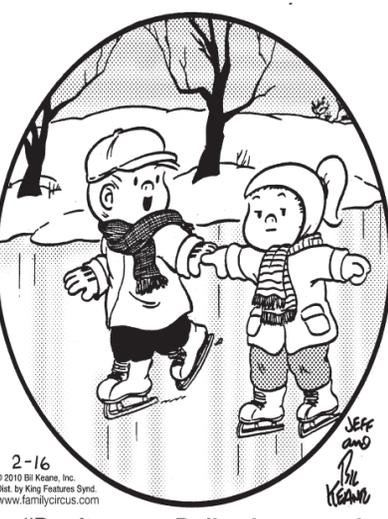
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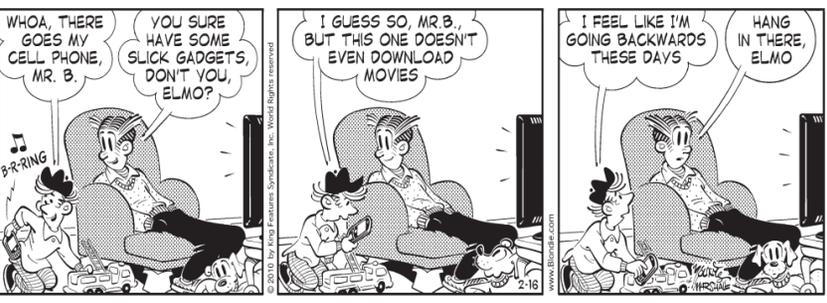


"Don't worry, Dolly, there aren't any judges watching us."

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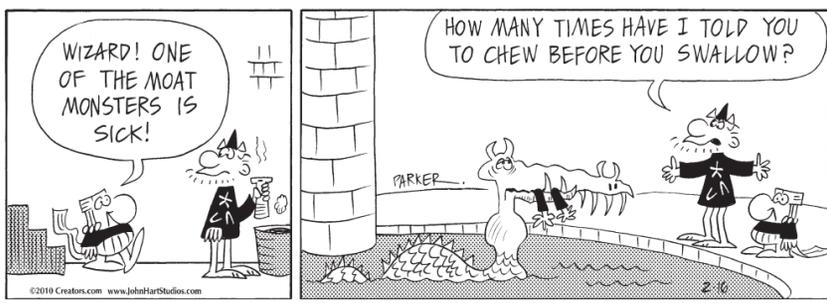
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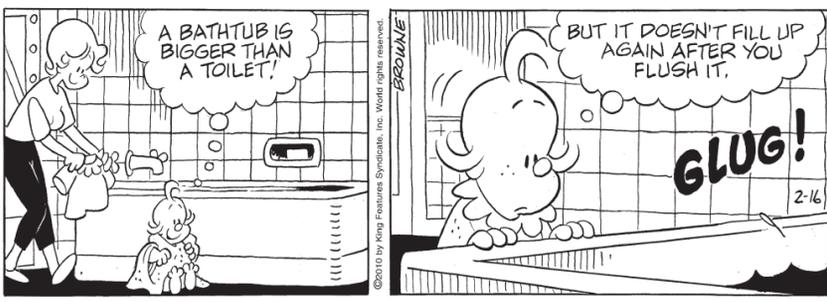
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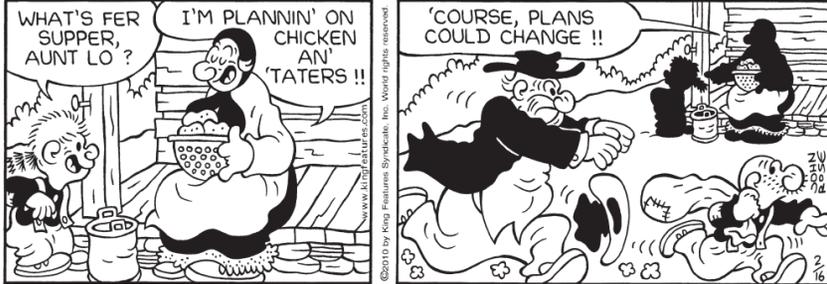
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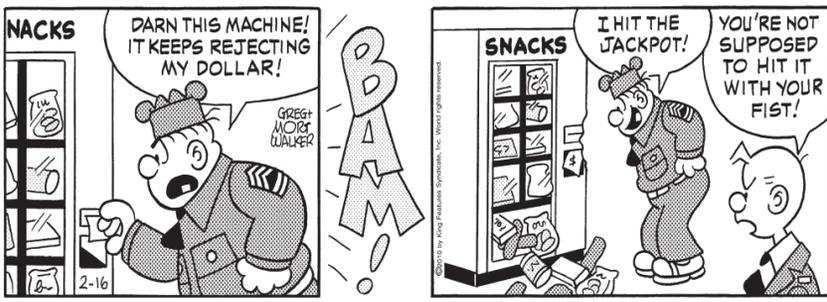
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This Date In History

