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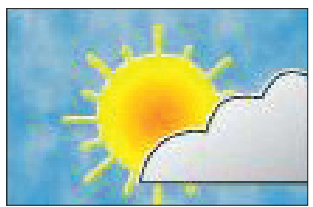


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Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney looks over one of the displays for the museum's "Banking in Big Spring" exhibit, which opens with a public reception from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight and runs through May 8.

## County worker placed on leave amid allegations

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A county employee has been placed on administrative leave while investigators look into allegations of records tampering and theft from the government entity's hot check fund. Howard County Judge Mark Barr confirmed that Jamie Weaver, a secretary in his office, has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. "I really can't go into too many details on this matter

because the investigation is still pending," said Barr. "The money came up missing from the county's hot check fund and there are some circumstances that are being looked into. The investigation is in the hands of the District Attorney's office and we're still waiting on a written report from them before we move forward with anything." Barr said the amount missing is less than \$5,000, but if charges are filed against

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## Cline says county residents ready for leadership change

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local business man John Cline took the GOP nod in Tuesday's political party primaries, putting him on a collision course with incumbent Howard County Precinct 4 Commissioner Gary Simer for the November election. Cline took the nomination with 426 ballots, or 55.47 percent of the vote during Tuesday's contest. Fellow GOP political hopeful Roy Don Beauchamp received 342 ballots, or 44.53 percent of the vote. Cline, who owns and operates Cline Construction, said he feels confident going into the November election despite facing an incumbent candidate. "I feel pretty confident about it," said Cline following his nomination. "I really feel

*"I really feel like the people of Howard County are ready for a change in leadership. We're facing a number of challenges in the coming year, but few are more important than keeping the budget in line with the times."*

—John Cline, GOP nominee for county commissioner

like the people of Howard County are ready for a change in leadership. We're facing a number of challenges in the coming year, but few are more important than keeping the budget in line with the times." Needed improvements for

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## Award-winning troupe to go public with play

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The Howard College Theater Department will hold public performances of its latest award-winning effort. The department will stage "When You Comin' Back, Red

Ryder?" at 7:30 p.m. March 10 and 11 at the Hall Center for the Arts. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold in advance only in the lobby of the Hall

Center Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. each day. Tickets will not be held for this performance, college

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## Judges deem student's work state worthy

Taylor Calk receives accolades for print-making entry, 'The Jungle'

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School student Taylor Calk's first year in the school's art department is turning into a memorable one. Calk, a senior at BSHS, qualified for the state high school art contest after medaling in area competition in Odessa, said Judy Tereletsky,

high school art teacher. Calk earned a spot at the state Visual Arts Scholastic Contest, which will be held at the University of Houston-Clear Lake April 10. He qualified for the contest with a print-making entry entitled, "The Jungle." "I've had first-year students compete at the state level before," Tereletsky said, "but I'm particularly

glad he's going because he's been involved in other art media for several years. I knew he was strong in painting, but since this is his first time to try print-making, we're obviously pleased with the results." Joining Calk at the area contest were BSHS art students Chanelle Castillo (photography), Aaron Farr

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## Obituaries

### Robert Lee Hicks

Robert Lee Hicks, 81, of Midland died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2010, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 5110 N. Garfield in Midland with Pastor Carroll Kohl, officiating. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born Feb. 7, 1929, in Comanche to Harvey A. and Artie Mae (Burdette) Hicks. Mr. Hicks married Doris Zimmerman Aug. 27, 1971. Robert owned Basin Testers in Big Spring. He was in the Korean Conflict and was a radar technician.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Blake Hicks; two sisters; and one brother.

Survivors include wife, Doris Hicks of Midland; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Mike Pitkin; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Larry Abalos; son, Brad Hicks; step-daughter, Joyce Terk; step-daughter, Patricia and Sig Cornelius; step-son, Terry and Cathy Hoak; sister and brother-in-law, Molene and Arlis Easley; sister and brother-in-law, Robbie and Earl Ripley; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Clarence Schultz; brother and sister-in-law, Jackie and Mary Jane Hicks; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Midland SPCA, 2701 SCR 1206, Midland 79706; or Hospice Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

### Wesley Norman Cox Sr.

Wesley Norman Cox Sr., 71, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton with the Rev. Walter McCall, Compass Hospice chaplain, officiating.

He was born Aug. 14, 1938, in Martin County and married Alice Stanton Dec. 16, 1958, in Midland.

He was a longtime resident of Martin and Howard counties. Norman was a mechanic for many years in the Big Spring area, retiring in 1996 from Trio Fuels. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Cox of Big Spring; two sons, Wesley Cox and Bobby Cox and wife D'Lane, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Vernon Cox of Stanton and Roy Cox of Midland; one sister, Nina Johnson of Palestine; 12 grandchildren; his aunt, Iris Phillips of Big Spring; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Troy and Pearl Cox.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

### Everett Faltus

Everett Faltus, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital. Services are pending with Acres West Funeral Chapel.

## Police blotter

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

- SELESTINO HERNANDEZ, 50, of 307 San Jacinto, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK ROCHA, 34, of 631 Settles, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TREVOR SMITH, 19, of 1100 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of no driver's license when unlicensed.
- TOMMIE FREEMAN, 55, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.
- AARON ANDRES, 38, of 1715 E. Highway 350, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN NAU, 45, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 700 block of Anna. In the 2100 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported: In the 1600 block of Lancaster. 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 58 inmates at the time of this report.

- SETH BOB NEWELL, 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- MARCUS NANES TREVINO, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for deadly conduct and a charge of open container.
- DELMA VALENCIA, 49, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
- TREVOR LEE SMITH, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
- BRENDA GONZALES, 35, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify — giving false information.
- HENRY WRIGHT BARTLETT III, 38, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of operating an unregistered motor vehicle, driving while license invalid (revoked and a Lubbock County warrant for driving while intoxicated).
- TOMMIE LEO FREEMAN, 55, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- AARON ANDRUS, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN MICHAL NAU, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Crestline. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.

## Angel Food orders taken this weekend

Orders for March Angel Food delivery will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Friday and March 12 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and March 13 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

Orders must be paid for when the order is placed. Cash, money orders and Lone Star Cards are accepted. Orders are no longer taken at the Big Spring Mall.

Delivery for March will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at the church.

Regular Box, \$30

4 8-oz. chopped beef steaks flavored with Dijon mustard; 4 4-oz. bacon wrapped turkey breasts filet mignon; 4 4-oz. boneless center cut pork chops; 2 lb. macaroni and beef dinner entree; 2.5 lbs. IQF split chicken breasts in resealable bag; 1 lb. lean ground beef; 12" supreme pizza, 1 lb. frozen peas and carrots, 1 lb. frozen whole kernel corn, 2 lb. fresh apples, 2 lb. heat and serve broccoli and cheese soup; 24 oz. natural cut french fries (skin-on); 6.5 oz. stroganoff skillet meal; 1 lb. rice, dessert item, 1 dozen eggs.

Senior and convenience meals, \$28

Breaded baked fish, wild rice, green beans, corn and peas; chicken chow mein, lo mein noodles, mixed vegetables and sauce, sugar snap peas and cauliflower; Swedish meatballs, pasta and sauce, broccoli, carrot blend; fettuccini alfredo, carrots and broccoli, zucchini and brussels sprouts; meatloaf patty, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cauliflower; turkey and dressing, gravy, green bean blend, corn; chicken and noodles, carrots and peas, corn, brussels sprouts; pot roast, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans; country herbed chicken, mashed potatoes and sauce, broccoli and green bean blend; chicken broccoli alfredo, carrots and zucchini blend; Desserts: assorted cookies, mixed fruit cup, applesauce, grape juice, applejuice.

Allergen free, \$23

1 lb. breaded chicken nuggets, 1 lb. breaded formed tenders, 2 lb. breaded chicken drum sticks, 1 lb. breaded cub steaks (battered/breaded with water, white rice, brown rice, modified tapioca starch, flax seed, sugar, salt, spices, dehydrated

garlic, spice extractives and oleoresin paprika. Breeding is pre-browned in canola oil.

Seafood variety, \$35

27 oz. breaded butterfly shrimp (oven ready), 10 oz. cod fillets, 17 oz. crab cakes (oven ready), 16 oz. white fish fillets, 16 oz. tlapia fillets, 10 oz. breaded clam strips (oven ready).

After School, \$21

9 1.6-oz. bread sticks stuffed with mozzarella in resealable bag, 1.5 lbs. cooked chicken rings in resealable bag (approximately 8 servings), 1.5 lb. cooked chicken and cheese nuggets in resealable bag (8 servings); 1.5 lb. cooked mini corn dogs (36 count).

