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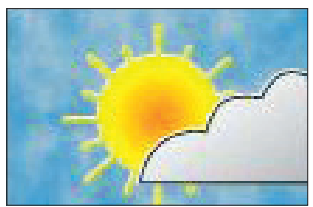
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City, CCC reach settlement

Judge says city of Big Spring violated Open Meetings Act

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
The city of Big Spring and the Concerned Citizens Council may have reached a settlement agreement following a preliminary hearing concerning an alleged violation

of the Texas Open Meetings Act by the city council Monday afternoon.
Attorneys for both sides — City Attorney Linda Sjogren representing the municipality and Austin attorney Jim Hemphill speaking for the

Concerned Citizens Council — presented preliminary arguments before District Judge Robert H. Moore III in 118th District Court.
The agreement, which is contingent upon a vote by the CCC's membership, would ef-

fectively end the suit, which had the group looking to force the city to hold a rollback tax election.
“We’ve agreed to a settlement. The court made a preliminary finding that the Jan. 6 meeting violated the

Open Meetings Act, while the March 8 meeting did not,” said Sjogren. “That finding is part of the agreement. The (the plaintiff) have agreed to non-suit with prejudice all
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Howard Cottage art exhibit set April 6

Public invited to display, reception

The public is invited to attend a Howard Cottage art exhibition and reception showcasing “The Future of Howard College.”
Children of the Cottage, a child development facility on campus, created the original artwork.

The opening reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, in the gallery hallway of Hall Center for the Arts. Parents, children, friends, students and the community are encouraged to attend and celebrate “future Hawks” and enjoy the artwork and refreshments.
The show will stay on display from April 6 to April 16 in the gallery hallway during business and after hours until about 9 p.m.



Sherry Hodnett delivers butterfly larvae to Elbow Elementary School third grader Jason DeNio. Below, Jeannette Lindsey's third grade class listens to a presentation on butterflies.

Raising butterflies

By NANCY KOGER
Special to the Herald
One of the enjoyable aspects of Sherry Hodnett's job as bereavement coordinator at Home Hospice is delivering butterfly larvae to school children for them to tend through the stages of the insects' development. This year she took the prospective butterflies to the third grade classes of Jean Kelso, Tammi Jones and Jeannette Lindsey at Elbow Elementary.
The teachers had prepared the students to receive their charges and had learned that this group had “raised butterflies” before. The children told them that they had previously named some of their larvae, one in particular, whom they had called Bob.

When they had released Bob, a bird came by and gobbled him up.
The teacher, worried that the experience might have frightened some of the children, asked if that bothered them. “No,” they stated, “It was really kind of neat.” They agreed that they were ready to try again and that growing butterflies was more fun than mealy worms, which they had done earlier this year.
Hodnett delivered the larvae, which had already gone through the five-day egg stage. She told the youngsters that the caterpillars had already begun to grow, some more than others, depending on how warm they had been during the previous week. The complete life cycle is about 30 days from egg to butterfly.



The students enjoyed hearing and seeing two pop-up books about a “Flutterby” and a Caterpillar before taking charge of the butterfly hatching stations. They also received copies of a poem and some coloring pages that they can complete for display at the Butterfly Release event in April.
The target date for the butterflies is the Home Hospice

Butterfly Release and Family Celebration on Sunday, April 18.
The program will be at Dora Roberts Community Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Names will be read during a special memorial service. Donations for release of memorial butterflies go to Hospice House in Odessa. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 for more information.

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Consumer confidence rebounds to 52.5 in March

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer
NEW YORK — Americans' confidence in the economy rebounded in March after a

February plunge, but shoppers still remain cautious, according to a private research group's monthly survey released Tuesday.
The Conference

Board's Consumer Confidence Index rose to 52.5 in March, recovering about half of the nearly 11 points it lost in February. Analysts were expecting a read-

ing of 50 for March. February's 46.4 marked the lowest level since April 2009 and erased three consecutive months of improvement.
One of the index's ba-

rometers, which measures how shoppers feel now about their economic situation now, rose to 26.0 from
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Obituaries

Ben A. Boadle

Ben A. Boadle, 79, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Bill Bates officiating. Burial will be at Colorado City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ben was born to W.T. (Bill) Boadle and Mona Mae Henderson Boadle on March 21, 1931, in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School. Ben married Madeline Miles on Aug. 29, 1956. He worked for Texas Electric Service Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1987.

Ben played football and coached in the little league and teenage leagues. He was a member of North Birdwell United Methodist Church and former long time member of Wesley United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday school and served on the Administrative Council. He was a member of the Lion's Club and served in the National Guard.

Ben is survived by his wife, Madeline Miles Boadle; two sons, Miles and wife Doris of Boonville, Mo., and Eugene and wife Tonya of Big Spring; two daughters, Jacquelyn Mauch, and Laurie and husband Roy Platte of Big Spring; eight granddaughters, Stephanie and husband Richard Black of Dallas, Melissa and husband Albert Jimenez of Round Rock, Niki Boadle of San Angelo, Abbey Boadle of Boonville, Mo., Holly Platte and Alison Platte of Big Spring, Jeanie Warren of Big Spring and Brittany Rowland of Bay Town; two grandsons, Ben Boadle and Jason Johnson of Boonville, Mo.; great-granddaughter, Danielle Rowland of Bay Town; great-grandson, A.J. Deel of Big Spring; one sister, Louise and husband Paul Goerschler of Georgetown, Ky.; and sister-in-law, Georgie Griffith of Colorado City.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister and a grandson, Aaron Boadle.

Pallbearers will be Mike Griffith, Steve Westbrook, Bo Evans, Lance Brown, Bill Lovelace and Roy Platte. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dwayne Wagner and Glenn Phillippe.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720; or the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring 79720; or Gideon's International, 1300 Virginia Ave., Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Phyllis Jones

Phyllis Jones, 70, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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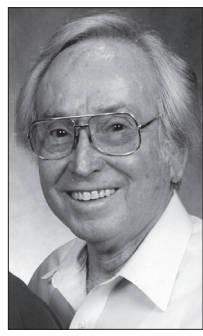
• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• 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.

Tommy L. Pool Sr.

Tommy Pool, knowing that his family would be okay, hurried home to be with his wife March 27, 2010, for their 60th anniversary Tuesday, March 30, 2010.



He was born May 19, 1925, in Big Spring. Tommy played football for Odessa High School and became an avid football fan for all Odessa teams after moving there in 1939. Shortly after graduating from OHS, he enlisted in the Navy and served his country proudly in WWII on the LST-530, where he assisted in transporting troops and ammunition to the beaches of Normandy, France, on D-Day and after. He was also involved in the peacekeeping mission during the occupation of Japan.

As a member of the US LST Association, he showed continued respect for his shipmates and Captain Duke. After beginning to speak in-depth about his WWII experiences, he humbly did so in schools, various other memorial functions and newspaper interviews.

He retired from his position at the State of Texas Employment Commission after 35 years of service, but he saw his marriage and the raising of his children to be his greatest accomplishments. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

With Consuelo, his wife, he was a member of Flatlanders Ski Club, having joined and learned to ski when he was 70. He loved to fish, travel and dance with Consuelo and was known to sing Elvis tunes for tips; he was also a crossing guard at Blanton Elementary school for three years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Consuelo "Connie" Pool. He was also preceded in death by his mother, Beaulah May Hull Pool, and father, Thomas Alvin Pool Sr.

He is survived by his son, Gerald Pool and wife Marcia of Monrovia, Calif.; daughter, Cassandra Ellison and husband Mike Morris of Odessa; son, Tommy Pool Jr. and Misty Locknane of Odessa and Thomas Martin Pool of Denver.

He is survived by nine grandchildren, Ginger Pool of Ft. Myers, Fla., Brandi Pool of Odessa, Jott Pool of Odessa, Serenity Stringer of San Antonio, Ashleigh Stewart of Lampasas, April Barnhart of Odessa, Tommy Lee Pool of Denver, Whitney Baird of Odessa and Allison Kitchens of Ft. Worth. He is survived by 13 great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Ashton, Kournti, Autumn, Kaitlyn, Ahlana, Kaden, Aiden, Tanner, Hudson, Hannah, Aaron and Skylar.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Butler and nurse, Jodi; Dr. Kodi; Stephanie Beard, student nurse at University Medical Center of Lubbock; and the dedicated staff of Regency Hospital of Odessa for taking such wonderful care of our father and grandfather. We wish to extend special thanks to Denise Stewart and Rhonda Ybaben for their loving support, and Luke Chalmers for impeccably guiding us through the most difficult two months of our lives.






