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## Renaming ceremony Wednesday

VAMC to become George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

The time is here ... Wednesday, the VA Medical Center's name will officially become the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center. A special ceremony is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., following a reception at 3:30 p.m.



Hanslik

"We're excited that this has become a reality and we will be honored to recognize such a distinguished veteran who was raised in the Big Spring community," Iva Jo Hanslik, public affairs officer at VAMC, said.

Senator John Cornyn will assist in unveiling new signage for the medical center. U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer submitted the legislation to the House and received approval. Sen. Cornyn submitted the legislation to rename the medical center to the Senate and Oct. 5, 2011, President Obama signed the legislation into law.

George H. O'Brien Jr. is the only Medal of Honor recipient

that lived a portion of his life in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School and entered the United States Marines while residing in Big Spring. He later moved to Midland to pursue his petroleum geology career. Second Lt. O'Brien was presented the medal Oct. 27, 1953, exactly one year after he spearheaded the capture of an enemy-held hill while wounded by enemy fire in Korea. O'Brien continued to serve in the Reserves, where he ultimately received the rank of lieutenant colonel.

As a Midland resident, O'Brien passed away March 11, 2005, at age 78. His surviving widow, Sandra O'Brien, continues to reside in Midland. Mr. O'Brien's three children, Terrye O'Brien, Mike O'Brien and Robb O'Brien, will be present for the renaming ceremony.

"I am honored to have represented this great American," Neugebauer said in a statement. "Renaming the Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring after Mr. O'Brien will keep his memory alive in Big Spring and the United States.



Herald file photo

The VA Medical Center in Big Spring will officially become the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center on Wednesday. A statue of O'Brien, Medal of Honor recipient, graces the medical center campus.

"It will also help us to remember the courageous acts he achieved in service of his country and his brothers in the Corps."

All friends, family, veter-

ans and community supporters are invited to attend the renaming ceremony on the VAMC campus.

Any questions can be directed to Hanslik at 432-264-4824.

## Venue change for symphony

Special to the Herald

The gold medalist of the Van Cliburn piano competition, Hauchen Zhang, will perform with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra in Garrett Hall of the First Methodist Church at 8 p.m. Feb. 4.

The event was to have taken place in the Municipal Auditorium, but due to a delay in construction, it was moved to Garrett Hall.

Zhang, of China, is the first gold medalist to perform with the orchestra.

Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor, said several Van Cliburn finalists have played in Big Spring, but added, "It is really special to have the gold medalist."

The Van Cliburn competition ranks right up there with the Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow," said Graumann.

Zhang will play Rachmaninoff's "2nd Piano Concerto" and other selections.

Tickets are available at Western Banks, Faye's Flowers, KBST, KBYG, the Big Spring Herald, Blum's Jewelers and the chamber of commerce.

## Hometown boy making good

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

No dream is too big, not even for a small town boy.

Eddie Vasquez, Big Spring native and member of Modabeat, had a dream and is in

the process of living that dream.

Modabeat — a five-member group previously known as El Frente — was the overall winner of the 2011 Vive Tu Musica competition sponsored by Wrigley's Five chewing gum.

"It was nice to finally take it," Vasquez said. "It was a way of redeeming ourselves by finally taking it."

The band competed last year, but wasn't as successful. However, it did take the honor of Best Latin Rock Band of the Year at the Boston Music Conference. That honor gained the band a free professional recording, a photography session and music video.

This year, for placing as overall winner out of 170 bands at the Vive Tu Mu-



Courtesy photo

Modabeat, previously known as El Frente, was winner of the 2011 Vive Tu Musica competition..

sica competition, the band received \$5,000 from Guitar Center, a professional photo shoot in Miami, Fla., and pri-

vate showing in front of the CMN promotions panel.

The top 10 semi-finalists were part of a reality televi-

sion show, which narrowed down the group to provide

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## Struck pedestrian succumbs to injuries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man injured in a vehicle-pedestrian accident Jan. 3 near the intersection of Fourth Street and Gregg died Monday of injuries sustained in the accident, according to family members.

Floyd McKenzie, 67, died Monday at Cov-

enant Medical Center in Lubbock of injuries sustained when he was hit by a pickup near the intersection. The cause of death, according to family members, was internal bleeding.

McKenzie will be cremated in Lubbock and services will be held at Faith Baptist Church in Snyder, Texas, at 4 p.m. Friday.

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## Obituaries

## Karen Hernandez



Karen Hernandez, 55, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Doug Shelley officiating.

Karen was born March 14, 1956, in Big Spring, Texas, to Laura and Clarence Trawick. She has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Gilbert Hernandez on Feb. 25, 1995, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker.

Karen is survived by her husband, Gilbert Hernandez of Big Spring; one daughter, Laura Trawick of Big Spring; one son, Larry Ward of Colorado City; mother, Laura Nichols of Rosebud, Ark.; three brothers, Dewayne Trawick and Darrell Trawick, both of Rosebud, Ark., and Jimmy Trawick of Big Spring; one sister, Cathy Blackmon of Dallas; six grandchildren, Ashley Knox of Big Spring, Justin Trawick and David Orneales, both of Colorado City, and Zephen Blount, Taylin Ward and Joseph Ward, all of Sherman, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Trawick.

Pallbearers will be Shannon Feaster, Tracy Feaster, Brandon Feaster, T.J. Evans and Justin Trawick.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## Edith P. Boyd-Gary



Edith P. Boyd-Gary, 88, of Big Spring went to join her Lord on Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Derrick Looney, pastor of Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born May 8, 1923, in Waco, Texas.

She is survived by three sons, Ira (Skipper) Boyd and wife Tonya, Marvin Richard Boyd and wife Shirley and Martin Richard Boyd, all of Big Spring; one brother, Fulton Lewis Goode of Killeen; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Alvin Boyd in 1971 and Louis Gary in 1987; three sons, Sam Rutlin Boyd in 1948, David Dean Boyd in 1949, and Jackie Lynn Boyd in 1956; a daughter, Malinda Beth Boyd-Feek in 2009; two sisters, Lois Ruth Brown in 1960 and Margie Lee Lethco in 1996; two brothers, Langston David Goode in 2004 and Bobby Gene Goode in 1997; and a granddaughter, Melinda Ann Boyd in 2005.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Boyd, Gary Boyd, Shawn Boyd, Waylon Boyd, Lewis Goode and Gene Goode.

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

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## Beverly Shockley

Beverly Shockley, 71, of Carrollton, formerly of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, in a Carrollton nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Jimmie Bailey

Jimmie Bailey, 70, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, in a Lamesa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Linda Tubbs



Linda Tubbs, 69, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ron Westbrook officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Linda was born March 4, 1942, in Brownwood to Loena and Bud Smith. She moved to Big Spring in 1954 from Brownwood. Linda married Grady Tubbs on July 6, 1962, in Big Spring. She worked several years at Malone and Hogan Hospital. Later, she worked at Walmart, retiring in 1997.

Linda is survived by her husband, Grady Tubbs of Big Spring; one son, John Tubbs of Big Spring; one granddaughter; two great-grandsons; one sister, Lougenia Langdale of Lubbock; one niece; one nephew; one great-niece; two great-nephews; and four great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Crawford on Dec. 7, 2004.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Bobby Gene Merrick



Bobby Gene Merrick, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at Coahoma Cemetery with Chaplain Walter McCall officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at the funeral home.

