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Courtesy photo  
**Symphony Guild President Eulaine McIntosh poses with Van Cliburn gold medalist Haochen Zhang following Saturday's performance by the Big Spring Symphony.**

## Symphony performance 'wonderful'

**By AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer  
 Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church was the venue for the Big Spring Symphony and Van Cliburn gold medalist Haochen Zhang performance this past Saturday.  
 "The concert was absolutely wonderful, both the guest artist section and the Big Spring Symphony's 2<sup>nd</sup> half were emotion-

ally moving pieces," Guild President Eulaine McIntosh said. "Haochen, although he is only 21 years old, played with the soul of someone with much more life experience ... beautiful, absolutely beautiful."  
 McIntosh said Garrett Hall was filled for the performance.  
*Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com*

# Local man arrested for solicitation

*Former radio newsmen cuffed by county, federal officers*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested by local and federal law enforcement officers during the early morning hours Tuesday on a charge of online solicitation of a minor, with possibly more charges to come, according to investigators.



**Guthrie**  
 Kyle Wade Guthrie, 27, of 408 Hillside Dr., was arrested at his residence at approximately 12:55 a.m. by deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office.  
 According to Sheriff Stan Parker, law enforcement officials received information regarding the offense Friday.  
 "The Howard County Sheriff's Office received infor-

mation pertaining to a possible online solicitation of a minor," Parker said. "Upon further investigation it was found that Guthrie had made contact with a minor in an sexually explicit manner by using electronic communication."  
 Parker said a search warrant was obtained for Guthrie's home, where several electronic devices were seized during the course of the investigation.  
 "A search warrant was obtained and executed on Guthrie's residence by the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Homeland Security," Parker said. "Several electronic devices — cell phones and computers — were seized and will be sent for forensic analysis. At this

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# Incumbents hold off on first day of council filing period

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Filings for area municipal elections opened rather quietly Monday, with only one Big Spring political hopeful tossing his hat in the ring.  
 Marvin Boyd, owner of Boyd's Auto Glass, filed Mon-

day to run for the District 6 seat on the Big Spring City Council. The seat is currently held by Terry Hansen, who hasn't yet indicated whether he plans to run for re-election. Efforts to reach Hansen by press time were unsuccessful.  
 Other seats up for election

during this year's municipal elections are the District 2 seat, held by Manuel Ramirez Jr., and the District 4 seat, held by Gloria McDonald.  
 Neither Ramirez or McDonald have indicated whether they plan to file for re-election. Efforts to reach both incumbent council members

were unsuccessful.  
 According to city officials, the deadline to file to run for any of the three seats is 5 p.m. March 5. Political hopefuls have until that time to file their campaign treasurer designation form and

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# Hangar 25 promotes division patches

**By AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

Representation for all who served at Webb Air Force Base is the main objective of the new Division Patch fundraiser.  
 Hangar 25 Air Museum has started work on two wooden replicas that were represented at Webb.  
 "This is something that honors those who served at Webb, but it's also another

way to bring in a little money to help keep the museum going," Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger said.  
 For a \$500 donation, any unit, class or organization that was stationed at Webb can have a wooden replica of their service patch created and displayed in the museum. The replicas are going to be placed inside the Hangar and be kept up as long as they are in good condition, according

to Stockburger.  
 "We have memorials people can purchase and this is just really one more way to remember those who served at Webb," Stockburger said.  
 The replicas are 4 feet by 4 feet and are being created by a local carpenter and painted by a local artist.  
 The idea for the replicas was first presented during the most recent Webb reunion, but the opportunity to pur-