Visitation and celebration of their anniversary will be held Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Frank W. Wilson Chapel from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. with a Rosary being read at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The Christian funeral mass will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Odessa with Msgr. James Bridges and Father Mark Woodruff officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post 4372 at 208 E. VFW Lane, Odessa 79761.

Condolences may be made at www.frankwwilson.com Arrangements are by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

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Your Local Weather

Wed 3/31	Thu 4/1	Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4
 93/58 Mainly sunny. High 93F. Winds SSW at 20 to 30 mph.	 90/57 Windy with clouds giving way to sun.	 68/40 Windy, slight chance of a thunderstorm.	 77/45 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	 84/51 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.

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Police blotter

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

• EPIFANIO HINOJOSA, 25, of 1401 Princeton, was arrested Monday on warrants from Midland and Howard counties.

• RAUL MENDEZ, 30, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 14, was arrested Monday on four local warrants.

• ADRIANNA GARZA, 18, of 1604 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• JOSHUA YANEZ, 21, of 1503 Wood, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• TYSON BARKER, 19, of 1804 Scurry, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• POSSESSION/USE OF A VOLATILE CHEMICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Carol.

• INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street. Police officials said no injuries were discovered and the case has handed over to CPS.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported:

In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

In the 1100 block of Goliad.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Third Street.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:

In the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

In the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

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

• GUADALUPE SAMUEL CRUZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear (two counts) and assault — family violence.

• JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR., 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• MELITON VIERA, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.

• ABEL H. HINOJOS, 37, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution.

• BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE JR., 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of deadly conduct — discharge of a firearm, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a judgment/sentence

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-24-30-32. Bonus Ball: 35.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-10-19-27-29.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-9-1. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-9. Sum It Up: 11.

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for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- **BILLY WAYNE STRICKLAND JR.**, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft by check and bail jumping – failure to appear.

- **EPIFANIO HINOJOSA**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for theft by check and theft by check.

- **RAUL MENDEZ JR.**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a promise to appear (two counts), no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- **JOSHUA ANTHONY YANEZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

- **ADRIANNA GARZA**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of Aylesford. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Mullberry. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane. 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 500 block of Aylesford. Service refused.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of E. 16th St. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the area of Val Verde. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5700 block of E. Midway Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of E. 12th Street. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4200 block of Connally. 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 1800 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the

700 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 100 block of E. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Carol. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2600 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of N. Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main St. Service refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore. 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 600 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. One person was transported to SMMC.



Hangar 25 Air Museum has honored Scott Jimenez as its March 2010 Veteran of the Month. Jimenez served in the United States Marine Corp during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He also served in the United States Navy as a chaplain.

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Raymond "Mones" Ortega, Sr., 54, died Friday. Funeral Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Victor Huse, 82, died Saturday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa with burial at Lamesa Memorial Park.

Inez Chavarria, 59, died Saturday, March 27, 2010. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rebecca Jane Terry, 50, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ben Boadle, 79, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Colorado City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Phyllis Jones, 70, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 7000 block of the S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

SUIT

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of their causes of action and agree not to make a challenge to the 2009-2010 tax rate unless the council goes up on the tax rate. The city also agreed to pay the plaintiff's attorney fees, in the amount of \$7,000, and the court costs of \$328, as well as make a \$5,000 donation to the Freedom of Information Foundation.

"All of this is contingent on the CCC voting to approve the settlement agreement, but their attorney feels that is forthcoming. We believe this is a good settlement and gets things behind us. We don't have to worry about figuring out how to have an election, and what the rates should be if we did have an election."

The lawsuit — which was filed on behalf of the CCC with local residents Shannon Thomason, Steve Campbell, Thomas Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and

Mary Musik named as plaintiffs — alleges an emergency meeting of the Big Spring City Council held Jan. 6 violated the act, which requires 72 hours notice of meetings.

During the meeting, the Big Spring City Council declared a rollback tax petition submitted to the city in December as invalid. To be successful, the petition would have needed approximately 1,200 names. However, the final copy submitted to the city contained just one name, that of Thomason, who described the filing as a "token."

Moore had little trouble finding in favor of the plaintiff's argument the emergency meeting violated state law. However, thanks to several unclear aspects of the Texas Tax Code, a remedy in the matter wasn't nearly as simple a matter.

"The city failed to take any action to either deny or affirm the validity of the petition within the timeframe, there-

fore it is deemed valid," Moore said. "Now, I'm concerned about where you go from there."

The remedy the CCC was pushing for was a tax rollback election, according to Hemphill. However, neither side could agree what the current tax rollback was, as the city contended a pair of blunders — the first by the Howard County Tax Appraiser's office that removed nearly \$11 million from the tax roles, and a second by a Abilene tax management company that nixed another \$6.6 million — that spurred recalculations of the city's certified values have raised the rollback rate above the current adopted tax rate, making the possibility of holding a rollback election moot.

Moore called the idea of having voters cast ballots in a rollback tax election that, if successful, would — using the city's newly calculated rollback rate of \$1.014 per \$100 valuation, which eclipses the ex-

isting rate of \$1.013 — essentially raise taxes absurd.

"How on Earth would the voters even know what they were voting on?" Moore asked the attorneys.

Hemphill said he was satisfied with the agreement, which will cost the city a minimum of \$12,328 if accepted by the CCC.

"I think it's a very positive agreement. I think it's a reflection of the fact the court, in pretty strong language, indicated it believed the city had violated the Open Meetings Act in connection with the Jan. 6 meeting, and that was really the plaintiff's main thrust of this lawsuit," said Hemphill. "There was no emergency and the holding of the meeting with just a few hours notice was a violation of the Open Meetings Act. The preliminary finding, alone, I think, justifies and vindicates the whole process. Everything else in the agreement I think kind of flows from

that." And while this agreement could bring litigation between the two parties to an end, Hemphill said there is still plenty of murky water in the tax code that needs to be sorted out by the state's legislature.

"It could potentially be a problem in the future, but this is kind of a set of unique circumstances," said Hemphill. "It would be preferable if the tax code were clearer on that issue. If I had the legislature's ear I would certainly recommend they clarify that a small amount. A legislative fix would be the prudent thing to do."

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21.7 in February. The other measurement, which gauges how shoppers feel about the economy over the next six months, ticked up to 70.2 from 62.9.

Economists watch the figures closely because consumer spending, including health care and other major items, accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic

activity.

March's confidence report appeared to confirm that February's sharp decline may have been an aberration. Many factors had dampened last month's confidence, including severe weather that had shut businesses and thwarted job searches, and a stock market hurting because of international worry about Greece's national debt. Still, March's reading is still a long way from the 90 that is

considered healthy.

Confidence has been recovering fitfully since hitting a historic low of 25.3 in February 2009. But many economists believe it will remain well below healthy levels for at least another year or two.

"Despite the month's increase, consumers continue to express concern about current business and labor con-

ditions," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement. "And their outlook for the next six months is still rather pessimistic."

She added that overall confidence has not changed significantly since last spring, when the reading hit 40.8 in April 2009 and rose to 54.8 in May.

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OUR VIEW

Kindergarten rodeo set for 32nd event

When you talk tradition in Coahoma, one of the subjects which must definitely be discussed is the Kindergarten Rodeo at Coahoma Elementary School. That's because it's one of the community's longest-running events.

The 32nd annual edition of the Kindergarten Rodeo will get under way at 9 a.m. Thursday in the elementary gymnasium.

But don't think for a minute that this event is just for the community's kindergarteners. This event always draws an impressive crowd of spectators — parents, grandparents and just about anyone else who can get free at that time of day. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The rodeo will feature as many as 60 youngsters ropin' and ridin' "the stickhorse way."

Begun in 1978 as the brainchild of renowned rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, a longtime Coahoma resident and current justice of the peace, the event has annually attracted overflow crowds.

Dobbs and fellow professional rodeo clown Jim Bob Fellar will be on hand Thursday, as will Miss Rodeo Texas Devin Felder, Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association announcer Ben Clements and members of the Howard College Rodeo Team.

Local Texas Swing aficionado Jody Nix will also be on hand to provide musical entertainment.