Today is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2010. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1960, the nuclear-powered radar picket submarine USS Triton departed New London, Conn. on the first-ever totally submerged circumnavigation by a vessel, a voyage which took nearly three months.

On this date:

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

In 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union General Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

In 1868, the Benevolent and

Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence, which lasted until World War II (it again declared independence in 1990).

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a-half after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated, in Haleyville, Ala.

In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.

In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300-600R trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board.

One year ago: Secretary of Today's Birthdays: Singer

Patty Andrews is 92. Kim Jong Il, the president of North Korea, is 68. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 64. Actor William Katt is 59. Actor LeVar Burton is 53. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 52. Tennis Hall of Fame player John McEnroe is 51. Rock musician Andy Taylor is 49. Rock musician Taylor Hawkins (Foo Fighters) is 38. Olympic gold medal runner Singer Sam Salter is 35. Actor Mike Weinberg is 17.

Thought for Today: "There are two ways to slice easily through life; to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking." — Alfred Korzybski, Polish-American linguist (1879-1950).

Answer to previous puzzle

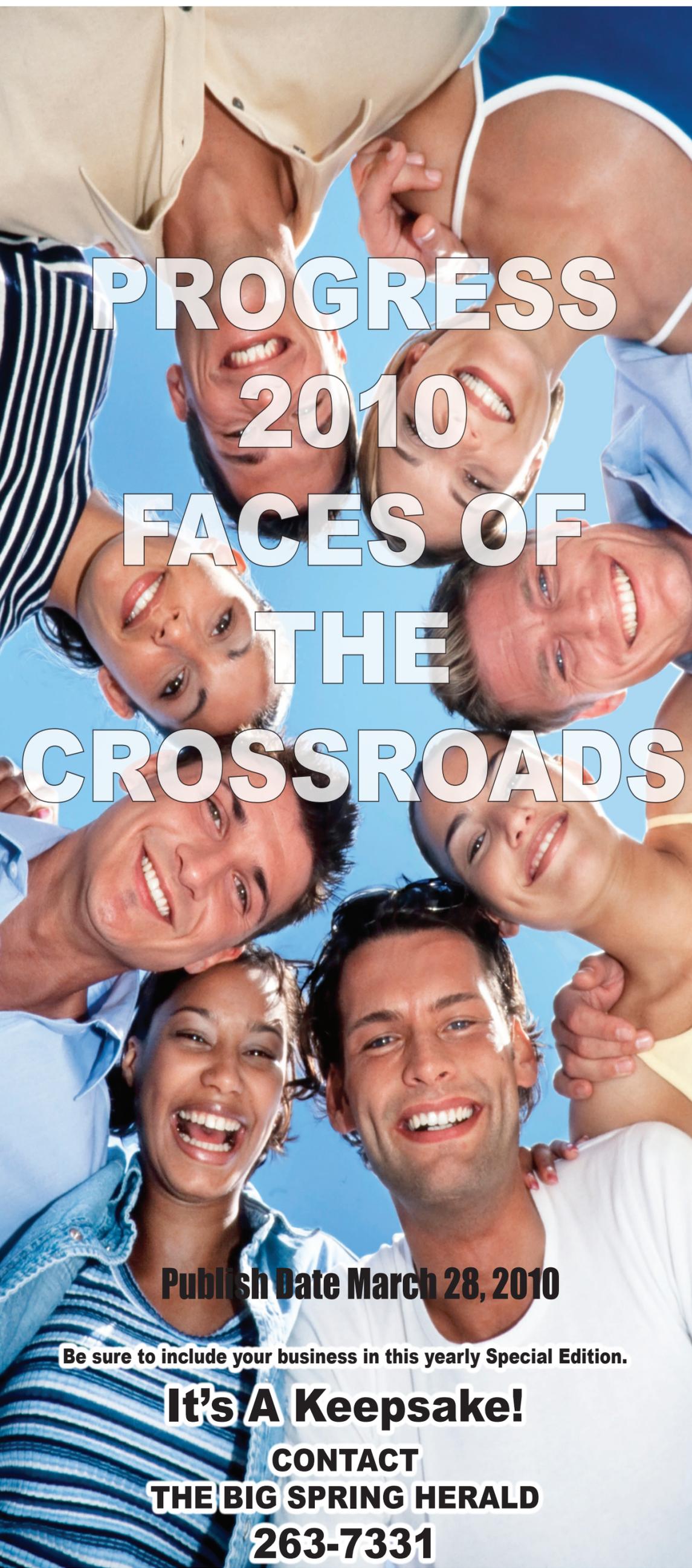
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Thin soup
 - 6 Stylish
 - 10 Military conflicts
 - 14 AM/FM device
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 - 16 Graven image
 - 17 Stadium
 - 18 "Sorry to interrupt . . ."
 - 19 Not prerecorded
 - 20 Flowering tropical bush
 - 22 Homeowner's document
 - 23 Mediterranean, e.g.
 - 24 Runs up, as debts
 - 26 Pancake-syrup sources
 - 30 Talking bird
 - 32 A Great Lake
 - 33 Nest location
