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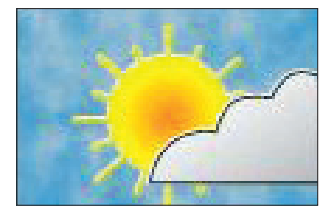
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Courtesy photo
 Coahoma residents gather Sunday evening for a vigil to pray for the safe return of Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn, who has been missing since Dec. 27.

Dunn in hiding?

Unconfirmed reports indicate investigators may believe she is

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 COLORADO CITY — A pair of witnesses identified by investigators Monday morning have apparently led officials with the Texas Department of Public Safety to believe a 13-year-old Colorado City teenager is alive and in hiding, according to unconfirmed reports.
 Hailey Darlene Dunn, an eighth grade
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Term limits crops up for city tonight

□ Second reading set for 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.
By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Proposed term limits for city council members and

mayors tops the agenda for today's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as the council looks to give final approval for a May election on the issue.
 If adopted by Big Spring voters, the change would limit council members and

mayors to no more than two three-year terms — or six years in office — before being required to sit out one three-year term to be eligible to run again.
 First reading of the ballot language squeaked by the council on a 4-3 vote in Decem-

ber. The issue was brought before the council shortly after newly elected Mayor Tommy Duncan was seated. The motion to approve first reading of the ballot language that is expected to be used during municipal elections in May was made by Council-

man Craig Olson — also newly elected — with the second coming from Duncan.
 Council members Manuel Ramirez Jr. (District 2), Joann Staulcup (District 3) and Gloria McDonald
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Community gearing for day at Capitol

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 Designed to increase awareness of the Crossroads area in the state legislature every two years, local residents and officials will once again converge on the state capitol for Howard County Day at the Capitol Wednesday, Feb. 9.
 According to Terry Weg-

man, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, there are a full slate of activities planned for the day-long event.
 "For those who are planning to take advantage of the bus we have chartered, we'll be leaving from the east parking lot at Howard College's Doro-

thy Garrett Coliseum at 4:30 a.m.," said Wegman. "It's \$40 to take the bus, and that includes transportation to and from the Capitol and a box lunch while we're there.
 "Food and drinks on the bus will be the respon-

sibility of those traveling, and on the way back we'll be stopping off at Cooper's Barbecue, which will be Dutch treat. We expect to arrive back at Howard College at approximately 11 p.m."
 Wegman said the time at the Capitol will be well spent, featuring a number of events to help highlight Big Spring

and Howard County.
 "They will read the resolution on the floor of the House and Senate proclaiming Feb. 9 Howard County Day in Austin," said Wegman. "We'll have a box lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, as well as have a Coke and Blue
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Wegman



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
 Howard County commissioners discuss lighting needs at the County Library during Monday morning's meeting. The court agreed to have newly elected Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Baker and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long look at the problem and make a recommendation to the court at a later date.

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Obituaries

Bob Miears



Bob Miears, 67, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Dean Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 11, 1943, in Big Spring. Bob was a 1963 graduate of Big Spring High School. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving with the 1st Infantry Division. While serving in Vietnam, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal. He worked as a maintenance supervisor at the Big Spring State Hospital for 20 years, retiring in 2006.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Cori Miears of San Angelo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Doug Tounget of Bronte and Terri and Michael Yanez of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Bonnie Miears of Big Spring; his special friend, Marion Slavens of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Madison Miears, Logan Miears, Payton Miears, Chelsea Cook, Cambri Kelso, Carson Kelso, Brandon Ferguson and Christopher Ferguson; and one great-granddaughter, Isabella Ferguson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, D.J. and Effie Miears.

Pallbearers will be Buddy Conners, Fernando Rodriguez, Renald Matteson, Jim Leonard, Jim Cook and Preston Daylong. Honorary pallbearers will be Ellis Smith, Rosendo Garcia, St. John Garcia, Royce Miller and Grace Tolison.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Becky and the staff at Home Hospice for the gentle and loving care given to Bob.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or to a military organization of choice.

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

Deborah De Ax

Deborah De Ax, 56, of Big Spring, died Saturday. Her services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Luis Vasquez

Luis Vasquez, 44, of Big Spring, died Monday. His services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-22-27-28. Bonus Ball: 20.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-14-16-28.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,368.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-3-9-4. Sum It Up: 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-7. Sum It Up: 19.

Correction

An article in Monday's edition of the Herald stated that 10 percent of the proceeds from the Jan. 29 Ninth Annual Children-In-Need Chili Cook-off, hosted by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 and benefiting West Texas Centers Children-In-Need fund would go to the fund. In fact, 100 percent of the proceeds will go toward the Children-In-Need fund.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity late Monday and early Tuesday:

- LORI DANIELLE BAKER, 18, Midland, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KRISTOPHER ALLEN WATSON, 20, Midland, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- WILLAM O'BRIEN SAULS, 21, Midland, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CHRISTOPHER JACOB HAMILTON, 18, Midland, was arrested on a charge of harboring a runaway child.
- ERNEST LEE PAUL, 41, 2400 S. Monticello, was arrested on three warrants from other agencies.
- DNISE DEANDA, 38, 1703 W. Third, was arrested on a warrant for no driver's license.
- VALARIE ARMSTRONG, 47, 101 N. Cottonwood, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3400 block of E. 11th Place and the 800 block of Runnels.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Wood.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Monday (66 prisoners were reported the county jail):

- GABRIEL LANDIN, 39, was jailed on a fugitive warrant and an immigration detainer.
- DIANA ROXANNA CARMONA, 41, was jailed on a charge of forgery.
- ERNEST LEE PAUL, 41, was jailed on warrants charging no driver's license, expired registration and violating promise to appear.
- DENISE DEANDA, 38, was jailed on a charge of no driver's license.
- VALERIE ARMSTRONG, 47, was jailed on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- SABRINA VELENCIA MADRID, 26, was jailed on a motion to revoke probation for theft under \$500.

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Monday:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.E. Sixth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Fourth and Goliad streets. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3000 block of Dix. 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 1000 block of Kiowa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Lorrilla. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Clanton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood. Two persons were transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• Compass Hospice and Parkplace Retirement Center will be hosting free virtual dementia tours on Friday, Jan. 21. The tours are designed to help caregivers and others understand how individuals are affected by dementia. The 10-minute tours will be given from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A noon lunch and program will be provided for those who RSVP by calling 432-213-0431.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. Call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

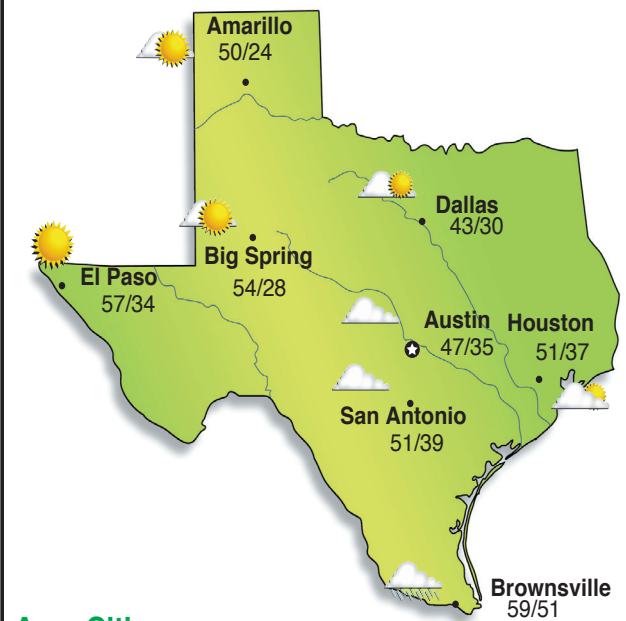
• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 1/13	Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16	Mon 1/17
54/28	60/35	63/38	65/28	62/33
A few clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 20s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM

Texas At A Glance



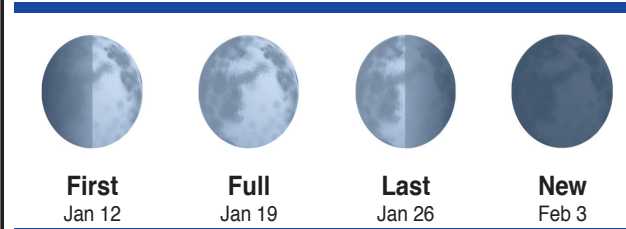
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	31	pt sunny	Kingsville	55	45	rain
Amarillo	50	24	mst sunny	Livingston	51	30	cloudy
Austin	47	35	cloudy	Longview	43	27	pt sunny
Beaumont	51	31	cloudy	Lubbock	51	23	pt sunny
Brownsville	59	51	rain	Lufkin	50	28	cloudy
Brownwood	50	32	pt sunny	Midland	52	29	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	53	46	rain	Raymondville	56	48	rain
Corsicana	43	30	pt sunny	Rosenberg	51	37	cloudy
Dallas	43	30	pt sunny	San Antonio	51	39	cloudy
Del Rio	52	33	pt sunny	San Marcos	48	35	cloudy
El Paso	57	34	sunny	Sulphur Springs	42	28	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	54	32	sunny	Sweetwater	51	30	pt sunny
Gainesville	42	25	pt sunny	Tyler	42	26	pt sunny
Greenville	41	25	pt sunny	Weatherford	43	26	pt sunny
Houston	51	37	cloudy	Wichita Falls	46	27	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	31	13	sunny	Minneapolis	19	11	sn shower
Boston	31	17	sn shower	New York	28	17	pt sunny
Chicago	22	13	pt sunny	Phoenix	68	45	sunny
Dallas	43	30	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	53	rain
Denver	54	33	pt sunny	Seattle	50	48	rain
Houston	51	37	cloudy	St. Louis	25	19	cloudy
Los Angeles	71	51	mst sunny	Washington, DC	32	22	mst sunny
Miami	66	48	cloudy				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 1/13	Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16	Mon 1/17
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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DUNN

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student at Colorado Middle School, was last seen walking from her home in northern Colorado City to a friend's house about 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, according to reports issued by Interim Colorado City Police Chief John Bivins.