chase one will continue.  
 To find out more information or to commission a replica, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999. Hours of operation for the museum are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum is closed Saturdays through February.  
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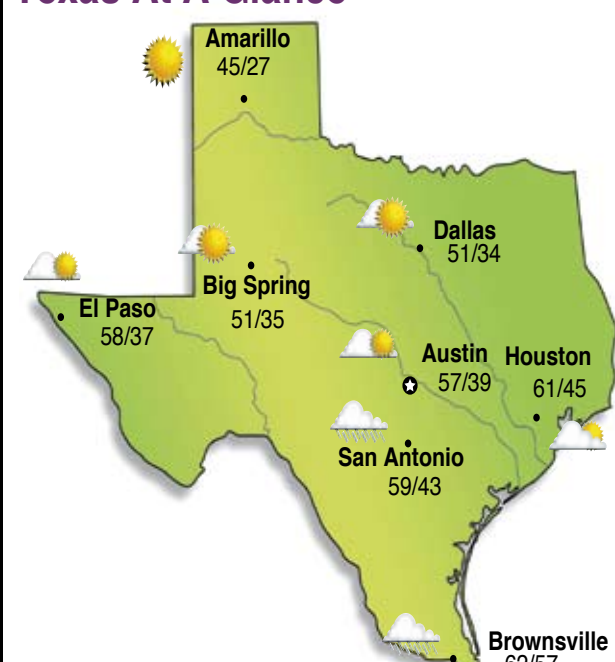
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/8	Thu 2/9	Fri 2/10	Sat 2/11	Sun 2/12
<b>51/35</b> Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 51F.	<b>60/38</b> Mostly cloudy. High in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>57/35</b> More clouds than sun. High in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>61/40</b> Mainly sunny. High in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	<b>58/42</b> Mix of sun and clouds. High in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 6:29 PM



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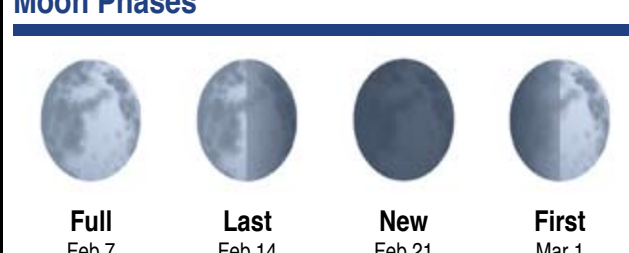
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	32	sunny	Kingsville	64	49	rain
Amarillo	45	27	sunny	Livingston	63	39	pt sunny
Austin	57	39	pt sunny	Longview	57	36	mst sunny
Beaumont	66	44	pt sunny	Lubbock	46	26	mst sunny
Brownsville	62	57	rain	Lufkin	62	39	pt sunny
Brownwood	53	35	mst sunny	Midland	51	36	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	63	50	rain	Raymondville	60	52	rain
Corsicana	51	34	mst sunny	Rosenberg	61	44	cloudy
Dallas	51	34	mst sunny	San Antonio	59	43	rain
Del Rio	59	48	cloudy	San Marcos	58	39	pt sunny
El Paso	58	37	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	52	33	sunny
Fort Stockton	50	38	cloudy	Sweetwater	49	33	mst sunny
Gainesville	46	29	sunny	Tyler	55	34	mst sunny
Greenville	49	31	mst sunny	Weatherford	49	30	mst sunny
Houston	61	45	cloudy	Wichita Falls	46	29	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	35	pt sunny	Minneapolis	30	17	sunny
Boston	38	27	pt sunny	New York	39	32	sn shower
Chicago	37	24	sunny	Phoenix	71	50	pt sunny
Dallas	51	34	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	48	sunny
Denver	36	21	pt sunny	Seattle	55	44	rain
Houston	61	45	cloudy	St. Louis	39	27	pt sunny
Los Angeles	73	49	pt sunny	Washington, DC	39	33	mixed
Miami	80	67	rain				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 2/8	Thu 2/9	Fri 2/10	Sat 2/11	Sun 2/12
5	4	5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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Obituaries

Artie Lee Rich

Artie Lee Rich, 94, formerly of Cisco, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Big Spring, Texas.

Artie, born Dec. 15, 1917, in Twitty, Texas, was the sixth of 12 children born to Charlie Nelson Wills and Nola Bell (Davis) Wills. She grew up and graduated from high school in Frederick, Okla.