Bobby was born July 20, 1931, in Big Spring, Texas, and married Mattlyn Manning on Dec. 16, 1972, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on April 3, 1996.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He managed the Pontiac dealership for 13 years, worked as a car salesman for Branham Auto and had owned three car lots. His last business was Bargain Barn.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Bob Merrick and wife Lola of Brownwood and John Albert Merrick and wife Vaughn Dell of Burnet; one sister, Nelta Smart of Houston; five grandchildren; and one niece and one nephew.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, John Robert and Iva Pearl Walker Merrick; three brothers, Walker Merrick, Travis Merrick and Lester Merrick; one sister, Opal Merrick; and one grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Compass Hospice, 1003 East FM 700, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

## Hangar 25 meeting rescheduled

Hangar 25 membership meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday, but due to a scheduling error the meeting has been moved to Monday, Jan. 30.

The meeting is for all members, new and old, to obtain information about Hangar 25.

For more information or questions, call 264-1999. Hangar 25 is located at 1911 Apron Dr.

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## Mary Ferrell



Mary Ferrell, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary was born Sept. 11, 1937, in Webb City, Mo., to Alice and Harold Riddle. She came to Big Spring in 1973 from England. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God.

Mary is survived by two sons, David Ferrell and his wife Maria of Hamilton, Ala., and Danny Ferrell and his wife Donna of Big Spring; three daughters, Debbie McCain and her husband Jimmie, and Denise Ferrell, all of Big Spring, and Diane Fulton and her husband Tim of Lubbock; three grandsons; one granddaughter; two sisters: Frances Michelle of Webb City, Mo., and Jeanie Hart of Joplin, Mo.; and one brother, Ronnie Riddle and his wife Judy of Webb City, Mo.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Andrew Ferrell on July 17, 2004.

The family suggests memorials to Gideon's International, Big Spring Camp #U42060, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0133.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## THURSDAY

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

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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## Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- KENNETH WESLEY CARLETON, 55, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Kansas warrant for forgery — theft by deception.
- JUSTIN SPEER, 36, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR., 28, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ADRIAN RAMIREZ ROCHA, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, revocation of probation — motion to revoke probation for cruelty to non-livestock animal.
- CHARLES DEAN KELLEY, 62, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- SHANNON DEWAYNE HUDGINS, 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.
- PAUL MENDEZ MORENO, 49, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
- CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 21, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BOBBIE VILA OLIVAREZ, 27, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to appear (two counts), failure to identify, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- RODRICK LAMOND CONELY, 43, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- JAI ANTHONY KEYS, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- TYLER STEELE CRONK, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of violation of driver's license restriction and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- AUTHUR LYNN RICHARDSON, 48, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 90 days.
- CHARLETTE BRADFORD-MACLIN, 52, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for speeding and expired

motor vehicle inspection.

- JOHN HOWARD SMITH, 63, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault — family violence.
- KIMBERLY RIOS, 25, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and criminal mischief.
- MICHELLE RENEE CLUCK, 38, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTINA MARTINEZ, 28, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault — family violence.
- MELISSA ANN WELLS, 38, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JUAN MANUEL NIETO, 37, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALEJANDRA ALICE LOPEZ, 44, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TRAVIS MCKISKI, 24, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury — family violence.
- CLARISSA BRIONNE TORRES, 22, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANNALISA IVANKA LEVARIO, 21, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — blood alcohol more than .15.
- CESAR MARTINEZ, 29, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS CERVANTES JR., 30, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- SAMUEL KYLE YARBOROUGH, 28, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAI ANTHONY KEYS, 42, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- LEONARD CHARLES CAYWOOD, 36, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT SCOTT OCHOA, 31, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of assault — physical contact, resisting arrest, search or transportation and criminal mischief.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of S. Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5500 block of Longshore Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 3700 block

of Connally.

- TRAUMA 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 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 10th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson.

## Take Note

As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.

Spring of Siloam, a Christian women's job training group, will hold its next 12-week session beginning Feb. 6. Applications for the session, which is free to the public, will be accepted through Feb. 2. To submit an application, visit the group's web site at [www.springofsiloam.org](http://www.springofsiloam.org). For more information, call 432-213-2857.

## Police blotter

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

- ANNALISA IVANKA LEVARIO, 21, of 405 Pennsylvania, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated — blood alcohol more than .15.
- CESAR MARTINEZ, 29, of 307 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLARISSA BRIONNE TORRES, 22, of 1803 Alabama, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS CERVANTES JR., 30, of 110 N.W. Fourth St., was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- SAMUEL KYLE YARBOROUGH, 28, of Abilene, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
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- LEONARD CHARLES CAYWOOD, 36, of 4200 Center Point Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

## Visual awareness meeting Thursday

An organizational meeting for Visual Awareness Support Group will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad St.

VASG is a support group forming to provide help to individuals that have poor or deteriorating vision.

The meeting is open to everyone but will focus on people who have significant vision problems, their family members, friends and care givers.

It is the goal of this group to provide, through education, a sense of hope to people that have vision problems and help them and their care givers cope with vision loss.

For more information, call 263-2501 or email [eyeassocone@ccrom.net](mailto:eyeassocone@ccrom.net).

ROBERT SCOTT OCHOA, 31, of 623 Ridgelea Dr., was arrested Monday on charges of assault — family violence, resisting arrest, search or transportation and criminal mischief.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2900 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2800 block of N. Highway 87.

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Penny Linebaugh, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# Missing ‘humanity clause’ at Bain

During the Great Depression, my father toiled in a box factory. The workers were all flat broke, he recalled, and desperate for every nickel. But when overtime hours appeared, the men made sure they went to a guy with kids. The laborers were obeying the unwritten and unenforceable “humanity clause,” whereby one gives up some personal gain in deference to another’s screaming need.

My father later built a prosperous small business and became a reliable Republican (until the Bill Clinton impeachment). But he never saw working people as nobodies. Profits, while important, were not all.

A lack of similar empathy is what many find most disquieting about Mitt Romney, whose private-equity firm pumped his fortune to perhaps \$250 million. It’s more than just the nature of the business. It was a certain inhumanity of the Bostonians running Bain Capital, namely Mitt.

Private equity executives argue that by wringing costs out of the companies they buy, the firms emerge stronger. They often save ailing businesses for the good of the workers, as well as the investors.

Critics say such investors often loot companies. They slash workforces, pile on debt and enrich the partners, leaving the weakened patient to die. Bain

excelled at these leveraged buyouts. A steel mill in Kansas City serves as a vivid example, as Reuters reports.

Under Romney’s leadership, Bain bought majority control of Worldwide Grinding Systems in 1993. It put up \$8 million of the \$75 million purchase price and borrowed \$125 million by issuing bonds. In business since 1888, the mill was renamed GS Technologies. Bain immediately sent investors \$36 million in dividend checks.

“Paying distributions with debt is not uncommon,” Duke University finance professor Campbell Harvey told Reuters. “The only thing that strikes me as a bit unusual is the size of the dividend.”

There would be logic in them saving some cash for a downturn.