Since Dunn's disappearance gained national attention, searches have been conducted all over Colorado City, as well as the area between it and Dunn, which is located north of Colorado City. According to investigators involved with the case, at least nine agencies — including the FBI and Secret Service — totaling more than 30 law enforcement officers, are currently working on the investigation.

In a report from the *Abilene Reporter News* Monday, DPS Senior Trooper Sparky Dean and Colorado City manager Pete Kampfer met with students at Colorado Middle School during the morning hours. The pair questioned students on Dunn's disappearance, as well as a new lead the teen had been spotted with two other teens in the 200 block of Manuel Street on either Dec. 26 or Dec. 27, possibly moments before she vanished.

The newspaper reported the pair cancelled a meeting with high school students at the same school district shortly after the interviews. Instead, Dean, Kampfer and Texas Ranger Scott Stevenson met with seventh and eighth grade students.

Dean reportedly told the students he was confident Dunn was alive but in hiding. However, investigators have not yet released a public statement verifying that.

Investigators have remained tight-lipped concerning the details of the case, refusing to comment on recent developments.

However, the lack of reliable information from law enforcement officials has done little to quell the growing storm of rumors that continue to sweep through this small West Texas town.



Hailey Dunn

Billie Dunn, mother of the missing girl, told television personality Nancy Grace Thursday night that both she and her live-in boyfriend Shawn Adkins had been administered polygraph tests by law enforcement officials. Dunn said on national television both she and Adkins had failed the polygraphs, alluding that it may have been due to use of anxiety medication.

However, Dean later told KTXS TV News Friday that no one has been told whether they have passed or failed a polygraph test.

There have also been conflicting reports from family members regarding who has taken a polygraph test as part of the investigation.

Adkins, who lived with Billie Dunn, Hailey and Billie's 16-year-old son at the time of the girl's disappearance, told investigators Hailey told him she was going to stop by her father's house and was then planning to spend the night with a friend, adding he didn't believe Hailey had run away.

Anyone with information concerning the girl's whereabouts or circumstances concerning her disappearance are asked to call authorities at 325-728-5294 or 325-728-3161. A reward of \$25,000 is now being offered for information in the case.

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World briefs

Nation gets first look at shooting suspect, Tucson prepares to host memorials for 6 victims

PHOENIX (AP) — When Jared Loughner walked into the courtroom, everything fell silent.

Law clerks, courtroom artists and reporters alike turned from the wooden benches to look at the vacant-eyed 22-year-old accused of trying to assassinate U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killing a federal judge in a weekend shooting in southern Arizona that left five others dead.

Wearing a beige prison jumpsuit and handcuffs and sporting a pink gash on the hairline of his shaved head, Loughner on Monday afternoon spoke just a brief reply when the judge asked if he understood that he could get life in prison — or the death penalty — for killing federal Judge John Roll.

“Yes,” he said. Loughner was being held without bail. Meanwhile, residents of Tucson prepared for memorial services Tuesday for the six who died in the shooting.

Rescuers search for dozens missing in Australia's deadly floods; major city hit

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Military helicopters searched Tuesday for scores of people missing after a tsunami-like wall of water ripped through an Australian valley, tossing cars like toys in the deadliest episode of a weekslong flood crisis.

At least 10 people were killed and 78 still unaccounted for almost 24 hours after the flash flood hurled untold millions of gallons of water down Queensland state's Lockyer Valley on Monday, state Premier Anna Bligh said. Authorities had grave fears for at least 18 of the missing, she said.

The valley funneled rain from a freak

storm — forecasters estimated up to 6 inches (150 millimeters) fell in half an hour near Toowoomba city — into a stream that formed a path of destruction, lifting houses from foundations.

The torrent slowed and spread out as it moved downstream toward the state capital of Brisbane, Australia's third-largest city with some 2 million people.

The Brisbane River overflowed its banks Tuesday and officials warned that thousands of houses in dozens of low-lying neighborhoods and parts of downtown could be inundated by Thursday. Residents queued for up to four hours outside emergency services depots on Tuesday to get sandbags to try to protect their homes, and shoppers stocked up on bottled water, milk and fuel. Residents in at least three suburbs were asked to prepare their homes, then go and stay with friends or family on higher ground.

Researchers find oldest known winery in cave in Armenian mountains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The earliest known winery has been uncovered in a cave in the mountains of Armenia.

A vat to press the grapes, fermentation jars and even a cup and drinking bowl dating to about 6,000 years ago were discovered in the cave complex by an international team of researchers.

While older evidence of wine drinking has been found, this is the earliest example of complete wine production, according to Gregory Areshian of the University of California, Los Angeles, co-director of the excavation.

The findings, announced Tuesday by the National Geographic Society, are published in the online edition of the *Journal of Archaeological Science*.

“The evidence argues convincingly for a wine-making facility,” said Patrick McGovern, scientific director of the Biomolecular Archaeology Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia.

CITY

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(District 4) voted against sending the matter to the voters, while Duncan, Olson, Terry Hansen and Councilwoman Stephanie Horton (District 1) voted to send it to an election

And while Duncan made his opinion supporting term limits clear after allowing each council member to speak, several spoke out strongly against the use of term limits.

“I oppose term limits at this level of government, but I'm in favor of letting the voters decide,” District 6 Councilman Hansen told the council prior to the vote. “I've spoken to several

people in my district, and all of them are not in favor of term limits.”

Staulcup also spoke against the limits, saying the voters in her district take the matter as an insult.

“They feel like this is an insult to the intelligence of the voters, saying they shouldn't be able to elect who they want to elect to represent them,” Staulcup told the council.

McDonald, who currently sits on the charter review committee charged with developing the ballot language, also opposed the measure.

“Everyone that I spoke to in my district, except for one, was firmly against term limits,” McDonald said. “And the instructions I re-

ceived from those voters was to vote against this resolution tonight, and that's exactly what I'm going to do.”

The term limits — as with any change to the municipal charter — must be approved by Big Spring voters before being put into effect. According to city officials, depending on tonight's final reading of the ballot language, the matter is expected to go to the polls during the May municipal elections.

While the council is moving forward strongly with ballot language for term limits, the same type of language for proposed initiatives and referendums is noticeably absent from tonight's agenda.

During the Dec. 14 meeting of the council,

Duncan encouraged the council members to research the uses and proposed limitations of initiatives and referendums in time for the meeting.

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, adding initiatives to the charter would allow the registered voters of the city to have the power to propose ordinances to the council and, if the council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, to adopt or reject it at a city election. Referendums would give voters the power to require reconsideration by the council of any adopted ordinance and, if the council fails to repeal an ordinance that has been reconsidered, to approve or reject it at

a city election.

However, the initiatives and referendums normally exclude matters dealing with the budget or capital program, or any ordinance relating to the appropriation of money, levy of taxes or salaries of city officers or employees.

Former Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear warned the city may be opening “a can of worms” by allowing initiatives and referendums to be added to the municipal charter, taking the power to make important decisions away from the council members elected to represent each district.

It's unclear at this time when — or if — the council will consider ballot language for initiatives and referen-

dums for the May election.

Tonight's meeting is expected to get underway at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information, call 264-2401.

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CAPITOL

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Bell Ice Cream reception, followed by a group photo on the Capitol steps.”

Teresa Darden, executive assistant with the EDC, said area residents planning to attend are asked to register ahead of time, whether they will be taking the bus or a private vehicle.

“We're asking everyone to register at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce,” said Wegman. “The deadline to pay for a bus ticket or to order a box lunch is Jan. 28. If you're not taking the bus but want to have

a box lunch waiting for you, it's \$10.”

Darden said residents planning to attend are being asked to follow a dress code while in the Capitol.

“We're asking everyone to wear a Big Spring shirt and khaki pants or skirt,” Darden said. “If you don't already have one of the new, black Big Spring shirts, you can order one. They are \$27 each, and the deadline to order a shirt in time for Howard County Day at the Capitol will be Wednesday.”

Darden said Howard County Day at the Capitol is an excellent way to catch the attention of lawmakers in the Lone Star State and let them

know Howard County residents are very interested in how state policy effects the Crossroads community.

“This is a great chance to see first-hand how the legislature works,” she said. “They make the laws that affect our lives, day after day. It's very important that we let them know we're interested in how the laws they make impact our lives.”

For more information

on Howard County Day at the Capitol, call Big Spring EDC at 264-6032 or the Big Spring Chamber at 263-7641.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Nominations due for Man, Woman of Year accolades

There's little time left. That's right, you only have a week left to make nominations for Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year.

So take a few minutes and think back on the past year and the things people here in Big Spring and Howard County have done.

There's no question that there have been plenty of special projects, volunteer opportunities and times when we've seen others do things that make this a better world for others. Some of us even have first-hand experience along those lines.