Artie married Zola Edward Rich on Dec. 15, 1941, in Eastland, Texas. Zola immediately left to serve the Army during World War II and Artie lived with his parents until his return in 1943. During the almost 70 years they were married they lived in Odessa, Whiteface, Rankin, Colorado City, Coahoma and Cisco, Texas. In 1953, they adopted Artie's brother's son, Robert, when he was 5 years old and he became the joy of their lives.

They gave of their time and funds to help build several churches. Artie continually baked bread, pies, cakes, or anything else the church needed for fund-raisers or fellowships. Her baking and cooking abilities were known everywhere she lived. Christmas dinners were a feast. She freely gave her time to clean a friend's house if they were sick, or fix meals when needed.

Artie planted gardens everywhere she lived and loved to plant, pick and can her variety of vegetables and fruits. She gave much of it to family, friends and neighbors. When they moved to Coahoma, Artie worked for F.W. Woolworth Five and Dime store in Big Spring. After they retired, they moved to Cisco. She taught herself to play the organ when she was about 63 and played for the First Assembly of God church in Cisco, where they were members. Until her eyes were too weak for glaucoma, Artie sewed, crocheted, quilted and painted. We are blessed to have her recipes, beautiful quilts and pictures.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Sharon Rich; grandsons, Troy Rich and wife Sharon of Midland, Texas, and Kevin Rich and finance Pamela Lawallen of Austin, Texas; great-grandsons, Matthew Rich and Brian Rich of Midland and Nathan Rich of Lubbock, and Amber Rich of Lubbock; one sister, Thelma Marie Francois of California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Artie was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie N. Wills and Nola Bell Davis Wills; husband, Zola E. Rich; seven brothers; three sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends and family Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Summers-Chambers Funeral Home in Cisco, Texas. Grave-side services will be at Romney Cemetery at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012. The Rev. Jeremy Howard, friend and former pastor of First Assembly of God church, will officiate.

*Paid obituary*

William N. 'Bill' Currie

William N. "Bill" Currie, 57, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

F.C. Wheeler

F.C. Wheeler, 92, of Stanton, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take Note

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. 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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Police

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

- ISAAC NATHAN RIOS, 21, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 124, was arrested Monday on three warrants from other agencies.
- JESUS FLORES, 33, of 1802 Mittel Ave., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1800 block of Lancaster. In the 300 block of S. Main Street. In the 300 block of S. Main Street. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of N.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of E. County Road 38.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of S. Lancaster.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 60 inmates at the time of this report.
- ISAAC NATHAN RIOS, 21, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on Midland County warrants for evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance, tampering/fabricating physical evidence and an Austin parole warrant.
- DANIEL ERNEST WRIGHT, 58, was booked into the county jail Monday by the VA Medical Center police on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS FLORES, 33, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- KYLE WADE GUTHRIE, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of online solicitation of a minor - sexual conduct.

EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

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# Texas primary date in doubt after deal talks stall

PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press  
SAN ANTONIO — Texas is all but certain to have an even later say in choosing the Republican presidential nominee after what at first looked like a breakthrough deal in a bitter dispute over redistricting maps ended with wide rejection of the proposal.

That left the date of the Texas primaries in limbo Tuesday, a day after a court-imposed deadline for the state and minority advocacy groups to compromise came and went without temporary maps that everyone could agree on for the 2012 elections.

A San Antonio federal court had told both sides to reach a deal by Monday or see the April 3 primary date pushed back a second time. The Texas attorney general's office appeared to hit the deadline by announcing an agreement with some of the groups, but that was soon overshadowed by other prominent black and Hispanic organizations blasting the deal.

The court also appeared to reject the partial deal, as U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia urged talks to continue toward "a general agreement between all" parties.

Now the date of the Texas primaries is in doubt again.

Republicans feared that another delay could prevent Texas voters from helping decide which GOP candidate challenges President Barack Obama in No-

vember. Republican and Democratic party leaders have said an April 17 vote may be possible absent a deal if the court could quickly draw revised maps.