Organizers of the event this year are kindergarten teachers Sheila Holt, Connie Twilleger and Jennifer Baccari, assisted by Larenda Harrison, Kathy Nichols and Pam Carlile.

Coahoma Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett said the rodeo is an annual favorite for Coahoma residents.

It is undeniably one of the cutest things we've encountered in many more collective years of newspapering than we'd like to admit.

So, if you have the time free Thursday, don't miss it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Clouds of uncertainty blow away when we turn our problems over to You, Lord.

Amen

Let's exorcise Obamacare!

The Democrats' corrupt, sleazy and undemocratic methods to cram socialized medicine down our throats were only exceeded by the horrifying substance of the bill itself. But the bell has rung on round one.

Round two begins, and we'd better come out swinging.

As distressed as I've been about President Barack Obama's deliberate, senseless acceleration of our national debt, I was heartened by the public's spontaneous reaction against Obama's agenda and optimistic about electing people who would turn it around.

As concerned as I was about the granddaddy of all socialist schemes — Obamacare — I was encouraged by Obama's difficulty in forcing this demon through both chambers of Congress — despite substantial majorities — because of Republican solidarity and pockets of principled Democratic opposition. (And I say "demon" advisedly, because everything about it was a lie, but it was wrapped in a seductive package disguising it as compassionate when it would destroy the best health care system in the world and achieve none of the good things it promised.)

But I was still nervous. How can you rest easy when you've witnessed the unscrupulous tactics of this administration and the congressional leadership to impose socialism across the board against the will of the people? How could you be confident that the forces for good would finally be able to resist the relentlessness of a statist leadership that fully embraced its hero's "end justifies the means" paradigm and whose members had shown their willingness to

sell their votes?

Indeed, as feared, Obama did prevail in round one — not because of superior punching skills or fancy footwork, but because he broke the rules and hit below the belt, while the aging and listless referee let him get away with it.

Yet as depressed as I was over the passage of this bill, I was lifted up by the groundswell of opposition raging through the land — an awesome force whose intensity and resolve we had not seen in decades. As difficult as it would be to maintain the high energy of this resistance through November and beyond, there was still plenty of reason to be sanguine about our prospects for a sea change in Washington in November.

Then, the very day the president smugly and exuberantly (for him) signed this bill into law, the other shoe dropped. Certain Republican leaders expressed their resignation to the fact that this bill is now the law of the land and that full repeal might not be feasible.

The Huffington Post reported that the "entire slate of Republican senatorial candidates" appear poised to run on a full repeal platform.

But the main one coordinating their election strategy — National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman John Cornyn, R-Texas — had already begun "softening the message."

What? I couldn't believe what I was reading. No. This couldn't be. Tell me it isn't true. Tell me that after all these years, I won't yet have to get on blood pressure medicine. Tell me my ongoing optimism is not for naught.

But I read on. Cornyn explained that "there is noncontroversial stuff here, like the pre-existing conditions exclusion and those sorts of things."

Noncontroversial? You mean he considers a provision that will completely change the

character of insurance companies from private businesses to public utilities a little detail? Seriously — what the heck is in the water in Washington? I can't take this insanity.

What the normally excellent Sen. Cornyn needs to understand is that this entire bill needs to be scrapped. War-weary Republicans need to get over this battered spouse syndrome and quit tolerating and sublimating the abuse. Enough is enough.

We don't need to be thinking about playing around the edges or even repealing a mere 90 percent of the bill. The whole bill is poison; it is infected with contagious toxins that will destroy our entire capitalistic system if we don't eradicate it entirely. No compromise. Market reforms are the solution, not socialism lite, which is what got us into this mess.

You don't have to listen to me, but you ignore the grass roots at your peril. The Republican Party must prove to freedom-loving Americans that it has the moral courage to exorcise Obamacare from the depths of this nation's soul. If it "softens its message" in any way, it will completely lose the confidence of the people, and we'll see either a third-party movement — that will have a much tougher uphill battle — or worse.

Now is not the time for the weak of heart, the complacent, the sycophants or the career politicians who believe collegiality is the highest virtue. Now is the time for principled, bold, peaceful revolution. Full repeal — nothing less; replace, reform! Now.

If not, beware the righteous wrath of the several states, which will fight this if our federal politicians won't.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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What really matters ... matters

Something very scary is happening out there. The gas line was cut at the house of one congressman's brother after his address was posted online as a way to send a message to the congressman about his vote for health care reform. A coffin was left on another's front lawn. A number of House Democrats have requested increased police protection. Protesters are reportedly planning to picket the Senate parliamentarian's home. Someone took a shot at the Richmond, Va., office of House Minority Whip Eric Cantor.

A new Harris poll shows that as many as one in four Republicans believe that Barack Obama is the Antichrist. Meanwhile, so-called leaders of the two parties are using the occasion to blame each other. Cantor has accused Democrats of "dangerously fanning the flames."

House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn accused Republican lawmakers of sending "signals" that amount to aiding and abetting the violence. Enough. Obama is our president, the president of the United States. What is at stake is far more important than health care reform,

important as that is.

In a democracy, you take your lumps. Majority rules. If you don't like what the president and Congress are doing, vote against them. Ditto if you don't like what the opposition is doing. Get involved in politics. Run for office.

Many of us did not like George Bush's decision to invade Iraq. We thought it was wrong.

But I never hated Bush, and I repeatedly criticized those who said they did.

As a young aide to Sen. Ted Kennedy, I fought hard against the Reagan Revolution. But in the years since, I have repeatedly visited the Reagan Library out of respect for the man and for the office of the presidency.

Bush was wrong, but he wasn't evil.

Same for Reagan.

Obama may be right or wrong, but he loves this country. I have no doubt that he and all the members of Congress are doing what they think is best for this country.

Those who threaten them — on either side — are tearing at the fabric that binds us together. The idea of picketing the parliamentarian, of all people, a nonpartisan professional charged with interpreting procedural rules, would be funny if it weren't so frightening. Have we lost our collective conscience? Have we forgotten what really matters?

Passion can be a wonderful thing in politics. I encourage my

students to be passionate about politics, and it saddens me, frankly, how many of them are simply "turned off" by all things Washington.

But like most good things, too much passion can be dangerous. Politics requires compromise. In every contest, there are winners and losers, and knowing how to be good at both is essential to a stable democracy.

I understand that there are many people who really do believe that Obama is taking the country in the wrong direction.

They have no doubt. They are as sure of this as they are of their religious beliefs. But that sort of faith can be way, way too powerful to contain in a system in which you lose as often as you win.

It is time for our leaders to act like leaders, to stop fighting like schoolchildren about who started it and who is to blame. We — and they — need to tone down the rhetoric.

Someone could get hurt. Keep it up, both sides, and someone will get hurt.

This nation can survive an ill-conceived health care bill, if that's what you think it is; we have survived an ill-conceived war, which is what many of us thought it was.

What we cannot survive is partisanship run amok to the point that we start hating each other instead of our real enemies.