Assorted meat, \$23

2 12-oz. ribeye steaks, 2 8-oz. chopped beef steaks flavored with real mozzarella cheese, 2 8-oz. chopped beef steaks flavored with real mild cheddar cheese, 1.5 lbs. Italian sausage with cheese, 4 4-oz. bacon wrapped turkey breast fillet mignons.

Assorted meat and chicken, \$22

2 12-oz. New York strip steaks; 4 6-oz. bacon wrapped fillets; 4 6-oz. bacon wrapped chicken breasts.

Chicken breasts, \$20

10 lbs. individually quick-frozen boneless, skinless chicken breasts.

Family meals, \$35,

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Turkey kit — 1.5 lb. boneless turkey breast, 1.5 lb. potato medley (potatoes, carrots, onions, celery), 1 lb. green beans.

Split whole chicken kit — 3 lb. whole split chicken half (two individually wrapped halves), 1.5 lb. potato medley, 1 lb. green beans.

Beef tips kit — 1.5 lb. choice beef tips in gravy, rice medley (rice with red and green peppers).

Pork roast kit — 1.5 lb. boneless pork roast, 1.5 lb. potato medley, 1 lb. corn.

Fruit and Vegetables, \$22

1 pineapple, 1 cantaloupe, 1 lb. Chilean seedless grapes, 1 mango, 1 large avocado, 1 head cabbage, 3 lb. sweet potatoes, 3 lb. baking potatoes, 1 lb. carrots, 3 bell peppers, 2 count garlic; March 2010 fruit and vegetable recipe sheet.

## Support Groups

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- 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.

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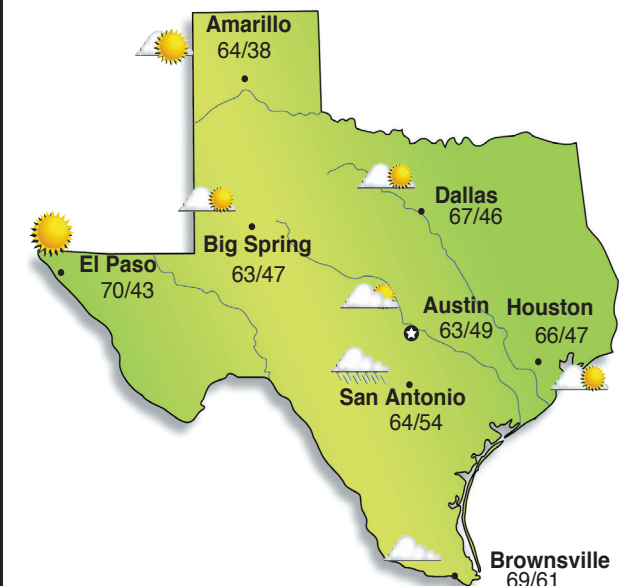
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/5	Sat 3/6	Sun 3/7	Mon 3/8	Tue 3/9
<b>63/47</b> Cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 63F.	<b>63/51</b> Occasional showers possible. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>63/48</b> A few thunderstorms possible.	<b>68/45</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	<b>68/40</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	60	49	cloudy	Kingsville	68	58	cloudy
Amarillo	64	38	mst sunny	Livingston	67	40	pt sunny
Austin	63	49	cloudy	Longview	66	44	sunny
Beaumont	66	43	pt sunny	Lubbock	66	41	pt sunny
Brownsville	69	61	cloudy	Lufkin	68	41	mst sunny
Brownwood	63	50	cloudy	Midland	67	49	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	65	58	cloudy	Raymondville	69	58	cloudy
Corsicana	66	45	mst sunny	Rosenberg	67	47	pt sunny
Dallas	67	46	pt sunny	San Antonio	64	54	rain
Del Rio	62	54	rain	San Marcos	64	49	cloudy
El Paso	70	43	sunny	Sulphur Springs	65	46	sunny
Fort Stockton	72	45	pt sunny	Sweetwater	62	48	cloudy
Gainesville	64	45	pt sunny	Tyler	66	44	sunny
Greenville	64	43	mst sunny	Weatherford	65	45	pt sunny
Houston	66	47	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	64	49	pt sunny

LEAVE

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Weaver they will be anything but petty. "My understanding is the charge that could come out of this is tampering with government records," said Barr. "So this is most certainly a serious matter, and the county is doing everything it can to get it resolved. However, it's very important to remember at this point no charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing, so there's really no way for me to know what will come out of it. There could be criminal charges and there may not be any charges. It's just too early to tell."

Hardy Wilkerson, district attorney for the 118<sup>th</sup> District Court, declined to comment on the details of the investigation, but did say the charges — if the investigation yields any — will most likely be a state jail felony or a third-degree felony.

If convicted of a state jail felony, Weaver could face between 180 days to two years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. If convicted of a third-degree felony, the local woman could face between two to 10 years in prison with a similar fine.

Efforts by the Herald to contact Weaver were unsuccessful.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SMMC rehabilitation services in the spotlight

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) recently welcomed Michael Himmelman as its new director of rehabilitation services who joins the team providing patient care at the facility.



Himmelman

Himmelman graduated from St. Louis University in Missouri with a masters degree in physical therapy. He began his career managing an outpatient orthopedic therapy clinic in Little Rock, Ark., before relocating to West Texas with his wife, Nicole, who is also a physical therapist, and their 3-month-old daughter, Jenna.

An open house to celebrate the rehabilitation team is planned for 4:30

p.m. today, in the first floor classroom at SMMC. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will officiate at a ribbon-cutting during the open house. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given.

The SMMC rehabilitation team provides advanced treatment options for hip, knee, ankle, back and shoulder injuries — as well as post-operative rehab. Its goal is getting patients back on track while reducing the risk of repeat injury.

"At SMMC, we truly care about the patient experience and we work closely with referring physicians to provide the high quality of care that the physician expect and the patient deserves," Himmelman said.

To learn more about services the rehabilitation team offers, visit www.smmccares.com/rehab. Or, call 268-4756.

CLINE

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county buildings and road maintenance are also major concerns for Cline.

Simer said he'll use the same approach going into the November contest he's used in years past.

"I'll do the same thing I always do. I'll get out and talk to people and do some advertising," said Simer.

As for the county's

budget, Simer said it's in better condition than it's been in some time.

"The budget is in better shape now than it's been since I came into office," said Simer. "We have money in the bank and we're currently looking at being able to keep the tax rate the same in the coming year, or possibly even lowering it."

"When I first came into office we were really looking at some tough times. We were having to make cuts to the budget and personnel left and right and people

were about ready to start throwing rocks. Now, however, times have gotten a lot better and a lot smoother."

Cline said he's pleased with the way his and Beauchamp's contest ran, but was slightly disappointed more residents didn't turn out to cast ballots.

"Roy Don and I both ran good, clean campaigns, and I'm very pleased with the way the contest turned out," said Cline. "I have to admit, however, I was a little disappointed the

voter turnout wasn't higher than what it was. I was really hoping to see more voters get out and vote in the primaries."

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PLAY

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officials said. HC's adaption of the Mark Medoff play received several awards at the recent Texas Community College Speech & Theatre Association State Play Fest, at Blinn College in Brenham. Awards were presented to Kathy Cox for technical direction as well as lighting, costuming and

set decoration, Amanda Denton for program design, Geoffrey Treece for sound design and Eric Valle, Rachael Villanueva, Michael Loftis, Maurich Africh, Steven Boren and Brody Smith for acting.

In addition, the department received an award for superior production and Smith was handed the Bill Morton Challenge Award for excellence in acting.

Smith's award was es-

pecially notable because he was a late addition to the cast, HC Theater Director Kirk Davidson said.

"The actor who was going to play the central character ... stepped out of the production and Brody had to step in less than a week and a half before the contest," Davidson said. "I couldn't be more proud of the entire department ... It's probably one of the better productions we've

ever done."

Davidson said "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" is a raw, intense play centering around a Vietnam War veteran who takes hostages in a New Mexico diner. And he also issued a warning that the play was intended for a mature audience.

"This is a very adult play," he said. "There's a lot of strong language and it is very violent. We don't want anyone

coming in and expecting 'The Sound of Music.'"

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STUDENT

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(drawing), Sarah Goza (drawing), Ashtyn Payne (drawing), Amanda Grisham (print-making) and Katie Valle (drawing and paint-

ing), who all earned "superior" ratings at regional competition.

In addition, the following students received "excellent" ratings for their regional entries: C.J. Burleson (two drawings), Castillo (painting), Gracie Enriquez (painting), Farr (painting), Goza (jewelry), Grisham (painting),

Reminton Love (two drawings), Adrian Olague (drawing), Payne (mixed media) and A.J. Stuckert (drawing and painting).

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By Eddy Pitchford

The years of discipline and sacrifice are rewarded as the Olympian stands proudly with her medal and listens to her national anthem. The television cameras show her beaming face and tear-filled eyes to fans around the world.