 - 35 Flower part
 - 39 Coral ridge
 - 40 Bowl of greens
 - 42 Part in a play
 - 43 Our planet
 - 45 Infamous Roman emperor
 - 46 Dirt-road channels
 - 47 Eat a sample of
 - 49 Wood problem
 - 51 No more than
 - 54 In the past
 - 55 Darling
 - 56 Southwestern building block
 - 63 List of choices
 - 64 Use a stopwatch
- DOWN
- 1 Thin nail
 - 2 Hard to find
 - 3 Poems of praise
 - 4 Fork part
 - 5 Raspy
 - 6 Red Cross founder
 - 7 Santa's laugh
 - 8 Adds frosting to
 - 9 "Enter!" member
 - 10 Cough-drop flavor
 - 11 French farewell
 - 12 Wanderer
 - 13 Dog-race vehicles
 - 21 Exams
 - 25 Forty winks
 - 26 Nothing more than
 - 27 Vicinity
 - 28 Place to dock
 - 29 Abandoned, as an old car
 - 30 Brawly
 - 31 January to December
 - 34 Angry outburst
 - 36 Sightseeing trip
 - 37 Chorus
 - 38 " _ we forget"
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 - 44 "Rumor _ it . . ."
 - 48 Social standing
 - 50 Thief
 - 51 Allow to enter
 - 52 Molars and canines
 - 53 Excessive enthusiasm
 - 54 Assists in crime
 - 57 Eat in style
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HOWARD

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Midland 48-32 in the game with a smaller, quicker lineup.

"We outrebounded them last time we played them about what they outrebounded us this time, so that was a big swing," Midland coach Ron Jones said. "Rebounding is about effort. We've got more size than they do, and they were running down balls and we were getting the ones that came to us."

Howard led for the first 17 minutes of the first half, largely due to its hustle on the boards. But once Midland got its first lead with a Cowden 3-pointer at the 2:50 mark in the first half, the Lady Chaps never looked back.

Midland extended its four-point halftime lead to 13 in the first seven minutes of the second half, using an 8-0 run as the Lady Chaps started to wear Howard down in the paint. The Lady

Chaps pulled away from there, leading by as many as 19 in the game.

"We did what we had to do to win, but I wasn't happy with our energy, with our concentration and us getting outrebounded like we did," Jones said.

The Hawks will travel to Snyder on Thursday to take on Western Texas. Tipoff is 5:45 p.m.