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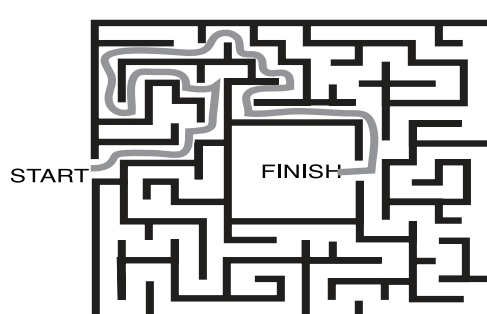
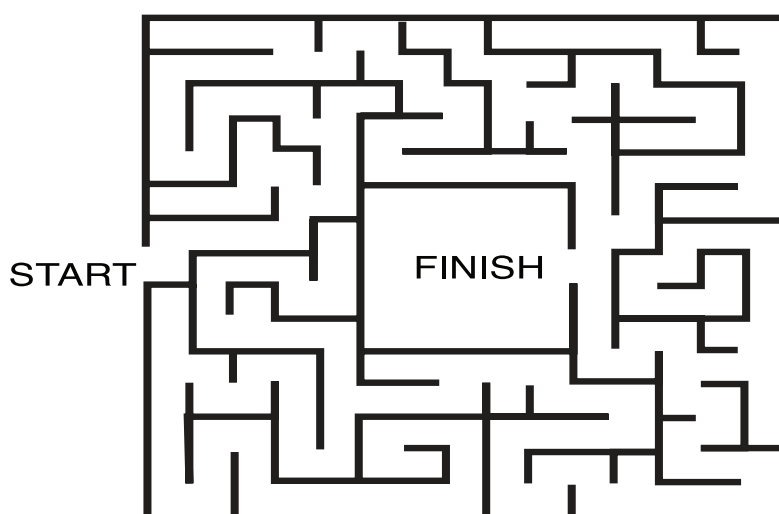
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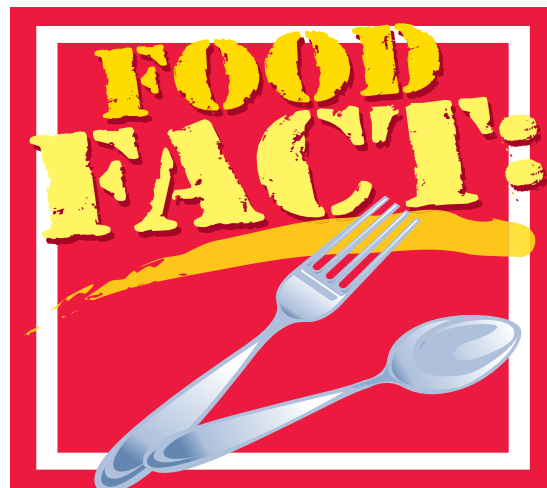


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WHAT IS THE UNIT OF MEASUREMENT USED TO INDICATE THE ENERGY POTENTIAL OF EACH TYPE OF FOOD?

ANSWER: CALORIE



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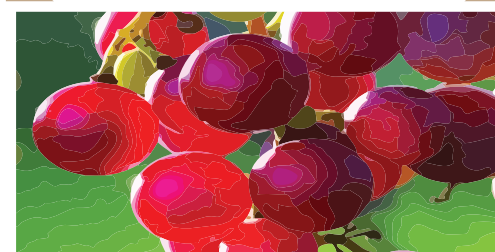
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THE FOOD PYRAMID WAS DEVELOPED TO HELP INDIVIDUALS KNOW HOW MANY SERVINGS OF EACH TYPE OF FOOD ARE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY DIET.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GRAPES

EASTER HUNTERS MASK

Materials

- * 2 lightweight paper plates
- * Pink construction paper or crayons
- * White glue
- * Stapler
- * Hole punch
- * Narrow elastic string

Instructions

1. Cut one of the paper plates in half.
2. To make the ears, cut half-moon shapes from the pink paper, and trim them so they are smaller than a plate half.
3. Glue each half moon in the center of a plate half.
4. Position the ears on the other plate and staple in place.
5. Cut out openings for the eyes and trim around the mouth to shape cheeks.
6. Draw on a nose and whiskers.
7. Punch holes on the sides near the child's ears and secure a length of elastic so the mask fits snugly on your child's head.
8. You can also decorate your mask to give it a personal touch.



Bird Poop:

Seven young barn owls get second chance

Its weathered boards and shingles slowly releasing from rusty nails, the house reflected a time past. Succumbing to the incessant winds, the hinged access door to the attic had disappeared during a long ago spring storm. Having used the structure for years, the bird flew silently toward the gaping hole.

Once inside, she quickly offered her catch to the nearest youngster. As its siblings cried for their share of the evening's hunt, she again flew into the night sky as effortlessly as she had come.

Throughout the night, she and her mate secured enough prey to satisfy their brood's growing appetite. Relentlessly demanding to be fed, the downy young kept their parents alert to familiar sounds and movements as they coursed a nightly regimen for mice and rabbits.

Weary, the parents welcomed the day's rest to come. While the male roosted on one of the trusses, the female approached the downy pile of youngsters. On the bottom, her two youngest had snuggled underneath their older siblings. After carefully

adding her warmth and protection, she slept.

As the game warden followed the pickup on a long, dirt road to an abandoned house, he was apprehensive of what he would find. Wanting to bulldoze the structure, the new landowner had discovered a problem.

"Up there," said the man as he pointed toward the roof.

"You're sure?" asked the officer. "Yep, whole family of 'em."

Taking a ladder from his truck, the man placed it against the side of the house. "Come on, I'll show you," he called.

As the man disappeared into the attic, the warden climbed to the access above. Hearing several expletives, he ducked as an owl flew through the opening and over his head. "Hear comes the other one," yelled the man as another left the attic.

"Any more adults?" asked the officer.

"Nope," said the man. "That's it."

Hunched over and carefully stepping from one two-by-four to the next, the game warden neared the man. Awakened by their parents' hasty retreat, the owls began to hiss and scream. The racket was deafening.

As the older birds dipped their wings backwards and lowered their heads, they swayed from side to side. Moving even closer, the men were confronted with sharp talons as the owls fell



Courtesy photo
Covered with down, baby barn owls have heart-shaped faces and dark eyes. As adults, with acute vision and hearing, the birds hunt small mammals throughout the night and are of great benefit to man.

on their backs and struck outwardly with their feet.

Having noticed one, then two downy heads peering over a board near a corner of the attic, the warden realized there were much younger owls also. With the older siblings moving away in different directions, he and the landowner would have to scour the entire area to make sure they had removed all of the offspring.

"Barn owls," said the officer when he called.

"How many?" I asked. "Can't tell yet. So far, maybe five," was his reply. He promised to call with the final count.

More than an hour passed. Then the phone rang. Coming from 75 miles south in Reagan County were seven owls. Due to eggs having been laid at intervals, the birds varied in size, development

and age. They probably were 2 to 6 weeks old.

Knowing South Plains in Lubbock had surrogate parents for the younger, we alerted them to a late afternoon delivery.

"What a mess," said the game warden in trying to describe their nesting area. The only material included fur, hair and bone fragments from regurgitated pellets that had been stepped on and crushed by the parents and babies. The aroma from the nursery was pungent.

Glancing inside the carrier, we noticed the feathering out of the wings and tails of the older birds. The youngsters were covered in a buff-colored down that resembled wool.

When the warden described the difference in the parents' appearance, we told him the

males were usually lighter or whiter below, while the females were darker. That same contrast was often seen in their faces.

Asking him if the landowner had considered leaving the owls to fledge on their own, the officer said he had.

Upon learning that even after leaving the nest the young would be dependent upon their parents for food for a while, the man was hesitant to have them exposed to some folks that frequent his county.

As we started to transfer the youngsters to our container, the five oldest proceeded to attack my gloved hand.

Amidst their screams at being disturbed, Art carefully pried each owl's talons from the leather. The younger siblings stared in disbelief.

Welcomed by Gail

Barnes at the wildlife center, the seven orphans could be released when flight worthy and acclimated to owl behavior. Gail's husband, Larry, would take them to farmers who wanted the "mousers" in their barns and around their farms.

Since they were known to nest in airplane hangars, holes in cliffs, open barns, oil field vessels and deer blinds, their "white" and "golden" parents had numerous choices for where their next hatchery might be.

Spared by a thoughtful landowner, the young had a future, while their parents could look forward to an additional family that year.

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

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Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
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- April 5** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
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Supper Club "Carlos", 5:30 p.m.
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Movie, 1 p.m., "Kung Fu Panda"
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Parent's Corner:

Being politically correct and an Aggie joke or two

Sometimes we hear people making remarks toward folks they think are not quite up to par in the area of intelligence. Many such remarks have been made to "us Aggies."

I am an Aggie through adoption since my university went into the A&M System after I graduated from there.

I guess I can claim them or not, depending on whether I agree with the comments. Anyway, remarks such as "his elevator doesn't reach the top floor" are often made. Some comments are harsh and critical but others are just "funny."

Now I don't want to seem judgmental, nor do I want to call names, but I thought I'd share a few of these "comical" phrases with you. I guess you might say this is a politically

correct way to say someone is lacking in his ability to understand the situation:

He's a few clowns short of a circus; a few fries short of a happy meal.

The wheel's spinning, but the hamster's dead. He's all foam, no cola. The butter has slipped off his pancake.

The cheese slid off his cracker. He couldn't pour water out of a boot with instructions on the heel.

He'd have trouble boiling water. He fell out of the stupid tree and hit every branch on the way down.

He's as smart as bait. His light is on but his windows are dark.

He doesn't have all his dogs on one leash.