A steel business is capital-intensive and sensitive to economic conditions. That’s why it needs to conserve money for the lean years. When the economy did go south, so did GS Technologies. Its bean-counters reportedly started skimping on everything from earplugs to basic maintenance of equipment.

GS Technologies went bankrupt in 2001, the plant closed, and 750 workers lost their jobs. Bain skipped out on a previous agreement to provide severance pay and health coverage if that happened. The workers saw their pensions slashed by up to \$400 a month.

But Bain walked away from the smoking ruins \$12 million richer, not including \$4.5 million in consulting fees. And it had tapped government, as well. The company had extract-

ed \$3 million in tax savings from Kansas City and partook of a federal program putting taxpayer guarantees on loans to troubled steel companies. The federal Pension Benefits Guarantee Corp. bailed out the company’s underfunded pension plan to the tune of \$44 million.

Bain blamed the company’s failure on an economic downturn and cheaper steel imports. The company’s former CEO Roger Regelbrugge blamed burdensome debt and new managers from outside the steel industry. “I have no question that the company would have survived under different management,” he said.

The moral here is that there was no morality. In normal business, companies do fail, and layoffs sometimes must happen. But after feasting off the company, Bain had the means to keep its word to the workers. That should have been a matter of honor.

I don’t think Romney took sadistic pleasure in firing the machinists and pipefitters. Possibly worse, he never saw them as human beings — but as potential subtraction to his personal bottom line. They never registered with him one way or another.

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# For Pres. Obama: Everything he stands for is now at stake

On this we can agree with President Obama: Everything he stands for is at stake in 2012.

Obama told 500 fawning sycophants in Chicago that he is unrepentant about his policy agenda and intends to treat us to more of the same, much more, in a second term.

Obama said, “Everything that we fought for is now at stake in this election.” Lest there be no mistake, he repeated the message in the smaller settings of private homes.

We can endlessly debate whether he is such a devoted ideologue that he’s blind to his policy failures, whether he’s willing to sacrifice the economy and the fiscal integrity of the United States for his perceived higher good of radical redistribution, or whether he really intends to do harm, but these are moot questions anymore. Under any of these possibilities, the fact remains that he is hellbent on accelerating his present course, not reversing it, on dictating, not working within his constitutional constraints, much less building a bipartisan consensus.

Hubris and defiance are his trademarks, not humility. He said, “If you’re willing to work even harder in this election than you did in the last election, I promise you, change will come.”

This should send cold chills up our spines. By “change,” he means more of his unpopular, failed agenda. He has repeatedly indicated that he is frustrated with the process of republican government and that he would be much more comfortable as a dictator.

He has also said many times that he believes his goals are so important that he intends to implement them with or without

Congress, through executive or administrative usurpations. He has done more than talk; he has acted in contravention of the Constitution and intends to continue in that vein.

What he might do in a second term is frightening to those who believe in freedom and equality of opportunity, that our current pattern of discretionary and entitlement spending is not just unsustainable but also guaranteed to destroy the country, and that we cannot preserve our freedom if we persist on a course of unilateral disarmament.

Just consider how brazenly Obama has pursued his unpopular agenda even while facing re-election. Think how he joked about having made a hollow promise of shovel-ready jobs when there is no such thing and how he is unchastened by the colossal waste of Solyndra and pursuing more of the same.

Consider how he cavalierly refuses to account for his promise to keep unemployment capped at 8 percent and how he assured us, on his honor, that his designated stimulus cop, Vice President Joe Biden, wouldn’t allow a dollar of waste to go unpunished in his stimulus plan. Chew on his refusal to listen to the public when it resoundingly rejected Obamacare, rebuffing his agenda in the U.S. Senate election in Massachusetts and again in the 2010 congressional elections. Ponder his petty partisanship, bullying, demonizing and class warfare and his frequent invocation of the race card. Can you conceive of how he’d act as a four-year lame duck?

You all surely heard Obama, thinking he was speaking only to friends, boast that he was for a single-payer plan but that it might take 15 years to implement it. Remember this when his supporters tell you Obamacare won’t degenerate into socialized medicine. Those waivers he unilaterally issued to buy off companies now won’t be available next time around when the full force of Obamac-

are rains down its dark waters.

Think about his Independent Payment Advisory Board, which will have 15 bureaucrats once Obamacare is up and running, when he won’t have to worry about 2016. Before you pooh-pooh this, you’d better do your research on his health care mentors’ (e.g., Tom Daschle, Donald Berwick) philosophy about the macabre rationing of health care for the aged.

So, call me an alarmist if you will, but I think it’s almost irrational not to be very concerned about an Obama second term. Even if you don’t subscribe to some of the horror scenarios of death panels and the like, how about his intention to continue to press forward with his radical green agenda despite the fact that it won’t work to reduce global temperatures and despite the public’s opposition to it?

More importantly, how about his absolute refusal to restructure entitlements or his refusal to lead his party’s Senate to pass a budget after 1,000 days? Or his insistence on another stimulus package when unemployment — even using the distorted metrics the administration is now using — is still at 8.5 percent and it would add another half-trillion dollars to the national debt?

By rights, Obama shouldn’t get 10 percent of the vote in November. Even those who want to punish the “wealthy” should understand that once you completely gnaw off the hand that feeds you, you will starve, too.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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### Kid Scoop Together:

## Unscramble it!

Unscramble this list of words.  
**Hint:** They all have something  
to do with money!

VESA

RANE

NEPYN

CLINEK

MEDI

LOADRL

VINEST

TONADE

HACS

PEDNS

ROBRWO

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension:  
Follow simple written directions; Spelling: Use  
the conventions of spelling.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all  
the letters in the word **WANT**  
in each vertical and horizontal row.  
Each letter should only be used  
once in each row. Some spaces  
have been filled in for you.

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			N
W			T

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:  
**SURVIVE**

The verb **survive** means  
to continue to live.

Living things must  
have water to **survive**.

Try to use the word  
**survive** in a sentence  
today when talking with  
your friends and family  
members.

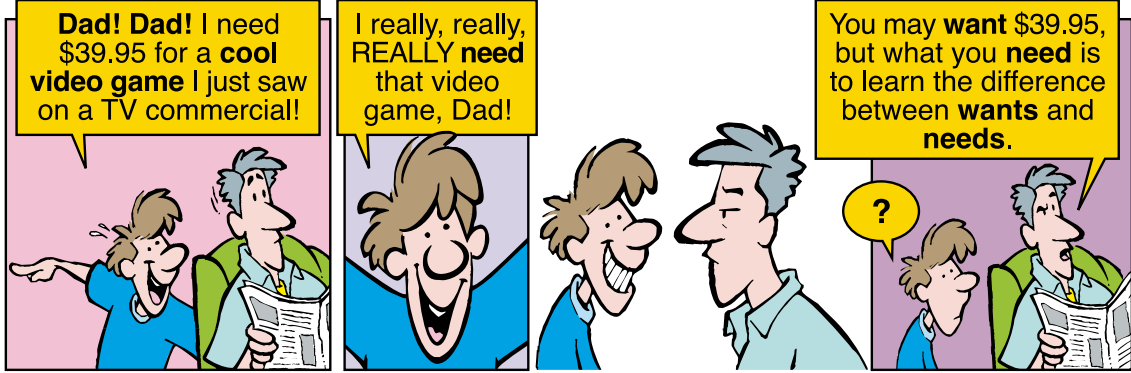
## WANTS AND NEEDS

A **need** is something you *must have* in order to survive. You need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes medicines.