The advocacy groups are suing the state, alleging that the Republican-controlled Legislature ignored the state's burgeoning Hispanic population when it redrew boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott had optimistically introduced the partially agreed plan earlier Monday. It had the backing of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, one of the largest groups that sued the state.

Under the proposal, Hispanics would control two of four new congressional seats that Texas was awarded following the 2010 census, which reflected the state's population boom in the last decade. But apart from MALDEF and Democratic U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas, most others involved in the lawsuit said the proposal fell far short of a fair compromise.

Luis Vera, an attorney for the League of United Latin American Citizens, scoffed at the new deal and accused the state of overselling the number of plaintiffs that signed off on it. Late Monday, his group and six of the other nine plaintiffs filed court briefs formally opposing the plan.

Vera said talks had halted, adding: "There's

no agreement, and there's nothing to talk about."

In a written statement late Monday, Abbott didn't acknowledge the judge's order but said his office "has worked with a wide range of interest groups to incorporate reasonable requests from all parties" without compromising the will of the Texas Legislature. He has said a primary likely couldn't be organized before April 17.

When asked earlier Monday if he was happy with the proposed compromise, Abbott said "it's a step in the right direction." He said failure to reach a consensus wasn't for a lack of trying.

MALDEF attorney Nina Perales said the maps put forward by Abbott came very close to what her organization requested. She said that in addition to creating two new Hispanic-dominated congressional districts, the plan also created two Hispanic-majority districts in the Texas House and restored two Hispanic districts in the Rio Grande Valley and Nueces County.

"Although they are not perfect, the plans that have been released by the state today ... more fairly reflect the growing strength of Latino voters in Texas," Perales said. "They properly recognize that protecting voting rights is more important than partisanship or incumbency protection."

But most of the groups suing the state said the

deal was no compromise. The Mexican American Legislative Caucus argued that the new plan actually dilutes minority influence in some areas. Its chairman, Democratic state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, said the two Hispanic congressional seats would come on the condition of losing ground in other districts currently dominated by Hispanic voters.

"If you tell me we're going to get these seats at the expense of another district, that's not a win," he said.

In Washington, another federal court is weighing a separate case challenging whether maps drawn by the Texas Legislature were legal. Since Texas is one of nine states with a history of racial discrimination, the Washington court or the U.S. Department of Justice must pre-approve any changes to state election laws. A ruling in that case isn't expected for at least another month.

The stakes are unusually high because the nation's second-largest state is adding four congressional seats — and the way they are divvied up could be pivotal in determining which party controls the U.S. House.

The Texas Legislature got the first crack at drawing new maps for Congress and the Statehouse, but their plan was quickly challenged by Cuellar and minority groups.

If the court rejects the compromise, the judges could split the prima-

ries into two elections — one for the presidential race, and a later one for state and congressional elections that are at the mercy of where map lines are settled.

A split primary would let parties hold their conventions on schedule — but could cost taxpayers \$15 million.

Republican legislative leaders argued that they drew the original maps merely to benefit their party's candidates, but minority groups claim they discriminate by diluting the voting power of blacks and Hispanics.

## Woman dead on college campus a high school student

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Police at a South Texas university have confirmed that a woman found dead on campus was an 18-year-old high school student in the area.

University of Texas-Pan American officials said in a statement Tuesday that the woman's identity was being withheld "because of the nature of the incident." No further explanation was given.

The university says a relative of the woman contacted campus police Monday, the same day the body was found. Investigators are awaiting autopsy results. The woman was enrolled in the Edinburg Consolidated School District.

Construction workers found the woman near the bottom of an outdoor

staircase at the campus science building.

UTPA officials said the building would remain closed Tuesday. The university has maintained that the incident posed no danger to students or staff.

## LBJ's personal Lincoln Continental up for auction

SMITHVILLE, Texas (AP) — A white 1964 Lincoln Continental convertible used by President Lyndon B. Johnson has been put up for auction in Texas.