Her sewing machine's out of thread.

She's one fruit loop shy of a full bowl.

Her antenna doesn't pick up all the



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News in brief

Obama plans to sign student loan legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama prepared Tuesday to sign the piece of his sweeping health care overhaul that makes the government the primary lender to students and strips banks of that power.

Obama's hard-fought legislative victory packaged two of his domestic priorities. Obama already signed the bulk of the health care legislation, but a final set of tweaks provided a route for the education package, the largest rewrite of federal college assistance programs in four decades.

The legislation has a wide reach. About half of undergraduates receive federal student aid and about 8.5 million students are going to college with the help of Pell Grants.

Under the measure, private banks would no longer get fees for acting as middlemen in federal student loans. The government would use the savings to boost Pell Grants and make it easier for some workers to repay their student loans. In addition, some borrowers could see lower interest rates and higher approval rates on student loans.

Obama has touted the changes as a way to make college more affordable for students and their debt load more manageable after graduation. He used his weekend radio and Internet address to cite expected benefits for young people: more student lending, caps on those repayments and more money for minority colleges and universities.

Prosecutors: Christian militia wanted to start an uprising

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A ninth alleged member of a Christian militia group that prepared to battle the Antichrist and the U.S. government was arrested after the FBI played recorded messages from family and friends, who urged the man to give himself up, over loudspeakers outside a home in rural Michigan.

Joshua Matthew Stone peacefully surrendered to heavily armed authorities Monday night. His father and seven others believed to be part of the Michigan-based Hutaree appeared in court earlier on charges they plotted to kill a police officer and slaughter scores more by bombing the funeral — all in hopes of touching off an uprising against the government.

Most of the arrests came during weekend raids in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. FBI agents moved quickly against Hutaree because members planned an attack sometime in April, prosecutors said. Authorities seized guns but would not say whether they found explosives.

The arrests dealt "a severe blow to a dangerous organization that today stands accused of conspiring to levy war against the United States," Attorney General Eric Holder said.

In an indictment, prosecutors said the group began military-style training in the Michigan woods in 2008, learning how to shoot guns and make and set off bombs.

Russia in mourning over 39 dead in Moscow blasts

MOSCOW (AP) — Russians on Tuesday nervously returned to subway stations where two suicide bombers killed 39 people, lighting candles and leaving heaps of carnations at one site as the country began a day of mourning.

The city remained on edge after Monday's attacks, which shocked a country that had grown accustomed to such violence being confined to a restive southern corner — and marked the return of terrorism to the everyday lives of Muscovites after a six-year break.

Many have speculated that the blasts, blamed on North Caucasus rebels, were retaliation for the recent killing of separatist leaders in the region by Russian police.

"I feel the tension on the metro, nobody's smiling or laughing," said university student Alina Tsaritova, not far from the Lubyanka station, one of the targets.

The preliminary investigation found that female suicide bombers detonated belts of explosives during the Monday morning rush-hour at the sta-

tions.

NASA to help probe sudden acceleration in Toyotas, other cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA and the National Academy of Sciences are joining the government's effort to figure out what caused the sudden acceleration problems that led to Toyota's massive recalls.

NASA scientists with expertise in electronics will help the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study potential electronic ties to unintended acceleration in Toyotas. NASA's knowledge of electronics, computer hardware and software and hazard analysis will ensure a comprehensive review, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Monday.

In a separate study, the National Academy of Sciences will examine unwanted acceleration and electronic vehicle controls in cars from around the auto industry, LaHood said.

The National Academy is an independent organization chartered by Congress.

The academy study, expected to take 15 months, will review acceleration problems and recommend how the government can ensure the safety of vehicle electronic control systems.

"We believe their outside expertise, fresh eyes and fresh research perhaps can tell us if electronics have played a role in these accelerations," LaHood said.

Afghanistan, Mideast on menu for French leader's talks with Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — France's President Nicolas Sarkozy leaves behind a romantic sojourn in New York for an encounter he's long been waiting for: talks Tuesday with President Barack Obama in the White House.

The meeting may boil down to one question: Will Obama persuade Sarkozy to buck popular resistance and send more troops to Afghanistan?

Fortifying the international force in Afghanistan is a fresh concern for Obama after his first presidential trip to Kabul.

And a key aim of Sarkozy's trip to Washington is to show that France is a firm U.S. ally in fighting terrorism, from central Asia to North Africa and beyond.

"We will remain by your side in Afghanistan," Sarkozy said in a speech at Columbia University on Monday. "In the face of terrorism, we cannot be divided."

In his no-holds-barred speech, Sarkozy criticized the U.S. health care system and scolded the U.S. for not listening closely enough to what the rest of the world has to say.

No communication from 153 workers trapped in flooded mine

XIANGNING, China (AP) — Anxious relatives of 153 workers trapped in a flooded mine in northern China milled helplessly above ground Tuesday, demanding action and answers as rescue efforts stretched into the third day with no communication from those stuck deep underground.

Some 1,000 rescue workers were rotating on shifts to try to drain enough water to reach the trapped miners, but the rescue effort could take days.

It was unclear if anyone was still alive in the shafts, some of which extended a half-mile (one kilometer) into the earth.

The accident could be one of the worst mining disasters in recent years if rescue efforts fail and would set back marked improvements in mining safety.

Heavy rain forecast to bring more flooding to storm-weary East Coast

BOSTON (AP) — A second major storm in less than a month continued to drench the East Coast as meteorologists predicted "very dangerous" flooding Tuesday in the Northeast and the wettest March on record in some places.

The National Weather Service called on commuters to be prepared to travel alternate routes in case of washed-out roads and posted flood warnings

and advisories from Maine to the Carolinas, with as much as 5 to 7 inches of rain expected over the coming days.

The storm hits as the Northeast works to recover from a storm March 13-15 that dropped as much as much as 10 inches of rain, causing several rivers to rise and flooding basements throughout the region.

Wamed Mansour of Paterson, N.J., was scrambling Monday to move new computers, phone consoles and fax machines in his office to higher ground — about \$10,000 worth of equipment he bought last week to replace what was destroyed earlier this month when his auto parts business flooded with 7 feet of water from the Passaic River.

S. Korea president orders military on alert after navy ship sinks

BAENGYEONG ISLAND, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's president ordered the military on alert Tuesday for any moves by rival North Korea after the defense minister said last week's explosion that sank a South Korean ship may have been caused by a North Korean mine.

The blast ripped the 1,200-ton ship apart last Friday night during a routine patrol near Baengnyeong Island near the tense maritime border west of the divided Korean peninsula.

Fifty-eight crew members, including the captain, were plucked to safety; 46 are missing, with dim prospects for their survival.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Hidden-Trick Trick

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 4 2
♥ J 9 7
♦ J 10 8 5
♣ 6 3 2
WEST
♠ Q J 5
♥ 4
♦ A K Q 7 3
♣ K 10 7 5
EAST
♠ K 10 8 6 3
♥ 6 2
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 9 8
SOUTH
♠ A 7
♥ A K Q 10 8 5 3
♦ 9
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Pass Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
Assume you are declarer at four hearts. West leads the king of diamonds and shifts to the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?
Because East passed his partner's opening bid and appears to have the king of spades, it is highly unlikely that a club finesse will succeed. This leaves you with four apparent losers — a diamond, a spade and two clubs.
The answer lies in recognizing the full value of the few meager assets partner has contributed to your

cause. The dummy doesn't look very impressive, but with proper care and feeding, it will provide you with just what is needed to bring in the contract.

Accordingly, you take the ace of spades at trick two, lead the three of hearts to dummy's seven and play the jack of diamonds. But instead of trumping it, you discard the seven of spades.

West wins with the queen and returns a spade, which you ruff. You then lead the eight of hearts to dummy's nine and return the ten of diamonds, this time discarding a club as West wins the trick with the ace.

West can do no better than exit with another spade, which you carefully trump with the queen. The ten of hearts is then led to the jack, allowing you to discard the queen of clubs on dummy's eight of diamonds to land your game.

By making maximum use of dummy's three trump entries and the J-10-8-5 of diamonds, you thus manage to get rid of all three of your black-suit losers, giving West two diamond tricks you didn't have to lose in exchange. The end result is that you gain a trick in this three-for-two transaction. Oddly enough, the only tricks you lose are the A-K-Q of diamonds.

Tomorrow: Lose the battle, win the war.