What about you? Would you prefer a gold medal or a silver? I read somewhere that bronze medalists are generally happier than silver medalists. Supposedly, silver medalists think how close they came to winning the gold; bronze medalists rejoice they won a medal.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEW

# SkyWarn class a chance to get ready for storms

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. As we've noted before, few adages could be more correct, nor could they apply to more situations in our lives. And that means we should keep it in mind these days with spring — and the prospect of stormy weather — right around the corner.

Spring is when our area traditionally experiences a great deal of the severe weather — things like hail storms and tornadoes. While there's no way to prevent such storms, there is a way to learn more about them and to be prepared.

That's why the National Weather Service will conduct SkyWarn classes throughout West Texas in the coming weeks.

The class in Big Spring will be held Thursday, March 11, in an effort to have area residents ready to face potentially violent weather.

Slated for 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street, the class will be an excellent way to check preparedness at the beginning of the severe weather season.

Other classes will also be held in the area. On April 5, a class will be held in Stanton at the Martin County Courthouse.

According to NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Pat Vesper, the class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it's not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

“It has a lot to offer everyone,” said Vesper. “We offer a lot of information on safety during storms and bad weather the average person can use to protect themselves and their families.”

SkyWarn classes' main focus is safety and cover the most common severe weather situations for the Howard County area in hopes of preparing area residents for worst case scenarios.

“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.”

We couldn't agree more, and that's why we encourage local residents to make the most of these opportunities.

What's more, there's no charge for the classes. Sounds like good use of a couple of hours to us.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Your love, Lord, is what we need in our life.  
Amen

# Go ahead, raise my taxes, please

President Obama has made it clear that he wants to erase the Bush-era tax cuts for the highest earners in the country, even as he preserves the tax cuts for middle- and working-class Americans.

There are plenty of Republicans and even some Democrats who are ready to pounce on this proposal. They'll say it will hinder economic recovery, even though the change will only affect about 2.5 percent of all U.S. taxpayers.

As someone who would pay those higher taxes, I support Obama's plan. By effectively raising the tax rate for the wealthiest Americans, Congress could generate as much as \$43 billion in new revenue, every year.

We urgently need to find ways to pay for long-deferred investments in education, infrastructure, and other essential parts of what keeps America going. These public goods all require revenue, and right now, our government is giving money back to those of us that need tax cuts the least.

Because my own family's good fortune came out of a century of public investments, it makes sense to me that a substantial part of our wealth should be reinvested for the public good.

In 1900, my great-great-grandfather co-founded a mining and construction business in Utah. Shortly after that, the company

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obtained a number of federal contracts for large infrastructure projects out west, including railroads, bridges and dams. Perhaps the most famous of these was the Hoover Dam—the largest construction project the U.S. government had ever tackled.

Our family business relied on existing infrastructure like roads and bridges to transport materials. It benefited from government grants intended to spur additional development. We also benefited from our nation's remarkable system of property laws, deeds, patents and mortgage systems.

Our business was built upon a commonwealth of public resources, scientific knowledge and shared institutions. Those of us who have disproportionately benefited from these investments have a corresponding patriotic responsibility to reinvest in the common good.

Some critics worry that increasing taxes on America's wealthiest citizens will impede growth. But they ignore that tax rates on the wealthy have dramatically fallen over the last six decades.

My grandfather taught his three children that their earnings should be distributed in thirds: A third for charitable community organizations, a third for taxes and a third for themselves.

But today, many wealthy Americans pay far less than a third of their income in taxes, because tax rates have been slashed and the income from capital gains is taxed at much lower rates than income from wages.

That's among the main reasons

we must change our tax code, shifting obligation to those of us with the greatest capacity to pay.

During the past 30 years, however, federal policy has moved in the opposite direction. We have seen a great tax shift in this country, off the wealthy and onto the middle and working class. Reduced income taxes at the top, a shrinking capital gains tax, the diminished estate tax — these policies have contributed to an increasingly unequal society where today the richest 10 percent of families own two-thirds of the wealth.

That's why, along with hundreds of other members of Wealth for the Common Good, a network of wealthy individuals and business leaders, I have signed a petition asking Congress and President Obama to reverse the irresponsible 2001 and 2003 tax cuts on households with incomes over \$235,000. It would be a crucial first step to rebalancing our tax code.

The myth of the “self-made businessman” persists in this country. Of course my family members worked hard.

But without many public investments, our family enterprise simply wouldn't exist.

I support higher taxes on the wealthy to continue this tradition of public investments. It will give other families the opportunity to succeed the way we have.

*Naomi Sobel is a writer and editor living in Boston. She's a member of Wealth for the Common Good, a network of high-income individuals and business leaders advocating for progressive tax reforms.*

# Summit clinic in Obama partisanship

For a guy who touts himself as bipartisan and demands bipartisanship from Republicans, President Barack Obama had a funny way of showing his bipartisanship during last week's health care summit.

Obama has repeatedly promised an open, honest and bipartisan process on health care reform, but from the beginning, he has quarterbacked a highly partisan, closed-door and dishonest campaign.

In his opening remarks at the “summit,” he said he wanted to make sure the participants didn't just trade “talking points” or engage in “political theater.” He said, “If we've got an open mind, if we're listening to each other, if we're not engaging in sort of the tit for tat trying to score political points during the next several hours ... we might be able to make some progress.”

He then proceeded to a) open the curtains for his own political theater, with one anecdotal Democratic sob story after another about the horrors of American health care; b) deliver his own talking points throughout the day, including his obligatory “tit for tat” following almost every Republican speaker; and c) demonstrate his own partisanship through (i) patronizing dismissals of the Republicans' substantive contributions as “talking points”; (ii) volleying partisan barbs at Republicans; (iii) mischaracterizing his positions and those of the Republicans; and (iv) accusing Republicans of not showing a good-faith willingness to make any movement in his direction when he made no effort to compromise with them.

To invoke my own anecdotal experience here, I have worked with people like Obama before, those who sanctimoniously demand collegiality and com-

promise while exhibiting no willingness to compromise themselves and then — wholly blind to their own dogmatism — castigate you for not “meeting them halfway” (meaning: wholly embracing their proposals).

This summit was an orchestrated setup for Obama to showcase himself as bipartisan, reasonable and, above all, motivated by compassion to improve health care for all Americans and demonize the Republicans as partisan, obstructionist and heartless. With this predicate, he would appear justified in imposing, unilaterally, his Obama-care monstrosity.

But what struck me even more than Obama's unfairness, pettiness and partisanship was his acutely self-absorbed performance throughout the day. His well-known narcissism was on full display, the most telling evidence of which was that he was so hopelessly immersed in satisfying his own hierarchy of ideological needs that he obviously had no idea he was coming off that way.

He advertized the conference as a balanced exchange between the two sides, setting himself up as the referee in chief who would enforce impartiality and fairness.

Instead, he injected himself at every interval, using almost as much time as all the Republicans combined, saying his time didn't count because he is president, and never offering Republicans any opportunity to rebut his endless soliloquies.

When Republicans were scoring heavily, Obama revealed his displeasure with his facial expressions and body language. When he couldn't refute their arguments, he degenerated to “the election is over,” exposing his real attitude about working toward a joint solution.

If there was any doubt about Obama's blinding egotism and dripping arrogance, he removed it with his snarky remark that if he were to adopt John Boehner's bill, “we'd get a whole bunch of

Republican votes” — as if that proved that Republicans were the problem and as if he was willing to move an inch from his position.

If there was any doubt Obama was not in good faith, he removed it when he characterized Republicans as being unconcerned about the alleged 30 million uninsured and philosophically unwilling to embrace reform addressing this issue. Well, he's already been forced off his bogus 47 million figure, presumably because it included illegal aliens and other illegitimate groups, but his 30 million is no less misleading. He intentionally fails to mention that his figure includes millions who are already entitled to government benefits but don't avail themselves of it and tens of millions who can afford insurance but choose not to buy it.

But the worst thing about his false accusation is that it implies that unless Republicans are willing to agree to socialized medicine, they oppose care for those who actually do fall through the cracks. First, all Americans are already entitled to emergency room care. Plus, Republicans believe that if their ideas were implemented, medical costs would decrease and fewer people would fall through the cracks. But they don't oppose benefits for those who do fall through, provided it doesn't entail a complete restructuring of the best health care system in the world.

The real philosophical difference between the parties is not about whether to help the truly needy, but whether government is the solution or the culprit.

Just in case any doubt remained about Obama's partisan mindset, he removed that, too, when he made clear that “procedure” (and the U.S. Constitution) be damned, he is going to cram this down our throats.

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# Bubba and the tale of the Ark, 2010

There comes a time when we all need to stand back and notice what's happening around us. This realization came to me when I heard the following story. It is amazing how things have changed and this story is a good description of some of those things. We have all heard of the great flood and read the story of how Noah was approached to build the ark and save humanity. Well this is a parody of that story with a modern day Noah named Bubba.