A **want** is something you would *like to have*, but can live without. A music player, a computer, a television and a bike are wants, not needs.

Sometimes it is hard to decide if something is a need or a want. For example, cake is a food, but it is not a need. It's a want.

Which of these following foods are more wants than needs?



**What do you need?**  
Look at each picture. Put a green N on each picture that shows something you need each day.

Put a red W on each picture that shows something you might want, but not need.

**Standards Link:** Economics: Know that goods and services can satisfy people's needs and wants.

### What do you think?

In today's world, is education a want or a need?

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**Standards Link:** Economics: Differentiate between needs and wants.

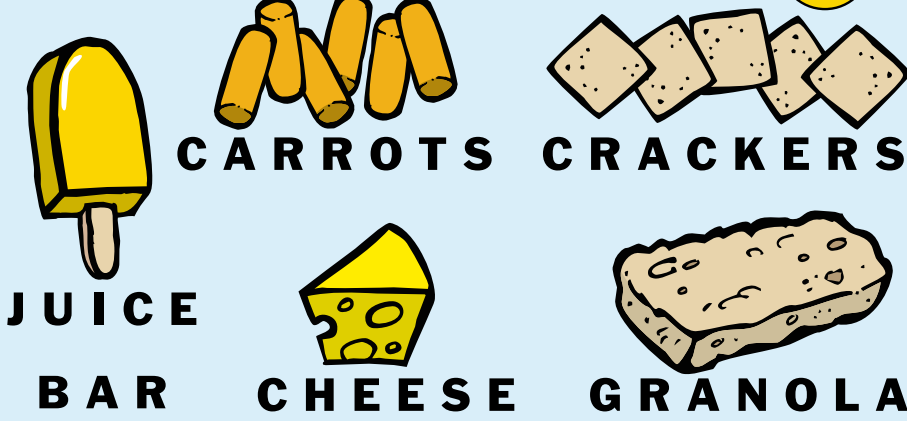
## Snack Time Puzzler

The school cafeteria is making students think before they buy a snack. The prices are all written in code!

**Code:** A = 1 B = 2 C = 3 and so forth until you get to Z = 26

To figure out what each snack item costs, you must first find out what number goes with each letter in the word. Then, add the numbers that "spell" each word to get the price.

For example: **C H I P S**  
3¢ + 8¢ + 9¢ + 16¢ + 19¢ = 55¢



**Standards Link:** Math: Calculate sums using money.

## Extra! Extra!

### WANTS and NEEDS Newspaper Search

Look through the newspaper for pictures of things that represent wants and needs. Paste them into the spaces below.

WANTS	NEEDS

**Standards Link:** Economics: Understand the difference between basic survival needs and nonessential items.

## Correction

On our Mayan Calendar page, we goofed! We mistakenly showed an image of an Aztec calendar rather than the Mayan calendar. This is what the Mayan calendar looks like.

Thank you so much to all the eagle-eyed Kid Scoop readers who wrote alerting us to this error.



Source: [www.mayan2012kids.com](http://www.mayan2012kids.com)

## Double Double Word Search

- WANTS
- NEEDS
- THINK
- SNACK
- SHELTER
- WATER
- SURVIVE
- MUSIC
- VIDEO
- BIKE
- FOODS
- CAKE
- PLAYER
- PRICES
- ITEM

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

D	E	C	E	I	K	D	E	B	E
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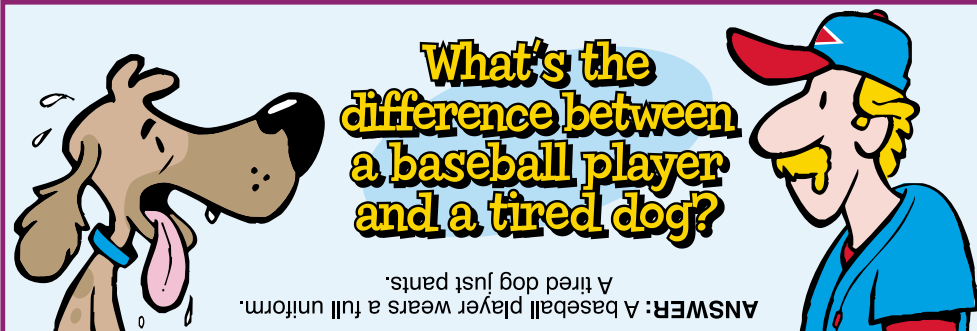
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Strangest Careers

Find ten professions mentioned in today's newspaper that are unusual. Cut them out and paste them on a paper in order from most to least uncommon. Do you know anyone who is involved with these professions?

**Standards Link:** Economics: Students understand basic economic concepts and the role of the individual in a free-market economy in terms of the specialized work that people do.



## Write On!

### What's the Difference?

What is the difference between "want" and "need"? Give an example of each by writing about something that you "want" and something that you "need."

# An unexpected appearance

With a red-tailed hawk delivered to the wildlife center in Lubbock, our return drive seemed especially tedious. During previous Decembers we had usually seen a variety of raptors soaring overhead. With the drought there were only endless miles of barren fields.



BEBE  
McCASLAND

The look on Art's face after having checked our recorder meant calls regarding birds had come in during our absence. Two were from Animal Control.

"Are you sure you have a vulture?" was my reply when officers said there was a large, black bird in the outside drop-off area. After one employee acknowledged never having handled a vulture, she added, "But it sure looks like one."

Knowing that in years past flocks of migrating vultures would have left our county by October, or early November, was to wonder if the officers had a raven instead. When we arrived at the two holding cages adjacent to the fence of the shelter, we could readily agree that Animal Control had a turkey vulture.

The raptor's standing on its left wing was an indication of either a broken shoulder, or bruising of the leading edge of its wing. Due to the bird's size, it almost filled the sturdy cage.

Since it had been placed head first into the confining pen, it had little room in which to turn. Open-

ing the door, I was able to press its wings against its body and start backing it out of the container.

When halfway out, it did the expected. Relieved of some of the contents of its last meal, it continued to expel the rest on the ground. Unexpected during this normal, defensive behavior, was to see it had disgorged a full crop. Obviously, it had dined in spite of its injury.

With its back against my jacket and one of my hands holding its strong legs, I had Art extend each wing. The right one was strong, had no breaks, and displayed the typical silvery appearance of its outer flight feathers.

Even outside of the cage, the vulture's left wing had the tell tale look of a shoulder break.

Since it was unable to lift it in protest, the bird's injury was highlighted by floppiness, or dangling of the extremity. It confirmed our suspicions.

An extensive abrasion to the inside of the left elbow looked fresh. We could only wonder if it had been hit by a car, flown into the guy wires for the antenna at the junior college, or stumbled on to uncovered carcasses at the landfill.

Since the officer did not know the answer to those questions made even more puzzling the fact that the turkey vulture had found carrion or something to sustain its appetite. The beige coloration of the expelled meal was also compounding our confusion.

