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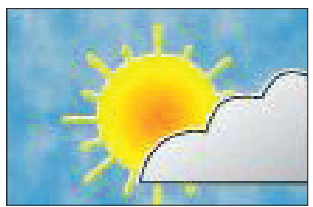
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## Vote today

*Polling places open until 7 p.m.*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Polls in this year's political party primaries opened throughout the Crossroads area at 7 a.m., as officials with local Republican and Democratic parties look to decide their nominations for the November election.

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 will face challengers Donnie Baker and Melanie Gambrell.

Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said this is the only local race that could possibly



**Election Clerk Bo Fryar, right, along with alternate election judges Barbara Desantis and Regina Cisneros, check voter registration rolls during Tuesday morning's political primary election at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Voting continues today through 7 p.m. See inside for a list of polling places.**

yield a runoff election, which would be held in mid-April if necessary.

"With three candidates in the race, we could see a runoff in the contest,"

said Bloom. "Preparing for a runoff election is the same as preparing for any election, just with a really short turnaround. However, if none of the

candidates manage to get 50 percent of the vote, we'll be holding a runoff

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## Gasoline going up

*Predicted to hit at least \$3 this spring*

By **MARK WILLIAMS**  
 AP Energy Writer

It may not make much sense, given that the economy remains weak, but the cost of filling up your car is about to go higher.

Seasonal influences are strong this time of year and account for much of the expected increase that many analysts say will push gasoline to a nationwide average of at least \$3 per gallon this spring.

Wholesale prices for the April gasoline contract on the New York Mercantile Exchange are about 10 to 12 cents higher than the March contract that expired Friday.

Much of the rise comes from refiners switching to more expensive summer blends of gasoline designed to meet tougher pollution standards in effect between April and September. The higher prices should make their way to the pump over the next few weeks.

At \$3 per gallon, a typical motorist using 50 gallons of gasoline would pay about \$150 per month for fuel. That is about \$15 a month more than current prices. A family with one car is spending about 4 percent of its income on fuel currently, according to Oil Price Information Service.

The higher prices come at a

time when most Americans' incomes are stagnant. Incomes edged up 0.1 percent in January, below analysts' estimates, according to the Commerce Department.

Gasoline prices were flat overnight, rising 0.1 cents Monday to a national average of \$2.705 per gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and OPIS.

Prices have moved higher the past two weeks, approaching the 2010 high of \$2.7583 per gallon set on Jan. 14. In the past week prices climbed 5.7 cents and are now 78.4 cents higher than year ago levels.

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## Skywarn classes slated March 11

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

With severe weather season just around the corner, Crossroads residents will get the chance to test their readiness March 11 as the National Weather Service holds its annual Skywarn classes in Big Spring.

Set for 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St., the class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it's certainly not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers, according to officials with the NWS.

"While the class is de-

signed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone," said Warning Coordination Meteorologist Pat Vesper. "We offer a lot of information on safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family."

"Our main focus for these classes is safety. We'll also look at super-cell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. We want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field."

Vesper said having spot-

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## BSHS students qualify for national tourney

By **CLINT ADAMS**  
 Special to the Herald

After several days of competition, many rounds and little sleep, four Big Spring High School students qualified for the National Forensic League National Tournament.

Jessica Rubio never had a misstep in International Extemporaneous Speaking over the three-day competition held on the Angelo State University campus.

"I've seen a lot of great speakers,"

speech and debate coach Jennifer Adams said, "but to have a perfect record at the National Qualifying Tournament is a great accomplishment. We are just glad that Jessica goes to school here in Big Spring and not somewhere else."

Rubio competed in Public Forum Debate at the national tournament last year as a sophomore.

Joining Rubio at the national tournament is the team of Danielle Freeman and Andrew Lewis in Cross-

Examination Debate.

"We are excited that Danielle has an opportunity to go back to the national tournament" Adams said "Last year she and her former partner were only one ballot away from being in the double-octafinals round and we think that she learned a lot from competing last year."

Freeman and Lewis will also represent Big Spring at the University

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# Obituaries

## B.R. 'Jr.' Leach

Funeral services for B.R. "Jr." Leach, 77, of Brownwood are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2010, in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood. Burial will follow at Cedar Point Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home. Mr. Leach passed away Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, in Brownwood.

# Police blotter

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

- RICHARD DUSTIN LOFTIN, 33, transient, was arrested Monday on three local warrants.
- LAFAWN JOHNSON CANTU, 37, of 303 Union, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- JOSEPH ANTONIO GARCIA, 20, of 1206 Scurry, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 35, of 2410 Runnels, was arrested Monday on three local warrants.
- REYNALDO HERNANDEZ SR., 53, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- LUIS ANTONIO SILVA, 41, of 1210 Lindberg, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- ISABEL GARCIA, 47, of 1300 Sycamore, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES, 25, of 1211 Lloyd, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- ROSS LOYD MCCORD, 42, of 800 W. FM 700 Apt. 17, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- ROBERT ADAM MATA, 23, of 1511 Johnson, was arrested Monday on two local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- KIDNAPPING was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. According to BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness, the matter was later downgraded to a domestic disturbance and no complaint was filed.
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT – FAMILY VIOLENCE CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 800 block of FM 700.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

# Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- RICHARD D. LOFTIN, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- REYNALDO HERNANDEZ, 53, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a warrant for weedy lot.
- JOSEPH ANTONIO GARCIA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on warrants for minor consuming alcohol and failure to appear.
- LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on warrants for open container in vehicle, violation of a promise to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• LAFAWN JOHNSON, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on warrants for expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear.

• ISABEL GARZA GARCIA, 47, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• LUCINDA RAMIREZ FLORES, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• LOUIS ANTONIO SILVA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no seat belt, violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• STEVEN RAY JOHNSON, 17, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of passing in a no passing zone and violation of a promise to appear.

• GARY LEE SMALE JR., 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ROSS LOYD MCCORD, 42, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault of a family or household member.

• ROBERT ADAM MATA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, a warrant for theft and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

• CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on warrants for no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), failure to drive in a single lane, assault – physical contact and assault – family violence (two counts).

# Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Carl. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Jennings. One person was transported to SMMC.

# Support Groups

## TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

## THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY

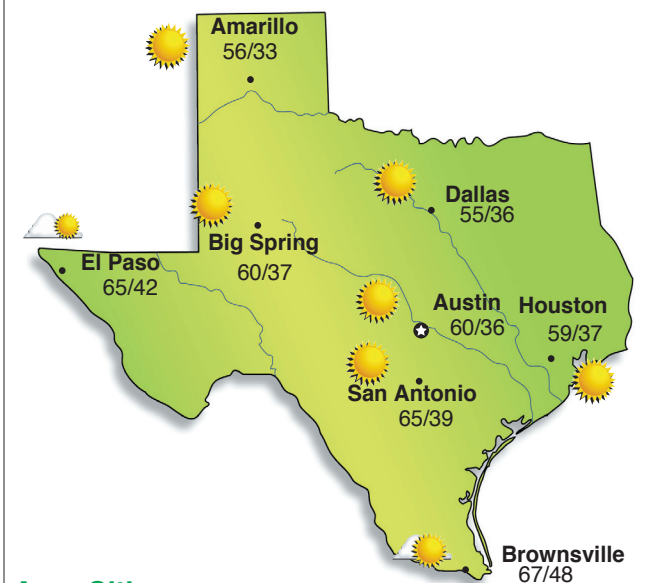
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/3	Thu 3/4	Fri 3/5	Sat 3/6	Sun 3/7
<b>60/37</b> Abundant sunshine. High 67F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>67/41</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>68/46</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>65/49</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>69/51</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:12 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:44 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:11 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:10 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:09 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:47 PM

# Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	56	37	sunny	Kingsville	68	44	sunny
Amarillo	56	33	sunny	Livingston	57	29	sunny
Austin	60	36	sunny	Longview	54	33	pt sunny
Beaumont	58	35	sunny	Lubbock	60	35	sunny
Brownsville	67	48	mst sunny	Lufkin	56	31	mst sunny
Brownwood	59	37	sunny	Midland	63	40	sunny
Corpus Christi	65	44	sunny	Raymondville	68	45	sunny
Corsicana	53	35	sunny	Rosenberg	59	36	sunny
Dallas	55	36	sunny	San Antonio	65	39	sunny
Del Rio	67	42	mst sunny	San Marcos	61	36	sunny
El Paso	65	42	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	52	34	sunny
Fort Stockton	65	42	mst sunny	Sweetwater	59	38	sunny
Gainesville	52	32	sunny	Tyler	53	32	sunny
Greenville	51	31	sunny	Weatherford	53	33	sunny
Houston	59	37	sunny	Wichita Falls	55	34	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	36	30	mixed	Minneapolis	37	18	pt sunny
Boston	42	32	cloudy	New York	43	34	cloudy
Chicago	33	26	cloudy	Phoenix	72	51	pt sunny
Dallas	55	36	sunny	San Francisco	56	48	rain
Denver	52	33	sunny	Seattle	55	43	rain
Houston	59	37	sunny	St. Louis	40	28	cloudy
Los Angeles	64	50	pt sunny	Washington, DC	47	37	cloudy
Miami	76	55	t-storm				

# Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-19-26. Bonus Ball: 11.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$600,000.

Winning ticket purchased in: Hemphill.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-21-24-30.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$24,922.

Winning ticket purchased in: Richmond.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-2-3. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-3. Sum It Up: 8.

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**VOTE**

April 13, with a week of early voting prior to that date.” Bloom said the race for Texas as governor could also force a runoff election on the Republican ticket, which would be held on the same date.

Locally, Howard County voters have two seats on the Howard County Commissioners Court to vote on candidates, as well as a justice of the peace race and the judges post in the 118th District Court.

In the Precinct 2 commissioners race, incumbent Jerry Kilgore faces two opponents in the GOP primary, Donnie Baker and Melanie Gambrell.

The Democratic Party race will be decided between Richard Belew and Jim Sinclair. In the Precinct 4 race, incumbent Gary Simer is unopposed in the Democratic primary, but Roy Beauchamp and John Cline are squaring off for the Republican nomination.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman is opposed by David Baird in her bid for re-election in the Republican primary for the Precinct 1, Place 2 post. Ricky Hughes is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

There is no candidate in the Democratic primary for the district judge's post, but Mike Thomas and Tim Yeats are running for the Republican nomination.

Howard County voters will

also be casting ballots for nominations in the races for Texas House District 85 and U.S. Representative in the 19th District.

Incumbent State Rep. Joe Heflin is unopposed in the Democratic primary, as is Robyn L. Burwell in the Libertarian race. In the GOP primary, David Andrews faces Jim Landtroop.

Incumbent Randy Neugebauer is unopposed for his Republican primary bid for re-election. The only Democrat in the race is Andy Wilson and Richard “Chip” Peterson is running as a Libertarian.

Voters in Howard County will have plenty of polling places to cast their vote, according to County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom,

with five locations — all of which will be housing both Republican and Democratic polls — located in Big Spring and Coahoma. Polling places for Tuesday are:

Saint Thomas Parish Hall (605 N. Main St.): Precincts 11-16, 112, 103-105.

Big Spring Mall (1801 E. FM 700): Precincts 22, 24-26, 205, 208.

First Baptist Church (705 W. FM 700): Precincts 33-35, 304.

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum (1001 Birdwell Lane): Precincts 42, 44-46, 404-406.

Coahoma Community Center (306 North Avenue in Coahoma): Precincts 207, 207C, 407-409.

Polling places for today's election are:

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Polls close at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the County Elections Administration at 264-2273.

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**PRICES**

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The Energy Information Administration will release figures on nationwide retail gasoline prices later Monday.

Prices have been going up even though the

economy remains weak and demand for fuel is tepid.

The total number of miles driven in the U.S. last year was about flat with 2008 and below 2004 levels for the second year in a row, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

Crude oil prices are

more than twice what they were a year ago when the U.S. was mired in the Great Recession. Investors look for global demand to pick up as the economy improves, especially in China and other developing countries.

Oil prices got to \$80.62 a barrel Monday on the

NYMEX before falling back to settle at \$78.70, down 96 cents. The \$80 level has been tough for oil to crack. It has reached the mark time and again over the past several months only to fall back again.

A stronger dollar also was a drag on oil Monday. Oil is traded in dol-

lars on global markets and becomes more expensive for international investors who hold other currencies.

In other Nymex trading in April contracts, heating oil fell 1.18 cents to settle at \$2.0235 a gallon, and gasoline lost 3.23 cents to settle at \$2.1556 a gallon. Natu-

ral gas lost 13.4 cents to settle at \$4.679 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude dropped 70 cents to settle at \$76.89 on the ICE futures exchange.

**SKYWARN**

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ters reporting in during severe weather allows the NWS to develop a better picture of dangers, and while not everyone wants to be a spotter, the information the class provides is invaluable to anyone finding themselves in severe weather.

“The SkyWarn spotters are an integral part of our system,” said Vesper. “They provide reports to us from out in the field, which allows us to combine that information with satellite and radar data to get a good picture of what's going on.

“Even if someone doesn't want to become a spotter, I think these classes go a long way to prepare them and their families for a severe weather situation.

We're preparing for the storm season now, and we hope everyone else in the area will do so as well.”

According to local emergency responders, the class can not only help inform area residents on what to do in case of severe weather, it can save lives.

“It's really a lot of good information for people to have,” said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. “It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe weather is like in our area. Since we're getting ready to head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather —

things like hail and possible tornadoes.

“There's no charge for the classes and the public is definitely welcome to attend. Those who sign up for the class will receive a certificate from the National Weather Service, and if you're in law enforcement or emergency services, you can get credit for it. It's excellent training for anyone to have. They change it up every year. I've gone to them for the last seven or eight years, and it's just excellent information to have.”

A class will also be offered in Stanton on April 5 in the Martin County Courthouse, also from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

For more information on the SkyWarn program and the Midland branch of the National

Weather Service, visit them online at [www.srh.noaa.gov/maf](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/maf), or call 432-563-5006.

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**STUDENTS**

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Interscholastic League Cross-Examination debate meet later this month.

Bianca Mancha rounded out the national qualifications by showing how funny she could be — Bianca qualified in Humorous Interpretation.

The team of Shermila Kher and Opal Gonzales were the alternates in Public Forum debate and will have wait and see if they get a chance to compete.

The national tournament will be held June 13-18 in Kansas City, Kan.

The National Forensic League has conducted the National Speech Tournament continuously since 1931 (except for the World War II years.) Qualifying for the NFL National Tournament happens at the district level and Big Spring's qualifiers beat out students from Odessa, Midland, Lubbock, Abilene and Amarillo.

Speech and Debate team members next travel to the Texas Forensic Association State Meet held this year in El Paso.

Clint Adams is an instructor at Big Spring High School. He can be contacted at 264-3641.

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 • Served as Big Spring City Attorney  
 • Certified Public Accountant  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
 • Served on Board of Directors of the YMCA  
 • Served as Board Member of West Side Community Center  
 • Past President of the YMCA  
 • Past Weblo Leader and Boy Scout Leader of Troop One  
 • Serving on the Board of Dora Robert Rehabilitation Center  
 • Serving on the YMCA Endowment Committee  
**LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS:**  
 • Member of the Howard County Bar Association  
 • State Bar Association  
 • American Bar Association  
 • Admitted to practice in all District Courts in the State of Texas, Supreme of Court of Texas and Northern District Federal Court  
**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 Counties and it would be an honor to serve as the 118th District Judge. I would appreciate your vote and remember every vote is important.**  
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## OUR VIEW

# Short-changing the legal system

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has dealt with the case of Death Row inmate Charles Dean Hood a dozen times. And still the fundamental due process violation that tainted his 1990 capital murder trial hasn't been adequately addressed.