DARRELL RYAN

The year was 2010 and God came unto Bubba, who was now living in Texas, and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and overpopulated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing

along with a few good humans." He gave Bubba the blueprints, saying, "You have six months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights." Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Bubba weeping in his yard but no sign of an Ark. "Bubba!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?" "Forgive me, Lord," begged Bubba, "but things have changed a bit down here. I'm now required to have a building permit and I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system in the Ark. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision. "Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them

that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it. Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that my use of the wood would save the owls, but no go! "When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space. "Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on the racial percentages of my building crew and Immigration and Naturalization are checking the legal status of the people who want to work. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union work-

## PARENT'S CORNER

ers with Ark-building experience. "To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. "So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark." Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Bubba looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?" "No," said the Lord. "The government beat me to it."

*Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.*

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

How's the vision in your third eye? You know, the invisible optic in the middle of your forehead that can see subtle energy fields, inner worlds and higher information. How's that eye performing? The Scorpio moon and the Pisces sun combine to produce powerful psychic keys, available to anyone who wishes to see the world a little differently.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Choosing your battles is difficult for you because you like to win, always. However, the situation you're in demands a diplomacy that might require backing down. Think about the bigger picture.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have a "eureka!" moment on the way to work. Only, it's about a problem that was more pressing a while ago. Don't dismiss the insight. Things have a way of circling back around.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You woke up thinking about someone outside your circle of daily interactions. Take it as the sign it is, and reach out to that person. You two are due for some communication.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It really annoys you to have to repeat yourself, and lately you feel like you've been doing it a lot. You wonder whether anyone is listening. The answer is yes, and the proof comes today.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no shame in letting the sun hit you full in the face. Ignore anyone who says otherwise. The heat you feel when you close your eyes is immediate, real and

available to anyone. You're good at letting good things come to you. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll get the feeling that you missed an opportunity. Your dissatisfaction over this is understandable, but don't dwell there. Thankfully, the story is not over yet. A second chance approaches. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are a rooster among chickens, an eagle among starlings. No, you won't ever fit in with the group, so stop trying. Today will give you an opportunity to stand up and stand out. Take it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In making it up as you go along, you often find a new technique in the process. This is why your skill set is so varied. You'll love what you learn today from a fire sign — that's Aries, Leo or Sagittarius.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). How long are you supposed to work at a dream until you walk away from it? Only you know the answer, but if you look into your heart, you will see the truth, plain as day.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your fortunes improve when you combine your cooking talent and socializing skills. And even if you feel that you have much to learn on both fronts, you'll do quite well when you apply what you already know tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel lucky to love and be loved. There's so much craziness in the world, it's nice to remember that you have people you can count on. Today is a good day to give somebody something just because.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). These days, you rarely see a problem you haven't already encountered, but you are wise to keep your tools pol-

ished. You'll soon be faced with a puzzle that will take all of your resources to solve.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 4). This year brings a panoply of strange characters who will invigorate, befriend and amuse you. Your unfailing commitment to a job will be compensated well, though perhaps not at first. In April, your talent and determination will be recognized. May and June are highly romantic and will involve dancing. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 50, 12 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "An astrologer told me that my moon is in Virgo. What does this mean?"

The astrologer is referring to your moon sign. By looking at your astrological birth chart, he or she can determine which constellation the moon was in at the moment of your birth. The moon, being the closest heavenly body to the earth, exerts enormous influence over the ebb and flow of water, hor-

mones and enzymes in our physical selves, and thus on our emotions and relationships. Your moon sign indicates the area of your life that moves you most emotionally. Someone such as yourself, with a Virgo moon, could be particularly drawn to plants, pets or holistic health. You may feel cranky if your daily schedule gets thrown off, or if you don't accomplish everything on your to-do list. Knowing your moon sign is just another tool in your astrological arsenal when mining for glittery nuggets in your psyche. It shines a light on your motivations. It also brings your bugaboos out of the shadows so you can get a good look at what hidden fears are lurking beneath your surface. Once you recognize your self-sabotaging patterns, you can break free and succeed.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** "Bond" man Daniel Craig is like many of his fellow Pisces actors — an old soul who knew early on that his calling was for the stage. Starring in

productions since age 6, he became famous in the British theater. But he is perhaps best known as the quintessential spy, 007. Mercury and Venus in Aquarius show an ever-young quality, as well as a love of technology and gadgetry.

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### MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION JANUARY TERM 2010

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Commission Court of said County, certify that on the 8th day of February, 2010 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for September 30, 2009, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$8,936,590.56.

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Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

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Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Almighty Deuce

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 9 2  
♥ 7  
♦ K Q J  
♣ K Q J 10 6

**WEST**  
♠ 8 5  
♥ A K Q J 10 9 5 2  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ —

**EAST**  
♠ 6 3  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ 7 4  
♣ 9 7 5 4 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 7 4  
♥ 4  
♦ A 10 9 6 2  
♣ A 8

The bidding:  
1♠ 4♥ North East  
5♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
Opening lead — ?

other factors are more relevant — such as distribution, secondary controls, intermediate cards, trump length and so on — the convention should not be used.

**For a clear case** of the proper use of Blackwood, consider North's four-notrump bid in this deal. If partner has two aces, North wants to be in six spades; if South has three aces, North can consider undertaking seven spades; and if South has only one ace, North plans to stop at five spades. Blackwood is therefore entirely appropriate in this case.

**When the deal occurred**, South responded to four notrump with five hearts, showing two aces. North correctly leaped to six spades, an excellent slam that ordinarily would have made easily. But West, who had listened attentively to the bidding, decided that normal defense would not stop the contract.

**It seemed to West** that if he led a high heart and it won, his side would probably take no more tricks. His opponents had bid much too confidently for him to expect his partner to come up with a second trick. So West decided to stake the outcome on the possibility that East had the eight of hearts.

**Accordingly**, he led the heart deuce! East, much to his surprise, won the trick with the eight and had no trouble whatever finding the killing club return.

**Blackwood should be used** only in cases where knowledge of how many aces and kings partner has will determine the best final contract. If

**Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz.  
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ANSWERS

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# Heavy Duty

2010 Dodge Ram 3500  
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I don't think there are too many jobs this pickup truck couldn't handle.

Unless of course it's parking in a single parking space.

Other than that, the 2010 Dodge Ram 3500 Heavy Duty pickup is one of the most capable models in the segment.

It's bold, powerful and one very big pickup.

Part of the big news for the 2010 model year is the addition of a crew-size cab model for the Dodge Heavy Duty lineup (which includes Regular Cab and Mega Cab models).

This week I had the opportunity to drive the Ram 3500 SLT Crew Cab 4X4 equipped with the turbo diesel engine.

Did I mention this is a big truck?

There is a ton of room inside this truck. And if you

don't need the rear seat to carry passengers, there is lots of space (as well as compartments) to provide secure storage for items you don't want to leave in the truck bed.

One of the things that impressed me most about the new Ram Heavy Duty is its comfortable ride. I wasn't expecting a ride this smooth from a truck this big — especially considering the fact the Ram Heavy Duty has the

capability to tow more than 17,000 pounds in trailer weight.

I really like what Dodge has done to the interior. The new Ram models provide great features that are easy to use and add a nice touch of refinement to what is without question a fully capable work truck.

As expected, the Ram Heavy Duty provides con-



The 2010 Dodge Ram 3500 Heavy Duty pickup.

sumers with lots of choices. In addition to cab configuration, there's also a choice of regular (six-foot, four-inches) or long box (eight feet); rear- or four-wheel drive; and HEMI V-8 or Cummins turbo diesel engine.

The 2500 and 3500 Ram Heavy Duty is also available in five trim levels — ST, SLT, TRX, Power Wagon and Laramie.

After a week behind the wheel, I have become a huge fan of the 6.7-liter Cummins Turbo Diesel I-6 engine that delivers 350 horsepower and 650 foot-pounds of torque.

The engine is mated to a six-speed manual or optional six-speed automatic transmission.

It requires ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel that meets emission requirements in all 50 states.

Getting back to the ride, I highly recommend a test

drive to fully appreciate what a phenomenal job Dodge has done to improve ride quality without sacrificing capability.

Incorporating a hydro-formed, fully boxed frame with advanced torsional rigidity and stiffness, Dodge has used a coil-spring suspension setup in the front, while the multi-leaf spring design is maintained in the rear for heavy-duty capability. Front and rear shocks and springs are tuned for optimum ride quality and capability.

Two very big thumbs up for Dodge.

For consumers in the market for a heavy duty pickup, the new Ram is highly recommended for a test drive.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 20 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association.