With only 30 minutes before Highland Animal Hospital closed, we knew what had to be done. By federal law, we were required to euthanize any



Courtesy photo

**Weighing four pounds, the turkey vulture is a large brownish-black bird with a small red head and creamy white bill. Its soaring abilities allow it to glide for miles in search of carrion. As an example of nature's recycling, the bird helps eliminate waste for a cleaner environment.**

migratory bird that had sustained injuries requiring amputation of a wing at the elbow or above. Elbow and shoulder breaks could not be mended.

During our drive to the clinic came thoughts of what a strange year 2011 had been. Sightings of our usual birds had been infrequent, and fall migration had been scant compared to other years.

Reports from Lubbock indicated that water birds, such as grebes, were coming through much later than normal. During the past two winters, flocks of vultures had chosen to spend the winter in San Angelo. For us to find a shore bird dead in our front yard had been as much of a shock as the appearance of a vulture in December.

On a more pleasant note, a yellow-rumped warbler had entertained us during the Christmas holidays while seeking insects among the mesquites in our side yard. Reports of Bullock's orioles and a gray catbird east of Big

Spring demonstrated that many birds had delayed migration because of climate change.

Accustomed to our bringing injured birds for a final solution, the clinic staff understood the severity of any injury when we called or suddenly appeared. Even as the vulture succumbed to the inevitable, a thank you was in order for the procedure to end suffering and the subtle message the bird had conveyed.

By its unexpected appearance, the turkey vulture had reminded us that with each bird, we continue to increase our knowledge and have been made aware of nature's dictates. Whether an avian friend is late in appearance, totally absent, or one we have never seen before, we have concluded that everything is a learning experience.

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## Delving into the origion of 'Auld Lang Syne'

As we were enjoying all the things that go with the coming of a new year, I was asked about the origination of the song "Auld Lang Syne." In answering this question, I thought I'd explore the background in a bit more detail and found some very interesting things.

The earliest form of the song is found in an anonymous poem in 1568, when George Bannatyne inserted into his manuscript of Scottish poetry the poem "Auld kindnes Foryett," (Should auld acquaintance be forgot), the first line of all the subsequent poems on the subject. It describes someone whose condition is aggravated by reflections on the ingratitude of those who professed themselves friends in his former prosperous days.

The second song on the subject known to exist is printed in Watson's collection of Scottish poems published in 1711, entitled "Old Longsyne," and is written throughout in English, with the exception of the term "Syne" which occurs in every stanza. Auld Lang Syne actually means "For ages past" or "For old

time's Sake." And the "s" in the word "syne" should be pronounced with an "s," not a "z."

The first knowledge of the present song is in a letter from Scottish poet Robert Burns, dated December 17, 1788. Then in 1793, he sent a copy of the song to a friend who was preparing a collection of Scottish songs, with a note that the music was of an "olden time," which was never printed, nor even in manuscript, until he wrote it down while listening to an old man singing it. He also sent another friend a copy and it was printed and published for the first time in December 1796, about five months after Burns died. The music Burns was referring to was the tune of a traditional Scottish folk song.

Just in case you have failed to understand the words as they are usually sung:

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?*

CHORUS:

*For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

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

## Court rejects appeal over prayer at public meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from a North Carolina county commission over the mostly Christian prayers offered at the beginning of its public meetings.

The justices on Tuesday left in place a federal appeals court ruling that held that the predominantly Christian prayers at the start of Forsyth County commission meetings violated the First Amendment's prohibition on government endorsement of a particular religion.

The commission said its doors have long been open to religious leaders of many faiths. But the appeals court in Richmond, Va., found that more than three-quarters of the 33 invocations given before meetings between May 2007 and December 2008 referred to "Jesus," "Jesus Christ," "Christ" or "Savior."

## Audio: Cruise captain pleaded not to reboard ship

ROME (AP) — Five more bodies were pulled Tuesday out of the crippled cruise ship off Tuscany, and a shocking audio emerged in which the ship's captain was heard making excuses as the Italian coast guard repeatedly ordered him to return and oversee the ship's evacuation.

Prosecutors have accused Capt. Francesco Schettino of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning his ship before all passengers were evacuated during the grounding of the Costa Concordia cruise ship Friday night.

The death toll nearly doubled to 11 on Tuesday when divers located five more bodies, all of them adults wearing life jackets, in the rear of the ship near an emergency evacuation point, according to Italian Coast Guard Cmdr. Cosimo Nicastro. He said they were thought to have been passengers.

The Costa Concordia was carrying more than 4,200 people when it hit a reef off the Tuscan island of Giglio when Schettino made an unauthorized deviation from the cruise ship's programmed course, apparently as a favor to his chief waiter, who hailed from the island.

Schettino has insisted that he stayed aboard until the ship was evacuated. However, a recording of his conversation with Italian Coast Guard Capt. Gregorio De Falco that emerged Tuesday indicates he fled before all passengers were off — and then resisted De Falco's repeated orders to return.

"You go on board and then you will tell me how many people there are. Is that clear?" De Falco shouted in the audio tape.

Schettino resisted, saying the ship was tipping and that it was dark. At the time, he was in a lifeboat and said he was coordinating the rescue from there.

De Falco shouted back: "And so what? You want to go home, Schettino? It is dark and you want to go home? Get on that prow of the boat using the pilot ladder and tell me what can be done, how many people there are and what their needs are. Now!"

"You go aboard. It is an order. Don't make any more excuses. You have declared 'Abandon ship,' now I am in charge," De Falco shouted.

## MODABEAT

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the top five finalists. The winner was determined and announced at the final performance at the Nokia Stadium in Los Angeles.

"By winning, we basically won their time," Vasquez said. "From that private showing, we received feedback on our performance and tips how to market ourselves."

Since the competition, CMN has been helping Modabeat with marketing and has been setting up shows for the group. One of the tips provided by the panel was the band's name change.

"We wanted to appeal to the American market and to do that it was suggested that we change our name," Vasquez said. "Modabeat was what we agreed on after a two-week discussion. It appealed to our Latin followers, but it was also relevant to the new market we are trying to reach."

At this point, band members are preparing more original works for when they start performing again and are getting ready to make the move to Los Angeles.

"I never imagined to be working with Abe Quintinia," Vasquez said. "One thing's for sure, it hasn't been easy, but it is achievable."

"I may come from a small town, but this community has a big heart and we support each other. We all have big dreams and all of those dreams are achievable if we just keep pushing for it."

To find out more about Modabeat, visit [modabeat.com](http://modabeat.com).

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# Hawks open WJCAC play with sweep

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

**SNYDER** — Both Howard College basketball teams turned to defense to earn wins in their Western Junior College Athletic Conference-opening games against Western Texas College Monday night.

Howard's women limited WTC to only 30 percent shooting en route to a 48-39 victory, while the HC men held Western scoreless over a crucial five-minute stretch of the second half to take a 63-53 win.

### Women's game

Howard Coach Earl Diddle likes to say the hardest thing to do in college basketball is win on the road, and there was definitely nothing easy about the Hawks' conference opener.

The Hawks twice led by eight points in the first half, but WTC kept things close after intermission before Howard pulled away in the closing minutes.