On Wednesday, the court granted Hood a new sentencing hearing. But that was based on jury instructions that a majority of the judges found to be flawed.

What still hangs over the case is the fact that the judge who presided over the trial and the district attorney who prosecuted the case had engaged in an extramarital affair and tried to keep it secret for years after Hood was sentenced to death in a double slaying.

Hood has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to order a new trial. That request is supported by dozens of legal ethicists, retired judges and other former officials. A friend-of-the-court brief joined by William Sessions, a longtime federal judge in San Antonio and FBI director, and former Texas Gov. Mark White argues that Hood "received the ultimate penalty — death — in a proceeding presided over by a judge whose impartiality appears doubtful at best."

Judges are supposed to recuse themselves from cases in which there might be even an appearance that they're biased. Who knows whether then-Judge Verla Sue Holland was biased because of an affair with Tom O'Connell, then-Collin County district attorney. No one can be sure — and that's the problem. ...

Hood's appellate lawyers over the years tried to substantiate the rumors to use the relationship as grounds for appeal but couldn't. Lawyers wouldn't talk about it on the record, and O'Connell denied it.

When Hood was about to be executed in 2008, his legal team got a former assistant district attorney to sign an affidavit calling the affair between Holland and O'Connell courthouse common knowledge. Hood's lawyers got a judge to let them question the pair under oath, and they finally acknowledged their affair, though Holland said it ended in 1987, three years before Hood's trial.

But the Court of Criminal Appeals in September ruled that Hood couldn't proceed with a petition for a new trial, saying he had waited too long to raise the issue. That's why he's now asking for Supreme Court intervention.

If the judge and DA had done their ethical duty at the time, questions about the system's integrity would not loom over this case. The public wouldn't be left wondering whether a capital trial was entirely fair. And taxpayers wouldn't be footing the bill for continuing litigation and possibly a new trial.

How many times must we say this: If Texas is going to continue to impose the death penalty, everyone involved in capital trials must ensure that the prosecutions are fairly and properly done. Otherwise, the public can't have faith in the system.

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

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# Give it everything you've got!

Perhaps we've all heard the catch phrase, "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." Olympic athletes understand what this means. To do your best even if you don't win a medal is something to celebrate.

For some, just competing is a victory. Every Olympics is filled with stories of courage and dignity — athletes who had to overcome extreme adversity just to be able to compete. These examples of never giving up and persevering against all odds give hope to us all.

This may be why the Olympics matter to me. No matter their gender, age, nationality or sport, each athlete exudes a spirit of endeavor that inspires me to keep reaching for my own dreams and goals. And I want to cheer them on as they reach for theirs!

While watching one of the events last week, I was struck by the commentator's remarks. He admitted the athlete had given it all he had.

He acknowledged the athlete had in fact broken his own personal record. And then he put forward what he called the "big question."

He asked, "More importantly, will it be enough for gold?"

No doubt the athlete would love to win gold or even silver or bronze. But I don't think that whether he won or didn't win a medal was the most important point.

What was most important was that the athlete had done his best, given his all and surpassed his own record. If that results in also winning gold — great, awesome, cool.

But in my opinion, his accomplishment isn't diminished or enhanced by winning or not winning gold. He did a great job and he can and should be proud of that.

The U.S. had its first gold medal winner with Hannah Kearney. She wasn't expected to win in women's moguls this Olympics, but she did. Interestingly enough, she was expected to win in the Torino Olympics but she stumbled for a 22nd-place finish. I love that she didn't let her disappointment in Torino diminish her hopes and expectation for excellence in Vancouver.

In watching all of the Olympic athletes, I often think to myself how any one of these men and women, striving to do their best, could be a gold, silver or bronze medal winner. And many times, we witness an unexpected victory.

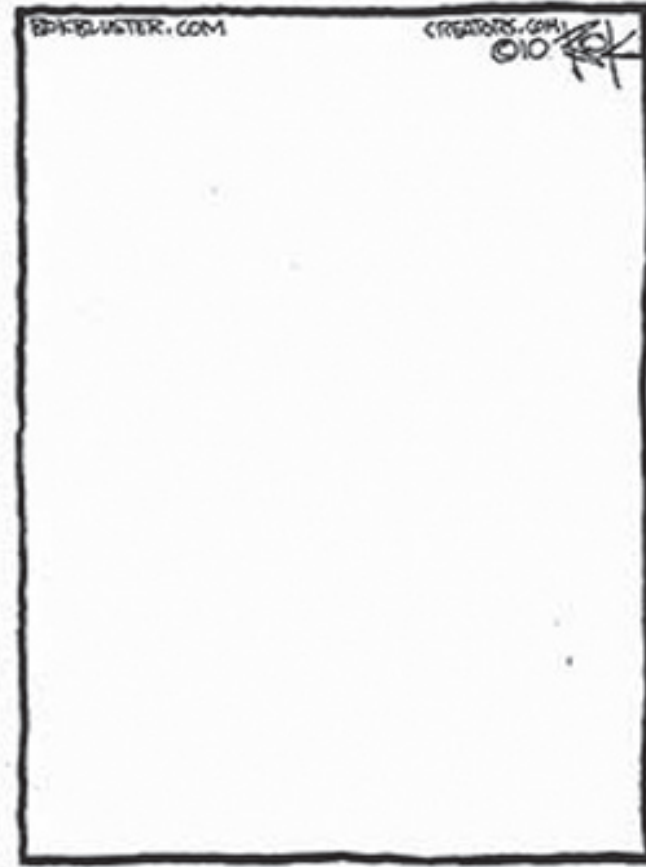
My husband commented how much he loves to see that happen — the athlete that exceeds the expectations of others. I agreed and admit that is another reason the Olympics matter so much to me.



ANNETTE BRIDGES



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# Remembering Howard Zinn

Our nation lost a pioneering historian and social activist in January. Howard Zinn, who died while swimming laps at 87, revolutionized the way millions of Americans — especially young Americans — understand our shared history.

His writings and work inspired millions, but I was among the generations of students privileged to know him as a beloved teacher, mentor, and friend. His first academic job after graduate study at Columbia University was at the historically black, all-women Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. The tall, lanky professor and I arrived at Spelman together in 1956, I as a freshman and he as chair of the history department. His family lived in the back of Spelman's infirmary, where students always felt welcome to gather, explore ideas, share hopes and just chew the fat.

Zinn encouraged students to think outside the box and to question rather than accept conventional wisdom. He was a risk-taker. He lost no opportunity to challenge segregation in theaters, libraries, and restaurants, and encouraged us to do the same.

The black Spelman establishment didn't like him any more than the white establishment

did. Later, after he joined the faculty at Boston University, its president disliked him just as much as Spelman's president did, because he made some teachers and administrators uncomfortable by challenging the comfortable status quo.

We called him "Howie" and saw him as a confidant and friend, as well as a teacher — contrary to the more formal and hierarchical traditions of many black colleges. He stressed analysis over memorization; questioning, discussions and essays rather than multiple choices and pat answers. He affirmed my daddy's belief that I could do and be anything.

He lived simply. I felt comfortable asking to drive his old Chevrolet to transport picketers to Rich's Department Store, or to scout out other potential demonstration sites.

He was passionate about justice and his belief in the ability of individuals to make a difference in the world. Not a word-miner, he said what he believed and encouraged us as students to do the same.