Dan Kruse Classics has announced the March 3 sale of LBJ's personal vehicle, which he drove until his death in 1973.

An auction spokeswoman said Tuesday that the convertible is on display at the Central Texas Museum of Automotive History, founded by collector Dick Burdick. The auction will take place at the museum in Smithville, located about 35 miles southeast of Austin.

The auction will benefit the LBJ Foundation, which owns the luxury car. The foundation provides funds to The University of Texas at Austin—the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum and the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.

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time the case involves solicitation of a 16-year-old female victim. There are possibly more victims and at this time the investigation is continuing.

Parker declined to

comment on the possible number or location of additional victims, citing the ongoing investigation.

"We expect to have the forensic analysis of the electronic devices within about a week to 10 days," Parker said. "However, it could take longer than that. The whole reason we

brought in Homeland Security was because of their expertise with forensic analysis on electronic devices. They will take these devices to their office in San Angelo and we should have the information back from them soon."

At the time of his arrest, Guthrie was employed by local radio

station KBST as their director of news and weather. However, according to the station's general manager Malinda Flenniken, he has since had his employment terminated.

"Kyle is no longer employed with KBST and is no longer eligible for re-hire," Flenniken said this morning.

According to officials with the Howard County Detention Center, Guthrie's bond has been set at \$20,000. As of press time, he remained in custody.

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## FILING

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application for placement on the May 12 ballot.

While filings may have been a bit slow in Big Spring, they were at a downright standstill in the small city of Coahoma, which also has three seats on its council up for election in May.

According to Coahoma officials, no candidates — incumbent or otherwise — filed Monday to run for election.

The seats up for election in the Coahoma races include those cur-

rently held by Linda Luce, Paulette Lindsey and Zach Johnson.

Political hopefuls in Coahoma also have until 5 p.m. March 5 to file their candidacy for the May 12 election.

Early voting in this year's municipal elections is slated to begin April 30 and end May 8,

according to local election officials.

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Direct a written request for an application to Peggy Laskoski, Sid Richardson Memorial Fund, 309 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 or [plaskoski@sidrichardson.org](mailto:plaskoski@sidrichardson.org). The request may also be faxed to 817-332-2176. Include student name and address, qualifying employee name, Social Security number of employee, qualifying company name, and dates of employment.

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# What the Susan G. Komen affair means for November

The blowup at Susan G. Komen for the Cure set off a political alarm that Republicans dare not ignore. The leading breast cancer group, Komen tried playing Republican-base politics by cutting its funding to Planned Parenthood for breast-health services. The sisterhood and its allies exploded, and Komen reversed course with abject apologies.

"I have to believe that the Republican Party is noticing what just happened in a matter of 24 hours," Kellie Ferguson told me. Ferguson is executive director of a group called the Republican Majority for Choice. "Our members were outraged," she said.

As the name suggests, the Republican Majority for Choice supports women's reproductive rights, including the availability of abortion. While polls show more Republicans opposed to abortion rights than for them, the gap between the two groups is not so wide as the party's conversation suggests. When framed as an individual's decision and not the government's, Ferguson says, well over half of Republicans side with her group's view.

Nationally, 37 percent of Americans say abortion should be generally available, according to a CBS News/New York Times poll taken last month. Another 37 percent want it available under stricter limits. That makes

74 percent in favor of some basic right to abortion.

The Republican debates have largely ignored the majority opinion, but the party should not misread the broader public's quiet as lack of interest. To backers of reproductive rights, nothing real was happening. When they think something real is happening, sirens go off. The Komen affair was a perfect example.

Few women who supported Komen's work knew that its founder is a prominent Republican donor. Nor did they care until the group's leadership insanely thought it could cut off funding for Planned Parenthood's breast cancer screenings without severe consequences.

Social conservatives have long dogged Planned Parenthood for offering abortion, which accounts for 3 percent of its services.