## THE NUTS AND BOLTS



**MODEL:**  
2010 Dodge Ram 2500/3500 Heavy Duty pickup truck  
**2- to 6-seat pickup**  
Rear- or four-wheel drive  
Regular, Crew or Mega Cab  
Regular or long box  
**Trim packages:**  
ST, SLT, TRX, Power Wagon, Laramie  
**PRICE RANGE:**  
\$30,000-\$55,000  
**ENGINE:**  
5.7-L HEMI V-8  
(383 hp/400 lbs.-ft. torque)  
6.7-L turbo diesel I-6  
(350 hp/650 lbs.-ft. torque)  
**TRANSMISSION:**

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6-speed automatic.  
**FUEL:**  
Regular or midgrade unleaded (HEMI V8);  
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## Annie's Mailbox®

ANNIE'S Dear Annie: My husband has never had a close relationship with his mother. He spent most of his childhood years with his grandparents, who gave him a terrific life. His mom, although still fairly young, lives alone and has few friends.

I often remind my husband to call his mother to see how she's doing, but he does this only occasionally. She lives barely an hour away, yet we go months without seeing her. Although she and I are polar opposites and have had some disagreements, we care deeply for each other.

I have grandparents nearby whom I help take care of and parents I'm very close to. Is it my responsibility to take care of my mother-in-law even though my husband doesn't seem to care? Should I leave my husband alone about trying to maintain regular contact with her? -- Feeling Guilty

Dear Feeling Guilty: Please continue to stay in touch with your mother-in-law and check up on her now and then, and encourage your husband to do the same. He obviously does not feel a close bond, but he can certainly develop greater affection if he gives it some time and effort. Since he doesn't know how to have a better relationship with



KATHY MITCHELL  
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her, we hope you will teach him. It could be very rewarding for all of you.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 20 years. We have had ups and downs just like any good marriage. Our oldest is leaving for the Army soon, and we have three other children.

For the past three years, our relationship has steadily deteriorated. Our sex life is almost nonexistent, and our social life is, too. My wife is angry and says hurtful things so often that I have become immune to her words. We have gone for counseling in the past, and to be honest, it made matters worse.

Her lack of affection has pushed me to the edge, and I am fed up with it all. I don't want a divorce, but it seems to be the only alternative left. I dread coming home every night from

work. What should I do? — I Am Done in Ohio

Dear Ohio: Has your wife had a complete physical checkup? Aside from the obvious likelihood that some of this is the result of menopause, there could be other medical issues that are interfering with her emotional stability. Call the doctor in advance and alert him or her to the problem. Then get counseling on your own so you can develop some coping skills before you give up entirely.

Dear Annie: "Just Wondering in Southern California" was concerned about her sister-in-law's use of bleach around her children. I thought some of your advice was great (especially the point about never mixing bleach and ammonia). I work on behalf of Clorox and wanted to clarify a few points.

Bleach actually isn't harmful to the environment when it is used as directed in everyday consumer and commercial tasks such as laundry or in disinfecting surfaces around the home, schools and hospitals. During normal household use and disposal, bleach breaks down primarily into salt and water.

Research shows that bleach is better than vinegar and hydrogen peroxide when it comes to killing the most organisms, including viruses. This is why disinfecting bleach is the primary choice in institutional settings.

The reader's sister-in-law should also be reminded that bleach should always be used as directed and always stored out of reach of children. — Laura Jacobs.

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# Williams, Adams highlight all-district Steers



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Jerrell Williams was named the district's most valuable player.

### Herald Staff Report

The awards are flying in for the best Big Spring Steers basketball team in years as all-district teams were released Wednesday.

The Steers' talented guard duo of Jerrell Williams and Luke Adams earned superlative honors as Williams was named District 4-4A's most valuable player and Adams was named offensive player of the year.

"Whenever you win the district, you're going to

be well represented, and it was well deserved," said head coach Marcus Morris, who was named the district's coach of the year. "It's just icing on the cake for (the team)."

Posts Xavian Parnell and Matt Ritchey earned first team all-district honors, the second year in a row for Ritchey.

"If you look at scoring, he wasn't always our leading scorer, but the district recognized how hard he worked and his presence

as far as rebounding," Morris said. "When Matt was playing the way he was supposed to, he was getting a lot of rebounds, and he always gave a lot of effort, but add that to his presence, his rebounding and his leadership."

Junior Tristian Clay earned second team all-district honors for the Steers.

"It's too early to be thinking about basketball as far as next season, but when the time comes, those will be bright spots," Morris

said, referring to seniors-to-be Clay and Adams.

Seniors Pavel Plakhotny and Jacob Falcon earned honorable mention honors as well.

Big Spring won its first district title since 1989 in the 2010 season and won a playoff game for the first time in more than a decade. The Steers advanced to the area round of the playoffs, where they fell 57-40 to No. 16 El Paso Austin.

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# Crowder leads streaking Hawks

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Jae Crowder is a worker.

The 6-foot-6 Howard forward, leading his team into today's Region V tournament as the No. 1 seed out of the WJCAC conference, prepares with a Spartan-like ethic that has rubbed off on the No. 2-ranked Hawks.

"When your best player is one of your hardest workers and good leaders, it makes your head coach's job that much easier," said coach Mark Adams, whose team takes on Southwest Christian tonight at 7 p.m. at Lubbock Christian University.

Crowder prepares with an intensity and plays with a maturity well beyond his years, Adams said, a skill helped by father Corey Crowder, a 14-year NBA veteran.

"That's why he's been so consistent all year," Adams said. "He goes through a lot of visualizations and preparations. A lot of players don't really understand that aspect of game performance, and sometimes it takes players into their 20s and professional careers before they embrace that part of the game."

But at Howard, it wasn't always that way.

Crowder transferred to Howard before this



HERALD FILE PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Jae Crowder dunks a ball in a game against New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. on Feb. 8. Crowder ranks in the WJCAC top five in four statistical categories and is the conference's leading scorer.

season from South Georgia Technical Institute, a team he took to the NJCAA national tournament in 2009. The school lost its accreditation, sending Crowder to West

Texas. But when Crowder first stepped on campus, he and Adams didn't always see eye to eye.

"I don't think he expected how demand-

ing our practices were going to be," Adams said. "It took Jae time to buy in and believe in what we were doing, that what was best for

See **HAWKS**, Page 11

# Forsan softball rips Eden in 3 innings

### Herald Staff Report

The Forsan Lady Buffs softball team won its second straight game Wednesday in a Monday makeup game.

The Lady Buffs needed just three innings to beat Eden 20-0 in San Angelo.

Ashley Buzbee, Amanda Longorio and Kevy O'Brien combined to strike out eight of the 10 Eden batters they

faced.

The Lady Buffs scored 11 runs in the second and nine runs in the third to end the game by mercy rule.

Shelby Jones notched five RBI in the game and Miranda Park knocked in three runs.

The Lady Buffs are 2-0 with a full varsity roster and are ranked No. 4 in the state in the latest softball rankings.

# Terps upsets Duke; Kansas wins Big 12

### Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Sherron Collins had 17 points in his final game at Allen Fieldhouse and No. 2 Kansas beat No. 5 Kansas State 82-65 Wednesday night to clinch its sixth straight Big 12 regular-season title outright.

Xavier Henry scored 15 of his 19 points in a tight first half and Kansas (28-2, 14-1) wore down Kansas State in a foul-filled game to extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 59 games. The Jayhawks are 32-2 against Kansas State in the Big 12 era and will have the No. 1 seed in next week's Big 12 tournament.

Kansas State (24-5, 11-4) relied on the guard combination

of Jacob Pullen and Denis Clemente to keep it close while its front line struggled with foul trouble. Clemente had 21 points and Pullen scored 15 of his 20 in the first half, while the five biggest Wildcats combined for 19 points.

### No. 3 Kentucky 80, Georgia 68

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — John Wall had 24 points and Kentucky clinched at least a share of the Southeastern Conference regular-season championship by beating Georgia.

Patrick Patterson added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats, who scored the first 12 points of the second half and maintained control from

See **HOOPS**, Page 12

# Returning speedsters, freshmen highlight 2010 Lady Steers track

### Herald Staff Report

The girls track records sit on a wall at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center, showcasing past years of Lady Steer highlights.

The 2010 Big Spring track team has an assault planned on that record board, and with a crop of new talent

mixed with some key returners, those records aren't safe.

Coach Nick Roberson said his team is gaining depth as more and more girls hit the track, and now he's got some experience to go with it.

And if last weekend's performance at Fort Stockton was any indication, the future is

looking bright.

The Lady Steers won the overall team title at Saturday's Comanche Relays, topping second-place Midland Christian by more than 30 points. The team will be in action in Abilene this weekend.