He conveyed to me and to other students that he believed in us and that we were powerful and not helpless to change what we did not like. He conveyed to members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, whose voter registration and organizing efforts he chronicled in his book SNCC: The New Abolitionists, that he believed in, respected and supported our struggle. He was there when 200 students conducted sit-ins and 27

The can-do spirit of all of the athletes is truly awe-inspiring, especially when you also take into account their determination to excel. What was good enough for them last year becomes their goal to beat this year. These athletes seem to believe their best is indeed always yet to be. They never settle for last year's job well done. So there is a commitment and expectancy for even more progress, growth and excellence.

Olympic athletes illustrate to us that the drive for success, happiness and fulfillment comes from within. In fact, that drive is God-given and God-ordained! We must not allow our own preconceptions or timidity to stop us from seeing the infinite possibilities within our reach or from utilizing and maximizing our God-given abilities and talents.

So my friends, whatever dream you are striving to attain, you can do your best. And playing the best game you can and giving it all you've got is good enough — at this moment in time anyway. Then come tomorrow, next month or next year, you can give it all you've got again.

We can all keep endeavoring to reach the perfection that God sees in each of us!

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MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

of us got arrested.

Zinn provided us a safe space in his home to plan civil rights activities by listening and not dictating, and always kept our secrets from the administration. He laughed and enjoyed life, and taught us that it could be fun to challenge the status quo. What fun it was to visit the Georgia State Legislature, sit in the whites-only section, watch the floor proceedings screech to a halt and hear the frantic gaveling and demands to "move those people to where they belonged."

He spoke up for the weak and little people against the big and powerful people. His most profound message, and the title of one of his books, is: "You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train" — that we all must act against injustice.

He was there for and with us through thick and thin. He focused not just on our learning in the classroom but also on our learning to stand up and feel empowered to act and change our own lives — and the community and region in which we lived. He taught us to be neither victims nor passive observers of unjust treatment, but active and proud claimants of our American birthright.

Howard Zinn helped prepare me to discover my leadership potential.

I was blessed to have him as a teacher and lifelong friend, and will miss him deeply.

*Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund.*

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### Music Word Find

Just in time for Music in Our Schools Month, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

BAND	INSTRUMENT	PRACTICE
CHOIR	MUSIC	SCHOOL
CHORUS	NOTE	SONG
CONDUCTOR	PLAY	TUNE

C T M E H C G Y D B I B  
 F W N T C T H S M N B A  
 G G E E S I U O S I V N  
 N N U V N R T T I D N D  
 E O S R O U R C O R G C  
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### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1789: THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WENT INTO EFFECT.
- 1861: ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
- 1994: FOUR MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS WERE FOUND GUILTY IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING.



THIS IS THE SECTION OF A MARCHING BAND THAT WAVES FLAGS TO MUSIC AND CHOREOGRAPHY.

ANSWER: COLOR GUARD

### Music Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

1. Many students are in the C R M G A H N I band.
2. Can you sing the M Y D E L O?
3. It is important to S E R E A R H E to play well.
4. Drummers must keep the E T B A.

Answers: 1. marching 2. melody 3. rehearse 4. beat



### PERCUSSION

musical instruments played by striking with a hand or stick

### How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Music
- SPANISH:** Música
- ITALIAN:** Musica
- FRENCH:** Musique
- GERMAN:** Musik

### Did you know?

INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS VIOLINS ARE KNOWN AS "STRING" INSTRUMENTS.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DRUMS

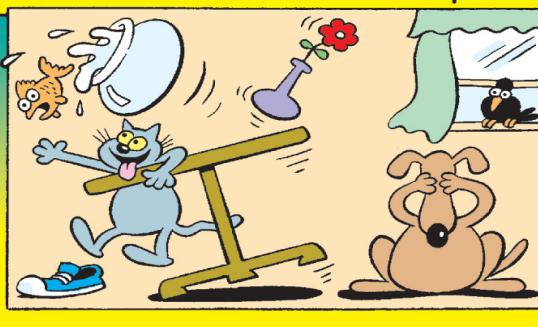
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### BY BOB WEBER JR.

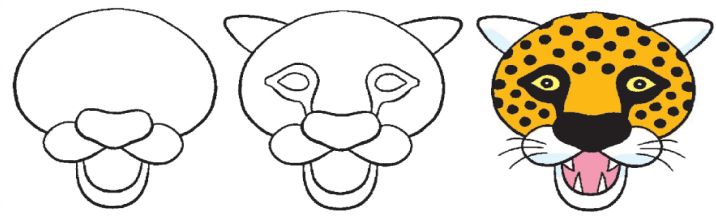
Slylock Fox is visiting Miss Fox's classroom on Career Day. The supersleuth asked the students to solve the following problem: A goat and a turtle stepped into an elevator at the same time. One pushed the button for three, and the other pushed the button for five. Why did the elevator go to the fifth floor first?  
 Solution -- They started on the sixth floor.



Find six differences between these panels.



### HOW TO DRAW a jaguar



### YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Joseph Stanley, age 8, of Fort Myers, FL

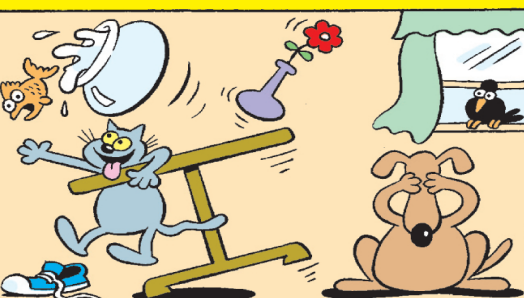


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Kangaroos are capable of going months without ...

- a) eating
- b) drinking
- c) sleeping
- d) breathing

Answer -- (b) As long as their food contains some water, kangaroos can go without drinking for months.



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# Bird Poop: The case of the drunk waxwings

Swooping into neighborhoods and the state park in search of berries, the masked harbingers of spring announced their arrival with high-pitched whistles. Descending deep into the foliage of yaupon and juniper, they consumed the ripest of nature's offering.

The first of many such invasions occurred in January. With a cache depleted, flocks rose with rapid wing beats only to settle in another area of town to satisfy their hunger.

Their presence and behavior in a tree or shrub were artistic moments. Clad in soft brown that ultimately segued into

gray on their wings, back and tail, the cedar waxwings were stately visitors with their crested heads and black masks edged with white.

Bright yellow tips on their tails contrasted sharply with their softer yellow bellies and sides.

Seen through binoculars, the red, oblong tips on some of their wing feathers were a symbol of maturity.

As they dined, their impeccable manners were noticeable as they offered a berry to their nearest cohort, who in turn, might also share it with a companion.

Thus, through their appearance and actions, the waxwings exemplified an avian dignity.

Unfortunately, another behavior resulted in numerous phone calls.

Overeating of fermenting fruit resulted in waxwings being found throughout town. Whether they had

flown into a window during their intoxicated state, or merely stood unfazed by human or motored traffic, the birds were easily plucked from dangerous situations. The numbers brought for detox grew by the hour.

After placing the errant drunks in safe quarters for the "drying-out period," I decided to take a break on the front porch. Not only did our starter home have a view of the northern horizon, but a step that allowed me to sit and lean back against the front door.

Waving to neighbors as they drove by, I could enjoy the occasional scurrying lizard, insect, or bird that considered the honeysuckle framing our porch as its domain.

Only after sitting there for a while did I glance toward the east end.

"Not another one," I thought.

Standing between two of the five columns was a cedar waxwing.

Since I suspected it was as stupefied as those inside, I slowly walked toward the bird.

Absolutely still, it did not move as I approached.

With my hand moving toward it, the bird continued to stare ahead.

Quickly grasping the wayward migrant before a neighborhood cat called it dinner, I could tell by its glazed eyes that it had gorged too much on "forbidden fruit."

After carrying it inside, I took the time to appreciate its silky appearance.

Every feather seemed to have been applied by an artist's delicate brush strokes. Colors blended with grace.

The tiny red ends accenting a few feathers on each wing were reminiscent of sealing wax used centuries ago to insure the security of

a document or mail. From its appetite for native berries and this distinguishing enhancement, the bird had derived its name.