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RYAN

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channels.

His belt doesn't go through all the loops.

His receiver is off the hook.

He's not wired to code.

His skylight leaks a little.

Her slinky's kinked.

With him, there's too much yardage between the goal posts.

He's got a full 6-pack, but lacks

the plastic thingy to hold them

together.

She's got a photographic memory, but the lens cover is on.

His film is under developed.

His gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.

She's so dense, light bends around her.

If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate.

If you put his brains in a bumble bee he'd fly backwards.

Standing close to her, you can hear the ocean.

Some folks drink from the fountain of knowledge, but he just gargled.

He's studying to be a wit and he's half way there.

Now I guess if I selected a favorite, I would have to say that if his brains were dynamite he couldn't blow his nose.

And to bring this to conclusion, let me tell you about the Aggie who won a gold medal at the Olympics. He was so proud of that gold medal that he had it bronzed! This may be the same Aggie that got stuck on the escalator!

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Steers take first place at San Angelo Relays

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring captured first at the San Angelo Relays this weekend, beating out Killeen by four points with a 101 total in Division II.

“We finally got everybody back,” coach Mitch Woodard said. “They ran hard and competed well.”

It was the relay teams that got it done for Big Spring as it won the 4x100 and the 4x200 with a second over Granbury. The Steers took second in the 4x400.

The Steers’ 4x100 team of Mike Menefield, Devonte Lloyd, Terrell Demerson and Monte Anderson beat

out Granbury’s team by .06 seconds as Anderson ran away at the anchor spot for a total time of 44.11.

The Steers’ 4x200 team of Menefield, Lloyd, Dennis Merworth and Demerson went down to the wire as Big Spring ran a 1:31.44, edging the Pirates by .07 seconds for first place.

In the 4x400, Big Spring’s team of Robert Baraza, Daniel Segundo, Merworth and Bobby Bayes took second place, coming up two seconds short with a 3:31.17.

Mike Menefield took first in the triple jump with a 47-foot leap, finishing more than three feet ahead of the next competitor. Menefield also took

third in the 200-yard dash.

Seth Pearson captured second in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing with a personal-best 41.71. Segundo raced to a second-place finish in the 800-meter, coming in just over two minutes with a time of 2:01.45.

The Steers are getting ready for the Steer Relays on Friday in Big Spring.

“We hope to do a little better at our home spot, but it’s going to be tough,” Woodard said. “There are a lot of 5A schools and Freshship, and they have a lot of depth.”

The meet gets under way at 2:30 p.m. at Blankenship Field.



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Pictured March 13, Monte Anderson anchored the 4x100 relay Saturday.

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HERALD FILE PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Howard shortstop Kati Smith scoops up a ground ball in a game March 12 at Foundation Field. Smith hit a solo home run and a two-RBI double as the Hawks beat Lubbock Christian’s JV twice Monday.

Hawk softball takes two from LCU

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

Monday’s doubleheader was just what the Howard Hawks needed to get back on track.

After dropping four to WJCAC foe Midland, the Hawks bounced back with two nonconference wins over Lubbock Christian’s junior varsity, 8-2 and 11-4, at Foundation Field.

After a weekend in which the Hawks scored eight runs in four games, Howard (16-15, 2-6) used its speed to get on base and some power to drive runs in.

“These games helped us get some confidence

back and get us going again,” head coach Kelly Raines said. “The lefty slappers did what they needed to do to get on base, and we expect our girls to get on any way they can. This really helped us get our bats going again.”

Alexis Beltran picked up the win in both games, tossing four innings in the first game and the last two in the nightcap.

Beltran also belted a three-run home run in the first game to power the Hawks to the early lead, part of a five-run first frame. Cheyene Crum added a two-RBI single as well, and the

Hawks never looked back as they ended a four-game skid with the 8-2 victory.

Beltran allowed just four hits in four shutout innings, striking out two. Rachelle Vasquez came on in relief, allowing two runs and five hits in three innings. She struck out one.

A seven-run sixth inning gave Howard a comeback victory in the second game as the Hawks rallied from one down going into the bottom half.

Cheyene Crum led things off with a single, followed by back-to-back bunt singles from Jennifer Ringle

and Olivia Hires. Kati Smith, who also hit a solo home run in the game, knocked in Ringle and Crum with a double, and Kelly Doughty followed with a bunt base hit that scored Ringle. Lana Dominguez added a two-RBI double, and Ringle cleared the bases with a three-run double to round out the scoring. The Hawks sent 12 batters to the plate in the inning.

Michelle Plum went five innings, giving up four runs, three of which were earned, on four hits. She struck out three and walked two.

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Area girls hoopsters earn academic all-state

Herald Staff Report

Six area seniors were named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State list released Monday.

The list was made up of seniors who averaged a grade of 94 or above for grades 9-11 and were team members in good standing.

From Garden City, Kate Halfmann, Paige Niehues and Adriana Ramirez all earned academic honors.

Halfmann was named to the all-district team and Niehues was the

district’s Defensive MVP. The Lady Bearkats finished 27-2 and 10-0 as district 10, Division II champions.

In Stanton, Kesley Jones and Tiffani Saucedo made the list.

Kesley Jones was named 7-A, Division I’s Offensive MVP, and Saucedo was a first team all-district selection for the district co-champion Lady Buffs, who finished with a record of 24-7 and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

From Lenorah Grady, Maegan Blocker earned the honor.

HC Rodeo takes third

BY CINDY SMITH
Special to the Herald

BIG SPRING — J.W. Townsend partnered with former Hawk Clay Norell of Tarleton State University to lead the Hawk men’s rodeo team to a third place overall finish at the Odessa College rodeo Thursday through Saturday.

Townsend and company stopped the clock at 6.4 and 7.5 seconds to win second in both rounds and the average of the team roping.

Townsend was not the only Hawk in final round action as fellow team ropers Josh Siggins and Payton Norell were

also in action. Siggins paired up with Seth Hall of Odessa College to make runs of 6.5 and 11.0 for a fourth-place finish in the average.

Norell and partner Stewart Kinley of New Mexico Junior College set the mark of 6.3 to win the first round. However, the duo had to settle for sixth in the short round and average.

“This was a great weekend for our team ropers,” said Hawk rodeo coach Greg Kernick. “Josh should be sitting in first place in the heading and J.W.”

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Baylor’s Fab Freshmen lead Lady Bears to Final Four appearance

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Baylor’s Jordan Madden missed a layup and her teammates Kimetria Hayden and Shanay Washington couldn’t reel the rebound in.

Down by five points with 2:42 left, coach Kim Mulkey could see the Lady Bears’ chances at the Final Four slipping away. She gave the freshmen a piece of her mind, hoping they would remember their mistake for seasons to come.

“You remember that offensive rebound because it might’ve just costs

you the game. You’re freshmen. You better never forget it,” she told them. “Dang if (Hayden) doesn’t come back and make the play of the game under the basket pressing.”

“It’s what you get with freshmen. You get the good and you get the bad.”

Mulkey also gets a chance to see her second Final Four thanks to her freshmen.

Phenom Brittney Griner caught a pass, spun around and hit a short jumper with 45 seconds left to propel fourth-seeded Baylor to a 51-48 win over No. 2 seed Duke on Monday night

for its second trip ever to the Final Four.

“It’s almost surreal how we won that game,” Mulkey said.

The Lady Bears will face either overall No. 1 seed Connecticut, who is as experienced as Baylor is young, or Florida State. Mulkey led the Lady Bears to the national championship in 2005 in their only other appearance in Final Four.

After the Lady Bears trailed most of the second half, Hayden helped swing the momentum by stealing an inbounds pass by Joy Cheek, dishing it to Melissa Jones for a layup with

2:10 left that pulled the Lady Bears within one. Jones, who finished with 10 points, also hit a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left, forcing Duke (30-6) to scramble.

The Blue Devils led by as many as 10 and held a 46-38 advantage with 4:59 left before a pair of free throws by Hayden launched a 13-2 run for the Lady Bears (27-9) and Duke began to scramble.

