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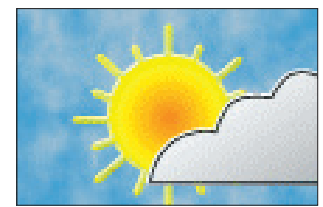


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# Here's winter!

## Schools canceled, more snow is in the forecast

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Recent mild winter weather came to a close in the Crossroads area Monday evening as a massive winter storm

caused temperatures to drop throughout the area.

Residents woke up to a formidable dusting of snow, prompting most public schools to delay classes, then cancel them altogether. Big

Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Grady and Sands school districts all canceled classes, as did Howard College.

Throughout Big Spring, private schools and clinics either delayed opening or decided to remain closed.

Area law enforcement and emergency services were busy with an acceleration of traffic mishaps while city and highway department workers

were laboring to make roads more safe.

According to officials with the National Weather Service in Midland, low temperatures in the Big Spring area dropped to the mid-teens Monday night, a huge contrast to the warmer temperatures enjoyed during the weekend.

However, those looking for relief from the freezing weather today aren't likely

to find it, with a high temperature expected around the 20-degree mark. Winds between 15 mph and 20 mph — with gusts as strong as 30 mph — could send the windchill plummeting as low as 0 degrees. The National Weather Service is also calling for snow in the Crossroads area — most likely before noon —

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Winter weather fell upon the Crossroads area Monday night and early this morning, prompting public schools to cancel classes today. Motorists were advised to be extremely cautious.

## Take special precautions while trying to keep warm

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

With low temperatures dipping well below freezing this week, many area residents will be looking for some extra warmth, a search fire department officials say can turn deadly if precautions aren't taken.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said there are many different types of secondary heating, ranging from portable electric units to wood-burning stoves, but the most common causes of fires involving them are avoidable.

"There are a lot of different type space heaters out there," said Condray. "There are portable electric heaters, portable kerosene heaters, stoves, fireplaces and room gas heaters.

**"Portable space heaters need a three-foot clearance from anything that will burn. Keep them far away from drapes and bedding materials, and make sure they have a 'tip-over' safety switch that will shut them down in the event they are upset."**



—Fire Marshal Carl Condray

"There are many common causes of home heating fires. In wood burning appliances, a lack of proper cleaning can lead to excessive build up of creosote in the chimney and connectors. Also, a lack of safety enclosures or poor design accounted for many fires. For space heaters, the single largest cause was failing to maintain a safe distance from combustibles followed closely by improper fuel-

ing practices."

Fires involving portable heaters can be avoided by exercising some simple precautions, said Condray, including checking to be sure the unit has been tested.

"Space heaters need space," said Condray. "Portable space heaters need a three-foot clearance from anything that will burn.

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## Judge nixes health overhaul

MELISSA NELSON  
RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A federal judge in Florida ruled Monday that President Barack Obama's entire health care overhaul law is unconstitutional, placing even noncontroversial provisions under a cloud in a broad challenge that seems certain to be resolved only by the Supreme Court.

Faced with a major legal setback, the White House called the ruling by U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson — in a challenge to the law by 26 of the nation's 50 states — "a plain case of judicial overreaching." That echoed language the judge had used to describe the law as an example of Congress overstepping its authority.

The Florida judge's ruling produced an even split in federal court decisions so far on the health care law, mirroring enduring divisions among the public. Two judges had previously upheld the law, both Democratic appointees. A Republican appointee in Virginia had ruled against it.

The Justice Department quickly announced it would appeal, and administration officials

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# Obituaries

## William L. Edwards

William L. "Sunny" Edwards, 92, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Benigna Montez

Benigna Montez, 81, of Stanton, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011, in a Big Spring hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- CHRISTOPHER BENNETT WOOTEN, 50, of 1700 Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GAUDY LYNN COX, 47, of Weatherford, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 24, of 1504 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on warrants for driving without a safety belt, failure to appear (four counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and driving while license invalid.
- MARICELA S. GARCIA, 22, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for child riding without a safety seat system.
- JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR., 24, of 623 McEwen, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency.
- LORI ANN GARCIA, 39, of 1612 Bluebird, was arrested Saturday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and child riding without safety seat system.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 20, of 503 N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Saturday on a warrant for violation of entrance fee requirements.
- CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ, 50, of 805 N. Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on charges of operating a motor vehicle with fictitious license plate, driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction and operating a motor vehicle with the wrong registration.
- HERMENEJILDO OROSCO III, 45, of 1011 N. Bell, was arrested Sunday on charges of theft with two or more convictions and theft - shoplifting.
- ALEX SANCHEZ, 25, of 900 S. Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.
- MICHELLE DAWN GARCIA, 43, of 2001 S. Runnels, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT BRITO, 27, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief.
- ROSENDO CRUZ RODRIQUEZ, 41, of 804 S. Lancaster, on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication.
- MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 32, of 1605 Sunset, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 61, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KAYLA DENISE HORTON, 47, of 902 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- JOE OLIVIO JR., 38, of 1109 S. Runnels, was arrested Monday on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- SONIA MARISSA MORIN, 26, of 504 Circle, was arrested Monday on a warrant for criminal mischief.

# Sheriff

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



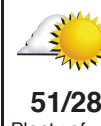
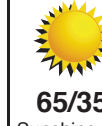
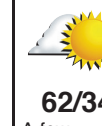
- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.
- SONYA MARISSA MORIN, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
  - CRYSTAL NICOLE LOPEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
  - ROBERTO VASQUEZ II, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - open container and a charge of driving while license

invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault of a family/household member.
- IVY LYNN LEDESMA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- TRAVIS BRANDON SLEMP, 37, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- AMBER LYNN ODELL, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- SAMANTHA NICOLE GUTIERREZ, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in possession of alcoholic beverage.
- ALEX GUTIERREZ, 36, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for credit/debit card abuse and municipal warrants for no safety belt and failure to appear.
- JOSE CARLOS LOPEZ, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- JOHNNY DELACRUZ JR., 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- ERICA MARIE SMITHWICK, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of speeding.
- CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 50, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- EMANUEL PRIMITIVO APARICIO, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- GAUDY LYNN COX, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- ISAAC DANIEL CHAVARRIA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no seat belt, failure to appear (four counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection and driving while license invalid.
- LORIANN GARCIA, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, unrestrained child under five years, driving while license invalid and permitting an unlicensed person operate a motor vehicle.
- MARICELA S. GARCIA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of child under two years unrestrained.
- JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JASON ISAAC MIRAMONTES, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- MICHAEL JOSEPH MCNEW, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for violation of entrance fee requirement.
- ROBERT ESPINOZA RAMOS SR., 59, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - unreasonable noise.
- FRANKIE CARMEIKA COLLINS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CODY CLARK, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JEFFERY DON CATE, 28, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of no safety belt, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance.
- CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ, 50, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of wrong license plate, wrong/fictitious/ altered/obscured vehicle registration and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- HERMAN OROSCO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft with two or more previous convictions.
- ALEX SANCHEZ, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of ride not secured by safety belt, running a stop sign and violation of a promise to appear.
- MICHELLE DAWN GARCIA, 43, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
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# Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/2	Thu 2/3	Fri 2/4	Sat 2/5	Sun 2/6
				
<b>26/12</b>	<b>36/15</b>	<b>51/28</b>	<b>65/35</b>	<b>62/34</b>
Some flurries in the morning. Then cloudy skies through the afternoon. Cold.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:20 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:21 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:38 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:22 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:37 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:36 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:24 PM

the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- ROBERT HERNANDEZ BRITO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication.
- LINN NIX, 47, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of assault - family violence, driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- ROSENDO CRUZ RODRIQUEZ, 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and public intoxication.

# Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 3500 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Hearn. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Aylesford. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of S. Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3400 block of E. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Dixon. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.

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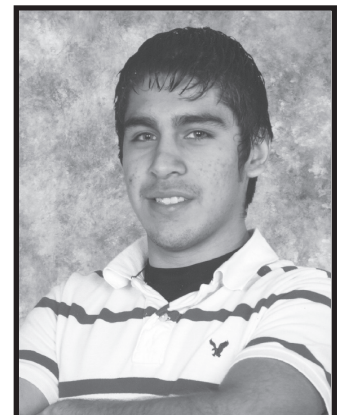
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**WINTER**

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with a 60 percent chance in the forecast.  
 Tonight, temperatures are expected to take their lowest dip of the week, with forecasts calling for the mercury to drop into single digits. With a projected low of approximately 5 degree, NWS officials say northern winds around 15 mph could drop the windchill to a dangerous -11 degrees.  
 Temperatures Wednesday are expected to top out at just below 19 degree with winds calming to between 5 mph and 15 mph from the north. The mercury is expected to fall to approximately 11

degrees Wednesday night with a 20 percent chance of snow in the forecast.  
 The weather is expected to begin warming slightly Thursday, with a high of 24 degrees. Thursday night the expected low is 13 degrees, according to NWS officials.  
 The severe winter chill is expected to begin lifting Friday, however, with partly sunny skies and a high temperature around 40 degrees. The mercury is expected to fall Friday night to around 21 degrees, but warm up to nearly 60 degrees Saturday, according to NWS forecasts.  
 According to a winter weather advisory issued by the NWS Monday, snow accumulations between one and three inches are

possible as temperatures drop, with the highest accumulations expected north of Carlsbad, N.M. Wind chills are expected to reach their lowest levels in the Guadalupe Mountains, where forecasts place them between -15 and -30 degrees Wednesday morning.  
 The NWS advises snow on roadways could make for treacherous travel conditions, while windchill factors could cause frostbite in those participating in outdoor activities.  
 For more information on National Weather Service forecasts, visit [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)  
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**HEALTHCARE**