Defense was the catalyst for the Hawks — they forced 27 turnovers and notched 16 steals aside from limiting Western to less than 40 percent from the field.

"I thought we played extremely well in the first half. We got some easy baskets ... and played about as well as we've played all year in the first half.

### Monday's results

#### WOMEN

Howard 48, Western Texas 39  
Midland 68, South Plains 50  
Odessa 82, Frank Phillips 51  
NMJC open

#### MEN

Howard 63, Western Texas 53  
South Plains 70, Midland 54  
Odessa 89, Frank Phillips 84  
NMJC def. NMMI

"In the second half, I didn't think we made good decisions with the ball and lost our rhythm on offense ... but we made some timely baskets at the end," Diddle added.

Sophomore guard Kali Jerrell shot 60 percent from the field to lead all scorers with 15 points, while Porsche Young and Zeslie Johnson each had eight points for the Hawks.

Howard (13-4 overall) returns to action Wednesday with a non-conference game at Clarendon. Game time is 5:30 p.m.

### Men's game

The Hawks led for almost the entire game, but it wasn't until the last seven minutes that they were able to take

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Calvin Godfrey (20), puts up a shot during Hawks' Western Junior College Athletic Conference game with Western Texas Monday in Snyder

# Late 3-pointer pushes LA past Mavs

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Derek Fisher spent the last year wearing more suits than sweats while negotiating the union's labor deal, and he realizes his peak playing days are probably past.

But Kobe Bryant borrows a

term from former coach Phil Jackson to describe anybody who doubts what the Lakers' veteran point guard can do in the clutch.

"That's inherently idiotic," he said.

Fisher hit a tiebreaking

3-pointer with 3.1 seconds to play and Los Angeles emerged from a dismal offensive game by both teams with a 73-70 victory over the Mavericks on Monday night, snapping Dallas' five-game winning streak.

Vince Carter missed a 3-pointer and the defending champion Mavericks, who swept Los Angeles out of the second round of the postseason last spring, ending the Lakers' bid for a three-peat.

Neither team looked much like a championship contender in their first meeting since, with 3½ miserable offensive quarters before the exciting finish.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

The Little Jordans gained their first victory Saturday against the Spurs at the YMCA. This coming Saturday will be the second round of games for the YMCA Youth Basketball League.

# Jayhawks send Baylor to 1st loss

**LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)** — The last time Baylor coach Scott Drew brought a team into Allen Fieldhouse, he led them off the court and into a tunnel after his players had been introduced.

The reason was the noise: It can get so loud in Kansas' venerable gymnasium, especially during the video montage before the Jayhawks are announced, that it's almost impossible to hear.

He didn't pull them off the court Monday night.

Then the Jayhawks made it look like the Bears never showed up at all.

Thomas Robinson had 27 points and 14 rebounds, Tyshawn Taylor matched a career-high with 28 points and the seventh-ranked Jayhawks rolled to a 92-74 victory, ending No. 3 Baylor's perfect

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may feel out of sync with the people around you. You like people, but social connections are not your main source of happiness right now. Solitude has a way of centering you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you expect yourself to be an expert right out of the gate, you'll only set yourself up for disappointment. False starts and reversed directions are a key part of your learning process.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be critical to the success of a team. You will be motivated by intangible rewards. Being recognized for something you do well may be an even better reward of your efforts than money.

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be at ease when considering other people's viewpoints, a sign of maturity and sophistication that won't go unnoticed by equally mature and sophisticated individuals.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A touch of restlessness might put you in a shopping mood, although it's not a great time for it. You will be much better off consolidating what you have instead of buying more.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The group won't seem to know what they are doing, but the collective intelligence of the group is higher than you think. Besides, going solo may be a good way to get lost today. So stick together.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In order to stay abreast of the competition, you'll figure out what your competitors are doing and why. It's also a good time to seek and implement new technologies for improving efficiency and output.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll catch your loved ones doing something right and give spontaneous and enthusiastic praise. You'll make someone happy while paving the way for the stellar results

in the future.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you are tenacious enough, you will have a breakthrough today. If the first or second attempt fails, you'll use what you learn, adjust the plan and go for round three.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The more people you know, the luckier you'll be. Smile and say "Hi." Also, ask friends to introduce you to the people they know. New contacts will be the catalyst for a windfall or romance.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one develops alone. You'll enjoy letting others know what you've learned from them. And you'll continue to let new connections help launch and support your growth.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Look for the good news hidden in the bad. Maybe it will only amount to a speck of sunshine, but that's enough to illuminate other pieces of goodness and change the way everyone sees things.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 17). Your personal

life blossoms as you assert yourself. Refuse to be put on the spot. Give yourself plenty of time and space to make major decisions. You'll advance projects having to do with communication and closing the gaps between people. March features domestic upgrades. You'll win money in June. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 22, 6 and 19.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Three Possibilities**

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ Q 6 4  
♣ K J 9 8 4 2

**WEST**  
♠ 9 5 2  
♥ Q J 7 6 4  
♦ K 10 8 7  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 7 4  
♥ 10 8 5 3  
♦ 2  
♣ A 10 7 3

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3NT

Opening lead — six of hearts.

**Assume you're in three notrump** and West leads a heart. It seems natural to win with the king and lead the queen of clubs, expecting to reap a rich harvest in clubs.

**East takes the queen** and returns a heart to the ace, establishing West's suit. When you next cash the king of clubs, West shows out, and when you then try a diamond finesse — after cashing the jack of clubs — West takes the king, and you finish down one.

**However,** there is a better way of playing the hand that is virtually certain to make the contract. Upon winning the heart lead with the king, you should cash the ace of diamonds. Once both defenders follow suit, the contract is assured. You next lead a low diamond toward the queen and:

- If the diamonds are divided 3-2,** you make nine tricks — four diamonds, three spades and two hearts — by forcing out the king.
- If the diamonds are divided 4-1** and West has, say, the K-10-8-7, as in the actual case, he can't afford to go up with the king or you'd have nine easy tricks. When he follows with the eight and you win with dummy's queen, East shows out, whereupon you abandon the suit. You lead a club to the queen and a club to the jack, again coming to nine tricks.
- If the diamonds are divided 4-1** and East has the K-10-8-7, you eventually score four diamond tricks whether or not East takes the queen with the king.

So, no matter how you slice it, the ace-of-diamonds play at trick two offers a far better chance for the contract than the queen-of-clubs play. You can cope with a 4-1 diamond break, but not a 4-1 club break.