Later, sober and enjoying the costly blueberries from the grocery store, the cedar waxwings were not overly concerned about their captivity.

When approached, they stiffened and elongated their colorful bodies as if affronted by some imaginary danger.

Upon leaving the room, my guests relaxed and joined each other in exploring their enclosure.

Other foods provided were quickly consumed.

Nomadic in their search for food, "cedarbirds" were known to wander erratically during their yearly migrations.

When we thought we might never see them again, they would suddenly appear.

Releasing the waxwings, Art and I watched as they rose skyward to begin their



Courtesy photo

Whistling a high-pitched "sreee," the cedar waxwing is often heard before seen. Sleek and trim, the bird travels in flocks and is known for its social behavior.

undulating flight. Soon, their northward journey would begin.

With the ripening fruit of the mulberry trees in May, however, another influx of masked bandits could be expected.

While the purple offering was a delicacy, the birds would also avail themselves of insects and the petals of

flowering ornamental trees.

Adaptable, the waxwings once again would display their social graces by "eating what was set before them."

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



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- ★ **Review Business Locations For Photos**  
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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have been married for two years. The problem is my daughter. "Melanie" was diagnosed as bipolar when she was 12. She has wild mood swings, and we've had to call the police on her more than 20 times. She has been convicted of domestic violence twice and has been hospitalized to try to deal with her disease.

Melanie will be turning 18 soon, and my husband has given me an ultimatum -- kick her out or we will be divorcing.

I would do this if Mel had someplace to go, but she doesn't, and I can't throw my child out in the street. My husband has no chil-

dren and doesn't understand why it is so hard for me.

Mel's tantrums are geared mostly toward me.

She barely speaks to my husband.

I can ignore her outbursts because they will pass, but my husband cannot.

Mel sees a psychiatrist on a regular basis, and we have changed her medication a thousand times.

I know we will eventually find a combination that works.

We have been to family and marriage counseling, but my husband refuses to budge. I don't want to have to choose between my child and my marriage. Both the



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

counselor and I have tried to explain what it means to be bipolar, but my husband doesn't believe it's a true illness.

He thinks she can just change her behavior if she wants to. What can I do? — At My Wits' End

**Dear Wits' End:** It's a shame your husband doesn't have a better understanding of this debilitating illness, but we know your situation has been exhausting to deal with, and he undoubtedly wants the problem to go away.

Melanie is going to be an adult and must eventually learn to be independent.

Talk to her psychiatrist about the possibility of helping her find her own apartment.

If you don't think she can handle a roommate, consider subsidizing her housing

arrangements.

Also discuss other forms of treatment, and contact the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (dbsalliance.org) at 1-800-826-3632 for suggestions and help.

**Dear Annie:** Is it necessary for a man to remove his hat at the dinner table if it's a baseball cap? — Pat

**Dear Pat:** Yes. The only exceptions are illness and religious reasons. In nicer establishments and at home, there is no other excuse to keep a hat on.

But we are not holding our breath waiting for a man in a fast-food place to remove a baseball cap, charming as that would be.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

This Libra moon seeks to balance the preponderance of Pisces energy. Sometimes Pisces leads us to go deeply into emotions or to change moods more often than is useful. This lunar balancing act will help to keep things in perspective.

And the Libramoon also provides a helpful measure of objectivity.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have come to really dislike a certain person at work, so when he or she does something nice for you, your first reaction is suspicion. Your second reaction is that you might have misjudged them.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You don't need someone to tell you you're special — you have always just assumed it. We are, after all, exactly what we think we are, so use your natural self-confidence to help yourself and your friends.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You struggle along, working, doubting, second-guessing, and then suddenly you're there. You are wrapping up a project right now, and already you're forgetting the tears that went into it because the victory feels so good.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will receive a curious e-mail from an acquaintance, requesting your assistance on something. It's right up your alley, but you wonder whether there's an ulterior motive. Only one way to find out. Check it out.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Bold is a word usually reserved for the loud, fast and flamboyant, but yours is a subtler hue: quiet and stealthy but with all the heart of a bullfighter. Your over-the-top ambition merits praise in and of itself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a cautious mood. Don't be bullied by anyone with an agenda. And anyone attempting to push you into something you don't feel

good about definitely has an agenda! So resist. Say "no, thanks" and walk on.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one would ever call you a quitter, so don't sweat it if you feel like you need to back out. You know yourself better than anyone else, so the only permission you need to seek is your own.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just like the old adage says: The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. You reached a goal. Not the final goal, but a significant one, nonetheless. Go do something fun. You've earned it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are right to check your first impression by seeking more information. But usually it merely reinforces what you already knew was true. There probably won't be time for research today, so go with your gut.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It annoys you when someone can't take a joke. Remember this today, when you become the object of some friendly ribbing. He who is quick to laugh at himself is usually friends with everyone.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your reputation for getting along with everybody will be threatened by a particularly difficult customer. Take just a moment to step back and evaluate, and you will win them over like you always do.

**PISCES** (Feb.

19-March 20). You feel like a brand-new car that's run out of gas. You know you've got a lot of life and power; you just need to fill up. So stop already. Take some time out just for you. Go do something you like just because you like it.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY** (March 2). It's a year of tenacity. You know your heart, and you'll stick to your guns. A bad situation will slowly turn around over the next six weeks. April brings a reason to celebrate. July is your financial high time. Invest wisely, and when in doubt, save all you can. August brings a pledge of love and devotion. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 15, 40, 33 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Someone told me that I'm having my Saturn return now, and that this is going to be a bad year for me. True?"

Don't listen to pessimists who tell you that Saturn is bad. Bad is in the eye of the beholder. When Saturn returns to the place in the sky where it was at your birth — an event that happens only every 29.5 years or so — it's a rare opportunity to reinforce your foothold in life. The universe does not distinguish between good and bad. It merely seeks to maintain equilibrium. If something is out of balance in your life, Saturn will swing the pendulum back to



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Maximum Security

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A Q  
♥ 6 5  
♦ A 7 6 4 2  
♣ 7 5 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ 8 7 6 2  
♥ A 9 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ Q J 10 9 4

**EAST**  
♠ 9 4 3  
♥ Q J 10 7 4  
♦ J 10 8 5  
♣ K

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 5  
♥ K 8  
♦ K Q 9 3  
♣ A 8 6

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — queen of clubs.  
A safety play is an effort by declarer to overcome a potentially unfavorable distribution of the defenders' cards. There are so many different kinds of safety plays that it is better to try to understand the principle behind them than to rely exclusively on memory or past experience.  
Take this case where West leads the queen of clubs against three returns, and East plays the king. South has no choice but to take this trick with the ace because he cannot

run the risk of East shifting to a heart. This brings him to the critical play at trick two.

If declarer makes the mistake of playing the king of diamonds at this point, expecting to score five diamond tricks, he goes down. As it happens, East has all four missing diamonds and now has a stopper in the suit. South still has a chance to make the contract if East has the ace of hearts, but, as the cards lie, the best he can do is to finish with eight tricks.

Before doing anything at trick two, declarer should first ask himself: "What can defeat me?" It shouldn't take him long to realize that the only threat to the contract is a 4-0 diamond division. His next step is to look for a way to combat the 4-0 division if it exists.

Declarer notes that he cannot overcome the J-10-8-5 of diamonds in the West hand regardless of how he broaches the suit, but that he can overcome four diamonds in East's hand. Accordingly, he leads the three of diamonds to the ace at trick two, exposing the 4-0 division. He then returns a diamond toward his hand. No matter how East chooses to defend, his diamonds are neutralized, and South makes the contract.

Tomorrow: Add a string to your bow.  
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**ANSWERS**

2	5	9	3	1	7	4	8	6
1	7	8	9	6	4	3	5	2
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# Texas overcomes slow start for win over OU

### Associated Press

AUSTIN — After such a miserable month of February, Texas can't help but hope March will be much better.