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declared that for now the federal government and the states would proceed without interruption to carry out the law. It seemed evident that only the U.S. Supreme Court could deliver a final verdict on Obama's historic expansion of health insurance coverage.  
 On Capitol Hill, Republican opponents of the law pledged to redouble pressure for a repeal vote in the Democratic-controlled Senate following House action last month. Nearly all of the states that brought suit in Vinson's court have GOP attorneys general or governors.  
 Vinson ruled against the overhaul on grounds that Congress exceeded its authority by requiring nearly all Americans to carry health insurance, an idea dating back to Republican proposals from the 1990s but now almost universally rejected by conservatives.  
 His ruling followed the same general reasoning as one last year from the federal judge in Virginia. But where the first judge's ruling would strike down the insurance requirement and leave the rest of the law

in place, Vinson took it much farther, invalidating provisions that range from Medicare discounts for seniors with high prescription costs to a change that allows adult children up to age 26 to remain on their parents' coverage.  
 The central issue remains the constitutionality of the law's core requirement that Americans carry health insurance except in cases of financial hardship. Starting in 2014, those who cannot show they are covered by an employer, government program or their own policy will face fines from the IRS.  
 Opponents say a federal requirement that individuals obtain a specific service — a costly one in the case of health insurance — is unprecedented and oversteps the authority the Constitution gives Congress to regulate interstate commerce.  
 Vinson agreed that lawmakers lack the power to penalize citizens for not doing something. He compared the provision to requiring people to eat healthful food.  
 "Congress could require that people buy and consume broccoli at regular intervals," he wrote, "Not only because the required pur-

chases will positively impact interstate commerce, but also because people who eat healthier tend to be healthier and are thus more productive and put less of a strain on the health care system."  
 Defenders of the law said that analogy was flawed. Insurance can't work if people are allowed to opt out until they need medical attention. Premiums collected from many who are healthy pay the cost of care for those who get sick. Since the uninsured can get treated in the emergency room, deciding not to get coverage has consequences for other people who act prudently do buy coverage.  
 "The judge's decision contradicts decades of Supreme Court precedent that support the considered judgment of the democratically elected branches of government that the act's individual responsibility provision is necessary to prevent billions of dollars of cost-shifting every year by individuals without insurance who cannot pay for the health care they obtain," White House adviser Stephanie Cutter wrote in an Internet posting.  
 Vinson, who was appointed to the federal

bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, said in his 78-page ruling that requiring people to buy health insurance marks a break with the nation's founding principles.  
 "It is difficult to imagine that a nation which began, at least in part, as the result of opposition to a British mandate giving the East India Company a monopoly and imposing a nominal tax on all tea sold in America would have set out to create a government with the power to force people to buy tea in the first place," the judge wrote. "If Congress can penalize a passive individual for failing to engage in commerce, the enumeration of powers in the Constitution would have been in vain."  
 It would be difficult to recognize any limits on federal power, he added. Defenders of the law said the founders couldn't have envisioned Medicare or Social Security either.  
 Vinson did side with the administration on another major issue in the case, the expansion of Medicaid to cover more low-income people. About half of the more than 30 million Americans who would gain insurance through the law would

be enrolled in Medicaid. However, striking down the law would also invalidate the Medicaid expansion.  
 Opponents of the health overhaul praised the decision. House Speaker John Boehner said it shows Senate Democrats should follow a House vote to repeal the law.  
 "Today's decision affirms the view, held by most of the states and a majority of the American people, that the federal government should not be in the business of forcing you to buy health insurance and punishing you if you don't," he said.  
 Democrats just as quickly slammed the ruling.  
 "This lawsuit is nothing more than an attempt by those who want to raise taxes on small businesses, increase prescription prices for seniors and allow insurance companies to once again deny sick children medical care," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.  
 Former Florida Republican Attorney General Bill McCollum filed the lawsuit just minutes after Obama signed the 10-year, \$938 billion health care bill into law in March. He chose a court in Pensacola, one of Florida's most con-

servative cities. The nation's most influential small business lobby, the National Federation of Independent Business, also joined.  
 Officials in the states that sued lauded Vinson's decision.  
 "In making his ruling, the judge has confirmed what many of us knew from the start: Obamacare is an unprecedented and unconstitutional infringement on the liberty of the American people," Florida Gov. Rick Scott said.  
 Other states that joined the lawsuit were: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

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Keep them far away from drapes and bedding materials, and make sure they have a 'tip-over' safety switch that will shut them down in the event they are upset.  
 "Also, don't stand so close to a space heater that your clothes could come in contact with it. Never leave one burning while you're asleep or away from the room. Also, always make sure your heater is approved by one of the independent labs, such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual."  
 For heaters requiring a fuel, Condray said it's vital to follow the manufacturer's instruction when it comes time for a refill.  
 "Liquid and gas fired

heaters should only be fueled in a well ventilated area and should be completely cool," said Condray. "Be absolutely sure you're using the proper fuel for the device. If gas fired, you must use the approved type fuel line. Always be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper start-up and shut down of the unit."  
 Condray said a common misconception is it's harmless to use a stove or oven for extra warmth, an idea that can turn deadly in a heartbeat.  
 "Never use cooking appliances to heat your home or a room," said Condray. "Modern cook stoves are designed to operate under certain conditions. Ovens need to have their door closed to vent properly and open flames from burners are as dangerous as any other form of open flame."

"Wood burning fireplaces and stoves need their flues and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by qualified personnel. Make sure you have a sturdy screen or enclosure to keep sparks from entering the room."  
 Space heaters won't be the only risky proposition during frigid temperatures, as city officials are advising local residents and water customers to protect their water lines and pipes from the freezing weather.  
 "We're really hoping people will take proper precautions as the temperature drops," said Assistant City Manager Todd Darden. "That means leaving your hot

and cold water dripping just enough to keep the pipes from freezing, as well as insulating any exterior pipes or fixtures.  
 "We also suggest people take old newspaper or towels and stuff them in their meter boxes to help keep them from freezing. The boxes are underground, but they still sit in a void, so they are susceptible to the freezing temperatures and could burst."  
 Darden said area residents should also remember to insulate any sewer lines that are above ground or not buried at a safe depth, which would be 12 inches to 18 inches.  
 "If people don't take precautions, I expect

we'll be handling quite a few emergency water cut-offs," he said.  
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## OUR VIEWS

# Slow down

We don't know why it is that bad weather brings out the worst in drivers, but it seems that it always does. Some people just don't understand that when there is water, snow or ice on the road, it is prudent to *slow down*.

We all know there was snow on the ground this morning and if you were listening to your radio, you knew conditions were poor enough that public schools in the area canceled classes. Despite the obvious, law enforcement personnel and EMS were literally making their way from one accident to another.

There were numerous mishaps in town, north and south of us on U.S. Highway 87 and, of course, along Interstate 20 — particularly to the west.

Most of those accidents, we suspect, were avoidable. Someone used poor judgement or no judgement at all. That was the situation in one advisory over the police scanner that warned an 18-wheeler was heading down I-20 at 70 miles per hour, skidding all over the road. What kind of idiot does that?

Driving in poor weather requires all of our skills, all of our attention. It is necessary to anticipate there is ice under the snow, or the possibility of a slick spot up ahead.

We have to anticipate the "other guy" might not be as skillful as we are. Don't count on him or her being able to stop.

Beware the four-wheeler superdrivers who think this is a great time to show off their "toy." These jerks seem to delight in roaring past others, spewing snow and ice all over the place.

If you are getting on the road during the next few days, remember to take your time. Leave early if you need to. Above all, just slow down.

Afterall, getting there late is a heck of a lot better than not getting there at all.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are at our best, Lord, when we share Your love with others. Amen

# Obama: Your government knows what is best for you

Obama's latest watchword, "investments," is not, as I originally assumed, simply a euphemism for government spending. It captures his entire economic philosophy — a philosophy that is permanently engrained in the core of his being and disastrous for America's "future."

President Bill Clinton shrewdly used the word as a more palatable substitute for income tax rate increases, saying taxpayers needed to "invest" more of their hard-earned dollars in America. But Obama's use of the term was different in two important ways. First, for him, "investments" would apply to the spending side of the fiscal equation. He would ask our support in his plan to "invest" more government money in infrastructure and education.

Secondly, and more significantly, Obama used the term to candy-coat his fundamental lack of confidence in the private sector and free market, as well as his commitment to faith in government as the primary engine for economic growth.

For all the analysis of Obama's speech, I don't think nearly enough has been made of this theme, which was interwoven throughout it. For it is the key to understanding that regardless of any promises he might make to move to the center, he will not do so willingly. It is also critical to comprehending why, despite the marked failure of his economic policies, he is virtually incapable of voluntarily changing course.

Obama's critics often say that it's important to pay more attention to his actions than his words. Though there is much validity in that, it's also true that we must not overlook his words,

for he is not always careful to disguise his heartfelt views.

In his pre-speech teasers, Obama telegraphed that he would be emphasizing job creation. Indeed, he said that he saved the nation from economic collapse through his (atrociously wasteful and wholly ineffective trillion-dollar) "stimulus" bill. He insisted that he has succeeded in reigniting the economy but that the matter of job creation is an entirely separate process that will follow through his next round of magic.

He didn't bother acknowledging that he's played this same tune many times before (saying he wasn't focused enough on jobs but now he is) or that he specifically promised from the outset that job growth would result from his stimulus. But he did tell us multiple times in this speech how he envisions job growth finally coming about.

Yes, he rolled out the blame-Bush card again, but he also underscored the limitations of the free market to produce economic growth and employment.

His entire "Sputnik" meme was based on this wrongheaded notion.