Krystal Thomas spent 26 minutes guarding Griner in the paint before fouling out with 2:17 left. That cleared

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Sports in brief

Softball, baseball action today
Pick up Wednesday’s *Herald* for results

- *Big Spring baseball at SA Lake View, 4:30 p.m.
- *Big Spring softball at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m.
- Forsan baseball at Hamlin, 5 p.m.
- *Forsan softball at Eden, 4 p.m.
- *Coahoma baseball vs. Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
- *Coahoma softball vs. Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
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Big Spring starts Pony League signups

Big Spring Little League will be having Pony League signups for 13-15-year-olds at Gartman Refrigeration. Signups will be held weekdays until April 2. Bring a birth certificate.

Signups will also be held at the Big Spring Mall April 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to a rule change, 15-year-olds can pitch this year. Contact Bryan Kilgora at 816-2582 for more information.

Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

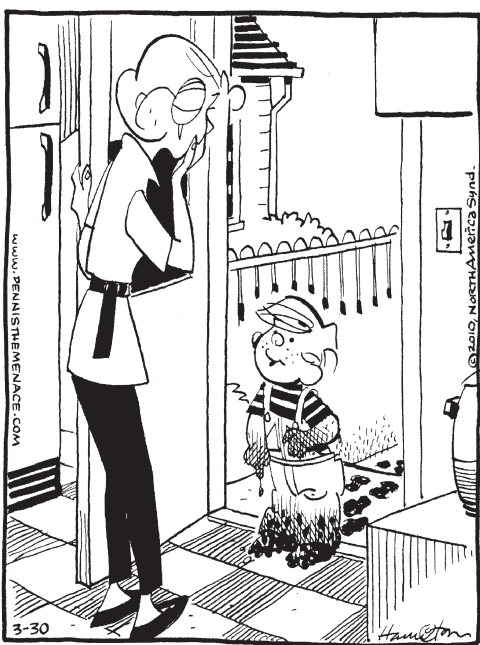
The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

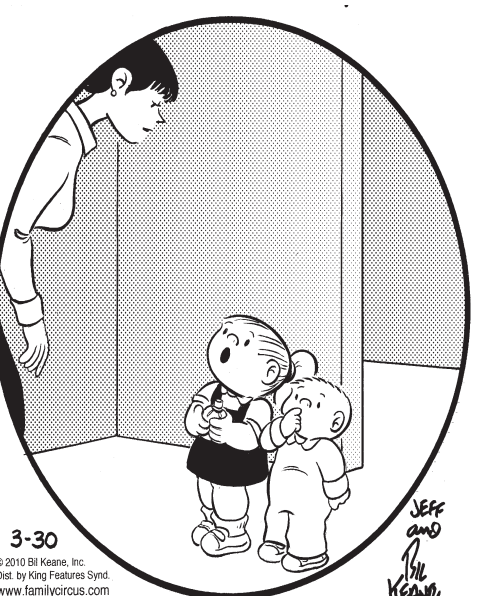
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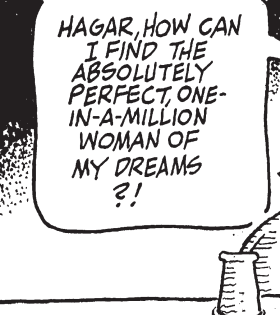
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"Is PJ's nose old enough to like perfume yet?"

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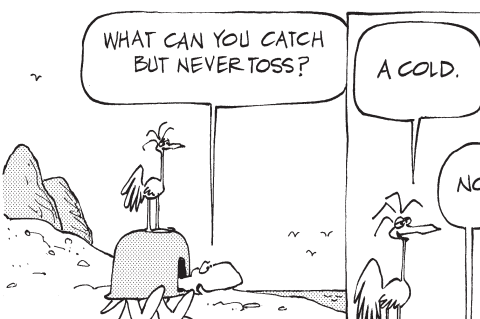
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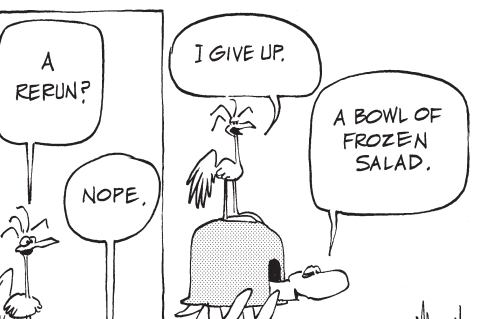
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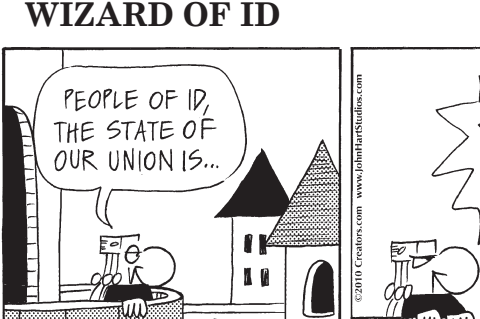
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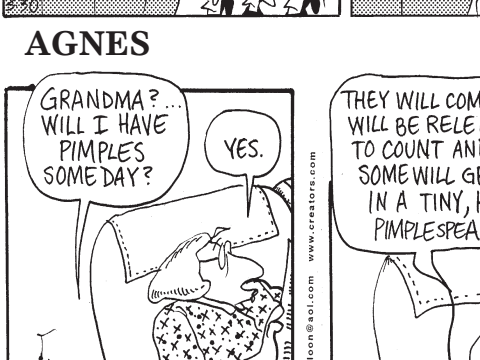
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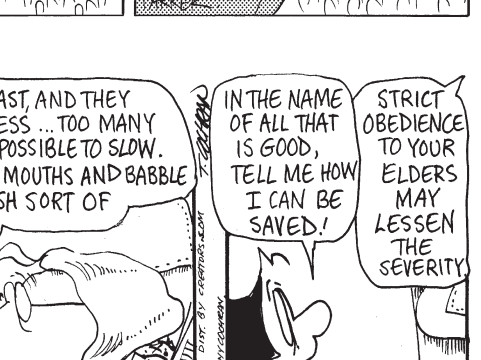
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 30, the 89th day of 2010. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1909, the Queensboro Bridge, linking the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, opened.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1959, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Bartkus v. Illinois*, ruled that a conviction in state court following an

ailing auto giant.

Today's Birthdays: Game show host Peter Marshall is 84. Actor Richard Dysart is 81. Actor John Astin is 80. Entertainer Rolf Harris (song: "Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport") is 80. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 73. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 69. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 65. Actor Justin Deas (TV: "Guiding Light") is 62. Actor Robbie Coltrane is 60. Actor Paul Reiser is 53. Rap artist MC Hammer is 47. Singer Tracy Chapman is 46. Actor Ian Ziering is 46. Singer Celine Dion is 42. Actor Mark Consuelos is 39. Singer Norah Jones is 31. Country singer Justin Moore is 26.

acquired in federal court for the same crime did not violate the Constitution's protection against double jeopardy.

In 1979, Airey Neave, a leading member of the British parliament, was killed in London by a bomb planted in his car by the Irish National Liberation Army.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr.

In 2002, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

One year ago: President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry, rejecting turnaround plans from General Motors and Chrysler and raising the prospect of controlled bankruptcy for either

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

CARNIVAL QUARTET by Gail Grabowski

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS
 - 1 Hamster's home
 - 5 "It's ___ cause!"
 - 10 Gateway ___ (St. Louis landmark)
 - 14 "Too bad!"
 - 15 Break off
 - 16 Forest ranger's worry
 - 17 Frolic
 - 18 Teacher's request
 - 19 Model-airplane adhesive
 - 20 Driving-range prop
 - 21 Carnival ride
 - 23 High-fiber cereal
 - 25 Wedding reception tributes
 - 26 Sum total
 - 28 Stylist's shop
 - 30 Plays a trick on
 - 31 Used oars
 - 32 "La la" preceder
 - 35 Start a poker pot
 - 36 Numero ___
 - 37 Cat's cry
 - 38 Cheering word
 - 39 Bicycle part
 - 41 Soup-serving utensil
 - 42 Solitary sort
 - 43 Made a surprise attack on
 - 44 Slow-moving mollusks
 - 47 Whirling water
 - 48 Carnival confection
 - 52 Crunchy sandwich, for short
 - 55 Very much
 - 56 Brass or pewter
 - 57 Boyfriend
 - 58 Checkout-counter backup
 - 59 Salary increase
 - 60 Has a 52 Across
 - 61 Moose relative
 - 62 Finished
 - 63 Arduous journey
 - DOWN
 - 1 Golf-course vehicle
 - 2 Moisturizer ingredient
 - 3 Carnival kiosk
 - 4 Sixth-sense letters
 - 5 Agreement
 - 6 Impolite look
 - 7 Done with
 - 8 Prefix for circle
 - 9 Railroad-bridge support
 - 10 Knitted blanket
 - 11 Makes angry
 - 12 Salad-oil holder
 - 13 Shoe parts
 - 21 Sports lovers
 - 22 Carpentry material
 - 24 Regulation
 - 26 At a distance
 - 27 ___ Lisa (da Vinci work)
 - 28 Salvage-ship equipment
 - 29 Military no-show: Abbr.
 - 31 Not respectful
 - 32 Carnival prize
 - 33 Actor's part
 - 34 Really impressed
 - 37 Hotel employee
 - 39 Sport on horseback
 - 40 Catch in a trap
 - 41 Gentleman's date
 - 42 Roadside rubbish
 - 43 Colored anew
 - 44 Bring almost to a boil
 - 45 "That's the truth!"
 - 46 Make amends
 - 49 Scottish family
 - 50 "Put ___ on it!"
 - 51 Snoo (around)
 - 53 Tardy
 - 54 Elephant's big tooth
 - 57 Wager