**Tomorrow:** Silence is golden.  
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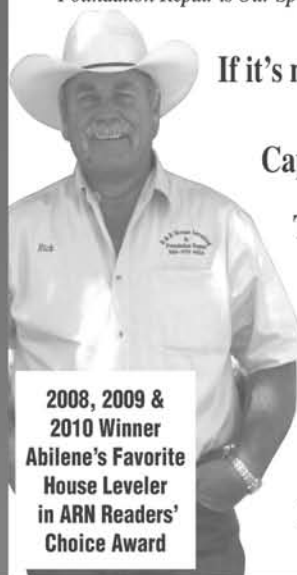
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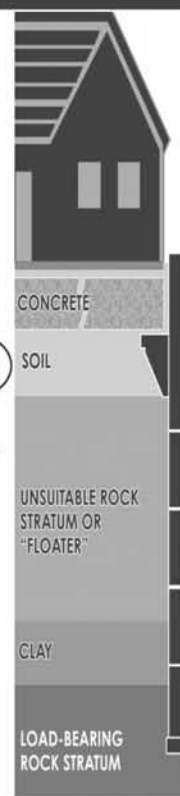
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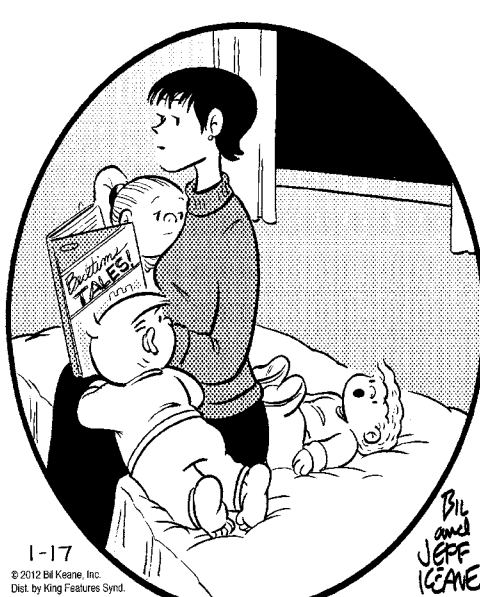
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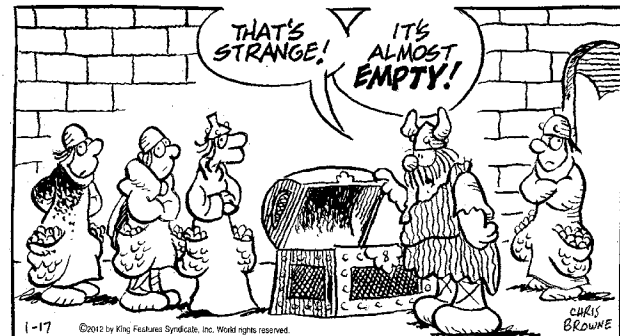


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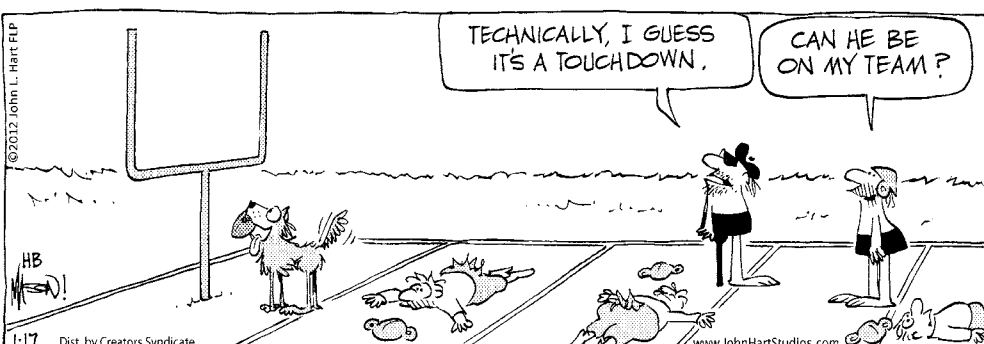
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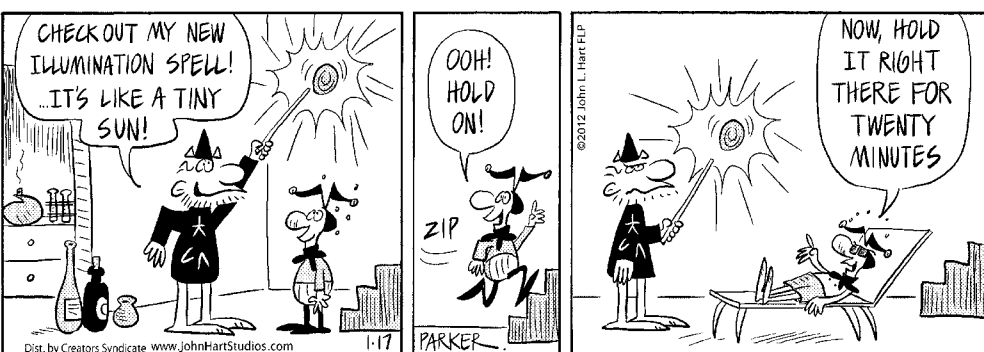
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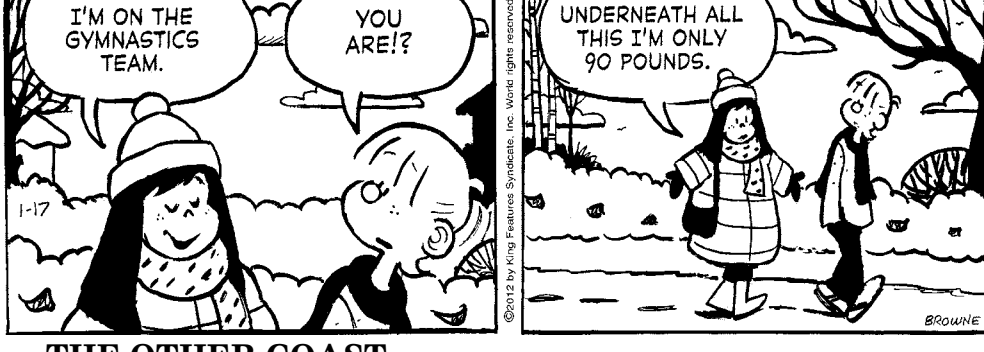
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2012. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1962, ten former winners of rigged TV quiz shows, including Charles Van Doren, pleaded guilty in New York to perjury, admitting they'd lied under oath when they denied being given answers in advance. (All received suspended sentences.)

On this date:

In 1562, French Protestants were recognized under the Edict of St. Germain.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate.

In 1917, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1950, the Great Brink's Robbery took place as seven masked men held up a Brink's garage in Boston, stealing \$1.2 million in cash and \$1.5 million in checks and money orders. (Although the entire gang was caught, only part of the loot was recovered.)

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

In 1971, the Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 in Super Bowl V, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execu-

tion in a decade.

In 1989, five children were shot to death at the Cleveland Elementary School in Stockton, Calif., by a drifter, Patrick Purdy, who then killed himself.

In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 72 people.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 90. Former Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach is 90. Former FCC chairman Newton N. Minow is 86.