When the Soviet Union lurched ahead of us in the space race, America's leaders launched a national effort to surpass the Soviets. For Obama, by analogy, the federal government has to be the prime mover in leading and catalyzing America's comeback in education and in economic growth.

We cannot understand Obama without recognizing that he believes the private sector can't create or innovate without paternalistic direction and googobs of money from the wiser beings in Washington.

"We know what it takes to compete for the jobs and industries of our time," he said. "The first step ... is encouraging American innovation." Note that he didn't mean "encourage" in the sense of getting government off businesses' and people's backs. He

means the federal government should proactively prod, direct and lead us into the promised land of economic growth.

He credited government for providing money for "basic research" and "cutting-edge scientists and inventors" throughout history, without which the hand of the free market would have been not only invisible but also impotent. As a result, he pledged from his command-control perch to "invest in biomedical research, information technology and especially clean energy technology" (that PC token can never be omitted) — "an investment that will strengthen our security, protect our planet and create countless new jobs for our people."

So far, they've been "countless" indeed. This is just one example. Read the transcript and you'll see that throughout he betrays his blind faith in the indispensability of government action to job growth.

It would be bad enough if Obama's ideas merely retarded their stated goal of restoring job growth. But they necessarily involve Keynesian prescriptions of throwing obscene and budget-busting amounts of federal money at this ephemeral solution. Even if Obama wanted to reduce the deficit and debt, his economic philosophy would compel him always to spend more and would prevent fiscal responsibility.

If you listened to the speech and came away believing Obama is receptive to moving to the center, then you didn't hear or understand him. For the GOP to make headway on restoring fiscal sanity to this nation, it must first understand him. Then it must oppose and reverse him.

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# 'Second Adolescence' goes on hold for baby boomers

A few years ago, baby boomers needed 3-D glasses to take in the gorgeous vision of their decades to come. Books and articles foresaw baby boomers skipping off into a "Second Adolescence" of self-fulfillment. No longer chained to the 9-to-5 and still healthy, the newly "retired" would follow their muse. The future was theirs, despite all that gray hair (or gray roots).

Certain economic realities have since intervened, forcing boomers to hang onto their old jobs with all 20 fingers. House prices collapsed, taking away their home-equity bag of gold. Their IRAs and 401(k)s may be moth-eaten by bad investment decisions, such as selling stocks after the crash and not holding on for the recovery.

Or perhaps they didn't put enough into the investments to begin with. Meanwhile, their "safe" savings vehicles deliver about zero interest. And Medicare and Social Security are in deep trouble, or so we've been told.

But let's linger a bit on the golden dream. In her 2004 book, "My Time: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life," Abigail Trafford writes about fit 50-plus Americans turning "the bonus decades into a personal renaissance." They could "give back"

to their communities, spend time with grandchildren, nurture intellectual interests, start a new career and get married again — or at least shack up.

Sadly, hopes of re-inventing one's aging self as a filmmaker or landscape architect have been put on hold for all but the reasonably rich. The good news is that, contrary to rumors, the government-run benefits will survive, if in a less cushy form.

First off, Social Security is just fine. The money in the program's trust fund will keep promised benefits flowing for about 28 years.

Those who argue that the trust fund is empty are just trying to con American workers out of the benefits they earned through the payroll tax — a tax that was hiked 25 years ago specifically to cover the boomers' retirement.

The trust fund was invested in Treasury securities. They can't be defaulted without approval by Congress. Now name me one member of Congress who would vote to stiff the workers.

Medicare is another matter. As of Jan. 1, the oldest baby boomers started turning 65, the eligibility age for this government health insurance plan. The rising costs of Medicare will accelerate as the huge boomer generation partakes of the benefits.

Medicare is not a self-funding program, like Social Security. General revenues, mainly income taxes, pay for 39 percent of it. That makes Medicare, to use tea party language, a redistributionist scheme and form of socialized medicine.

The economics of Medicare and politics of taxation should concern would-be retirees. A recent Associated Press/Washington Post poll showed that only 20 percent of those born between 1946 and 1964 think their Medicare will be secure. (On the plus side, the same poll has American adults of all ages saying they would sacrifice to preserve Medicare benefits.)

How do you stop the program from bankrupting America? First off, wring the enormous waste out of its care-delivery system. Next, raise taxes. Next, ask beneficiaries to pay more for their medical services.

The junior generations will help pay for these benefits, if only to encourage frightened boomers to remove their big rear ends from the jobs that younger people want. (More positions will free up as the new health care law helps workers who want to start businesses, but are afraid of losing their company medical coverage, go forth.)

Concerning the rest of the financial picture — the real estate, the savings, the investments — would-be retirees are on their own. A Second Adolescence? At least the sex will be free.

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ARTERIES	DIET	HEALTH
CARDIAC	DOCTOR	HEART
CHECKUP	EXERCISE	NUTRITION
CHOLESTEROL	FAT	VEINS

S N Z G Q K R E W D A K  
P W U I M O X H E A R T  
M U P T T E K J O K T O  
V X K C R L J R M C E T  
V E O C A I D R A C R H  
K D I F E L T D N Q I T  
Z S A N U H J I N L E L  
E T O B S R C E O K S A  
W Z Q N T U Z T K N N E  
M G S F R F P N B F G H  
C H O L E S T E R O L W  
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### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- **1870:** THE 15TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IS PASSED, GRANTING VOTING RIGHTS TO CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF RACE.
- **1917:** THE UNITED STATES BREAKS OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.
- **1989:** ALFREDO STROESSNER, DICTATOR OF PARAGUAY SINCE 1954, IS OVERTHROWN.

### Health Match

Match the doctor with his/her speciality.

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Gastroenterologist | A. Heart                |
| 2. Cardiologist       | B. Bones                |
| 3. Orthopedist        | C. Brain                |
| 4. Neurologist        | D. Stomach & intestines |

Answers: 1. D, 2. A, 3. B, 4. C



### cardiac

of or relating to the heart



THIS WAXY SUBSTANCE CAN CLOG ARTERIES AND CONTRIBUTE TO HEART PROBLEMS.

ANSWER: CHOLESTEROL

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Blood

**SPANISH:** Sangre

**ITALIAN:** Sangue

**FRENCH:** Sang

**GERMAN:** Blut

### Did you know?



DOCTORS MEASURE HEART ACTIVITY BY USING A CARDIOGRAPH MACHINE.

### GET THE PICTURE?



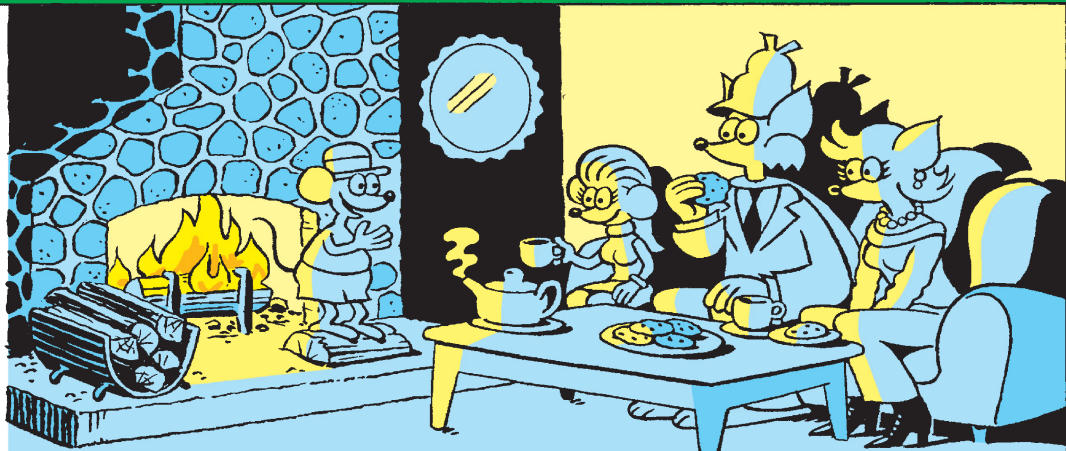
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STETHOSCOPE

### SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

### BY BOB WEBER JR.

Max Mouse challenged his friends with the following crime puzzle: Police surround the hideout of a robber. They don't know what he looks like, but they know his name is Jeff. When the police enter the house they find four people playing video games. They immediately arrest Jeff. How do they know they have the right man?



Answer -- The robber is the only man. The other gamers are all women.

### HOW TO DRAW a young lady

WEBER 1-30



### YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Monique Fabara, age 11, of Norwalk, CT



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Which one of these creatures sleeps with one eye open?

- a) Owl
- b) Shark
- c) Dolphin
- d) Alligator
- e) Popeye

Answer -- c)

### Find six differences between these panels.



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# Pseudo eagle promises to reclaim the sky

The cold days of January seemed endless. Finally, the last morning arrived, and with it came an early phone call.

Saying an officer had just left the shelter, the dispatcher at Midland Animal Control promised to call when he returned. When I asked if she knew what kind of bird he expected to capture, she answered immediately.

"An eagle. However, it's going to be a while before we have it. The guy who found it lives near the county line."

Two hours later she informed us that the officer had returned. When asked if she had seen the bird, she said she had not seen it or the employee. Having placed the eagle in one of the pens in the isolation area, the officer had been called out on another incident.

After loading our largest container, gloves, and a thick towel, Art questioned the possibility of an eagle within the Midland city limits. Feeling the same way, I could only reply that we'd just have to wait and see.

Winding through



Courtesy photo

Although duller in color, the female American kestrel is longer, has a wider wingspan, and out-weighs potential mates. Diet includes large insects, small rodents, and small birds.

a maze of steel doors, narrow hallways, and numerous turns, an attendant led us to a holding room. Away from the noise of the usual tenants, it provided a haven for birds or mammals needing a quiet retreat.