Desiree Anderson smoked the competition in the 100-meter with

her 12.62 time a full second ahead of the pack. Bridgette Tuitt finished at 26.05 in the 200, almost two seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. Those two will be called upon to provide leadership for a large crop of freshmen, Roberson said, along with returners April Turner and Chanel Cuvillo.

"We finally have a little leadership on the team that can guide the girls in the right direction, and that's huge," he said. "We've never had that before."

Anderson said she enjoys being a coach to the younger runners.

"Going in with some experience will help a lot, and knowing there

are people there to back me up is good," she said. "I like teaching people the right skills and movements, and I like when the girls volunteer me to coach them, too."

Tuitt is ready to make 2010 a year to remember.

See **TRACK**, Page 12

# Sports in brief

### Golf Association to host membership drive

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting a four-man scramble tournament Sunday in the group's membership drive.

The event will be in ABCD format at Comanche Trail Golf Course, located at Comanche Trail State Park.

Registration will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with teams teeing off at 10 a.m.

### Big weekend in local sports

Spring sports in action today:

Big Spring softball, 1:10, 3:30, 7 p.m. at home  
Forsan softball at BS Snyder, 1:10, 3:30, 4:40 p.m.  
Big Spring baseball at Snyder, 4:30, 9 p.m.  
Forsan baseball at Ralls Tournament  
Coahoma baseball at Monahans tournament  
Coahoma softball at San Angelo tournament  
Howard rodeo in Weatherford

Check the *Herald* for results

### Grady to take on Ira in Abilene

The Grady High School boys hope to advance to the region final Friday as they take on Ira in region semifinal action at Abilene Christian University.

Grady defeated Turkey Valley on Monday 59-33 to advance to the semifinals for the first time in four years.

The Wildcats are 26-4 on the season, facing an Ira squad that is 29-2 on the year and ranked No. 3.

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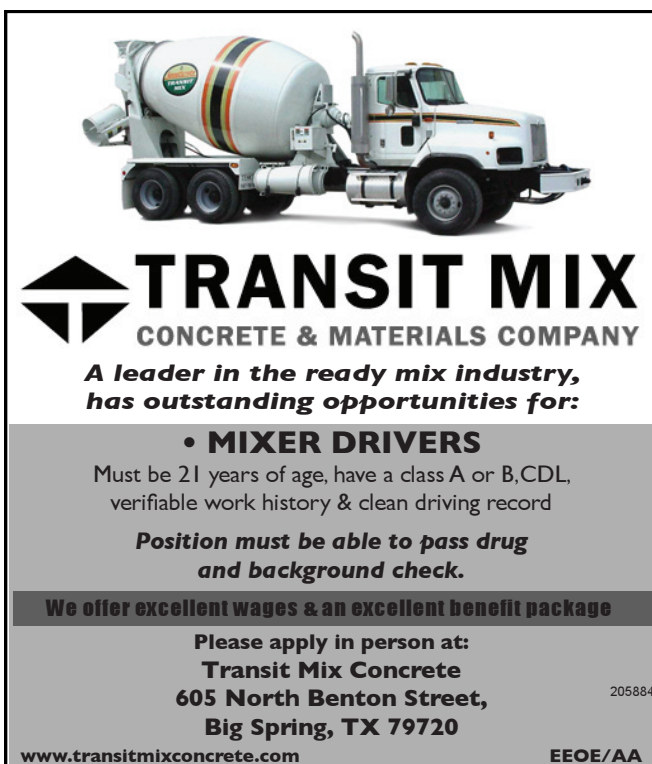
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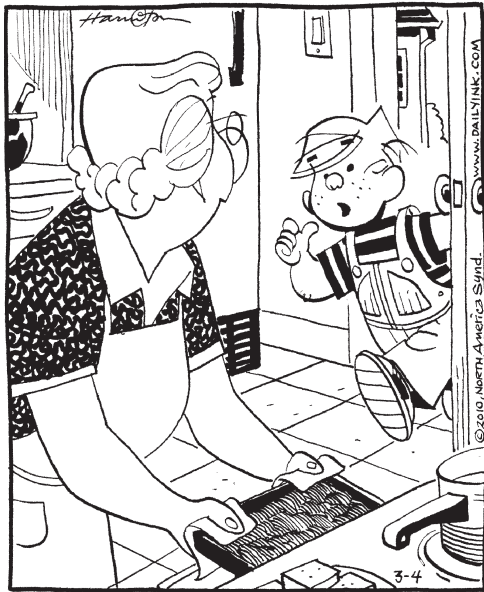
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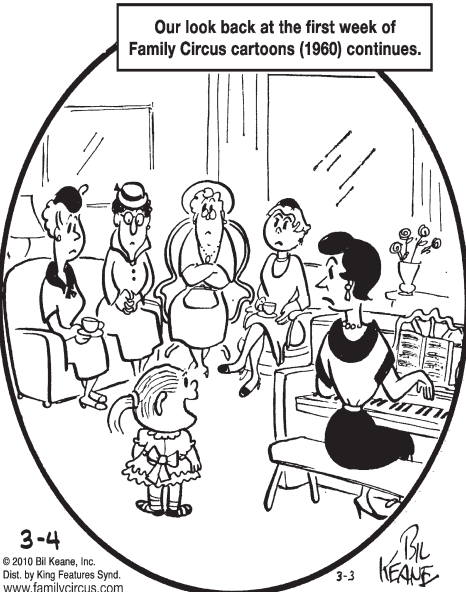
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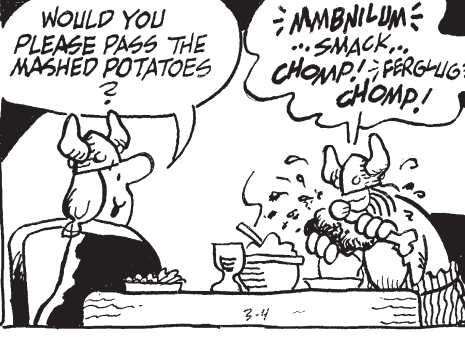
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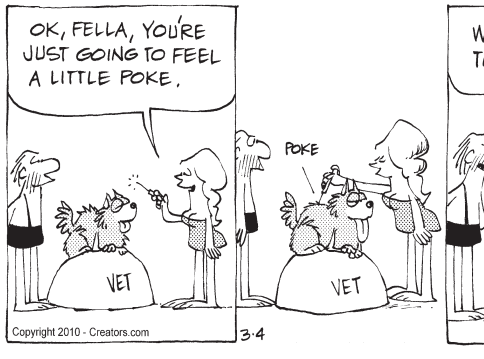
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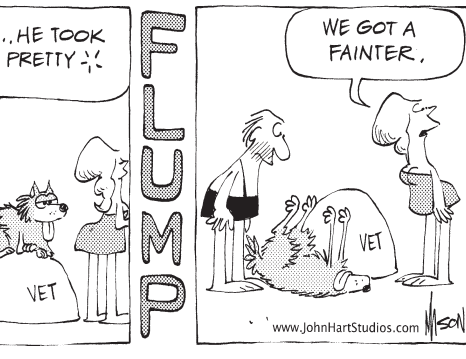
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Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

On this date:

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1858, Sen. James Henry Hammond of South Carolina declared "Cotton is king" in a speech to the U.S. Senate.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States.

In 1908, a fire at Lake View School in Col- linwood, Ohio, claimed

THE LIVES OF 172 CHILDREN

and three adults.

In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedi- cated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in Califor- nia was established.

In 1960, baritone Leonard Warren, 50, collapsed and died while performing in Verdi's "La forza del destino" (The Force of Destiny) at New York's Metropolitan Opera. An explosives- laden French freighter, La Coubre, exploded in Havana's harbor, killing at least 75 people.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earth- quake that shook south- ern and eastern Europe.

In 1989, Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announced plans for a huge media merger.