For now it is. Senior Damion James scored 24 points in his final home game and the struggling Longhorns rallied for an 87-76 win over Oklahoma on Monday night.

Earlier in the day, Texas (23-7, 9-6 Big

12) became the first team since Alabama in 2003 to drop out of The Associated Press rankings after reaching No. 1 for the first time in school history in January.

Since then, it's been a string of tough losses, injuries and one long tumble into the ranks of the unranked.

James said he's had enough of that.

"That's in the past," James said. "(Tonight)

is a new month."

And most importantly, it's March, the right time for a team as talented as Texas to turn things around. The Longhorns end the regular season on Saturday at No. 21 Baylor. Then comes next week's Big 12 tournament.

"We've been at the very top and bottom. It doesn't feel good to be at bottom. I like being at the top much more," James said.

The Longhorns, so inconsistent over the last month, got scoring and plays from everyone on the court.

J'Covan Brown, who was carted off the floor after a hard fall against Texas A&M two days earlier, didn't start but finished with 15 points and five assists. Jordan Hamilton had 12 points and 11 rebounds and Dexter Pittman and Gary Johnson each scored 14 points. The

Longhorns shot 54 percent and outrebounded Oklahoma 38-21.

Brown was cleared to play just a couple of hours before the game.

"It was real scary. Nothing like that ever happened to me. I hit my head, and my whole left side went numb, and I just closed my eyes," Brown said.

Team trainers later said he had a neck strain, and Brown said by Monday, "I had no

doubt I was going to play."

Oklahoma (13-16, 4-11) continues to struggle through a disappointing season. The Sooners have lost seven in a row but had a chance to snap that streak when they built double-digit leads in both halves.

"They were the tougher team down the stretch. I thought we were the better team for

See **TEXAS**, Page 12



COURTESY PHOTO/John Kennedy

The Grady Wildcats pose with the regional quarterfinals trophy at Lubbock Roosevelt High School in Acuff on Monday. The Wildcats are headed to the region tournament in Abilene on Friday.

## Grady headed to regional tourney

### Herald Staff Report

ACUFF — The Grady Wildcats just keep on rolling.

Turkey Valley, which advanced past Garden City last week, was no match for Grady as it pulled away early to a 59-33 win. The Wildcats will take on Ira on Friday at Abilene Christian University in the region semifinals.

Shane Teague scored 18 points, Jacob Rodriguez added 16 and Dylan Cox chipped in 13 points for Grady, which improved to 28-4 on the season.

Grady jumped all over Valley early in the game, building a 9-2 lead that turned into a 13-4 first-quarter advantage.

From there, defense was the name of the game for the Wildcats, coach Shawn Harrison said.

"We contested all their shots, we really got up on them and we didn't let them go by," he said. "We did a good job of containing them and holding them. They're a good team, but they just weren't hitting (Monday) night."

Valley didn't post

a double-digit scoring quarter until the fourth, when the game was well in hand. Grady, on the other hand, sank bucket after bucket as it widened its lead.

"We're shooting the ball extremely well right now," Harrison said.

For Grady, getting to the regional tournament was sweet after the Wildcats had been ousted in the quarterfinals each of the past four seasons.

"That was our goal this year, to get over this hump and get to the regional tourna-

ment," Harrison said. "I'm not sure it's set in yet."

With his team a year older and stronger, Harrison has noticed a marked change in players such as Teague, Rodriguez and Johan Wiebe, he said.

"These juniors after their sophomore year really got into the weight room," Harrison said. "They've gotten big and heavy and thick enough that they can handle some pressure. We just got physically where we're not

See **GRADY**, Page 12

## Botched grand slam hurts Steers in loss

### Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — Things were looking good for the Steers Saturday against Fort Stockton in Andrews.

With two outs in the sixth, Andrew Newton belted a grand slam to put the Steers up 5-4 and in position to win its first game of the Best of the West Classic tournament.

Except in all the excitement, Newton forgot to touch home plate.

Instead, the grand slam turned into an inning-ending triple. Fort Stockton would go on to score four runs in the top of the seventh to retake an 8-5 lead and an 8-7 win.

Alex Hensley tossed the full seven innings for the Steers, giving up four earned runs with seven strikeouts and five walks.

Martin Yanez and Gunnar Kennedy each

doubled for the Steers, who fall to 1-4 after going winless in the tournament.

The Steers also lost to Snyder early Saturday 17-7. Snyder scored 13 runs in the bottom of the fifth to pull away for that win.

Max Papajohn started the game and was relieved by Jacob Acosta.

"The whole tournament was a learning experience," head coach Burt Otto said. "We were in position to win three games — we could have won three out of four — and we lost four out of four."

Big Spring falls to 1-4 on the season with a home date against Lubbock Cooper tonight. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m. at Steer Park, varsity only.

Contact Sports Editor Joe Zigtema at 263-7331 or e-mail him at sports@bigspringherald.com

## Harden throws for Rangers intrasquad

### Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Rich Harden was glad there was no screen in front of him Monday when he pitched a scoreless first inning for the Texas Rangers in an intrasquad game.

Harden had been throwing with the protective screen in bat-

ting practice, but that was discarded for the eight-inning intrasquad game.

"I know a lot of guys don't like throwing with the screen in front of them," Harden said. "I'm one of those. It's kind of a distraction. It feels good to get out

See **HARDEN**, Page 12

## Steer powerlifters take 2nd at Sweetwater; 12 qualify for regionals

### Herald Staff Report

SWEETWATER — The Steer powerlifting team didn't finish in first for the first time in more than a month Saturday.

Without one of the Steers' best lifters, Jonathon Molina, Big Spring took second in the Sweetwater

Invitational.

Justin Yanez took first in the 275-class, and Jake Hernandez and Derrick Anderson each finished second in the 132- and 220-classes, respectively. Anderson earned the top squat honor, had the third-best dead lift and earned the second-best overall Schwartz rat-

ing in the 181 to super heavyweight classes.

Ben Merworth posted the third-best bench press in the 114-165 classes with a 184.73 Schwartz rating.

Coahoma's Justin Coker took third in the 148-class with a 1,060-pound total.

Big Spring will send 12 lifters to the region-

al meet March 13 in Abilene. They are Jake Hernandez, Merworth and Zach Hernandez in the 132-class; Jake Hernandez in the 148-class; John Flores in the 165-class; Michael Felton and Anthony Garcia in the 181-class; Anderson in the 220-class; Yanez and Pernel Parker in the 275-class;

and Molina and Devon Davis-Locke in the super-heavyweight class.

On the girls side, Coahoma's Heather Newton took fourth in the 148-class and Autumn Dulin took fifth in the 220-class.

### Results

Team results-1. Clyde,

28; 2. Big Spring, 24; 3. Abilene Cooper, 24; 4. SA Central, 21; 5. Hawley, 19;

104-class-1. Ramirez, Lake View, 790; 2. Loza, Roscoe 750; 3. Sullivan, Clyde, 635; 4. Calame, Graham, 570; Deleon, Roscoe, 505;

123-class-

See **LIFTING**, Page 12

## Sports in brief

### Baseball, softball in action today

After Monday's rainy weather canceled games, softball and baseball teams hit the diamond today.

Big Spring will take on Lubbock Cooper at 4:30 p.m. today at Steer Park.

Forsan will travel to Colorado City to take on the Wolves at 4 p.m.

Coahoma baseball will travel to Midland to play Greenwood at 4 p.m., with softball at 5 p.m.

### Forsan softball rescheduled to Wednesday

The Forsan softball home game canceled Monday has been rescheduled to Wednesday in San Angelo.

The Lady Buffs will play Eden on Wednesday at Bell Park in San Angelo, located at the corner of Upton and N. Schroeder streets in San Angelo.