Nursing a deluge of puppies, a mongrel in the first enclosure seemed to appreciate our kind words toward

her offspring. "We'll adopt out as many as possible," said the attendant.

Near the end of the narrow room, he gestured toward an upper cage. Since we had picked up numerous hawks and owls from this room, we were acquainted with the height and difficulty of extracting an uncooperative bird from such an elevation.

After glancing around to see if there was anything I could stand on, I finally looked upward toward the cage. Instead of seeing the silhouette of a two and a half foot high raptor weighing possibly ten pounds with a known wingspan of over six feet, I saw nothing.

Thinking I had the wrong enclosure, I

heard the attendant encourage me by saying, "It's in there." Stifling the urge to laugh, and grateful for what was absent, I gladly accepted from Art a small stool he had found.

Slowly rising until I could look inside the entire cage, I quickly spotted the smallest of North American falcons standing in a corner. Not even a foot in length, she might weigh all of four ounces soaking wet.

Nervously glancing from side to side, the American kestrel attempted to figure out what to do. As her feet began to make a pitty-pat drumming on the stainless steel floor, she turned rapidly in order to defend herself from all sides.

The towel Art had brought was stretched

across the cage. Slowly moving it toward the bird lessened the amount of room she might use to flee an approaching hand. Finally, the cloth was gently allowed to settle over the kestrel.

Only when I picked her up inside the towel did she start to protest. Her high-pitched screams of "killy, killy, killy" were ear-piercing. Through the material came her needle-sharp talons.

As we examined the delicate falcon, the attendant seemed mesmerized by her presence. Rusty-colored, this adult female had blackish barring on her wings, back, and tail. Her creamy chest was streaked with cinnamon. Two black, vertical stripes accented her cheeks.

On the under side of her left wing we found a dried droplet of blood. Since we had seen her holding her wings equally, we felt she might have suffered either a small puncture or fracture.

Inside our large carrier, the feisty patient appeared befuddled by so much space. Once we covered the entire container, she remained quiet for our trip home. After placing the kestrel in a smaller enclosure, she seemed content with a log roost and adapted to a diet of small mice and crickets.

Through the first week of February, wind and dust prevented a trip to Lubbock. Finally, a calm day was forecast. X-rays revealed

## Bird Poop

BY BEBE McCASLAND



a simple fracture; the bone was knitting properly. After six weeks with her wing bound so as to prevent any injury, the kestrel could look forward to rehab and release.

In early spring, the kestrel might once again be seen perching atop a telephone pole or utility line. After pumping her tail up and down for balance, she might suddenly swoop down upon freshly hatched grasshoppers or overabundant mice. Her ability to adapt to changing seasons and available food would once again prove how beneficial raptors are to farmers and ranchers.

At other times, facing into the wind with wings spread, body tilted slightly upward, she would seem to hang in the air from an imaginary string. Her ability to hover and maintain a desired elevation is a classic behavior of her species. While her flight ability might not be golden, the pseudo eagle promised to reclaim her own portion of the sky.

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

## sudoku

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.

	1	8	2		7	3	5	
6	3						8	4
		7	5		1	6		
	6			3			9	
		3	9		6	2		
5	2						4	6
	7	6	4		8	5	2	

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## The making of a CEO

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his directors or his children, he decided to do something different.

He called all the young executives in his company together and said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you."

The young executives were shocked, but the

boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a seed today, one very special seed. I want you to plant the seed, water it and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

Jim, one of the employees, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly told his wife

### Parent's Corner

BY DARRELL RYAN



the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed.

Every day, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow.

Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing.

By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure. Six months went by — still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Every-

one else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing.

Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however, he just kept watering and fertilizing the soil — he so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection.

Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room.

When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful, in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Crucial Defensive Measure

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦K J 4  
♥7  
♦10 7 6 2  
♣A Q J 9 2

**WEST**  
♦8 7 3  
♥Q J 9 4  
♦A J 5  
♣7 6 5

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

**SOUTH**  
♦A Q 10 9 6  
♥K 10 8  
♦K Q 4  
♣10 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
4 NT Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

A recurring problem encountered by the defenders is the question of when to take an opposing king with the ace. This dilemma can arise in many different situations, and the solution depends entirely on the particular circumstances of that deal.

Consider this case where West leads the queen of hearts against four spades. East takes the ace and shifts to a diamond, on which declarer plays the king. The question is whether West should take his ace or allow the king to win.

As can be seen, if West wins the

trick, the defense collapses. West cannot continue diamonds without allowing dummy's ten to become a trick, while if West switches to another suit, declarer has time to establish dummy's clubs for a diamond discard.

However, if West ducks the diamond return at trick two, South is helpless. Sooner or later East gains the lead with the king of clubs, and his diamond return enables West to score the A-J for down one.

All of which brings us back to the question of how West should know not to take South's king of diamonds with the ace at trick two. The solution lies in which diamond East returns at trick two.

In the given case, East's proper return is the nine, commonly known as a "top-of-nothing" lead. Since the nine is easy to read as East's highest diamond, West can place South with the K-Q. He can then reason that, unless his partner has the king of clubs, the contract cannot be defeated. West therefore refuses to take the first diamond in the hope that East will eventually gain the lead for the killing diamond return.

Of course, if East improperly leads the diamond three at trick two — which would imply that he had some strength in the suit — West would have no choice but to take his ace and return a diamond, thereby handing declarer an unmakeable game.

Tomorrow: A question of priorities.

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# Massive crowds across Egypt demand Mubarak ouster

CAIRO (AP) — More than a quarter-million people flooded into the heart of Cairo Tuesday, filling the city's main square in by far the largest demonstration in a week of unceasing demands for President Hosni Mubarak to leave after nearly 30 years in power.

Protesters streamed into Tahrir, or Liberation, Square, among them people defying a government transportation shutdown to make their way from rural provinces in the Nile Delta. The peaceful crowd was jammed in shoulder to shoulder — schoolteachers, farmers, unemployed university graduates, women in conservative headscarves and women in high heels, men in suits and working-class men in scuffed shoes.

They sang nationalist songs and chanted the

anti-Mubarak "Leave! Leave! Leave!" as military helicopters buzzed overhead. Organizers said the aim was to intensify marches to get the president out of power by Friday, and similar demonstrations erupted in at least five other cities around Egypt.

Soldiers at checkpoints set up the entrances of the square did nothing to stop the crowds from entering.

The military promised on state TV Monday night that it would not fire on protesters answering a call for a million to demonstrate, a sign that army support for Mubarak may be unraveling as momentum builds for an extraordinary eruption of discontent and demands for democracy in the United States' most important Arab ally.

"This is the end for

him. It's time," said Musab Galal, a 23-year-old unemployed university graduate who came by minibus with his friends from the Nile Delta city of Menoufiya.

Mubarak, 82, would be the second Arab leader pushed from office by a popular uprising in the history of the modern Middle East.

The loosely organized and disparate movement to drive him out is fueled by deep frustration with an autocratic regime blamed for ignoring the needs of the poor and allowing corruption and official abuse to run rampant. After years of tight state control, protesters emboldened by the overthrow of Tunisia's president last month took to the streets on Jan. 25 and mounted a once-unimaginable, relentless series of protests across this nation of 80 million

people — the region's most populous country and the center of Arabic-language film-making, music and literature.

Mubarak's weakening hold on power has forced the world to plan for the end of a regime that maintained three decades of peace with Israel and relative stability despite a powerful domestic Islamist terrorist threat, even as its human rights record was constantly criticized the gap between rich and poor widened.

Nearly half of Egypt's 80 million people live under or just above the poverty line set by the World Bank at \$2 a day.

Troops and Soviet-era Abrams tanks stood at the roads leading into

Tahrir Square, a plaza overlooked by the headquarters of the Arab League, the campus of the American University in Cairo, the famed Egyptian Museum and the Mugamma, an enormous winged building housing dozens of departments of the country's notoriously corrupt and inefficient bureaucracy.

The protesters were more organized than on previous days. Volunteers wearing tags reading "the People's Security" circulated through the crowds, saying they were watching for government infiltrators who might try to instigate violence.

"We will throw out anyone who tries to create trouble," one an-

nounced over a loudspeaker. Other volunteers joined the soldiers at the checkpoints, searching bags of those entering for weapons. Organizers said the protest would remain in the square and not attempt to march to avoid frictions with the military.

Two dummies representing Mubarak were hung from traffic lights. On their chests was written: "We want to put the murderous president on trial." Their faces were scrawled with the Star of David, an allusion to many protesters' feeling that Mubarak is a friend of Israel, still seen by most Egyptians as their country's archenemy more than 30 years after the two nations signed a peace treaty.

## CORNER

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on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him.

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives. Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO."

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the financial director to bring him to the front.

Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure. Maybe he will have me fired!"

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed. Jim told him the story. The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim,

He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Behold your next chief executive officer. His name is Jim."

Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed.

"How could he be the new CEO?" the others asked.

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead — it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim,

have brought me trees and plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new chief executive officer."

And thus the old saying once again proved right: If you plant honesty you will reap trust.


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

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# Howard sweeps

## Hawks take two from Frank Phillips Monday

By RUSTY BERRY  
Borger News-Herald

BORGER — After being down by 17 points at halftime, the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen came on strong to start the second half and pull to within four points late in their contest with the defending national champions, the No. 21 Howard College Hawks.

With two minutes to go, the Plainsmen had two opportunities to pull to within one point with good looks from behind the three point line. However, neither shot would fall in the basket, allowing the Hawks to escape the Borger Community Activity Center with the 50-45 win in Western Junior College Athletic Association action.

Solid defense by both teams caused the game to be played at more of a patient pace as both

teams would run their half court sets to try to get points on the board, instead of the fast-paced running style fans are use to seeing from WJ-CAC teams.