Sometimes such work is done in ways a great many of us don't know. Other times, the work of others is visible for all the world to see.

Here's your chance to maybe say a thank you because here's a chance to get the recognition these people deserve.

There are, of course, a couple of stipulations: Only a chamber member can nominate someone for the honors, and people who hold political office should not be nominated.

So if you have nominee in mind but aren't a chamber member, perhaps you consider becoming one, or at least approach a chamber member and seek their endorsement of the person or persons you'd like to honor.

But you have to act fast. The chamber will only accept nominations until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The two awards will be handed out at the chamber's annual banquet — set this year for Feb. 3 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The chamber office is located at 215 W. Third St. To request nomination forms, or for more information, call 263-7641.

Once the deadline is past, a group of former recipients will be asked to look over the list of nominees and choose a new Man and Woman of the Year.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we release any anger we might have toward others, Lord, and give difficult times to You to handle for us.

Amen

A man who had life beat

Hello, my friend.... Those three words, spoken in a Cuban accent that years of living in West Texas had not managed to wear away, always put a smile on my face.

They were spoken by Al Valdes, and if you never met Al, well, you have my pity, because you really missed out on a treat.

Al, a long-time Big Spring resident, died recently in Kingsville at the age of 83. If you read his obituary, you'll learn that he came to this country after his family immigrated from Cuba in the 1940s, that he played professional baseball for a number of years and that he served the community in a wide variety of ways.

I first met Al as a green reporter in the 1980s, covering the Big Spring Independent School District Board, and it was then that I first got the inkling that Al was a bit different (in a good way, of course) from most of us.

Many school board members — and I'm not saying this as a complaint — have a personal stake in serving, because their children are currently in school. Al's kids had long since graduated by the time I met him, yet he continued to serve on the board for several years.

When I asked him why, he said he did it to help the children (in that thick Cuban accent, it came out as "chirren") of the community. And, to Al, it was that simple — by his reckoning, Big Spring had given him a lot, so it was only fair he return the favor.

And it wasn't just the school district that benefited from Al's sense of obligation. The American Cancer Society, Lion's Club, Masonic Lodge, March of Dimes, United Way, First United Methodist Church, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the YMCA

— you name an organization in this town, and the odds are that Al leant a helping hand at one time or another.

That tells you a lot about what he did and why he did it, but doesn't quite explain who he was.

Who he was, in short, was one of the happiest persons I ever met in my life.

Eventually, a lot of us get beat down by life. Between work, money woes and assorted other major and minor emergencies that pop up along the way, we lose some or most of the joy that comes from just waking up in the morning and realizing we've been granted another day on Earth.

Then there's the fortunate few who apparently have life figured out. They not only get a kick out of each new day, but they manage to spread some of that joy to those around them.

Al was the unofficial Big Spring chapter president of those people. By some miracle, he figured out how to find joy in the mundane and happiness in the ordinary while not letting the bad things lay him low. It's like the old joke about the difference between an optimistic and pessimistic boy — give a pessimistic lad a horse, and he'll grouse about having to care for and feed the darned thing; but give an optimist a box of horse dung, and he'll squeal with joy because he's certain he just got a pony.

To say Al was an optimist is almost an understatement. In the 20-plus years that I knew the man, I never, ever caught him in a bad mood, I never heard him complain and he always greeted me with a smile and a cheerful, "Hello, my friend." It was as if Al had been waiting all day just to see me and could barely contain his happiness at the blessed event. And it never failed to put a smile on my face, either.

As a long-time observer of the human race, I cannot stress strongly enough what a great gift it is to make people happy.

Not everyone can do it — Lord knows I can't do it consistently — but Al had the gig down cold.

I think it all boils down to one basic fact: Al was a happy man. You can fake it for awhile, but sooner or later, your cover's going to get blown. But Al didn't have to fake it.

My favorite Al Valdes story goes something like this:

Several years ago, Al, an avid (not to be confused with good) golfer, was getting in his daily round at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Uncharacteristically, he was alone that day.

As he was nearing the end of his round, he came to one of the par-3 holes on the course, lined up his shot, took his swing and watched with a mixture of joy and horror as the ball went into the cup — joy because he had never hit a hole-in-one in his life, but horror because, as any golfer will tell you, if no one witnesses your hole-in-one, it might as well have never happened.

Just as Al was starting to curse his bad luck, he noticed a golf course maintenance man jumping up and down and screaming. The worker, who just happened to be passing by, had witnessed Al's feat.

To thank the man, Al took him to dinner, which sums up Al nicely but is not the point of this little story, which is:

I will go to my grave believing that God made sure that worker "just happened" to be in that particular spot at that particular point in time. God, I reason, knew how much joy Al gave to people, and wanted to make sure he got some joy back.

You can call the little incident a classic case of blind luck if you want, but you'll never convince me. Al Valdes spent his life spreading sunshine, and people like him earn every "lucky" break they get.

Goodbye, my friend.

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Bill Daley solves some worry

For a while there, I was worried that Barack Obama might actually be content to be a one-term president so long as he could say he accomplished what he set out to do.

I'm not worried anymore. Not after Thursday's announcement that William Daley will be the new chief of staff.

Liberals are reportedly not happy with the selection. They view Daley, who has flat-out said that Democrats win from the center and is a board member of the moderate "Third Way" think tank, as too conservative and too closely tied to Wall Street and the business community. Not me. For those of us more interested in winning than in labels, who know that being right and losing gets you nothing, Daley is the perfect choice.

I first met Daley back during the 1984 campaign, when — as teenagers, of course — we sat together on the Mondale campaign plane. Here are three things you need to know about Bill Daley. First, he is extraordinarily smart. Second, he was born into politics and understands it at every level of his being. Third,

he is a good man, a man of principle, strong values and integrity. He commands respect and loyalty. He is a grownup with good judgment. He doesn't lose it. And he doesn't like losing.

In choosing Daley, Obama reached out to one of the most skilled, best connected and most experienced political operatives out there, a guy who knows how to run things and win campaigns — and who also knows how divisions and disunity can turn potentially winning campaigns into losing ones.

There are lots of things the Obama administration has done that I don't agree with, and probably just as many things they haven't done but (in my book) should have.

When I talk to friends and former students in the administration, I have no problem mentioning such concerns.

But Obama is not only my president because I'm an American, but also because I'm a Democrat. And if Obama is to win re-election (no small feat; Bill Clinton is the only Democrat to win re-election since FDR), he can only do it by leading a party that is both united and positioned to win the votes of a majority of Americans.

"We must acknowledge that the left's agenda has not won the support of a majority of Americans — and, based on that recognition, we must steer a more

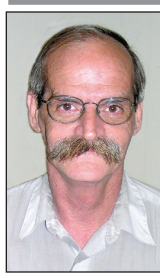
moderate course," Daley said last year in joining the board of the Third Way. He is from the old school of politics that allows you to be friends with your opponents, to have a drink together at the end of the day, to try to find ways toward compromise and common ground.

That's hard to hear if you're a liberal who worked your heart out to elect Obama because you believed he would pursue precisely that agenda (and to a large extent has). But it's music if you look at last November's election results as a reflection of public disgust with partisanship gone wild and public concern about big government being out of control.

The reason Clinton was re-elected in 1996 was because he made essential changes in his approach to governing after the disastrous 1994 midterm. Triangulation is a fancy way of saying the president moved back to the middle, positioning himself as the check on the Gingrich Republicans. And it worked.

The question since November has been whether this president is willing to make his own set of essential changes after the disastrous 2010 midterms. The choice of Bill Daley not only suggests that he is, but means that he will.

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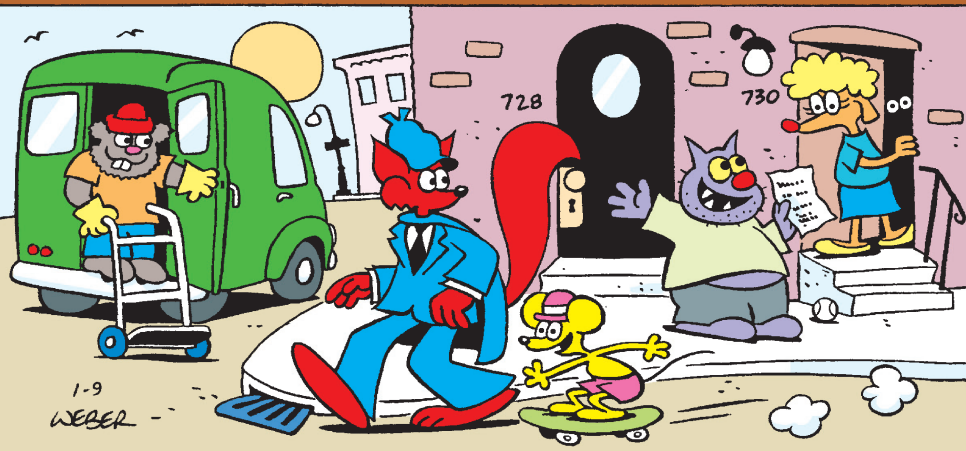
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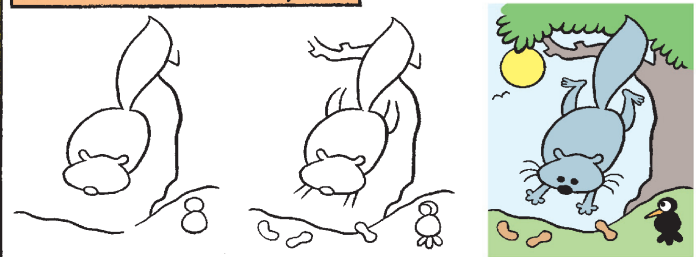
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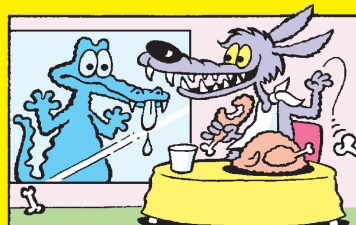