Answer to previous puzzle

SLAM	AMPS	SCOPE
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Newsday Crossword

SNOW REMOVAL by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- Basketball targets
- Speak unclearly
- File-folder projections
- French impressionist Édouard
- Job for a lawyer
- Money in Italy
- Playful aquatic mammal
- Above
- Constellation component
- Mega-quantity, low-quality computer apps
- Carryall bag
- Language suffix
- Hourglass filler
- Superlative suffix
- Backtalk
- Musical scale starter
- Moisturizer ingredient
- Real-estate "success" sign
- '70s president
- Major Hollywood thoroughfare
- Build, as a building
- Not very good
- Otherwise
- Nursery-rhyme fussy eaters
- School support grps.
- \_\_-Mex cuisine
- Local vet's patients
- Bit of makeup
- Long story
- Fate of some Biblical swords

DOWN

- Medical insurance cos.
- Swearing-in
- Not fooled by
- Source of annoyance
- Emphasize
- Trash-hauling boat
- Egg on
- Roof overhang
- Residence
- Office assistant
- Commercial on the tube
- Black bird
- Church service
- "Electric" swimmers
- "You \_\_ serious?"
- Volcanic flow
- Consumers
- Peruse again
- Down buyer's tryout
- Coupe or convertible
- Unruly kid
- Feeling achy
- Smallest possible
- \_\_ of the above
- Uncomplicates
- Drink noisily
- Copy-machine supply
- Peeps loudly
- Pleasure boat
- Praise highly
- Telegraph inventor
- Back-of-book listing
- Antics
- Do some housework
- Suffix for kitchen
- Large quantities
- Tampa neighbor, for short
- North African desert
- Work too hard
- Kiddie-lit elephant
- Unwanted e-mail
- Soprano performance
- Mount Olympus residents
- Egg-shaped
- Gets married
- Wander around
- Adam and Eve's home
- Mailed away

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keyed by Fisher, who added another line to an overflowing list of late-game heroics.

"This is what I do," Fisher said. "When opportunities like that present themselves, I'm confident in my ability to step up and make the right play. I've been fortunate in my career to come up with some of those big plays."

Fisher scored nine of his 13 points in the fourth quarter, leading a 10-0 run midway through the period before the Mavericks rallied to tie it on Jason Terry's running jumper at the top of the key with 9.9 seconds left.

Bryant, whose streak of four straight 40-point games ended with just 14 against the Mavericks, drew the Dallas defense before passing to Fisher. The veteran point guard calmly drilled a long 3-pointer from the wing.

"We made the decision to get the ball out of Bryant's hands, and we just didn't get to (Fisher) in time," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "Our full intention was to rotate to him, but he got the shot off quick and he shot it high, so we couldn't get to it. But he made a great shot. In that situation, you've got to live with that decision. And it's tough."

Carter's desperation try was far off, and the Lakers celebrated their ninth consecutive home victory since Christmas.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points for the Mavericks, but committed a crucial traveling violation with 38 seconds left in their first loss since Jan. 5. Lamar Odom scored 10 points in his return to Staples Center, where he won two championships before the Lakers abruptly traded him to Dallas last month.

Andrew Bynum had 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers, who have won six of seven overall despite barely scoring 70 points — the franchise low in the shot-clock era, set in November 2002.

Filly wins horse of year honors

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Filly Havre de Grace brought Larry Jones and Rick Porter back together in 2011, reuniting a trainer and owner who had endured tragedy three years earlier when filly Eight Belles fatally broke down after finishing second in the Kentucky Derby.

Havre de Grace (HA'vur-duh-grays) restored fun to racing again for the duo after Jones had retired in 2010, forcing Porter to find another trainer. He lured Jones back to the business full-time by showing him the filly with the hard-

to-pronounce name that honors a city in Maryland.

She had them celebrating Monday night when Havre de Grace won Horse of the Year at the Eclipse Awards, becoming the third consecutive female to receive the honor in a year that lacked a superstar in thoroughbred racing.

"As many of you know, I've seen the lowest of lows in horse racing and I've seen a lot of highs, but nothing rivals Havre de Grace," Porter told the audience at the Beverly Wilshire hotel. "She did it her way. She won the big races when

it counted."

Havre de Grace joined Zenyatta in 2010 and Rachel Alexandra in 2009 — two horses that captured the general public's interest and imagination — as one of six females to earn the sport's top award. She received 166 first-place votes and 1,897 total points in balloting by members of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, Daily Racing Form and National Turf Writers and Broadcasters.

"It's some kind of thrill to win this award that I only dreamed of maybe 10, 15 years ago," Porter

told the crowd.

"She's the most deserving horse. She had the most memorable campaign and accounted for the most excitement at the top level of the sport throughout the year."

Pacific Classic winner Acclamation finished second with 26 first-place votes and 552 points. Ireland-bred Cape Blanco was third with nine first-place votes and 325 points. BC Classic runner-up Game On Dude wasn't among the three finalists, but earned 10 first-place votes.

Havre de Grace won the Woodward against male horses last year.

BEARS

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start and proving once more that the road to the Big 12 title goes through Kansas.

"Loudest place we've ever played. Their fans got into the game," said Perry Jones III, who had 18 points to lead Baylor. "We still tried to stay together and not let the noise affect us."

It didn't work. A trendy pick to end Kansas' seven-year stranglehold on the conference, Baylor (17-1, 4-1) had been riding the longest winning streak in school history to its best start ever. It left Lawrence with the school's first loss in football or men's and women's basketball since Oct. 29, a span of 40 games.

"Start with their leadership. Thomas Robinson showed why he's a player of the year candidate. Tyshawn Taylor was outstanding," Drew said. "Early on we didn't have some success in the paint, got away from it. From there we couldn't stop them all night long."

Travis Releford and Elijah Johnson added 11 points each for the Jayhawks (15-3, 5-0), who won their 16th straight game at Allen Fieldhouse and 10th in a row at home over the Bears.

Kansas is 17-2 against them all-time.

"I think we made a big statement tonight," Taylor said. "I told my team with like, 11 minutes left, that we have to make a statement. I don't know if people are sleeping on us — they know

we're good — but I don't know if people knew what we could do."

Quincy Miller finished with 17 points, Quincy Acy had 14, and Pierre Jackson had 11 points and 11 assists for Baylor, but the long and lean Bears were dominated in the paint and had no answer for the combination of Robinson and Taylor, one of the best inside-outside tandems in the nation.

Robinson overpowered the Baylor front line with an array of rim-rattling dunks and short-range jumpers, while Taylor hit four 3-pointers and had six assists. The outcome left No. 1 Syracuse and No. 12 Murray State as the only undefeated teams in Division I.

"This was a nice win for us. Baylor is terrific," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

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firm control of their game against WTC.

As in the women's game, it was defense that proved to be the difference.

With Howard holding a slim 51-45 lead at the 7:10 mark of the second half, the Hawks' defense

shut out WTC over a four-minute stretch.

Meanwhile, Shavon Coleman sparked a rally on offense that allowed Howard to push its advantage back up to double digits.

Coleman scored seven points and Damion McGee added another basket during that crucial stretch, which ended with Howard holding a comfortable 57-45 lead.

"We did a good job at the end of getting defensive stops when we needed them," Howard Coach Mark Adams

said. "At the same time, we were very inconsistent on offense."

"We had 27 turnovers, and we can't have that type of execution if we're going to be competitive in the conference race," Adams continued.

Coleman led all scorers with 15 points, while Calvin Godfrey added 12 points and Jerry Dixon 11 for the Hawks, who improved to 12-3 for the season with the win.

Despite his concerns with the team's offense, Adams said he will take a conference road win

anytime he gets one.

"We did get a win on the road," he said. "Western Texas is a much-improved team. They're going to win some games in conference this year ... We were fortunate to get out of there with a win."

The Hawks return to WJCAC action Thursday when they host New Mexico Military Institute in their conference home opener at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Game time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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