Howard started the contest strong by scoring the first seven points of the game. However, the Plainsmen quickly pulled back to within two points, 7-9, led by Jonathan Pittman's four early points.

Despite the good start by Pittman, the Plainsmen struggled in the first half by going 5/24 from the floor, which opened the door for the Hawks to go on a 13-0 run halfway through the period to take a 9-25 lead.

In the final five minutes of the first half, Trevor Niles started to find a little groove by scoring five, but Howard would go into the half-

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Shavon Coleman hits a layup in recent Howard College basketball action. The Howard men scored a 50-45 victory, while the HC women earned a 65-49 win, in their games vs. Frank Phillips Monday.

File photo

**All area high school basketball games scheduled for tonight have been canceled because of weather, school officials announced. Weather permitting, the games will be played Wednesday.**

# UT rolls over Aggies, 69-49

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Moments after No. 3 Texas topped its 69-49 victory over No. 16 Texas A&M on Monday night, Aggies coach Mark Turgeon delivered a message to winning coach Rick Barnes.

"I told Rick if they keep improving and stay healthy they can win a national championship," Turgeon said. "I haven't said that about many teams. I said that about Kansas the year they won it. I've been doing this 24 years and I haven't seen many teams as good as Texas."

Jordan Hamilton scored 20 points to help the Longhorns to their first victory in College Station since 2004.

Texas never trailed and built a 25-point lead by halftime thanks to hot shooting and their trademark stifling defense. The Aggies outscored the Longhorns by five points in the second half, but the dominant first half kept Texas (19-3, 7-0) undefeated in the Big 12.

Texas outscored the Aggies 14-4 on fast breaks and Texas A&M seemed to have trouble keeping up with the Longhorns' pace of play.

"We want to run," Barnes said. "We want to get out in transition. We wanted to have that mindset, to push it."

The Longhorns are still looking for more on defense despite the strong performance.

"We can still get better," guard Dogus Balbay said. "We still make mistakes. We've got to eliminate those. We can always get better on

defense."

The Aggies (17-4, 4-3) have lost three of four in the skid that began when Texas beat them 81-60 in Austin less than two weeks ago to snap a 13-game winning streak.

Turgeon is worried about his team after an effort he called embarrassing. He believes his players got too high on themselves during their winning streak.

"I've got to get my team back," he said. "I don't like the way we're playing. I think we just got really caught up in ourselves and became a little bit uncoachable. I've felt this coming for a while and I just hope I can fix it by Saturday."

B.J. Holmes had 19 points for Texas A&M. He bruised his right knee late in the game and had to sit out, but Turgeon isn't sure if the injury will keep him out on Saturday against Baylor.

The Longhorns haven't lost since dropping an 82-81 overtime decision to Connecticut on Jan. 8 and are 7-0 in league play for the first time since 1977-78.

Texas made it look easy in this one and even some Texas A&M fans looked to be in awe when Hamilton hit a nifty hook shot from a tough angle that made it 60-36 with about 8 minutes left.

Texas harassed the Aggies into their worst shooting performance of the season at just under 31 percent

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# Super Bowl squads had similar blueprint

ARLINGTON (AP) — NFL executives always talk about building the core of their club through the draft, then using free agency to fill in some blanks.

They might be saying it more after this Super Bowl.

Look at the breakdown of the starting lineups for the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers. It's as if these old-school franchises were using the same throwback playbook because the numbers are identical:

— Sixteen of the 22 expected starters are homegrown players, draft picks who've never left.

— Two more are the next-best thing, guys who were signed after nobody drafted them and have never left.

— The remaining four were signed off the open market. But even those additions were made through scouting acumen rather than winning bidding wars.

Packers cornerback Charles Woodson and Steelers linebacker James Farrior are valuable players now, both

team captains. However, both joined their clubs for the simple reason that nobody else wanted them.

"We made a bunch of phone calls, my agent did, with no success," said Woodson, who left Oakland with the reputation of being more interested in fun than football. "For some reason, Green Bay kept calling him. I kept trying to blow it off, blow it off, blow it off. Finally, I took a visit to Green Bay and the rest is history."

Farrior was a 'tweener for the New York Jets, too slow to be an outside linebacker, too small to be an inside linebacker. But the Steelers saw him as a perfect fit for their scheme. He now says, "I was born to play inside linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers."

"I felt like I was wanted there," he said. "I think they do a great job of getting people to fit within their system. That's one thing about the Steelers: They've always been able to do that. They've always been able to judge good people, good character, good players. That's why the Steelers

organization has been so successful over the years."

Pittsburgh and Green Bay are franchises built on tradition and a clear sense of how things should be done. They must be. Neither is a high-profile destination for free agents, nor are their owners the deep-pocketed types who are willing to overpay a player or two or three to help generate headlines.

They have to get it right if they are going to succeed. Sometimes, that requires patience and trust. The Packers exhibited both by sticking with general manager Ted Thompson despite moves that rattled the fan base — spending a first-round pick on Aaron Rodgers when they already had Brett Favre.

"The principles are in place of how you evaluate a player," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "So when you're in a personnel meeting prior to the draft and discussions are going around the table about

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# HC women hold off FPC

By Rusty Berry

BORGER — Monday evening, the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen were still looking for their first conference win of the season and knew breaking into that win column was going to be a challenge against No. 24 Howard College. After a rough first half, the Lady Plainsmen tried to make the game interesting in the second half by pulling to within seven points with just over six minutes on the clock. However, the Hawks used an 11-0 run to pull away for the 65-49 win. With the Hawks holding a 10-8 lead, Howard's

Tasha Tubbs nailed two threes to help spur the Hawks to a 16-2 run to build a 10-26 lead by the 9:05 mark of the first half. The Lady Plainsmen ended the Howard run with Erica Jones, Kinjita Kelley and Courtney Turner getting on the scoreboard to pull back to within 12 points, with just over two minutes to go in the first half. However, the first half ended with Howard continuing to attack, going into the halftime break with an 8-2 run to build a 40-22 lead. The Hawks took advantage of second and third chance opportunities in the first half by out-rebounding the

Lady Plainsmen 20-9 in the first half. The Lady Plainsmen looked a lot better to start the second half, with La'Christa Nash taking a steal in for a lay up followed by Shardenia Hudson hitting the right side jumper to pull back to within 14 points. Howard tried to answer the Lady Plainsmen's good start with Zeslie Johnson nailing a three pointer. But the Lady Plainsmen continued having the hot hand by going on an 11-2 run to make it a 45-37 game with just over nine minutes to go in the second half. Howard finally got its offensive game back on track, led by Kali

Jerrell, who scored five straight points for the Hawks to build their lead back to 11 points. Open jump shots by Jones and Adriana Vasquez allowed the Lady Plainsmen to stay in the game and pull to within seven points with just over six minutes to go. But the late surge by Howard kept the Lady Plainsmen from getting their first conference win of the season, dropping them to 4-19 overall and 0-6 in WJCAC action. The win by Howard takes them to 18-5 overall, 4-2 in conference play, setting up a big showdown with South Plains College in Levelland Thursday.

# Mavs down Washington

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas coach Rick Carlisle had seen just about all he could take. With his Mavericks playing down to the worst road team in the NBA, Carlisle ripped into his players during a second-quarter timeout. They got the message. Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 points, Tyson Chandler added 18 points and 18 rebounds, and Dallas kept the Washington Wizards winless on the road with a 102-92 victory on Monday night. "I was mad. Really, it was the maddest that I have been all year," Carlisle said. "At that point, we were playing a losing brand of basketball and they will tell you the same thing. We picked it up at both ends and we started competing better." Jason Terry contributed 14 points and eight assists and Shawn Marion had 14 points and nine rebounds for Dallas, which has won five straight and six of seven following a six-game losing streak. Jason Kidd had 11 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Mavs. Washington lost its fifth straight overall and slipped to 0-24 on the road, the third-worst road start in NBA history.

Dallas holds the record, dropping its first 29 on the road in 1992-93. Rookie of the Year contender John Wall had 17 points and 10 assists, and Nick Young and Rashard Lewis had 18 points apiece for Washington. The Wizards led by as many as 12 in the second quarter before the Mavericks fought back with a 10-4 run over the last 2:39 of the first half for a 50-49 lead at the break. Carlisle burned a timeout with his team behind, 32-23, and 9:46 left in the second quarter. "He was frustrated and he had a right to be frustrated," Chandler said. "We were making some mental mistakes out there, lack of focus, and we turned it up at the end of the first half and in the second half and ended up with a win." Both teams shot poorly from the free throw line. Washington went 19 for 31 and Dallas was 25 for 37. The Mavericks took control with a 14-4 third-quarter run capped by Kidd's 3-pointer with 2:24 left for a 72-64 advantage. Dallas carried a 74-68 edge into the final quarter, and Nowitzki's four-point play with 6:51 remaining extended the lead to 91-81.