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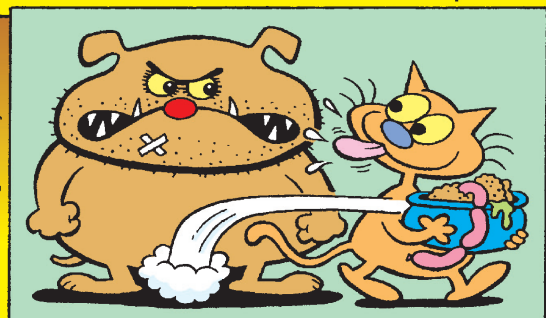
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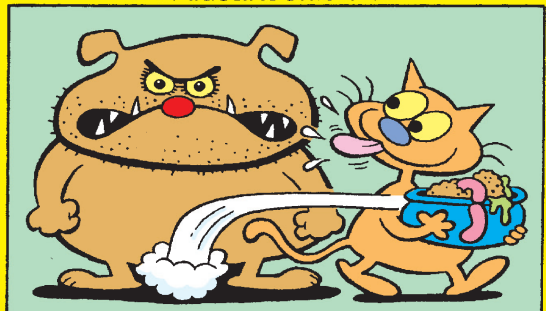
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Could be days before thaw comes to South

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — It could be days before icy, treacherous conditions improve for areas of the South hit by a wintry blast that sent cars sliding off the road, emptied grocery shelves and had officials nervously watching ice-laden powerlines and tree limbs.

Meanwhile, New York City was about to confront its third snowstorm in less than three weeks, a day after Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration admitted a series of mistakes in its handling of a Christmas weekend blizzard and promised immediate changes. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning from Tuesday evening through Wednesday afternoon, with the heaviest snowfall expected overnight.

In the South, low temperatures Tuesday were expected to keep snow and ice on the ground a day after snow ranging from several inches to more than a foot blanketed states from Louisiana to the Carolinas — a region where many cities have only a handful of snow plows, if any. Freezing rain in some areas added to the misery and schools around the region remained closed for a second day.

"The road conditions are very dire at this point," Joe Turner, a North Carolina Department of Transportation maintenance engineer in Raleigh, said early Tuesday. "The roads are very bad. We urge people to stay at the house."

A 7-year-old girl in North Carolina was in critical condition Tues-

day a day after she was hit by a van while sledding.

Sara King was sledding on a hill in a Charlotte suburb Monday when her sled went into the street and she was struck by the passing vehicle. She was in surgery Tuesday at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, a nursing supervisor said.

The storm shut down most cities and towns, closed many businesses, and canceled most flights at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the world's busiest. At least nine people were killed in weather-related traffic accidents.

Atlanta's normally bustling downtown area was nearly deserted for the second day in a row Tuesday. And in North and South Carolina,

thousands were without power.

More than 100 passengers who were stranded at a bus station in downtown Atlanta were given sandwiches, blankets and bottled water from a nearby jail.

While officials across the South urged people to stay home if possible, Steve Mesick said that wasn't an option for him. The 36-year-old had to go to work at a Columbia, S.C., gas station.

"You just have to stay off the ice," Mesick said laughing as he emerged from his car and skated across the ice in the parking lot. "Everyone needs gas, and someone needs to be here."

Conditions were unlikely to improve anytime soon. Temperatures should stay below freezing for days, and

more snow is predicted. That means treacherous travel conditions could persist until Wednesday or beyond.

"The problem here is that they're not used to it, so the equipment and the sanitation removal and the snow removal is not really geared for this kind of situation," said Tino Grana, 48, of New York City, who traveled to Atlanta to sell art at a downtown trade show.

Atlanta, which got 4 to 7 inches, has just eight snow plows. The city hired a fleet of 11 privately run trucks to help spread salt and gravel.

The storm system was expected to spread north to Ohio and could hit the snow-weary Northeast later in the week.

A number of Ohio school districts canceled classes before any snow fell and the National Weather Service said snow would become more intense by Tuesday afternoon.

A Christmas blizzard dumped more than 2 feet of snow on New York City and other parts of the region, crippling holiday travel and nearly shutting down major cities. Now, the Big Apple and its sub-

urbs could get 8 to 14 inches of snow, with reduced visibility and wind gusts up to 35 mph, forecasters said. Long Island could get as much as 15 inches.

The arctic weather began rolling across the South on Sunday, coating bridges and roads with snow, sleet and freezing rain. The governors of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee declared emergencies.

In Georgia, the storm forced inauguration ceremonies for newly elected Gov. Nathan Deal to be moved inside from the state Capitol steps.

Arkansas officials planned to move their inauguration indoors as well.

Drivers struggled to stay on slippery pavement, and roads were littered with abandoned vehicles. Some motorists got out in the middle of the interstate to push their cars up ice-covered ramps.

"Towns down here just don't have the equipment to deal with this much snow," said Joel Weems, a worker at the University of Mississippi.

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Words to wise on getting older

I was looking at my calendar yesterday and it reminded me just how quickly this year has passed. It seems like we just started a new school year and here it is, a new calendar year. As I was pondering this speedy year, I came across a wonderful note that really sums it up. I have no idea who wrote it but the thoughts are so current I felt I should share them with you.

"You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all and I have glimpses of how it was

back then and of all my hopes and dreams but, here it is the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise.

How did I get here so fast?

Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But now my friends are retired and getting gray; they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day!

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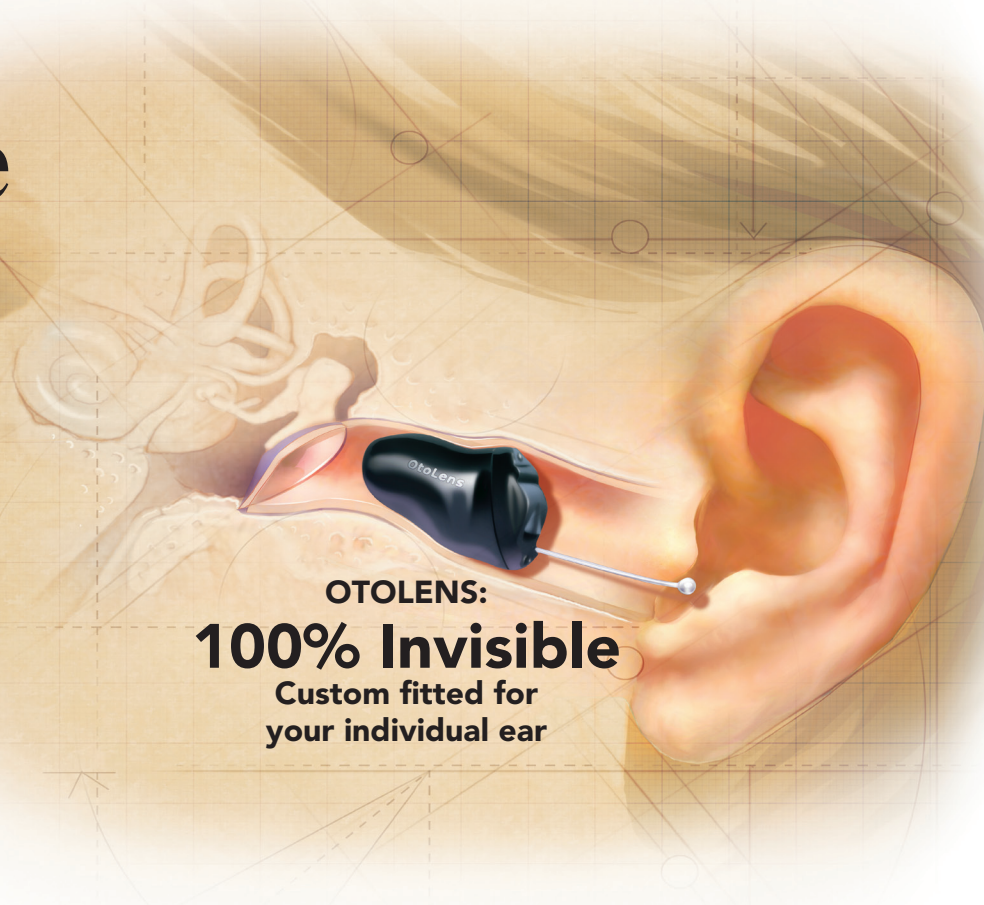
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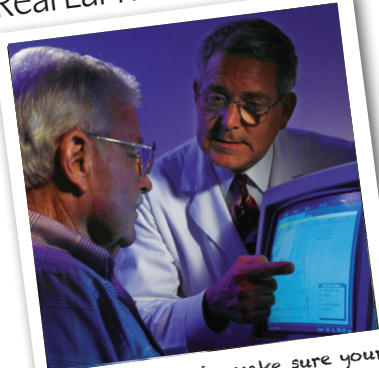
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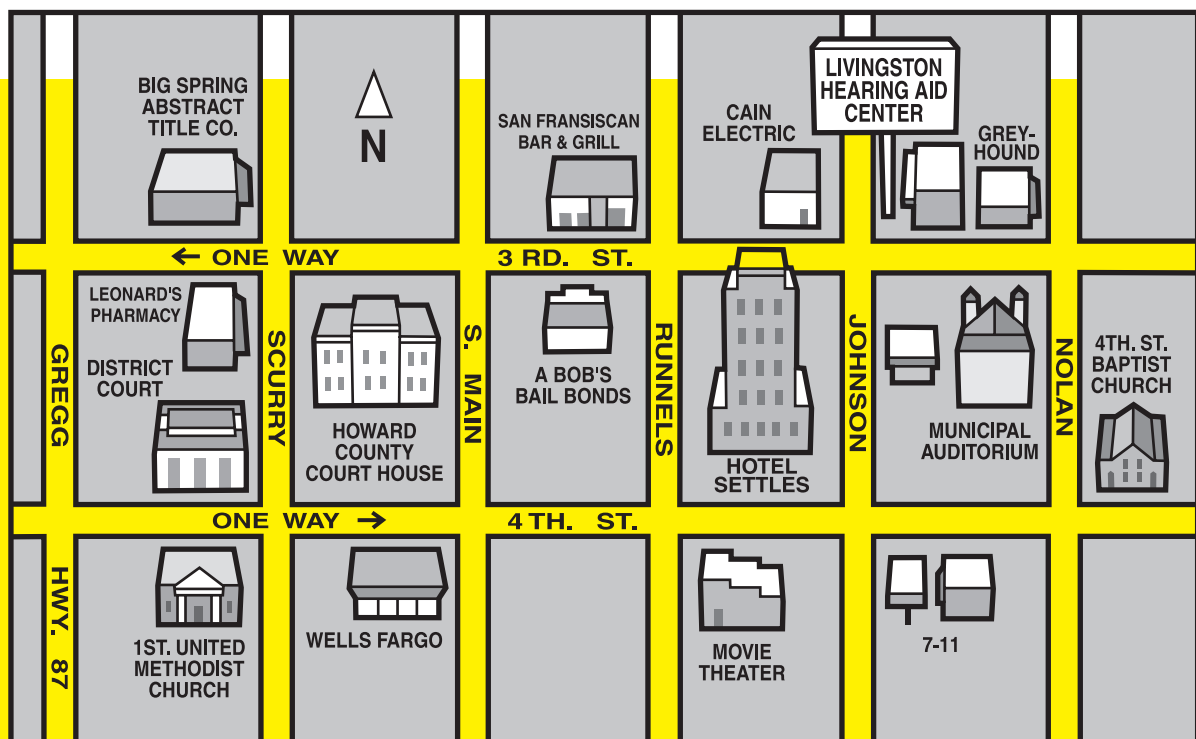
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Oil spill life-threatening to water birds