A year ago, House Republicans voted to stop all federal funding of Planned Parenthood — even though it's been shown time and again that Planned Parenthood uses no federal funds for abortion.

Widespread contempt greeted Komen's explanation that it cut off Planned Parenthood following a House investigation launched by Cliff Stearns, a Florida Republican. Then came the revelation that Komen's new senior vice president for public policy was Karen Handel, an unsuccessful Republican candidate for Georgia governor long hostile to Planned Parenthood.

What on earth were Komen's leaders thinking? While Planned Parenthood may be reviled in the tight quarters of the Repub-

lican base, it is respected, if not beloved, by most American women. And it remains the last resort for many poor women needing birth control.

Which brings us to the Republican candidates' attacks on President Obama for insisting that Catholic organizations include birth control in their employees' health plans. This is a tricky subject. Many who disagree with the church over birth control feel nonetheless that Catholic groups have a right to deny that service as a matter of religious conscience.

The principle on the other side, though, is that women have a right to basic health services, and birth control is pretty basic. Meanwhile, the vast majority of Catholic women ignore the church's position and use birth control.

So what many hear in the Republican campaign is a general piling-on against women's reproductive choices. As Ferguson put it, "When you start to dig a little deeper, some of these candidates are crossing the line over the choice of abortion debate into the birth control debate."

The Komen affair showed how fast and furiously the sisterhood will respond to a perceived attack on reproductive rights. Imagine if something similar happened a week before the November election.

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# Obama says he deserves a second term; let's consider

President Obama told NBC's Matt Lauer in an interview Sunday, "I deserve a second term." Well, let's see.

He had the courage to tell the Supreme Court off for daring to defy him in its campaign finance law ruling. And he did it during his State of the Union speech, when they weren't in a position to object, showing just what a marvelous tactician he is.

He was not about to be stymied by an obstructionist Republican House that didn't buy into his Euro-fashionable idea that we're all going to die from catastrophic man-made global warming. So when those knuckleheads wouldn't pass cap and trade, his Environmental Protection Agency lawlessly imposed its own emission standards. He showed those Republicans.

He was sick and tired of our being in Iraq, an action approved by a joint resolution of Congress, so he telegraphed a date certain to withdraw. But he wasn't going to let Republicans think he couldn't flex his own muscles in the nominal cause of freedom, so he one-upped those dolts again by intervening in Libya without consulting Congress at all, much less getting its approval.

When he crammed through Obamacare against the people's will, he adroitly claimed he was acting on our behalf. Every year he's been in office, his deficits have greatly exceeded \$1 trillion, and he is on course to double the national debt in five years and triple it in 10. How many presidents could pull that off?

Though he has driven us to within a molecule's width of national bankruptcy and achieved — like none of his inferior predecessors — a downgrading of our national credit rating, he deftly managed to deflect the blame for this on Republican opposition to his wholly reckless budget plan. Not too shabby.

His Democratic-controlled Senate has failed to pass a budget in more than 1,000 days, and he has declined to exercise leadership on this but somehow managed to shift equal blame to Republicans for their inaction. Then again, what do you expect from a man who can straight-facedly blame his predecessor for his own policy failures three years hence?

He's convinced many that Republicans' only driving force is to protect unfair tax advantages for the wealthy when in fact these "wealthy" pay significantly more than middle- and lower-income earners and pay a higher rate, as well. It's not just any old Joe who without any experience can ride a perfect economic storm into the presidency and convince people against all the evidence, common sense and reason that Warren Buffett is paying a lower income tax rate than America's secretaries.

That takes skills.

How many presidents have you known who could pass policies to exacerbate our national debt crisis, refuse even to negotiate on entitlement reform, mischaracterize Rep. Paul Ryan's budget plan as robbing seniors of their Medicare benefits, form a bipartisan deficit commission and ignore its findings, and implement an \$868 billion wasteful, corrupt stimulus bill with phantom ZIP codes and no shovel-ready jobs that he promised yet boldly insist on more "stimulus" spending?