Midland College (25-3, 9-1): Lauren Mansfield 5-10 0-0 11, Tanica Anderson 0-3 0-0 0, Robnasha Brigham 3-5 0-7, Brittany Wilson 0-1 0-0 0, Jessi Cowden 4-7 0-0 11, Titania Simmons 1-6 2-2 4, Adrie Shiels 2-4 0-0 4, Erika Warren 2-3 0-0 4, Heather Sheppard 4-10 0-0 8, Patricia Bright 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 24-56 2-5 55

Howard College (18-7, 3-6): MaKayla Grahn 2-8 0-0 5, Twyla Ards 1-9 1-2 4, Shayla Lassien 0-3 0-0 0, DJ Fountain 1-7 2-2 5, Kelsey Murgel 1-8 2-2 5, Brittini Blagrove 1-5 1-4 4, Kristina Guerra 0-1 0-0 0, Meagan Steen 0-2 1-2 1, Jackie Bartleson 7-16 0-0 15. Totals 13-60 7-12 39

Halftime - MC 22, HC 18. 3-point goals - MC 5-15 (Cowden 3-6, Mansfield 1-2, Brigham 1-3, Anderson 0-2, Simmons 0-2) HC 6-32 (Grahn 1-6, Murgel 1-6, Ards 1-7, Fountain 1-5, Blagrove 1-2, Bartleson 1-3, Lassien 0-3). Total fouls - MC 13, HC 7. Fouled out - None. Rebounds - MC 32 (Sheppard 7), HC 48 (Bartleson 8). Assists - MC 8 (Anderson 3), HC 5 (Ards 3). Turnovers - MC 5, HC 13.

HAWKS

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game for the most part, which played a part in holding the score down.

"We felt like it was to our advantage to get them in a halfcourt game, (because) they're so athletic," Adams said. "We're very athletic as well, but they have a little more depth than we do, so it served us well to slow it down a little bit."

And when the Hawks needed a bucket, they went to Crowder.

"Great players make great plays, and he's been doing that all year for us," Adams said. "He lived up to his billing, to say the least."

The teams traded buckets and leads in the first half and went to the lock-

er room tied at 23 thanks to a Brockeith Pane free throw with .7 seconds left in the half.

The game stayed tight into the second half, with neither team allowing a large run. Howard scored five straight points at the 5-minute mark to pull ahead by seven, its largest lead, but Midland responded with a 9-3 run to make it a one-point affair going into the last minute.

Howard had the ball up 53-51 with 35 seconds remaining and seven on the shot clock when the Hawks called timeout. Crowder curled at the 3-point line just left of the top of the key and hit his final bucket of the night.

The Hawks will travel to Western Texas in Snyder on Thursday. Tipoff is at 7:45 p.m.

LIFTING

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Best lifters (weight total)

114 class - 1. Damian Loza, Roscoe 770; 2. Jesse Ramirez, Lake View 770; 3. Hunter Lowery, Coahoma 650; 4. Dusty Salmon, Coahoma 615

123 class - 1. Jacob Villalpando, Sweetwater 850;

132 class - 1. Ben Merworth, Big Spring 900; 2. Zach Hernandez, Big Spring 845; 3. M. J. Castillo, Coahoma 835; 4. Dalton Doss, Forsan 795;

148 class - 1. Justin

Coker, Coahoma 1,065; 2. Alex Garcia, Odessa 1,025; 3. John Esquivel, Ballinger 1,015; 4. Brice Burgess, Greenwood 1,010; 5. Jake Hernandez, Big Spring 1,005; 6. Aaron Goff, Forsan 990

165 class - 1. Miguel Rangel, Roscoe 1,350; 2. Brandon Torres, Grape Creek 1,160; 3. Sam Nemir, Sweetwater, 1,160; 4. John Flores, Big Spring 990;

181-class - 1. Conrad Duran, Lake View 1,115; 2. Josh Reyes, Odessa 1,110; 3. Anthony Garcia, Big Spring 1,070; 4. Michael Felton, Big Spring, 1,045;

198 class - Aaron Allen, Lake View 1,075; 220 class - 1. Derrick Anderson, Big Spring 1,445; Ramiro Reyes, Colorado City 1,235; Marcus Agundis, Lake View 1,215; Notable: 9. Colton Acevedo, Big Spring 875; 10. Patrick Rodriguez, Forsan 875

242 class - Dominick Nieto, Ballinger 1,420; 2. Gerald Williams, Grape Creek 1,420; Notable: 8. Jacob Wylie 1,105;

275 class - 1. Tanner Holt, Grape Creek 1,455; 2. Justin Yanez, Big Spring 1,315; 3. Leonard Riggs, lake View 1,295; 4. Matt Gonzales, Odessa 1,265; 5. Pernel Parker, Big Spring 1,240; 6. Devon Davis-Locke, Big Spring 1,210;

Super Heavyweight - 1. Jonathon Molina, Big Spring 1,500; Sawyer Roberts, Big Spring 1,135; Mike Villareal, Coahoma 945

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