The morning of Jan. 3 promised a return to some sort of normalcy. The holidays were now a pleasant memory. Awakening to the sunlight hitting our east windows was a reminder of a new day for 2005.

Halfway through a cup of coffee, the phone rang.

Recognizing the game warden's voice, I listened as he asked us to meet him in Stanton. The urgency of his request was understandable.

Knowing about how long it would take him to drive from the Pecos River, we decided upon a meeting time.

Hurrying through



BEBE McCASLAND

vehicle after a phone call to Lubbock.

As we neared the exit on Interstate 20, Art asked if I knew how many birds to expect.

"Two so far, but there could be more," was all I could tell him. Even the officer was unaware of how many were involved and of these birds' chances.

breakfast, Art and I prepared for the worst. Towels, rubber gloves, cardboard boxes and a thermos were loaded in our ve-

Waiting in the parking lot of an abandoned Dairy Queen, we watched the north-bound trucks headed toward Lamesa. Soon, we might be traveling that same route.

Ten minutes later, the officer arrived. "I've brought you what they've found," he said. Since we were willing to either bathe or transport the oiled birds to the wildlife center, it would enable the warden to return to the spill site.

Opening the door to his vehicle, he handed me a large zip-locked bag. Inside was a lifeless kingfisher.

Brought out next was a cardboard box with the top taped open. If closed, toxic fumes could have killed the next bird.

Peering inside, I noticed a grebe struggling to breathe.

"No more, yet," came the officer's comment

as I looked at him with a quizzical frown. Except for their beaks, feet and overall shape, the birds were barely recognizable because of their coating with crude oil.

Since we had discussed the chances any bird or mammal would have had if immersed in the spill, the warden knew, as did we, that the outcome was dismal.

Although it was vital that the birds be taken to a licensed rehabber or facility, the reality of the situation, for the game warden, was complicated in itself.

As the closest licensed rehabilitators, we could bathe the grebe in an effort to save it.

However, after finding oil in its mouth and down its throat, seeing the extent of its exposure and recognizing its near-death-gasping-for-air, the game warden and we accepted the futility of such an effort.

With South Plains as the closest center qualified to accept the oiled birds, we had offered to deliver them.

Instead of anticipating recovery, we would be providing a specimen for study, and hopefully, one that could defy my prognosis.

Due to my earlier conversation with volunteer Gail Barnes, I was advised that the agent for U. S. Fish & Wildlife, Department of the Interior, headquartered in Lubbock, would be taking any birds that died as a result of the spill.

By the time we reached Lamesa, the aroma of crude oil was prevalent in spite of flow-through ventilation.

Stopping at a convenience store, Art lowered the windows for fresh air while I checked on the grebe. Having ingested and

absorbed too much oil, it no longer was suffering.

The rest of our drive was solemn. Encouraging, however, had been the game warden's description of the response to the spill. Never had he seen so many agencies, companies, trucks and personnel converge at a spill site. For a mile and a half there was a concerted effort to clean the river and rescue wildlife.

During 37 years of wild bird rescue, we have had to accept the tragedies that befall wildlife.

Whether caused by accident, criminal intent, or nature itself, it exemplifies what an older friend once cautioned: "Everything's a learning."

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And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory! And if I don't on my own free will I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter

has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last, this I know, that when it's over, it's over.

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done.

It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think.

Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put

things off too long! Life goes by so quickly.

Do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. so live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those

who come after. Make it a fantastic one. Live it well and enjoy it today, be happy and be thankful and as the poet has reminded us, 'Life is not just simply the destination, but also the journey!'

I wish I could have said these things first, but I must say that I fully agree with the author. I hope I have the opportunity to live up to some of the expectations in 2011.

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

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Cam and Co. lead Auburn to national title

The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — He never heard the whistle, never felt his knee hit the turf. So, Auburn's Michael Dyer popped up, took a few steps, then stopped and looked around.

In that split second — the amount of time it takes to shout "War Eagle!" — Dyer placed himself right up there alongside Cam Newton, Bo Jackson and every other great player to wear the Auburn uniform.

Realizing the play was still going, Dyer started running again — past the tackler who thought he had him down, deep into Oregon territory. The stop-and-go maneuver — a once-in-a-lifetime run — set up a short field goal on the last play that sent No. 1 Auburn over the No. 2 Ducks 22-19 in the BCS title game Monday night.

"My knee wasn't down," Dyer said. "I didn't hear a whistle, not yet, so I was kind of like, looking, like, what's going on?"

With his 37-yard run, the freshman did what most fans thought impossible: He upstaged Newton, the Heisman winner who turned his first — maybe only — season at Auburn into a title-winning run.

Three plays later, Dyer ran 16 yards to push the ball to the 1 and set up Wes Byrum's 19-yard field goal with no time left. It capped off a perfect 14-0 season, brought the title back to Auburn for the first time since 1957 and left the Southeastern Conference on top of college football for the fifth straight year.

Auburn won The Associated Press title with 56 of 59 first-place votes, capping a first-of-its-kind climb up the

rankings — from No. 22 at the start of the season to No. 1 at the end.

"Fifty-three years, baby!" coach Gene Chizik said to the cheering crowd. "This is for you. War Eagle!"

Dyer was the key player in five crazy minutes of football at the end that were vastly different from the first 55, which were more of a bruising defensive battle than the offensive masterpiece so many had predicted.

The dramatic endgame began when Casey Matthews, son of the 1980s NFL linebacker Clay, punched the ball from Newton's hands while he was trying to lead Auburn on a drive that might have iced a 19-11 lead.

Oregon's offense, shut down by Nick Fairley and the rest of the Tigers' stout defensive front for most of the night, moved 45 yards over the next 2:17, and Darron Thomas threw

a shovel pass to LaMichael James for a touchdown. Thomas hit Jeff Maehl for the 2-point conversion with 2:33 left and the game was tied — down to the last possession.

And that possession will be remembered for one incredible play.

Dyer took the handoff and ran off right tackle for about 7 yards, or so it seemed. Nothing was routine about this one. He wasn't sure his knee hit the ground, so he popped up and took a few more steps. Then he stopped and looked to his left. With his coaches and teammates urging him to keep going, and everyone on the field at a standstill, Dyer realized that, indeed, the referee hadn't blown his whistle. He took off and made it to the Oregon 23. An official review ensued and the

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Howard women stave off South Plains



BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Excuse the Howard College women's basketball team for feeling a little thwarted in Monday's WJCAC opener against South Plains.

The Hawks didn't see a 2-3 zone defense at all in their first meeting with the Lady Texans in the WJCAC Pre-Conference Tournament, and they hadn't seen one in a while. So they were a little surprised to see it Monday night.