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time break with a solid 17 point lead, 16-33. The Plainsmen were a little slow getting back to the court after halftime. However, the time in the locker room proved to be productive as the team started the second half on a 13-2 run. Plainsmen sophomore Marlon Ford had the hot hand during the run by scoring seven straight points that helped pull the Plainsmen to within six points, 29-35, by the 13:45 mark in the second half. Howard would regroup by taking their lead back to nine points. However, the Plainsmen responded with a 6-1 run to pull to within three points, after a three pointer and a free throw

by Niles making it a 36-39 ball game. Howard again responded by taking their lead to seven points, but the Plainsmen did a good job keeping themselves within striking distance for the remainder of the game. With 1:40 to go, Jerrod Brown laid the ball in on a fast break to pull the Plainsmen to within four points, 43-47. Solid defense by the Plainsmen quickly gave them the ball back with the opportunity to pull even closer. However, a missed three pointer gave Howard the ball back, leading them to convert two free throws to take a six point lead, 43-49, with just over a minute to go. With just 15 seconds left on the clock, the Plainsmen once again were able to respond with Niles converting two free throws to

make it a four point game again, 45-49. A quick foul on the inbound pass sent Howard to the free throw line, where it failed to get either shot to fall, giving the Plainsmen some life with 13 seconds to go. But the breaks would not fall for the Plainsmen on Monday night, as James Boonstoppel's three point shot would come up just short, with five seconds left, allowing the Hawks to hang on for the win. The first half of conference play on the men's side ended Monday night with Howard College going to 15-6 overall, 5-2 in conference play, while the Plainsmen drop to 10-13 overall, 2-5 in conference. Howard travels to Levelland Thursday to take on South Plains College. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

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a player, you know when the final decision is made that Ted has probably had his eyes on him and definitely has done his due diligence. It's very impressive to watch now for five years, and it's a big part of why we select the right people. We have to give our personnel department a lot of credit for our season." Thompson learned how to build a club from Ron Wolf,

who was the architect of the teams Favre led to two Super Bowls. This is the first Super Bowl on Thompson's watch, but there's no reason to think it will be the last. The majority of the starters are in their 20s and Rodgers is a blossoming star who's turned Favre into old news. It's also worth noting Green Bay has 16 players on injured reserve, meaning Thompson and his staff have had to dig even deeper to keep the club going. Among the gems they've

uncovered: running back James Starks, a sixth-round pick; nickel cornerback Sam Shields, an undrafted free agent; and outside linebacker Erik Walden, who was out of football when the Packers signed him in midseason. "I really like our structure, our program," McCarthy said. "We have drafted players, we have developed them and have been successful in doing that. We need to continue to do that because every year is a new year. This year for us is a great example of that. There

are challenges in front of you that you don't know you're going to hit, and when they hit you have to be prepared. ... I think the future is bright for our football team." As a Pittsburgh native, McCarthy knows where to look for inspiration. The Steelers are in the Super Bowl for the third time in six seasons, thanks mostly to replenishing their system with wise draft picks. The mastermind is Kevin Colbert, the director of football operations.

Eight of Pittsburgh's last 10 first-rounders are starters, which is even more impressive since the Steelers usually pick late in the first round. Other draft coups include guard Chris Kemoeatu and receiver Antonio Brown in the sixth round. Then there's James Harrison, a rookie free agent in 2002 who was cut three times before becoming the AP's Defensive Player of the Year in 2008 — a year before Woodson won it for the Packers.

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and their 17 field goals were one off their season low. The Longhorns have held each of their Big 12 opponents to 63 points or fewer and two of the last three haven't reached 50. Khris Middleton, who entered the game lead-

ing the Aggies in scoring at almost 16 points a game, was held scoreless on 0-of-9 shooting with Hamilton guarding him. "On our scouting report, they were saying that he's one of the most improved players in the country," Hamilton said. "I told myself I'm just going to come out here and guard him the hardest that I've

ever guarded before and that's what I did tonight." Still Barnes and Hamilton know that shutting down Middleton took more than just one player. "One thing we've tried to do all year was take away the other team's leading scorer," Barnes said. "When you do that you're going to have to have a team effort."

Texas A&M had trouble on offense all night, but never was it more pronounced than when Kourtney Roberson tried for a dunk only to see it fall into the net and then pop back out. It was so close to being a basket that the official statistics initially credited A&M with a field goal. The points were taken away when the scorers realized the er-

ror. Texas was up by 20 points before they reeled off six straight points, capped by a 3-pointer by Hamilton, to extend the lead to 43-17 with 3 minutes left in the half. They led 45-20 at halftime. The Longhorns led by six points early in the first half before using a 24-6 run to build a 34-12 lead with just under 6 minutes remaining in

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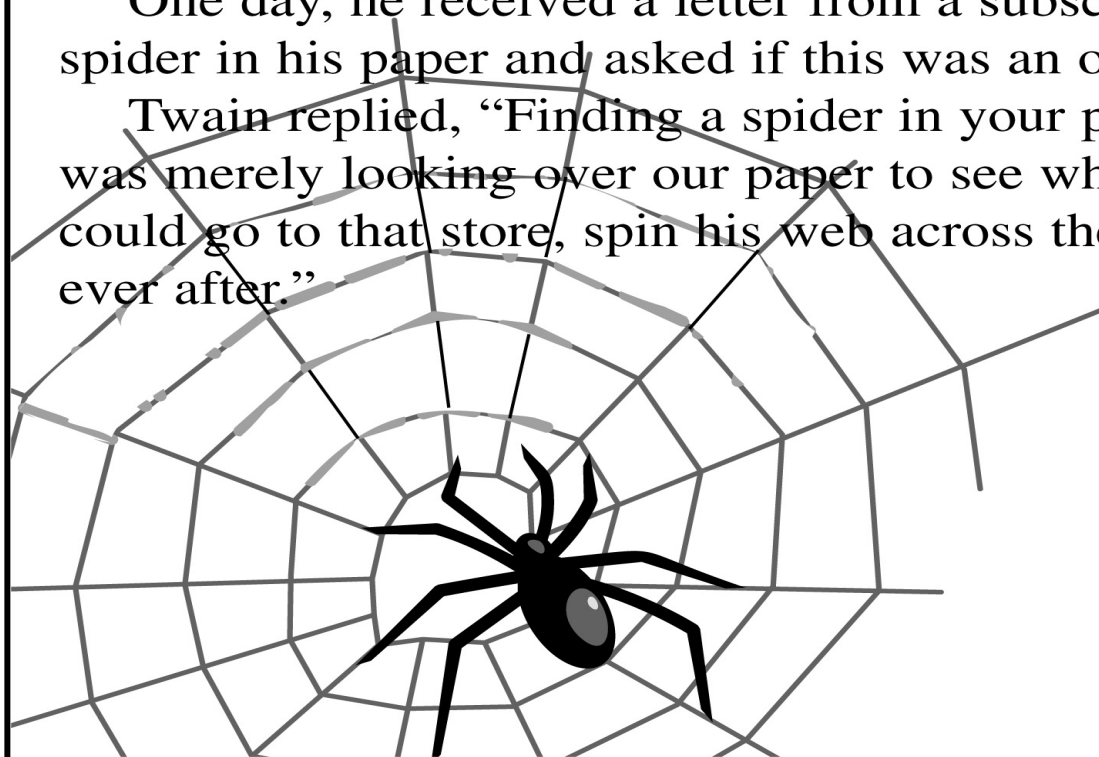
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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Being popular has its drawbacks. You could find yourself in a tight spot socially today, but you're likely to handle it well. If you don't know what to say, buy yourself some time by flashing that beautiful smile of yours.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You want to take action on some matter, but you need the approval of others to move forward. Or do you? Think about how it would look if you were to act now and, if necessary, apologize later.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're not trying to compete with anyone, and yet you are so confident that you could arouse jealousy among those who are supposed to be in charge. Tonight, an impractical idea will be the one that works.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be easy to get mired in an overabundance of details today. Limit your research. Too much information is worse than not enough. Narrow your focus and tune into your instincts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will get your

chance to speak in front of a crowd. This isn't something you normally seek out; however, you have a very important message, and you can make a difference in the world by telling it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your energy is remarkably high, and remark they will. People around you will say things like "wow" and "how impressive" and "bravo." And since you are so capable, they will also make requests of you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will accomplish what others in your family could not. Maybe it's better not to talk about this today. If your victory is private, you will be able to enjoy your achievement instead of worrying about how you are being perceived.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will put nagging worries to rest. Maybe the issue isn't solved, but there will be so much else going on in your world that these issues will no longer seem important to you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be an unexpected proposal — a flashy magazine that gets your attention or a Girl Scout selling cookies — worthy of your pocket change. However, do not dig any deeper to satisfy such impulses.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A lovely, quiet mood allows you to tend to responsibilities that have fallen through the cracks over the past few weeks. It feels wonderful to get caught up.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A smooth operation is interrupted by the mistakes of a newbie. You'll remember when it was you who was new on the scene, and you'll extend your compassion, as well as some helpful instruction.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 1). People admire and listen to you. That's why you'll be put in charge of an important project this month. You'll drive your team to victory in March. Through the spring, you'll make friends, win

customers and have many lovely evenings with someone special. Invest in August. Travel in October. Virgo and Libra people are amorous admirers. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 31, 48, and 20.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I want to start a band. When I look at the musician magazines, I get a stomachache. The want ads are filled with so many musicians looking for other musicians. It's intimidating. How do I find people I can jam with? I'm a Libra, and I play the drums and a little bit of guitar."

You certainly can meet interesting people by answering ads or placing one yourself if you're willing to weed through the less than optimum matches. There are many resources for this on the Internet and in local publications. Of course, it can be scary and even potentially dangerous to open yourself socially, talk about yourself and share on a creative level with a complete stranger. That's where your stomachache comes in. Most bands that I know started with people who knew each other face-to-face first. If you join a community music group, take music classes at the local college or take lessons at a place where there are lots of students, you will have a better chance of meeting potential bandmates. Also, going to musical shows of the groups you admire will lead you to likeminded players. Libra will jam particularly well with Taurus, Aquarius and Pisces.