How about Obama's ingenious exploitation of the Gulf oil spill to impose a Draconian drilling moratorium on the evil oil industry while encouraging drilling in Cuba and Brazil and his brilliant end run around a federal district judge and an appellate court by lawlessly rewriting the rule? Or his public relations coup in announcing the end of the moratorium while silently imposing a de facto moratorium through onerous rules for drilling permits, all while fibbing that he has opened more land for drilling than an Arab sheik? This, my friends, is no lightweight we're dealing



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by K. Rae Anderson

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## Happy Birthday, Presidents!

This week Kid Scoop celebrates Presidents Day – a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of two important American presidents, President Abraham Lincoln and President George Washington.

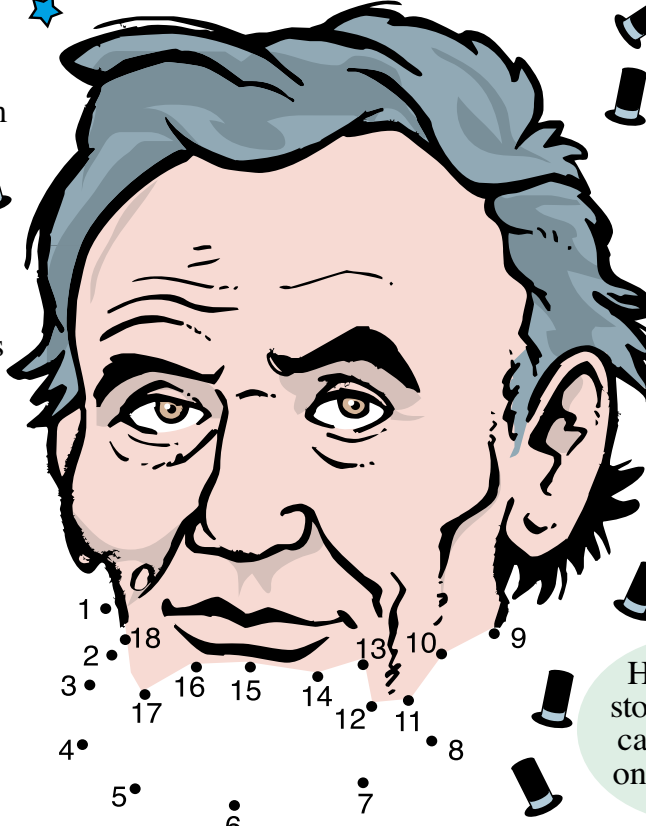
### Grace Changes Presidential Face

The year was 1860. Abraham Lincoln was traveling across the United States asking people to vote for him to be president.

Dear Sir,  
My father has just returned from the fair and brought your picture and Mrs. Lincoln's. I am a little girl, only 11 years old, but want you to be president of the United States very much, so I hope you won't think me bold to write to such a great man as you are ... I have four brothers and part of them will vote for you anyway - and if you let your whiskers grow, I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you. You would look a great deal better for your face is so thin.  
Goodbye,  
Grace Bedell

Mr. Lincoln would have looked different to you that year. He didn't have his famous beard. He received this letter from an 11-year-old girl named Grace Bedell.

Lincoln grew a beard as Grace suggested. Grace's one letter changed the face of the president!

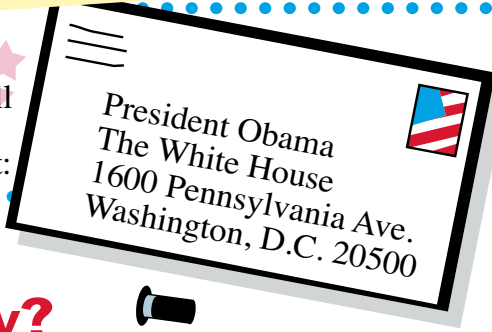


Connect the dots and color in the space to put a beard on Lincoln's face.

Standards Link: History: Identify the people honored in commemorative holidays.

How many stovepipe hats can you find on this page?