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HAWKS

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Beltran got the win in two innings of relief, allowing one unearned run and two hits.

The Hawks stay at home this weekend as they take on El Paso in a four-game set Friday and Saturday.

"They're big conference games, and we

need to take all four this weekend," Raines said. "Everybody is right in there except Midland, who's ahead of everybody."

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Beltran, Vasquez and McCarvel. W- Beltran

Game 2
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HC 001 208 0 -- 11 16 3
Plum, Beltran and Imken. W- Beltran. L- Gutierrez.

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BAYLOR

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the way for Griner, who hit the game-winning shot over Cheek's extended arm.

"When Krystal Thomas was fouled out, that's the game. That's the story.

That's it," Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie said. "If you take our best 6-4 player out of the game for the last 3 minutes, it changes the game enormously. And they took advantage."

Two 3-point attempts by Cheek in the last 17 seconds bounced off the

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Els wins at Bay Hill; 1st in 2 years

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ernie Els went two years without a PGA Tour victory. Now he's won two in a row. Els survived a few nervous moments by making two clutch par putts, closing with a 1-under 71 for an 11-under 277 total to win the rain-delayed Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill.

Coming off a four-shot victory in the World Golf Championship at Doral two weeks ago, Els won for the 18th time in his PGA Tour career and made it consecutive wins for the first time since 2003.

Towles wins job as Astros catcher

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — J.R. Towles has won the competition to be the Astros' everyday catch-

er and prospect Jason Castro has been reassigned to minor league camp.

Infielder Edwin Maysonet and reliever Wilton Lopez also were optioned to minor league camp Tuesday. The Astros must make four cuts by Sunday.

Hamlin takes flag at Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Denny Hamlin surged to the front after

a blunder and won the rain-delayed NASCAR race at Martinsville Speedway in a wild finish.

The victory was Hamlin's second straight here on the shortest, oldest track in the Sprint Cup Series.

Hamlin gave up the lead with less than 10 laps left when he headed to pit road for tires. He then rallied from ninth place to the lead in a span of just four laps.

rim as the Blue Devils missed their last nine shots and a chance at their first Final Four since 2006.

Griner just missed her third triple-double of the season, finishing with 15 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocks.

Both teams struggled

early. Duke missed its first 10 shots from the floor, but Baylor only held a 7-1 lead 5½ minutes into the game.

The game was every bit the defensive battle that was expected, with Baylor shooting 27.6 percent and Duke 24.2 percent in the first half. The

Lady Bears have held each of their opponents in the NCAA tournament to under 35 percent shooting.

Griner, who blocked 14 shots in the second round against Georgetown to set an NCAA tournament single-game record, has 35 through four tourna-

ment games. That broke the previous record of 30 by Duke's Alison Bales in 2006.

"When you have somebody in the paint with shot-blocking ability like that, it can make it difficult for you to take the shots you want to take," Cheek said.

RODEO

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second in the heeling," Kernick said. "Payton is probably fourth in the heading."

The Hawk team ropers were not alone in their success as the Hawks qualified three individuals to the short round of the steer wrestling.

Ryan Viva won second in the first round with an 8.0 second run. Jason Schaffer claimed the last slot in the short round with a 13.1.

Colton Kreider posted an 11.2 in the long round and a 21.6 in the short round to finish fourth in the average.

"The steers were a little less than desirable this week in the steer wrestling, and any points we could get were near a miracle," said Kernick.

Shane Esco was the only Hawk in the short round of the rough stock. Esco made a qualified ride in bull riding, marking a 67 on his first animal. There were no qualified rides in the short round.

The Hawks will be traveling to Snyder this week for the Western Texas College Rodeo at the Scurry County Coliseum Thursday through Saturday.

The Howard College Rodeo is slated for April 15-17 at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring.

For more on the HC Hawk Rodeo Team and updated schedule and results, visit www.hchawk.com.

Howard College contact is Cindy Smith; (432) 264-5034 or csmith@howardcollege.edu.

TRACK

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Results
Division II Team — 1. Big Spring, 101; 2. Killeen, 97; 3. Granbury, 94; 4. Lampasas, 81; 5. Frenship, 70; 6. Hereford, 57; 7. Plainview, 44; 8. Marble Falls, 41; 9. Lake View, 35.

Triple Jump — 1. Menefield, Mike, Big Spring, 47-00.75. 2. Kittley, Zack, Frenship, 43-10.75. 3. Smith, Jonathan, Lake View, 42-08.

Shot Put — 1. Brewer, Mitch, Frenship, 52-00.75. 2. Lemon, Cyril, Marble Falls, 50-01.50. 3. DuBose, Brode,

Lampasas, 47-07.75.

High Jump — 1. Brown, John, Lake View, 6-03. 2. Kittley, Zack, Frenship, 6-02. 3. Martinez, Ryan, Hereford, 5-08. 3. Pelzer, Ricky, Killeen, 5-08. 3. Gober, Keiondre, Frenship, 5-08.

Pole Vault — 1. Kehoe, Marcus, Lampasas, 12-06. 2. Finn, John, Granbury, 12-00. 2. Downey, Dominic, Marble Falls, 12-00.

3200 Meter Run — 1. Castro, Aaron, Hereford, 10:16.73. 2. Duque, Juan, Hereford, 10:24.81. 3. Guerrero, Anjel, Marble Falls, 10:32.21.

800 Meter Run — 1. Anderson-Kaapa, DreVan, Killeen, 1:58.88. 2. Segundo, Daniel,

Big Spring, 2:01.45. 3. Sanchez, Robert, Lake View, 2:05.69.

1600 Meter Run — 1. Anderson-Kaapa, DreVan, Killeen, 4:37.84. 2. Castro, Aaron, Hereford, 4:40.47. 3. Christensen, James, Lake View, 4:45.86.

110 Meter Hurdles — 1. Reyna, Aaron, Lampasas, 15:55. 2. Wallace, Joe, Granbury, 15:87. 3. Nelson, Willie, Marble Falls, 16:17.

300 Meter Hurdles — 1. Reyna, Aaron, Lampasas, 40:92. 2. Pearson, Seth, Big Spring, 41:71. 3. Nelson, Willie, Marble Falls, 42:03.

100 Meter Dash — 1. Aven, Chance, Plainview, 10:97. 2. Haskins, Jaquail, Killeen, 11:00. 3. Yosten, Chase, Hereford, 11:24.

200 Meter Dash — 1. Davis, Brandon, Granbury, 23:06. 2. Yosten, Chase, Hereford, 23:30. 3. Menefield, Mike, Big Spring, 23:37.

400 Meter Dash — 1. Richardson, Chris, Granbury, 53:75. 2. Gould, Shaquille, Killeen, 54:52. 3. Kittley, Zack, Frenship, 54:80.

4x100 Meter Relay — 1. Big Spring, 44:11. 2. Granbury, 44:17. 3. Plainview, 44:28.

4x400 Meter Relay — 1. Granbury, 3:29.80. 2. Big Spring, 3:31.17. 3. Wolfforth Frenship, 3:35.92.

4x200 Meter Relay — 1. Big Spring, 1:31.44. 2. Granbury, 1:31.51. 3. Killeen, 1:32.13.

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