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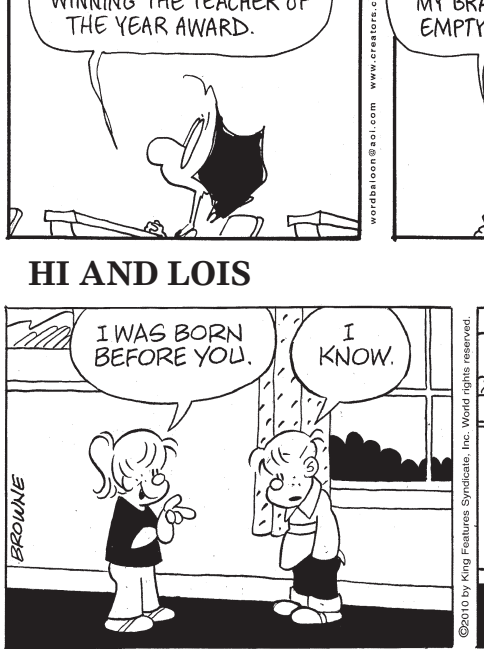
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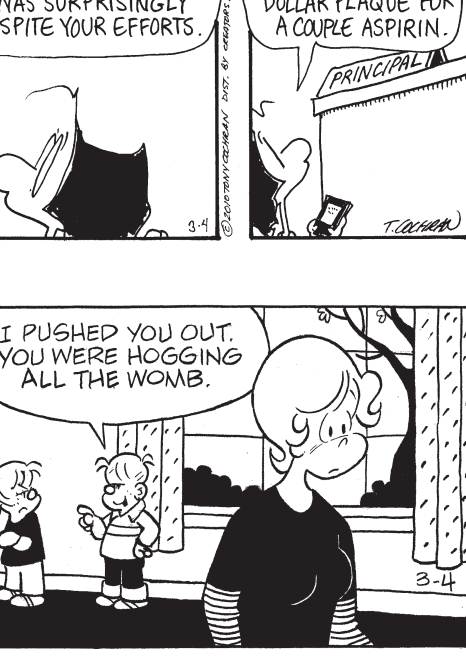
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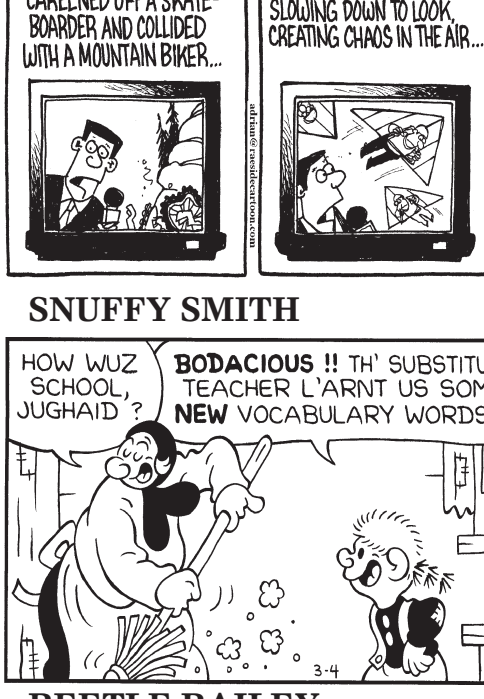
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for the team.”  
 For Crowder, joining a new program was a tough experience. “With me coming from a different program where sometimes you got away with things, here you have to bring it every day to be a good player and make us a good team,” he said. “It was a tough transition for me, because all of it came at once. I had to learn a lot of stuff on the go and keep learning as I go ... But I feel like I reacted the best way possible, we bonded early and I knew we had to do so to have a good season.”

The result was a landmark season for both Howard and Crowder. The Atlanta native ranks in the top five in the conference in scoring and steals, and in the top five in rebounds and blocks.

The Hawks are 27-2, including wins over five ranked teams and 10 straight victories. Their two losses came on the road at No. 17 Arizona Western in November and at No. 1 Midland in January, which the Hawks avenged at home Feb. 15.

“The thing about this team is that we’ve won the games we’re supposed to win,” Adams said. “Most teams can’t say that. They usually

stub their toe and slip up along the way. Let’s hope we don’t do that (tonight).”

Adams and the Hawks know that the Region V tournament is a new season, and one loss means an early exit. As Adams pointed out, history is on the side of the underdog.

South Plains was a No. 3 seed when it won the NJCAA title in 2008, and Midland was a No. 4 seed when it won the championship in 2007. The No. 1 Chaps lurk as a potential Region V Championship match-up.

“It’s the teams that are playing with momentum and that peak at the right time that go ahead and win the region,” Adams said. “We hope we’re going to continue to improve and reach that next plateau.”

For Crowder, who will move on to big-time basketball at Marquette next season, an NJCAA title would be a fitting end to a great year at Howard.

“It would be closing this chapter with a smile on my face before I open another one,” he said. “I really took a gamble because I didn’t know much about Howard when I got here, but it’s worked out perfect.”

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**2010 4-4A All-District Teams**

Champion: Big Spring; runner-up, Abilene Cooper; third place, Frenship; fourth place, Plainview.

**Coch of the Year:** Marcus Morris, Big Spring.

**Most Valuable Player:** Jerrell Williams, Sr. Big Spring.

**Offensive Player of the Year:** Luke Adams, Jr., Big Spring.

**Co-Defensive Players of the Year:** Reese Williams, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Bubba Wiggins, Sr., Plainview

**Newcomers of the Year:** Derrick Randle, So., Abilene Cooper; Daniel Miller, Fr., Plainview.

**First team all-district** Aaron Pool, So., Frenship; Jaylon Jackson, So., Plainview;

Kenneth Lewis, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Matt Hummingbird, Jr., Lake View; Matt Ritchey, Sr., Big Spring; Michael Brady, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Roy Garcia, Sr., Lake View; Thomas Curry, Jr., Plainview; Xavian Parnell, Sr., Big Spring; Zack Kittley, Sr., Frenship.

**Second-team all-district**

Brody Christian, Jr., Frenship; Bryan Dressler, Jr., Lake View; Chas Quisenberry, Sr., Frenship; Josh Smiley, So., Plainview; Nathan Tanguma, Sr., Lake View; Rick Jackson, Sr., Plainview; Rigo Muro, Jr., Lake View; Ryan Silva, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Tristian Clay, Jr., Big Spring; Ty King, Sr., Plainview.

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**Tech, Baylor women’s game gets violent**

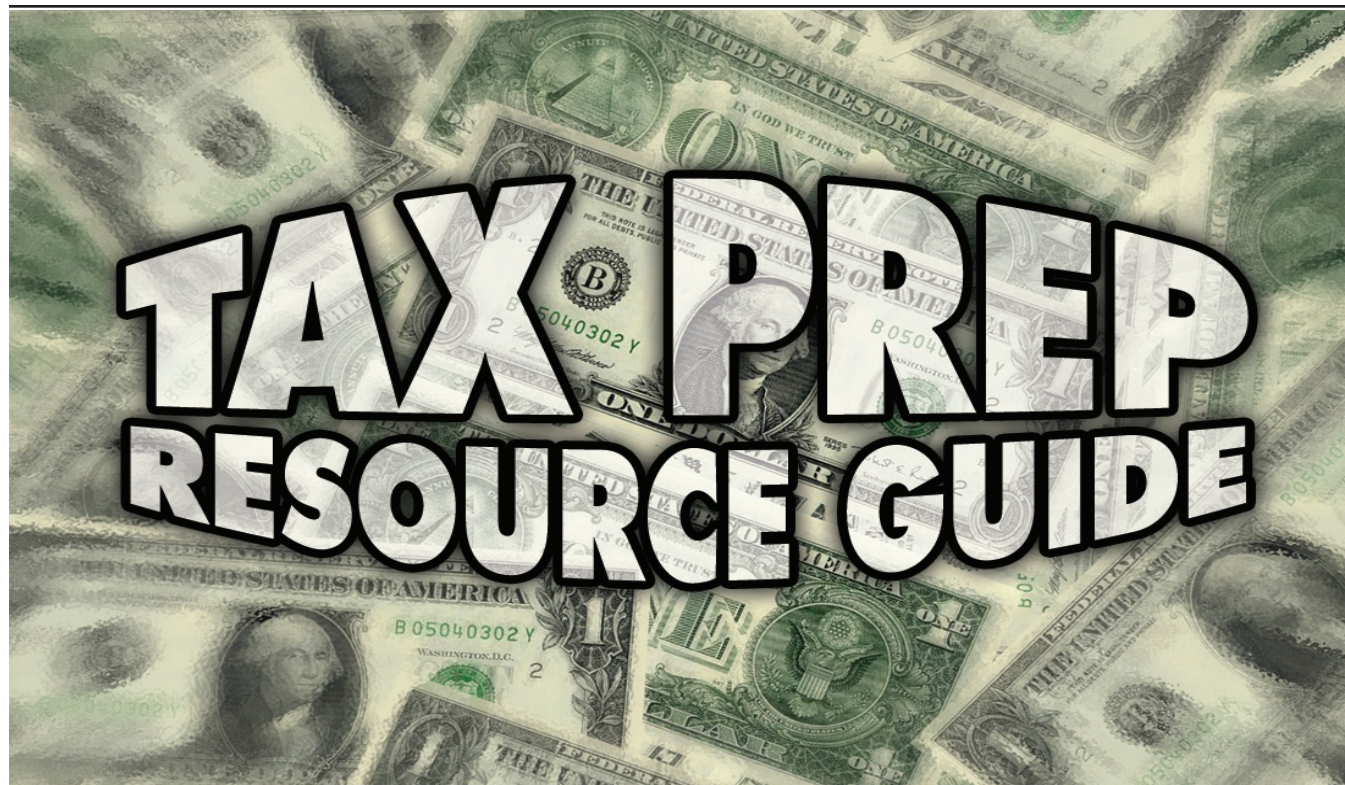
LUBBOCK — Brittney Griner punched an opponent in the face and was ejected from No. 14 Baylor’s 69-60 win over Texas Tech.