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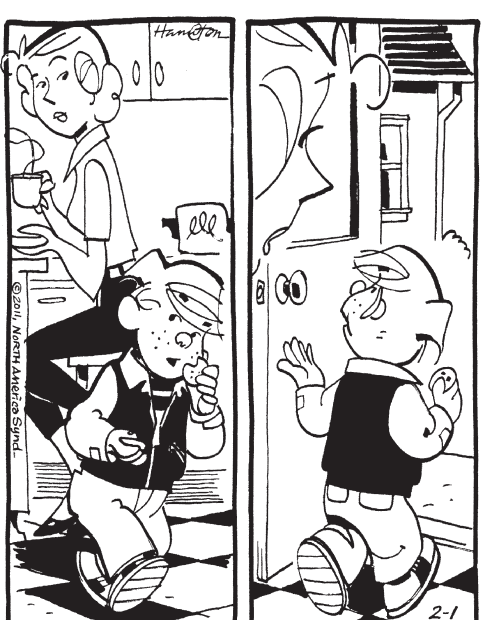
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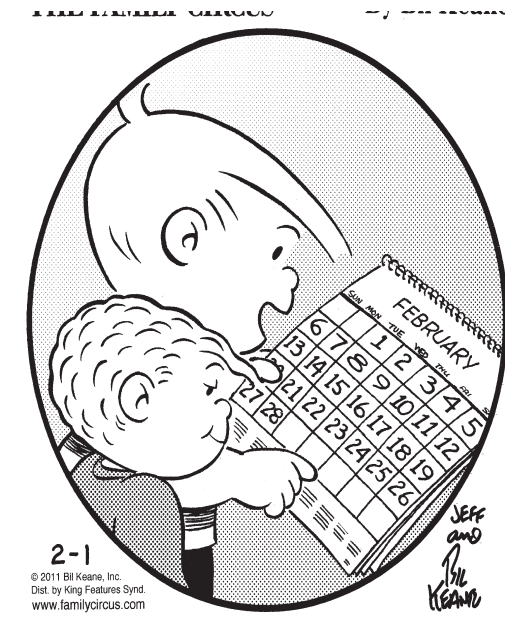
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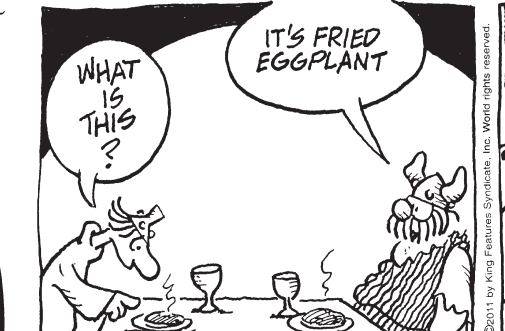
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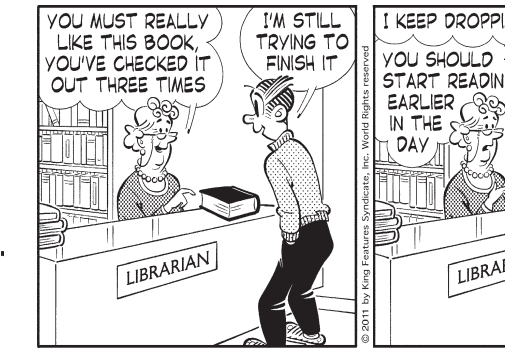


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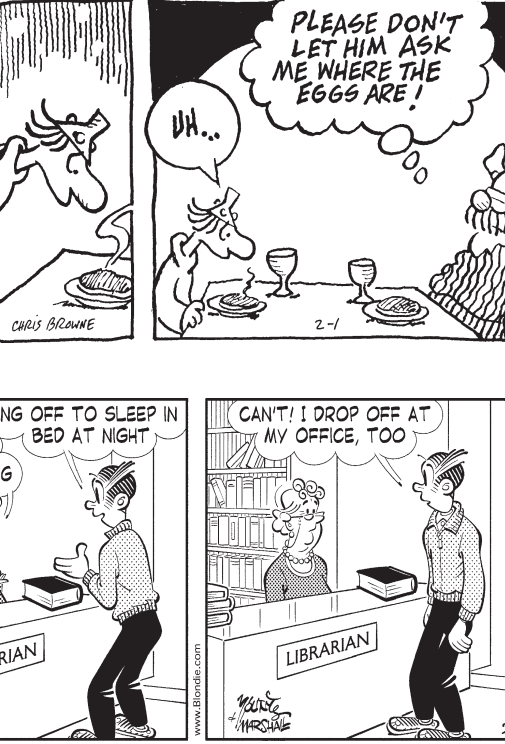
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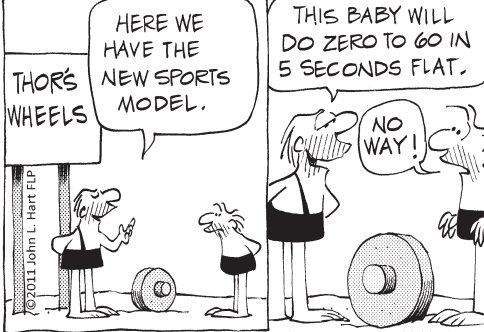
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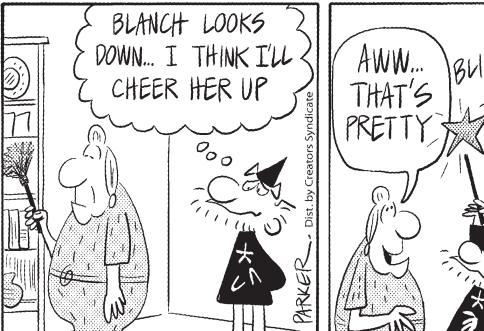
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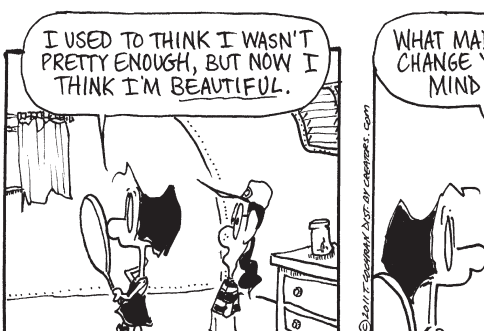
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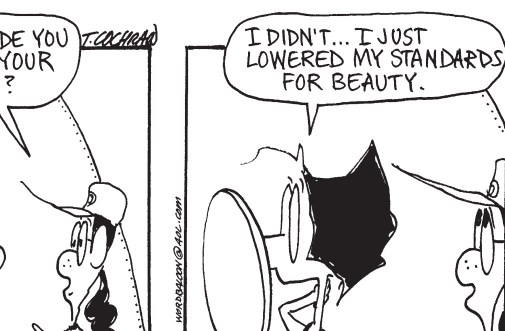
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2011. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1861, Texas voted to leave the Union, 166-8, at a Secession Convention in Austin.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1896, Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence, merging the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie (TRIG'-vuh lee) was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
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  - 5 "How sad!"
  - 9 Extra tire
  - 14 Not at home
  - 15 Rudely brief
  - 16 "Yippee!"
  - 17 Gravelly voice
  - 18 Hourly charge
  - 19 Din
  - 20 Backyard play area
  - 22 Tossed in the first chip
  - 23 As opposed to
  - 24 Memory work
  - 26 Armchair athlete's channel
  - 29 Skewered entrées
  - 33 Project details, for short
  - 37 Corn Belt state
  - 39 Gumbo vegetable
  - 40 Car for hire
  - 41 Tale
  - 42 Patron saint of Norway
  - 43 Cake decorator
  - 44 Short road
  - 45 Glide on ice
  - 46 Coast Guard job
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  - 60 Probability graph
  - 63 Become inedible
  - 64 Gas or elec.
- DOWN
- 65 Affirmative votes
  - 66 Send to Washington
  - 67 Not too exciting
  - 68 Blow off steam
  - 69 Brawl
  - 70 Do in, as a dragon
  - 71 Chapters of history
  - 8 Take the wheel
  - 9 Piano piece
  - 10 Yellow Pages, for one
  - 11 Slightly
  - 12 Valentine flower
  - 13 Gawked at
  - 21 Colors
  - 25 Approve of
  - 27 Bread with a pocket
  - 28 Nary a soul
  - 30 Tulsa's loc.
  - 31 Smart-mouthed kid
  - 32 Out of danger
  - 33 Recipe direction
  - 34 Walk back and forth
  - 35 Old flames
  - 36 Performing seals, perhaps
  - 38 Brown songbird
  - 41 Snow coaster
  - 45 In \_\_\_ (harmonious)
  - 47 Comfortable with
  - 49 Area between mountains
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  - 55 "... not \_\_\_ mouse"
  - 56 Takes a break
  - 57 Years and years
  - 58 Part in a play
  - 59 "Yeah, sure!"
  - 61 And others: Abbr.
  - 62 Capital of Peru

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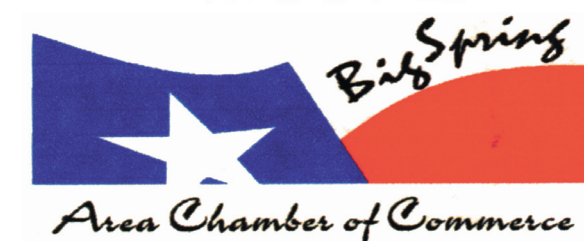
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Clockwise from above: Jeanie Knocke, right, receives the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Woman of the Year Award from Jan Hansen during the chamber's annual banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum; Terry Hansen, left, presents the 2009 Man of the Year award to Drew Mouton; Marty Brooks, the 2010 Ag Producer of the Year, accepts the award during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Luncheon and James Gilbert, left, owner of Ag Services, accepts the 2010 Ag Business of the Year award from Ronnie Wood.



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# It's been a wonderful 20 years, everyone

It's hard to believe that back in 1991 I walked into the Chamber office looking for a job and it is now 2011. What is the saying?

"How time flies, when we are having fun!" And fun I have had a lot of. And I have seen a lot of changes – from faxing to e-mail to Facebook.