The Lady Buffs are 1-5 on the year and 1-0 with a full varsity squad.

Check Thursday's *Herald* for results.

### Coahoma softball signups getting under way

Coahoma youth softball signups will take place Saturday at the Big Spring Mall for girls 4 and up.

Signups will go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mall. On March 23, 25-26 and 29-30 signups will be at the Coahoma Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per child. Tryouts will be April 10 at 10 a.m. Contact Amy Shifflet at 213-5615 for more info.



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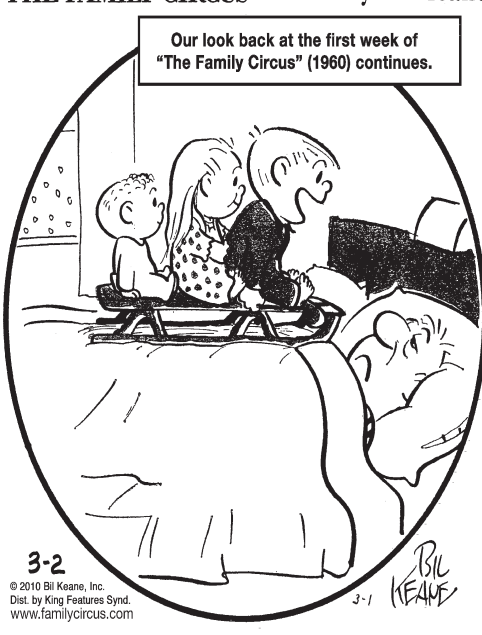
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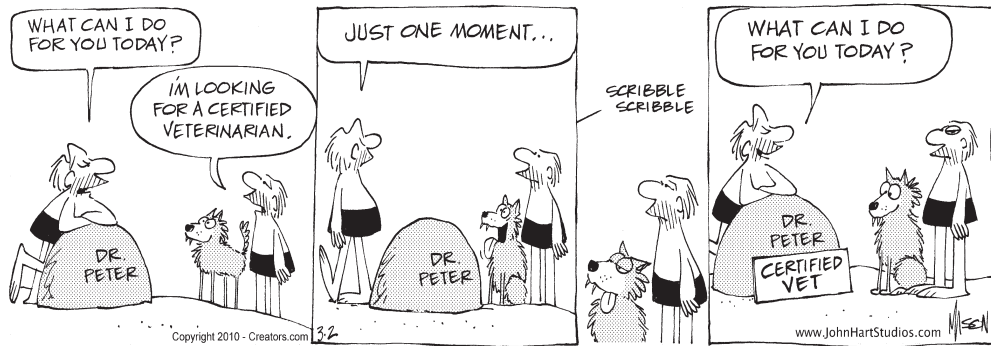
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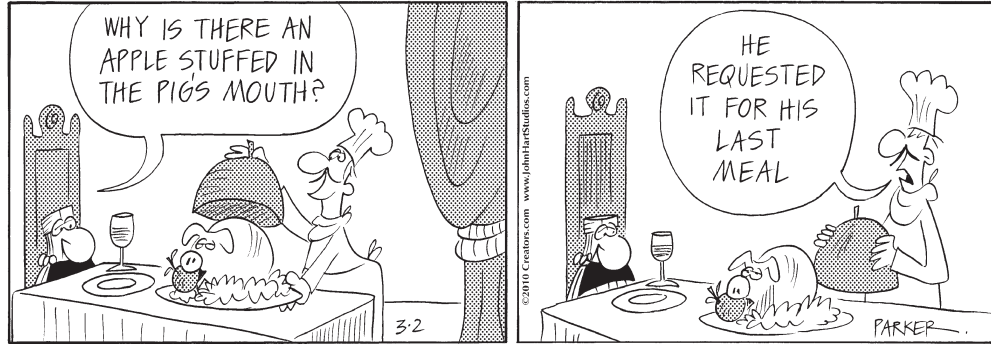
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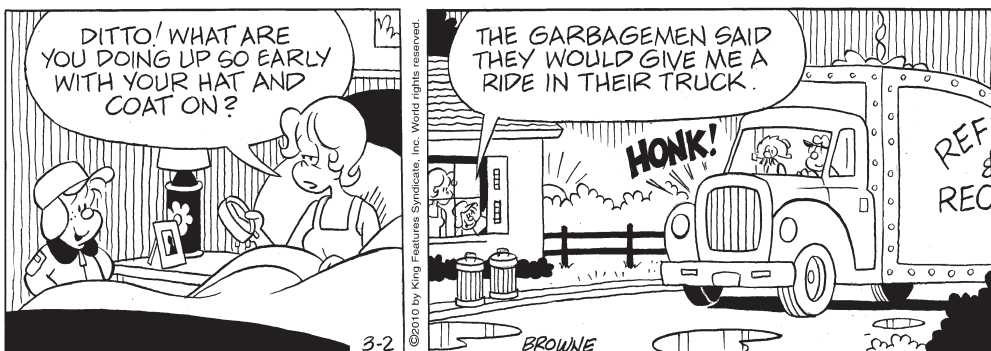
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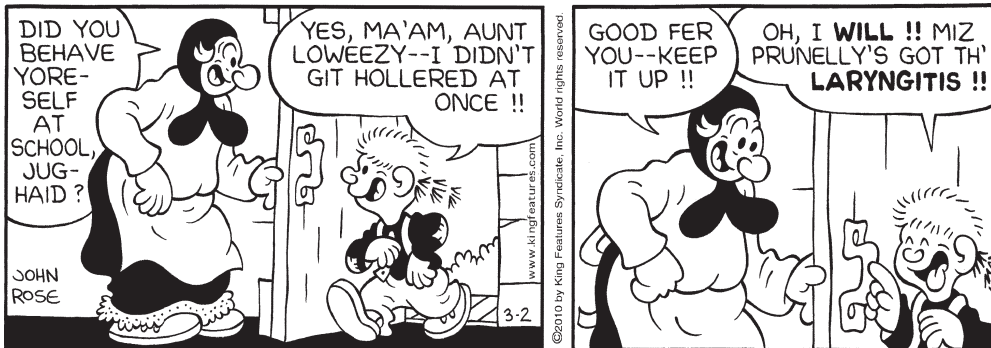
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2010. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1836, the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico.

On this date: In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1930, English author and poet D.H. Lawrence died in

Vence, France at age 44.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (puh-CHEL-ee) was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius the 12th.

In 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began; U.S. and Australian warplanes were able to inflict heavy damage on a Japanese convoy.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

In 1989, representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFC's (chlorofluorocarbons) by the end of the 20th century.

In 1990, more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (the company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers).

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 87. Actor John Cullum is 80. Author Tom Wolfe is 80. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 79. Actor Jon Finch is 69. Author John Irving is 68. Actress Laraine Newman is 58. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wisc., is 57. Interior Secretary

Ken Salazar is 55. Singer Jay Osmond is 55. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 54. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 48. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 47. Actor Daniel Craig is 42. Rock musician Casey (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 34. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 33. Actress Heather McComb is 33. Actress Bryce Dallas Howard is 29. NFL quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is 28. Actor Robert Iler ("The Sopranos") is 25.