"It kind of threw us off a little bit, but we got it under control," said Twyla Ards, who had 10 points.

That defense gave South Plains a chance to steal one on the road, but thanks to Tasha Tubbs and company, the Hawks staved off the Lady Texans in a 67-55

win to open conference play.

The Hawks had four players in double figures in their first home game in more than a month. Tubbs had a team-high 16 points, Taniqua Ards and Zeslie Johnson had 14 apiece and Twyla Ards was the other double-digit scorer.

The Lady Texans were looking to steal another win away from the Hawks. In the WJCAC Pre-Conference Tournament, South Plains beat Howard College in overtime, 67-64.

Howard was up at halftime 33-23 and while the zone created problems for the Hawks, the Lady Texans didn't have enough offensive firepower to get another win.

"It was the first time

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Howard College's Taniqua Ards (22) fights off a South Plains defender for a layup in the Hawks' 67-55 win over the Lady Texans in the WJCAC opener Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Late shot sends Howard men past South Plains

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

The defending national champions just needed a little bit of daylight.

In Monday's WJCAC opener, South Plains looked like the better team for most of the game, but once Howard College found an opportunity to steal a win, the Hawks didn't waste it.

"We feel like we just got out for three-fourths of the game," Howard head coach Mark Adams said. "But the last eight minutes, we showed some aggression. We were much more physical with South Plains and we hit some big shots."

Maybe the biggest of those shots was a Shavon Coleman 3-pointer with 1:41 left in the game to give Howard a 61-59 lead — its first lead since 34-31 at the beginning of the second half.

The Hawks went on to open WJCAC play with a 73-63 win over South Plains, getting their 13th victory of the season in

the process.

Carlos Emory had 19 points, Johnnie Lacy was big with 14 and Corey Stern had 12.

The Texans had Howard on the ropes most of the second half. Emory gave Howard that 34-31 lead when he caught the ball thrown from across the court to hit a 3-pointer right before halftime. That didn't rattle South Plains, though. The Texans' Greg Gainey was huge in the second half. He had four points at halftime, but bounced back for 17 in the second half, sparking the South Plains run.

But South Plains couldn't put the game away and Howard hung around.

Coleman's big shot was only his second of the game. He hit a 3-pointer earlier in the second half. Otherwise, he was 2 of 10 from the field.

"I saw how I missed a three before that and my coach got in my head and told me just take the



Howard College's Johnnie Lacy (11) sets a play up in the Hawks' 73-63 win over South Plains in the WJCAC opener Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

next shot and knock the big shot down," Coleman said. "Soon as I got the next chance, I had confidence, let it go and it went in."

Adams has no qualms

about admitting South Plains was the better team Monday night. He said the Texans deserve a lot of credit for their physical level of play, which was another big

reason why they sustained their lead in the second half.

Adams said the Hawks can't keep playing from behind and expecting to win and taking care

of business at home is key in this conference, too. So the head coach is glad his players got a win when they needed it.

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Sports in brief

Baseball booster club meeting

The Big Spring High School baseball booster club will conduct a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Athletic Training Center. If there are any questions, call Denise Carillo at 432-816-1685.

Men's city bowling tournament

This tournament takes place Jan. 23-24 at Bowl-A-

Rama in Big Spring.

The entry forms are to be turned in by Jan. 17. Entry forms can be picked up at the Bowl-A-Rama. The local USBC Chapter is donating \$150 to the prize fund.

For more information on the men's city bowling tournament, contact Diana Ewing at 432-816-7631, Claud Fryar at 432-517-0475, or Sheila Armstrong at 432-270-7596.

2011 MAYB River City Shootout

Registration is ongoing for the 2011 MAYB River City Shootout Basketball Tournament to take place on Feb. 19 and 20. The tournament is for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8. Please e-mail wardca@yahoo.com or call (979) 417-3721 for additional information. Online registration is available at www.otcybc.com.

Big Spring takes care of Andrews

ANDREWS — The Big Spring boys' basketball team beat Andrews in its final non-district game of the season, 63-44.

Luke Adams led the way yet again with 29 points. Tristian Clay chipped in nine.

The Steers finished the non-district slate of the schedule with 16 wins and things seem to be coming together for first-year head coach Cliff Thompson.

While at the beginning of the year, his challenge was to find a way to tap into a lot of athleticism, the Steers have found go-to players in Adams and Clay, a good presence in the paint with Devante

Lloyd and solid play form Marc Segundo.

Big Spring biggest test of the season so far is Friday when the Steers open District 5-3A play at Brownwood.

Big Spring 63, Andrews 44

Big Spring 16 16 12 19 - 63

Andrews 6 10 15 10 - 44

Big Spring — Adams 29, Tristian Clay 9, Devante Lloyd 7, Seth Pearson 5, Marc Segundo 5, Dayvion Young 4, Mike Menefield 4

Records: Big Spring (16-6)

Next game: Big Spring vs. Brownwood at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Brownwood

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replay showed that his knee had never touched the turf.

"All I knew was the whistle wasn't blowing and my coach was saying 'Go!'" Dyer said.

Eddie Pleasant, the Oregon defensive back who almost made the tackle, was stunned.

"It hurts, you know?" he said. "It's not like he broke free and did some spectacular things. He was tackled. Everybody on the side of the defense stopped. He stopped and the coach told him to keep running and he ran."

Dyer finished with 143 yards and was chosen Offensive Player of the Game — a pretty big accomplishment considering he had the Heisman Trophy winner playing alongside him.

Newton threw for 265 yards

and two touchdowns and ran for 64 yards, most in short, punishing bites. He wrenched his back and had to go to the trainer after the game. Indeed, every yard came at a price in this one.

"I'm OK. It was worth it," he said. "I got the better deal out of the whole thing."

The game had been billed as an offensive show for the ages but wound up as something much different.

Wearing white jerseys with gray numbers, green pants and DayGlo shoes and socks, the Ducks got only 49 yards rushing from James, who averaged 152 on the season. An offense that had been held under 37 points only once all year managed just the two touchdowns. The last one came on a simple shovel pass from Thomas, who finished with 363 passing yards — 81 of them on a long pass to Maehl that set

up the first touchdown.

Oregon didn't come close to its nation-leading 49-point average, and the fast-paced offense that turned most opponents into mush in the second half couldn't wear down Auburn.

"Our defense was focused for one month," Chizik said of the 37-day layoff between the SEC and national title games. "They went out and practiced every day to win a national championship. Every day."

As did the Ducks, who finished 12-1, three points shy of their first national title but not making apologies for the effort they gave in the desert.

"I said in my first game as head coach that one game doesn't define you as a person or a football player," coach Chip Kelly said. "And the same thing still holds true. These guys are champions."

WOMEN

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we had seen a zone in maybe two months and I don't think we reacted very well," Howard head coach Earl Diddle said. "As the game went on, I thought we got more aggressive and I think when we went up 12, they went to a 2-3 zone.

"I thought we sputtered there a little bit, got a little flat, got standing, lost our rhythm. Eventually, we got going."

And when the Hawks got going, Tubbs was there in the paint — something Diddle hopes to see regularly during conference play.

Midway through the second half, the Lady Texans cut Howard's lead to 42-36, but a couple of free throws and a basket from Tubbs and another basket from Taniqua Ards brought the lead to 12.

The closest South Plains would get the rest of the way was five at 53-48, but once again, Tubbs came

through and hit another shot and Johnson hit two free throws to bring the lead to nine.

Diddle noted free throws were huge in this game, but Tubbs said the Hawks didn't want to let South Plains beat them again.

"The first game, we didn't come out ready to play," she said. "You've got to come out ready to play every game, the first half and second half. I think we did a lot better (Monday)."

The South Plains game in the WJCAC Pre-Conference Tournament and this one have more similarities than Diddle can count.

What Diddle is proud of, though, is his players stepping up when South Plains kept pushing once again.

"I thought we shot the ball better here," he said. "The first game we were up seven with four minutes to go and almost in the same scenario (Monday). (South Plains) never got an offensive thrust going, it was all second shots and our turnovers."

Howard 67, South Plains 55

South Plains 23 32 - 55

Howard 33 34 - 67

Howard College — Tasha Tubbs 16, Taniqua Ards 14, Zeslie Johnson 14, Rtwyla Ards 10, Kali Jerrell 6, Porsche Young 5, Brushea Daniels 2

South Plains — ToiEasha Cooper 17, Kelsey Canavan 12, Ashley Roberts 9, Lauren McKinney 7, Lorie Romaine 6, Raely Parada 4

3-point field goals — Howard 3 (Tubbs 2, Young 1), South Plains 2 (Roberts 2)

Free throws — Howard 14-14, South Plains 5-8

Turnovers: Howard 14, South Plains 23

Fouls: Howard 10, South Plains 11

Records: Howard (15-3, 1-0 in WJCAC play), South Plains (9-5, 0-10)

Next game: Howard vs. New Mexico Junior College at 5:45 p.m. (MST) Thursday in Hobbs, NM

HAWK MEN

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"I just think right now, everyone's probably going to win their home games," Adams said. "It's those teams that can sneak into a gym and come out with a win that's probably going to come out on top."