The Chamber has taught me to have pride in my hometown; to get involved and be a part of my community. We may not have "that" store or "that" restaurant; we are unique. We have unique places to shop and eat, you just need to get out and explore your backyard. Howard County has a lot to offer; you may just

have to really look for it – but that is the fun part. You never know what you may find.

To all of our 370 members, remember "take advantage" of your Chamber. Send us your e-mails so we can e-blast it to all the members; bring us your flyers for relocation packets. If you would

like to host a Business Before or After Hours, lets us know. As a matter of fact, we are looking for 2011 hosts. They are held quarterly and what a great way to showcase your business at this great time of food, fun and networking. Get on the calendar for 2011. All this is free! We also post on Facebook, so be our friend and see

what all is happening with the Chamber and its members. Bring in your business cards for the Business Card Display in our foyer – it is for Chamber members only. We have a few other incentives that we will be letting you know about in weeks to come. So be looking at your e-blasts.

A very special thank you goes to outgoing president, David Justice, for his guidance, support and friendship. We have a few goals that were not met, but hopefully in 2011 Chamber staff and board can work to meet those goals. We continued our focus on the Chamber as a whole and we tried to meet the needs of our members. Thank you to my outgoing board members, Steve Herren, Scott MacKenize, John Scott and Troy Tompkins. I am sure we will see each other down the road on other community projects.

To our members and the many volunteers who continue to give me their support and encouragement, thank you. You are the "bling" of the Chamber. And please, if you have any suggestions or ideas that you want us to try to implement, our doors are always open; come by and let's talk about it. Thank you to all the Chamber members who contributed their time and money toward all of our projects in 2010. Because of you, we did it!

To my staff, Nancy Davenport and Vicki Stewart, where would I be without either of you? You are two very special ladies to me. I thank you. I thank God for giving me some great people to work with, not only my members but the entire staff of the 215 W. Third building.

To my entire family for volunteering on different events – I will let you know when

the next one is coming up. Thank you. Larry, thank you.

I look forward to working with incoming president Terri Johansen and the entire Board of Directors in 2011. The Chamber always focuses on its members. We try to come up with more incentives for our new members and more ways of helping to promote your business. We continue to ask that you take action and get involved with your Chamber of Commerce.

Remember, it is not what your Chamber can do for you; it is what can my business and the Chamber do together to better my business and our community.

My, how fast 20 years have gone by!

**Debbye ValVerde,**  
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## Chamber promotes a better Big Spring for everyone

Having been in operation since 1919, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's mission statement is "to advance the civic, cultural and social betterment and interest of the people of Howard County."

Information about the city, various civic groups and businesses can be obtained at the office, located at 215 W. Third.

The Chamber currently boasts a membership of approximately 375 local businesses and groups, and with the help of its board of directors and many different committees, strives to improve the quality of life and business climate in the Big Spring area.

The staff consists of Debye ValVerde, executive director, Nancy Newell, executive assistant and receptionist Vicki Stewart.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors many different activities and events throughout the year, including the

Business After Hours program, designed to bring local merchants together for socializing and networking at different locations.

Annually, the Chamber hosts a banquet designed to recognize its members for their hard work throughout the year, and presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year awards.

The Chamber also sponsors such events as the annual Pops In The Park, Health Fair and the West Texas Ag Expo and Luncheon.

Leadership Big Spring, Junior Leadership and Senior Leadership are also sponsored and hosted through the Chamber of Commerce.

For information on any of the Chamber's activities or services, call 263-7641.



A ribbon cutting, above, and the annual Health Fair are just two of the many activities that the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors.

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# So what is the Chamber, anyway?

## What is a chamber of commerce?

Your chamber of commerce is a voluntary organization of citizens who are investing their time and money in a community development program — working together to improve the economic, civic, and cultural well-being of the area.

There are two primary functions of a chamber of commerce: 1) it acts as a spokesman for the business and professional community and translates into action the group thinking of its members; and 2) it renders specific services of a type that can be most effectively rendered by a community organization both to its members and to the area as a whole.

## How does it function?

Your chamber functions through the working committees of the organization. Money, planning, inspiration, and guidance are useless unless the members work vigorously on the committee of their

choice.

The goal of the program of work is always to create more dollars for more people and to improve the economic welfare of the community.

Every member has a voice in determining the policies and projects and every member is needed to work on active committees to get the job done.

## Who is the chamber?

Members — Businesses, organizations, professionals and individuals working together for the betterment of the community.

Board of directors — Elected by the membership, these individuals are charged with determining the policies which direct the affairs of the chamber. Directors do not implement policy; they employ an administrator to carry out board decisions.

Officers — The executive committee ordinarily includes the president of the board, president elect, one or more vice presidents, treasurer and past president. The

officers provide direction and leadership to the board.

Staff — The executive vice president is hired by the board to be responsible for the daily management of the chamber and for employing and managing the staff.

Committees — The organization's objectives are best achieved by small groups of the membership engaged in common effort.

## What are the benefits?

— Refers businesses to visitors and callers.

— Helps promote a business of the chamber.

— Maintains awareness of key issues at the local, state and federal level by coordinating with the Texas Chamber and U.S. Chamber.

— Provides businesses with education through seminars and increases awareness of the importance of buying locally.

— Hosts quarterly luncheons, Ag Expo and Health Fair to provide programs, business information and

networking.

— Offers support and awareness of all areas of art.

— Works to increase growth of tourism in Howard County and supports local attractions and events.

— Advertises businesses in the membership directory.

— Works with city, county, Big Spring EDC, and other entities for the betterment of the community.

— Publishes a monthly newsletter to keep the community aware of happenings.

— Offers promotion and links to business through a Web site.

## Membership investment

Membership investment for small businesses is \$250 per year with an additional \$30 processing fee the first year.

## For more information

The chamber office is located at 215 W. Third. Or, contact Debbye ValVerde at (432) 263-7641 or write P.O. Box 1319, Big Spring 79721.

# Responding with pride

*Together, we can build a better, more fruitful Big Spring and Howard County*

I am so very proud to be asked to serve as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. This is my hometown and the roots go deep.

I hope that the next year will be a hugely positive one as we work together to make the Howard County area better. Our theme for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is "People are the 'Bling' in Big Spring: and that includes the whole Howard County area.

I truly believe that our community sparkles and glows with all that folks do to make Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma and all points in between a better place to live. From Relay For Life, to a chili cook-off benefiting kids, to the volunteers at the Chalet who work to make sure that the patients at the State Hospital have a better quality of life, we have people who give of themselves through their time, talents, money and prayers. When someone has a need, help



pours in from all directions. We have churches that provide clothing and food for those in need and activities for the kids of our communities. We have a great community college that leads the way in education and in enhancing our lives with cultural and sporting events. All these and more are "jewels" that make our hometown a great place to live. All these and so many more make the quality of life so much better here. Quality of life is a big deal to all of us. That

is what the Chamber of Commerce does for our communities. I love working with the Chamber because it is always doing positive things for our area. The Chamber members are huge supporters and cheerleaders for our hometowns. Think of Pops in the Park, Under West Texas Skies, the triathlon, the health fair and so many other events that add to the quality of life. The Chamber is involved in supporting and facilitating the success of these and other events. Many of the events that we enjoy and that add quality of life to our communities are even planned by volunteers and staff of the Chamber of Commerce. It is a busy and involved organization that is volunteer-driven and makes all of our lives better. It makes me proud — proud of our community and proud of being a part of the Chamber of Commerce.

The word pride can mean many things and here are some of the words that come to mind.

**P** is for proud, prepared and positive. We all need to be proud of our communities and all of the good things that go on. We also need to be prepared to speak up and promote what is positive about living in this wonderful part of West Texas.

**R** is for ready and respond. When there is an opportunity to serve and be involved, we need to be ready to respond with our involvement in time and energy.

**I** is for involvement. For there to be quality of life and good things going on, we all need to be involved. When asked to do something that will help someone or something that would be good for our community, say yes and get involved!

**D** is for determined and desire. We need to have a desire and a determined effort to make this area shine with all the great things that we can do.

**E** is for excited, enabled and enthused. We all need to be excited about our

hometown. Enthusiasm is contagious and it enables us to get a lot done. Being involved like this is encouraging.

That is what I hope the next year will be like for all of us. I know that the Chamber of Commerce will be right in the middle of everything possible. Pride in ourselves and our community is the goal. It is time to be proud and respond with our involvement, determined to be enthused about our hometowns. Find a place to get involved. Call the Chamber and I know that they will find a place for you to get involved. If you are not a member of the Chamber, join!

I pray God's blessings on all of us,

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# Thankful to serve our community

It is difficult to believe 2010 has already come and gone and what a trip it was. I thank the members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for allowing me to serve this past year. It was both an honor and a challenge that helped me grow as a member of this great community. Having been a business owner and living here from 1976-1990, I understand many of the local issues and rich history Howard County has to offer, and having been born and raised with a father and grandfather in the oil business of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, I certainly understand the economics of this great area.

Last year was not as productive as we all had hoped for, yet optimism ran high from all of our members. We gained a few members and lost some others due to varying reasons. The focus next year needs to be expanding our membership in the Chamber with a real concentration on expanding all of

the members' roles in the daily operations of our organization. Active members are the lifeblood of any organization, so with each of us filling a small role in our mission, we can ensure growth and success. I have another year on the board and pledge my commitment to support Terri in her efforts to grow our base membership and to activate our current members.

The intrinsic value of our Chamber is the quality of life we enjoy as Big Spring residents. If it weren't for our members' hard work and visions over the years we could not enjoy the rich fruits of their efforts. Our Chamber is the catalyst and clearing house for many community projects and at the heart of our accomplishments is our hard working office staff. I thank Debbye, Nancy and Vicky for all of their direction and support and for their dedication.

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