Thought for Today: "The price one pays for pursuing any profession, or calling, is an intimate knowledge of its ugly side." — James Baldwin, American author (1924-1987).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lights-out tune
  - 5 This and this
  - 10 Slanting type: Abbr.
  - 14 Make \_\_\_ for it (flee)
  - 15 Knock at
  - 16 Supreme Court count
  - 17 Old Italian money
  - 18 Come up
  - 19 Goat's-milk cheese
  - 20 Gripe, gripe, gripe
  - 23 "Six-pack" muscles
  - 24 Affirmative vote
  - 25 Spaghetti or ziti
  - 28 Back talk
  - 31 Not quite right
  - 35 Climbing vine
  - 36 Polishes
  - 39 And others: Abbr.
  - 40 Take a wobbly seat
  - 43 A Great Lake
  - 44 Take wobbly steps
  - 45 U-turn from NNW
  - 46 Get off the couch
  - 48 Pig's place
  - 49 Thorny plant
  - 51 Lighthouse view
  - 53 Dove call
  - 54 Stumble and struggle to completion
  - 63 Ocean sound
- DOWN**
- 11 \_\_\_ yellow ribbon . . .
  - 12 Opposed to
  - 13 Low in fat
  - 21 Embarrass
  - 22 Potpie vegetable
  - 25 Plumber's concerns
  - 26 Ward off
  - 27 Neighbor of Israel
  - 28 Actors' dialog
  - 29 Map within a map
  - 30 Small-minded
  - 32 "Who's there?" answer
  - 33 Taco topper
  - 34 More sneaky
  - 37 Makeshift shelter
  - 38 Observe
  - 41 Official
  - 42 Shady retreat
  - 47 Cub Scout group
  - 50 Team supporter
  - 52 Modify
  - 53 Pirate's box
  - 54 Campus club, for short
  - 55 In a frenzy
  - 56 Rowboat needs
  - 57 Decorative pitcher
  - 58 Optimistic
  - 59 Some boxing wins
  - 60 Egg on
  - 61 Band's bookings
  - 62 Party thrower

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**TEXAS**

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for 31 minutes," Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel said.  
Tony Crocker scored 24 points to lead Oklahoma. Cade Davis scored 22 points, much of it coming in a first-half flurry of 3-pointers. The Sooners made 10 3s, but just three after halftime.  
The Sooners beat the Longhorns earlier this season and early in this one looked capable of their first season sweep since 2005.

Oklahoma built a 23-10 lead behind three consecutive 3-pointers by Davis before Texas rallied.  
The Longhorns started little-used guard Jai Lucas for Brown, but he had just one basket in 21 minutes. It was Brown's 3-pointer that pulled Texas even at 38-all before Oklahoma's Tiny Gallon hit a short jumper at the halftime buzzer.  
The Sooners quickly pushed the lead back to 11 after the break. Crocker opened the second half with a back-

door dunk that started a 9-0 run.  
But Crocker had to leave the game briefly after turning his ankle, and Texas rallied again.  
James' pass to Pittman for an alley-oop dunk tied it at 56-all. Brown's floating bank shot with 9:08 to play then gave Texas its first lead before James hit a tough basket in the lane.  
The Sooners never challenged for the lead again as the shots that were falling in the first half started bouncing out. Crocker and Davis

missed open 3-pointers, and Texas stretched its lead to 68-60 when Pittman made a layup. Brown's driving layup with 2:12 to play put Texas up by 11.  
"The thing that may be the best thing for us, is we find ourselves at the most important time," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "And the last 15 minutes, we played our best ball."  
The Longhorns are a half-game behind A&M, Baylor and Missouri in the Big 12 standings with a matchup at Baylor coming up.

**Berkman injures knee at spring training camp**

KISSIMEE, Fla. (AP) — Houston All-Star first baseman Lance Berkman is likely to miss the Astros' spring training opener Thursday after bruising his left knee.  
The 34-year-old Berkman complained of soreness and swelling in his knee after Monday's workout. He had an MRI exam Monday night that revealed a contusion, and the results were sent to Houston

to be further examined by team physician Dr. David Lintner.  
Manager Brad Mills said he'll probably keep Berkman out Thursday game against Washington.  
"I'm not going to rule that out yet," Mills said Tuesday. "But I'm going to push back the decision. If I was leaning towards one way or another, it would be that he wouldn't be in the lineup."

**HARDEN**

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there on the mound."  
Harden gave up a one-out single to Michael Young but ended the inning by inducing Chad Tracy to ground into a double play. The Rangers signed Harden to a one-year \$6.5 million contract after he went 9-9 with a 4.09 ERA and held oppo-

nents to a .234 batting average in 26 starts last year with the Chicago Cubs.  
"I've been around, so the older you get you don't get up as much for these (intrasquad games), but being with a new team you want to go out and pitch well," Harden said. "This early, I just want to establish my fastball command, and everything comes from that."

If I'm getting good extension and hitting spots then the other pitches will come, too.  
"Now it's about getting back on the mound, getting comfortable. There are always some small mechanical things you tweak and you're working on and just getting your arm in position to throw consistent strikes."  
Harden is scheduled to throw two

innings Thursday in the Rangers exhibition opener against Kansas City.  
"Harden was good," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He had a clean inning. He gave up one hit and then got out of the inning. He threw the ball free and had good velocity."  
Non-roster invitee Matt Brown homered on a 3-0 pitch off left-hander Kasey Kiker.

Pedro Borbon went 2-for-3 with a triple a bunt single, two stolen bases and scored a run. Mitch Moreland doubled home Kevin Richardson, who led off the eighth with a double, for the game-winning run in Team Jackie Moore defeated Team Bobby Jones 4-3.  
Left-fielder Josh Hamilton, who has been slowed by soreness in his left shoulder, was scratched.

Hamilton bruised his shoulder Thursday in the first full-squad workout.  
"He came in stiff, and the first thing (trainer Jamie Reed) said was, 'Let's not take any chances,'" Washington said. "It's not a big deal simply because there is a lot of time left. If it continues another four or five days, it will be a concern, but it's no big deal right now."



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**GRADY**

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where we're not going to get pushed around."  
The Wildcats will have to be physical against an athletic Ira team that features 6-foot-5 post Kyler Fine, who Harrison called a

"good inside ball player."  
But, as Harrison said, his Wildcats will be ready come Friday.  
"They're excited and ready to go," Harrison said. "It's as good a year as any."

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Valley (28-4): Jacob Hancock 11, Issac Smith 9, Alejandro Valdez 4, Tucker Sherman 4, Landon Allen 2, Jose Galvan 2, Grant Wheeler 2.  
Grady (23-6): Shane Teague 18, Jacob Rodriguez 16, Dylan Cox 13, Tyler Matthews 6, Bryley Pinkerton 2, Zach Perez 2, Johan Weibe 1, Tyler Gifford 1.  
Free throws — Valley 3-10, Grady 19-22. 3-point goals — Valley 1 (Smith 1), Grady 1 (Cox 1). Total fouls — Valley 22, Grady 10. Fouled out — Valley, Valdez.

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132-class- 1. Pineda, SA Central, 980; 2. Hernandez, Big Spring, 965; 3. Pack, Hawley, 940; 4. B. Merworth, Big Spring, 875; 5. Hernandez, Big Spring, 870;  
148-class- 1. Graham, Clyde, 1,145; 2. Brett Devore, Hawley, 1,130; 3. Coker, Coahoma, 1,060; 4. Bruns, Abilene Cooper, 975; 5. Campos, Abilene, 960;  
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198-class- 1. Borrego, Abilene Cooper, 1,145; 2. Allen, Lake View, 1,125; 3. Garcia, Abilene Cooper, 1,115; 4. Martinez, Abilene Cooper, 1,105; 5. Fannin, Clyde, 1,085;  
220-class- 1. Chappa, SA Central, 1,530; 2. Anderson, Big Spring, 1,530; 3. Lawrence, Clyde, 1,275; 4. Agundis, Lake View, 1,235; 5. Gonzales, Sweetwater, 1,200;  
252-class- 1. Martinez, SA Central, 1,345; 2. Norman, Stamford, 1,265; 3. Escamilla, Abilene Cooper, 1,215; 4. Montez, Sweetwater, 1,205; 5. Diaz, Post, 1,110;  
275-class- 1. Yanez, Big Spring, 1,340; 2. Molina, Abilene, 1,290; 3. Parker, Big Spring, 1,290; 4. Newcon, Hawley, 1,265; 5. Kitley, Abilene, 1,220



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