Howard College 73, South Plains 63

South Plains 31 32 - 63

Howard 34 39 - 73

Howard College — Carlos Emory 19, Johnnie Lacy 14, Corey Stern 12, Jerry Dixon 9, Joe Bright 7, Shavon Coleman 6, Jermaine Winfield 4, Tramel White 2

South Plains — Greg Gaaney 21, Derrell Edwards 15, Kenny Brown 10, Deshaunt Walker 8, Malcolm Miller 6, Brandon Thompson 3

3-point field goals — Howard 5 (Coleman 2, Lacy 1, Emory 1, Dixon 1), South Plains 4 (Edwards 3, Thompson 1)

Free throws — Howard 22-28, South Plains 9-17

Turnovers: Howard 16, South Plains 20

Fouls: Howard 15, South Plains 19

Records: Howard (13-2, 1-0 in WJCAC play), South Plains (11-5, 0-1)

Next game: Howard vs. New Mexico Junior College at 7:45 PM (MST) Thursday in Hobbs, NM

LSU coach Les Miles meets with Michigan**The Associated Press**

BATON ROUGE, La. — Les Miles met with Michigan on Monday evening about the Wolverines' coaching vacancy, shortly after the LSU coach said he is also "extremely happy" with his current job.

LSU spokesman Michael Bonnette confirmed that the meeting took place but could not immediately say which Michigan officials were involved.

A Domino's Pizza jet arrived in Baton Rouge on Monday afternoon and was on the ground for nearly five hours before departing for an airport near Michigan's campus. When the plane landed at Willow Run Airport, Brandon got off but did not provide any details about the search to reporters waiting at the airport.

Bonnette said Miles' status as LSU's coach remained unchanged and that he and Miles still planned to travel to Dallas on Tuesday for Miles' previously scheduled speaking engagement at an American Football Coaches Association gathering.

Earlier Monday, Miles attended LSU cornerback Patrick Peterson's announcement that he was entering the NFL draft, then spoke afterward about the direction of his coaching

career.

"The only thing I can tell you is, I spent my day today with a number of underclassmen that I want to return right here," Miles said. "I am extremely happy here. There's a real comfort with my family here in Baton Rouge. I think it's best left that way and I don't know that there's anything more to say."

LSU athletic director Joe Alleva did not object to Miles meeting with Michigan but reaffirmed comments he made over the weekend concerning LSU's intention to retain its coach.

"I can certainly understand coach Miles' desire to accommodate his alma mater by speaking with them during their coaching search," Alleva said. "We remain committed to working toward keeping Les Miles as the head of the LSU football program, a program that wins at a high level, graduates its student-athletes and represents the university well in the community under his leadership."

Brandon has been very quiet about details of his search since firing Rich Rodriguez last week other than to confirm Friday he was using some "external resources" to help him find a new leader for college football's winningest program.

Rex says Jets-Patriots is about Belichick vs. Ryan**The Associated Press**

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Ding ding ding. Here we go again.

It's Round 3, Jets-Patriots. And, as usual, Rex Ryan got things off to a rip-roarin' start.

"This is about Bill Belichick vs. Rex Ryan," the Jets' brash coach declared Monday. "There's no question. It's personal. It's about him against myself, and that's what it's going to come down to."

He described last Saturday's game against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts as "personal," too. After a 17-16 win set up this playoff matchup between the Jets (12-5) and Patriots (14-2), Ryan is letting everyone know that this time, it's really, really personal.

"I recognize that he's the best and all that," Ryan said of Belichick. "But, I'm just trying to be the best on Sunday, and I plan on being the best coach on Sunday."

"That's what it is. I recognize that my level has to come up, and he's going to get my best shot. He's going to get everything I have on Sunday, and if he slips at all, we're going to beat him."

Now, those are fightin' words.

"I might have a little quickness on

him," an uncharacteristically playful Belichick said. "He's probably got a little more strength and power on me. So, I don't think you'll see either one of us out there making any blocks or tackles or runs or throws or catches. At least you won't see me doing it. It's probably a good thing for our team."

But Belichick has the victories, and the Super Bowl rings that Ryan craves. Ryan thinks the teams are evenly matched from the players to the assistant coaches, and a regular-season split supports that. But he acknowledges he needs to do "a ridiculous amount" of preparation to top Belichick after being outcoached by him in their last meeting, a 45-3 rout at New England.

That loss so angered Ryan that he took a game ball and buried it near one of the practice fields as the entire team watched.

"We have to play fast and physical," Ryan said. "That doesn't mean we're going to dummy it up. If you dummy it up against them, you'll get crushed."

The way they did just over a month ago. Just to remind his players, Ryan will have the team watch that game film "every day" this week as it prepares for the Patriots.

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You think you know someone, and then a fresh face, a new circumstance or some other unknown element is introduced, and this brings out an entirely different facet of their personality. This is the kind of thing that happens as Mercury in Sagittarius angles Jupiter and Uranus to turn up our



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curiosity and open us to other worlds and possibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's an elder inside you and also a wild child. The two will play in harmony, helping you to create and have fun and still stay within the boundaries that are best for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want to enter an exclusive situation. It is as though there is a magical world that you can only enter if the creatures who live there trust you enough. You'll build that trust today by staying present and patiently observing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your dream is building slowly but surely. Anyway, these small beginnings will make for a better story when you've finally arrived. Imagine yourself telling that story now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll get a reaction from people today. Some smile, some laugh, and others just seem startled. That's to be expected. When you knock long and loud on the door of success, you're going to wake some people up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Complaining is a nasty habit. You're working on breaking yourself of it completely, and you are doing a good job. You'll busy yourself with fulfilling your own needs so there is nothing left to complain about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may be slipping out of your routine due to added pressures and responsibilities. Good nutrition, exercise and sleep should not be optional for you. Delegate so you can get back to healthy living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Make the most of the calm because it's not going to be this way tomorrow. You'll enjoy the peace now and will take care of a million organizational details so you can enjoy the social swirl tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your pro-

ductivity isn't as important as the emotional connection you make with others as you show up to do your thing. Consider cutting back on your demands of yourself so you can ease into a better mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are putting out good vibes now, and you will be extremely well received everywhere you go. You may owe someone an apology, and now is a perfect time to deliver it — short, sweet and to the point.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Of course you would prefer to get your own way. However, you may decide to defer to someone else's will in the short term in order to hold out for future personal gain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you spend hours touching base with the people who are important to you, you have used your time well. This networking is good for your heart, and it doesn't hurt your business, either.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you can take hold of a mood and change it into what you want it to be.

Today the inner mood may be so persistent that the only way out of it is to go deeper into it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 11). You have a knack for helping and will bring people up wherever you go. The next seven weeks present opportunities to develop your talents. You'll enjoy increased financial security through May and June and will find many ways to have fun with your resources. The bonds of friendship and love are cemented in August. Pisces and Gemini people adore you! Your lucky numbers are: 21, 24, 32, 16 and 14.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is the planet Mercury named after the Greek god, or is the Greek god named after the planet? My mom doesn't know, and she said that I should ask you. So now I am. P.S.: I'm a Sagittarius and I just turned 9."

That is an excellent question. A long, long time ago, before the invention of television or the birth of Shakespeare, people would watch the stars for their nighttime entertainment. The Greeks and the Romans (and the Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Chinese and Druids and, well, just about everyone in ancient history) used the stars as inspiration to create stories about how the world was born, how the universe works and all of the exciting things

that might have happened to make things the way they were. Ancient Romans saw an interesting object in the sky at sunrise, and they called it Apollo. They saw a similar interesting object at sunset and called it Hermes. It's likely that they had some stories about these characters, and they continued to develop the stories as they watched the sky. Later, they found out that that wasn't two objects, but one. And the mythology around Mercury is largely taken from Hermes.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Caught in the Flow

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5
♥ K 7 2
♦ K 8 4 3
♣ J 9 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 4 2
♥ A J 8 4
♦ 10 9 2
♣ K 10 3

EAST
♠ 8
♥ Q 10 6 5 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 9 7 6 3
♥ 9
♦ J 7 5
♣ A 7

doubleton diamond. Accordingly, he continued with the ace and another diamond, taken by declarer's jack as everyone followed suit.

South was so delighted by this turn of events that he quickly cashed the king of spades and then led a spade to the ace, planning next to discard his club loser on the king of diamonds. But when the trumps failed to divide 2-2, he found himself right back where he started. He played the king of diamonds and discarded a club, but West ruffed and cashed the ace of hearts to set the contract one trick.

South had every reason to be grateful for the defense he received, but after the jack of diamonds held, he should have taken time to assess the situation. If the spades were divided 2-2 — only a 40 percent chance — he could not be prevented from eventually discarding a club on the diamond king. His attention should therefore have been focused on how to make 10 tricks if the spades did not break evenly.

At trick four, declarer should lead his singleton heart toward dummy's king. If the king loses to the ace, he can then fall back on the 2-2 spade split. In the actual case, though, West has the ace of hearts and must take it, after which declarer cannot be stopped from sooner or later discarding a club on the heart king to make his game.

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass
4♣

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

A friendly defense can often be just what the doctor ordered for declarer. However, he should not be so overcome by his good fortune that he inadvertently returns the favor.

Consider this deal where South appears certain to lose a heart, a club and two diamonds at four spades. An opening club lead would settle South's hash almost immediately, but in practice West selected the ten of diamonds, laying the groundwork for the defense's undoing.

East won the first trick with the queen and decided to play West for a

Tomorrow: Keeping an open mind.