Officials tossed the freshman with 9:01 remaining after she struck Texas Tech sophomore forward Jordan Barncastle.

Griner, who scored 21 points, likely faces additional discipline from Baylor and the Big 12,

and Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said she will also deal with Griner.

Baylor was up 55-39 when Barncastle fouled Griner while guarding her under the Lady Bears basket. As the Tech player was moving away and untangling her arm from Griner, the Baylor standout swung and landed a punch with her right hand on Barncastle’s face.



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there.

Wall hit three 3-pointers to help the Wildcats shake their recent shooting slump. The star freshman added six assists and three steals as Kentucky bounced back from a loss at Tennessee.

Kentucky (28-2, 13-2 SEC) moved one game ahead of Vanderbilt in the race for the league's best record. The Wildcats, who swept Vanderbilt, already own the tiebreaker and the top seed in the SEC tournament.

Kentucky, which won a share of its 44th SEC title, snapped a streak of four straight home wins for Georgia (13-15, 5-10).

**No. 22 Maryland 79, No. 4 Duke 72**

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Greivis Vasquez scored 20 points, including a clutch basket with 37 seconds left, and Maryland beat Duke to move into a tie with the Blue Devils atop the Atlantic Coast Conference standings.

It was the final home game for Vasquez,

who was honored with seniors Landon Milbourne and Eric Hayes before the game.

Afterward, all three were mobbed with their teammates as fans rushed the court to celebrate Maryland's first win over Duke in seven tries.

Jordan Williams had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Terrapins (22-7, 12-3), who have won six straight since losing by 21 at Duke on Feb. 13.

Nolan Smith scored 20 for Duke (25-5, 12-3) and Jon Scheyer had 19. The defeat ended the Blue Devils' eight-game winning streak.

Both teams have one game left in the regular season. Maryland travels to Virginia on Saturday, and Duke hosts North Carolina.

**No. 7 Purdue 74, Indiana 55**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — E'Twaun Moore scored 21 points and Chris Kramer added a season-high 18 in his final home game to help Purdue beat Indiana.

JaJuan Johnson added 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocks for the Boilermakers (25-4, 13-4 Big Ten), who rebounded from a loss

to Michigan State that came in their first game without injured forward Robbie Hummel, out for the season with a torn ACL in his right knee.

If Purdue wins at Penn State on Saturday, the Boilermakers will earn a share of the Big Ten championship. It would be Purdue's first conference title since 1996.

Verdell Jones III scored 15 points for Indiana (9-20, 3-14), which lost its 11th straight game.

**No. 8 New Mexico 73, TCU 66**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Darrington Hobson had 20 points and 14 rebounds while Roman Martinez added 19 points in his final game at The Pit, leading New Mexico over TCU to secure the Lobos' first outright conference title in 16 years.

Dairese Gary added 14 points and shot 4 of 6 from the free throw line in the final 30 seconds as the Lobos (28-3, 14-2 Mountain West) won their 14th straight game and clinched their first outright season title since winning the Western Athletic Conference in 1994.

New Mexico also tied

a school record for most wins — a 28-5 mark set in 1995-96.

Ronnie Moss led the Horned Frogs (13-17, 5-10) with 14 points but TCU lost its fifth in a row.

**No. 14 BYU 71, Utah 51**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Brandon Davies scored a career-high 21 points and Michael Loyd Jr. added 18 as BYU beat Utah, giving the Cougars their third sweep of the state rivalry in the last four seasons.

BYU held Utah scoreless for a stretch of 8:35 between the end of the first half and early in the second, turning a close game into one a blowout.

The Cougars (27-4, 12-3 Mountain West) were able to celebrate their seventh win over the Utes in the last eight meetings, but BYU's streak of three straight regular-season conference titles ended earlier in the night when New Mexico clinched the championship with a win over TCU.

Kim Tillie had 11 rebounds for the Utes (14-15, 7-8), but no Utah player scored in double figures.

**No. 15 Wisconsin 67, Iowa 40**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Jon Leuer scored 18 points, Trevon Hughes and Jason Bohannon celebrated Senior Night in style and Iowa didn't offer much resistance against Wisconsin.

Hughes scored 15 points while Bohannon added 11 points and a career-high nine rebounds in the final home game for both of the Badgers' senior guards. Wisconsin (22-7, 12-5 Big Ten) turned it into a rout early on, tak-

ing control with an 18-0 run midway through the first half.

Aaron Fuller had 14 points for the Hawkeyes (10-20, 4-13), who have lost eight of 10.

Iowa's 40 points tied a season low, and the Hawkeyes shot 3 for 15 from 3-point range.

**No. 16 Tennessee 80, Arkansas 73**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Scotty Hopson scored 15 points to lead Tennessee over Arkansas.

The Volunteers shot 54.5 percent and had five players score in double figures, but it was a technical foul called on coach Bruce Pearl that sparked Tennessee (22-7, 10-5 SEC) as it finally pulled away from the Razorbacks (14-16, 7-8).

Early in the second half, Tennessee's Cameron Tatum was called for a charge. Pearl was whistled for the technical for arguing the call, and the Vols broke open a close game with a 10-0 run immediately after.

**No. 20 Temple 57, Saint Louis 51**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Lavoy Allen had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Temple beat Saint Louis to remain tied for first place in the Atlantic 10.

The Owls (25-5, 13-2) have won six in a row and 14 of 16.

Juan Fernandez added 17 points and Ryan Brooks had 13 for Temple, which kept pace with Xavier for the top spot in the conference. Each team has one regular-season game remaining.

Willie Reed led Saint Louis (19-10, 10-5) with 16 points.

Temple used a 10-2

run down the stretch to break open a close game. Ramone Moore broke a 45-all tie with a short jumper, and Allen and Fernandez added baskets to push the lead to 51-45.

**No. 23 Texas A&M 76, Oklahoma State 61**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Donald Sloan scored 19 points and Texas A&M led from start to finish against Oklahoma State.

The Aggies (21-8, 10-5 Big 12) used strong 3-point shooting to take an early lead and a 14-0 run in the opening minutes of the second half to keep it against the Cowboys, who were coming off Saturday's big win over then-No. 1 Kansas.

Texas A&M had its 18-point lead cut to eight before outscoring the Cowboys 11-3 to stretch the cushion to 70-54 with about three minutes left. Sloan, a senior playing in his last home game, and B.J. Holmes both had 3s during that spurt.

James Anderson led the Cowboys (20-9, 8-7) with 27 points.

**No. 25 Xavier 82, Fordham 56**

NEW YORK (AP) — Jamel McLean scored 13 of his 16 points in the first half and Xavier handed Fordham its 20th consecutive loss.

It was the sixth straight win and 10th in 11 games for the Musketeers (22-7, 13-2). Xavier moved into the Top 25 on Monday for the first time this season.

Chris Gaston had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Rams (2-25, 0-15). It was the 18th double-double of the season for the freshman.

two-mile race at Fort Stockton.

Roberson said he also expects improvement in field events, where points have been hard to come by in the past.

Anderson and Tuitt will take care of the jumping events, and Cerbi Ritchey, Tahlia Green and Diamond Mayes will be the team's throwers.

"(Anderson and Tuitt) are good for field event points, and I believe all three of those girls (Ritchey, Green and Mayes) are going to improve their district throws," Roberson said. "I expect to represent the district well in our throwing events."

**Hamilton eyes return**

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton probably won't return to the field until next week because of a bruised left shoulder.

Hamilton was hurt a week ago diving for a pop-up during spring training. He participated in drills Saturday but has been limited since then.

"At this point of spring training there's no need to push it further," Hamilton said Wednesday. "Could I go out and do something? Probably. Is it smart to? No."

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"Last year, I was young, but this year I have more experience and I'm really glad I did because I felt it. Now I know what the feeling is like, and nothing's stopping me this year."

Turner finished third in the 400-meter in Fort Stockton with a time of 1:03.34, and Cuvillo, along with Turner, Tuitt and Anderson, dominated the 800- and 1,600-meter relays. The team won by almost two seconds in the 800 and won the 1,600 by almost six seconds.

"I think in the end our 800-relay and our mile relay are going to be really competitive, but sprint relay also, but I think we'll be competitive in long jump, triple jump, disc ... We're going to be tough to beat," Roberson said.

Freshman Andi DeLeon is the team's 300-meter hurdler, finishing second at Fort Stockton with a 51.68 time. She and fellow frosh Carson Riebe will contribute in those events.

Marisol Rodriguez is the Lady Steers' top distance runner, finishing second in the 3,200-meter run last season. She took fifth in the

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