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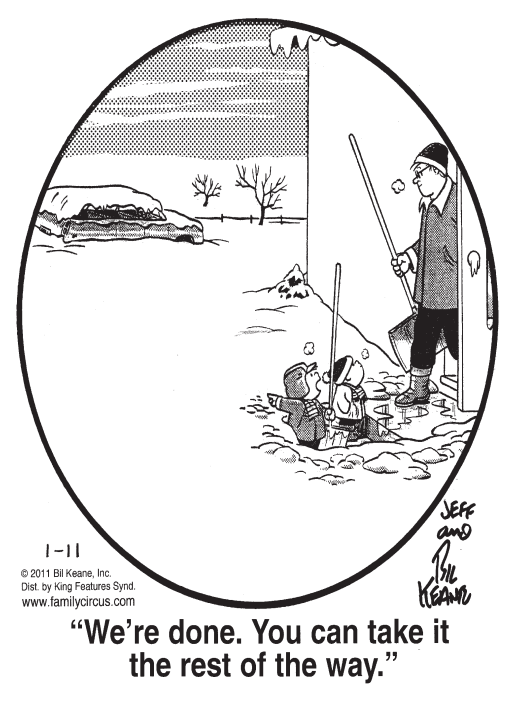
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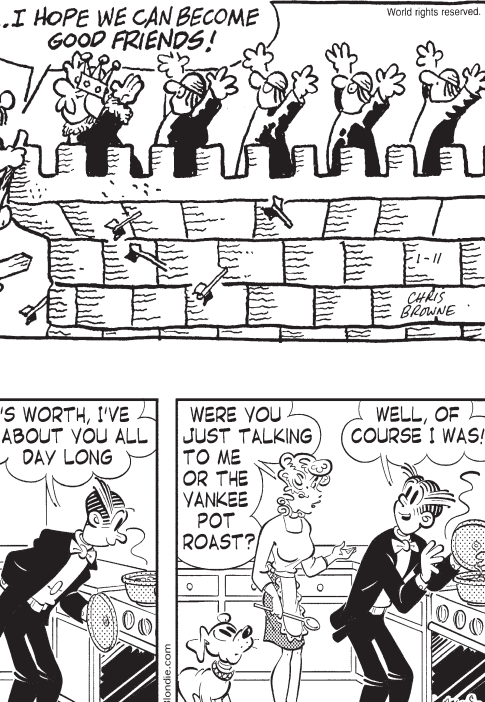
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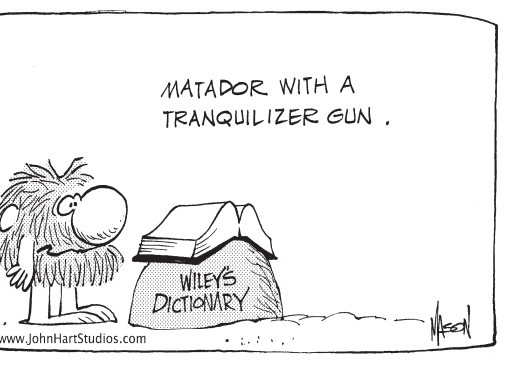
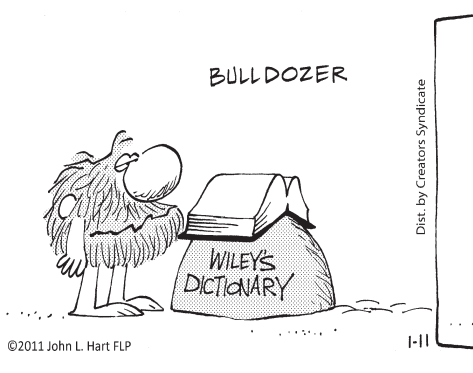
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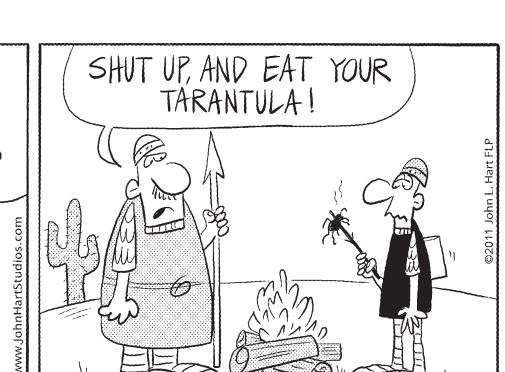
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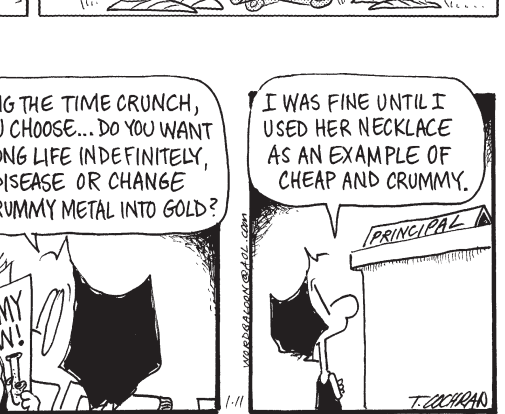
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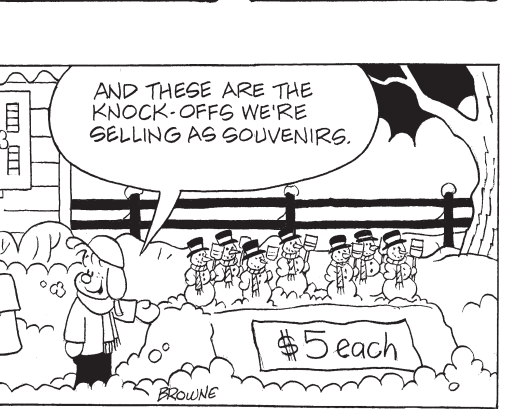
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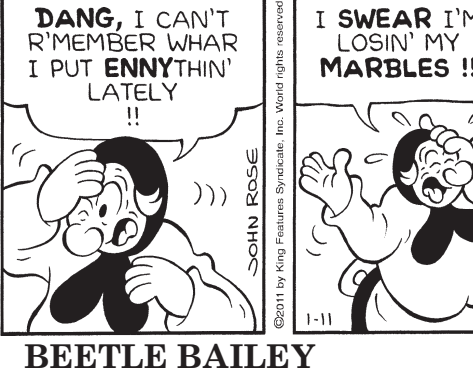
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2011. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union, with delegates voting 61-39 in favor of an Ordinance of Secession during a convention in Montgomery.

On this date:

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report that said smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1995, 52 people were killed when a Colombian airliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena. Ai however, a 9-year-old girl, Erika Delgado, survived.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 86. Actor Rod Taylor is 81. Composer Mary Rodgers is 80. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean

Chretien (zhahn kray-tee-EHN), is 77. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 77. Actor Felix Silla is 74. Rock musician Clarence Clemons is 69. Movie director Joel Zwick is 69. Country singer Naomi Judd is 65. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 59. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 55. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 53. Actress Kim Coles is 49. Actor Jason Connery is 48. Contemporary Christian musician Jim Bryson (MercyMe) is 43. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 42. Movie director Malcolm D. Lee is 41. Singer Mary J. Blige is 40.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Makes a choice
 - 5 Mop, as a deck
 - 9 Ewes' mates
 - 13 Throws with force
 - 15 Note from the boss
 - 16 Give off
 - 17 Devoured
 - 18 Sandwich cookie
 - 19 Tableland
 - 20 Confident tone
 - 23 Furthermore
 - 24 Acorn bearer
 - 25 MSNBC rival
 - 26 Explosive letters
 - 27 Family patriarchs
 - 32 Poker stake
 - 35 Sweet smell
 - 36 Bullring cheer
 - 37 Audience's accolade
 - 41 Industrious insect
 - 42 Slip away from
 - 43 Trampled
 - 44 Nightclubs' ID checkers
 - 46 Friend
 - 48 Either end of a wide grin
 - 49 Rower's need
 - 50 Drivers' org.
 - 53 Social network
 - 59 Leave off the list
 - 60 Neighborhood
 - 61 Closes loudly
 - 62 Numbers to crunch
 - 63 Just for men
 - 64 Banquet host

- DOWN
- 1 Scarlett's surname
 - 2 Contribute
 - 3 Pollster's discovery
 - 4 Fake coin
 - 5 Artist's coverall
 - 6 "If I ___ you..."
 - 7 Part of USA: Abbr.
 - 8 Marines' training center
 - 9 Jog someone's memory
 - 10 Prayer ending
 - 11 Light spray
 - 12 Stick around
 - 14 Soup utensil
 - 21 Budgetary excess
 - 22 One year's record
 - 26 Toe count
 - 27 Diploma owners, for short
 - 28 Tug-of-war need
 - 29 Serve, as coffee
 - 30 In addition
 - 31 Plant-to-be
 - 32 Typical Jordanian
 - 33 Forbidden thing
 - 34 Ballet skirt
 - 35 Way off
 - 38 Windshield sticker
 - 39 Eggs order
 - 40 Ocean east of the US
 - 45 Undiluted fruit juice
 - 46 Golfer's standard
 - 47 Stand up
 - 49 Old enough
 - 50 Have ___ up one's sleeve
 - 51 Slogan writers
 - 52 Valuable quality
 - 53 Secret writing
 - 54 Noncommittal reply
 - 55 Solemn ceremony
 - 56 "For here ___ go?"
 - 57 Feeling of dread
 - 58 Stately trees

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