Is there something you would like to tell President Obama? You can write him at:



### The Man Who Would NOT Be King

As first president of the United States, George Washington helped to make the laws and policies that formed our country. Some people wanted him to be the king of the United States. He refused because he believed it was better to have a president who was elected by the people.



### Look Closely!

How many differences can you find between these two pictures? There are at least 10.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### True Story?

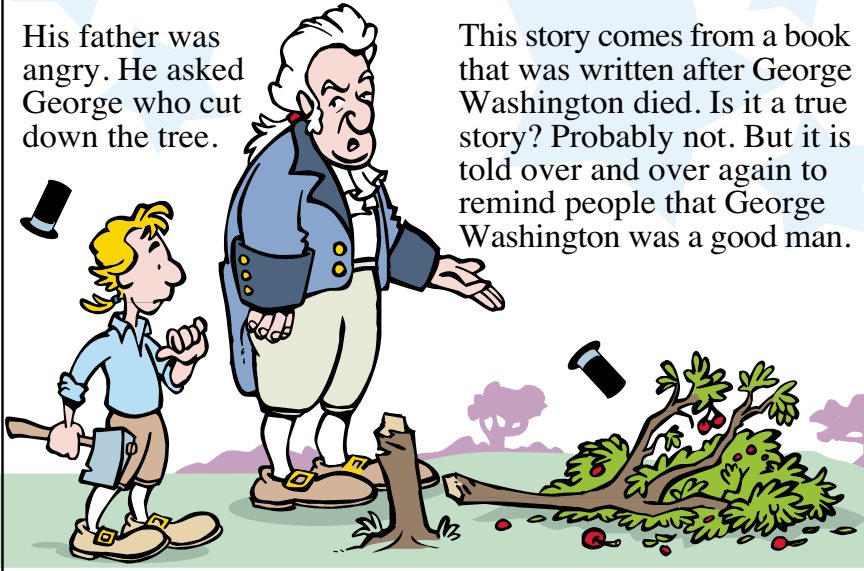
Have you heard this story about George Washington?

When George was young, he cut down his father's cherry tree.

His father was angry. He asked George who cut down the tree.

"I cannot tell a lie," said George. "I cut it with my hatchet." Then his father gave George a hug instead of punishing him because he had told the truth.

This story comes from a book that was written after George Washington died. Is it a true story? Probably not. But it is told over and over again to remind people that George Washington was a good man.



### Extra! Extra! Scavenger Hunt

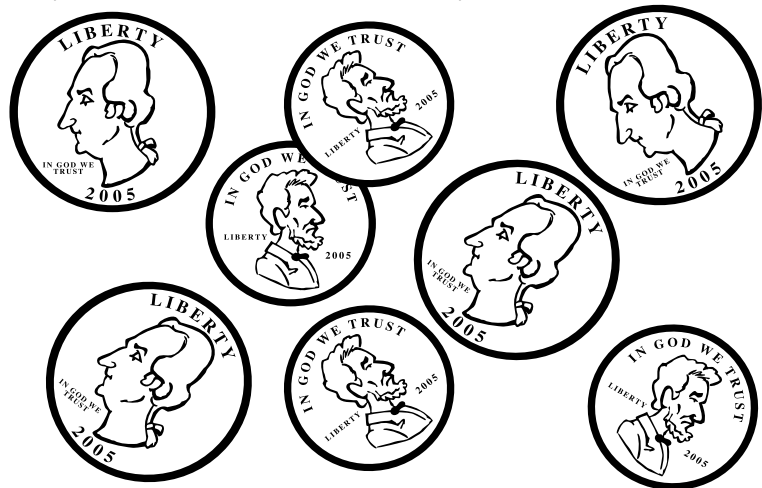
Look through the newspaper to find:

- A picture of Lincoln
- A picture of Washington
- The word "president"

Standards Link: Reading/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

A picture of Abraham Lincoln is on the penny. A picture of George Washington is on the quarter. Color the pennies brown. How many are there? Color the quarters gray. How many are there? How much money in all?

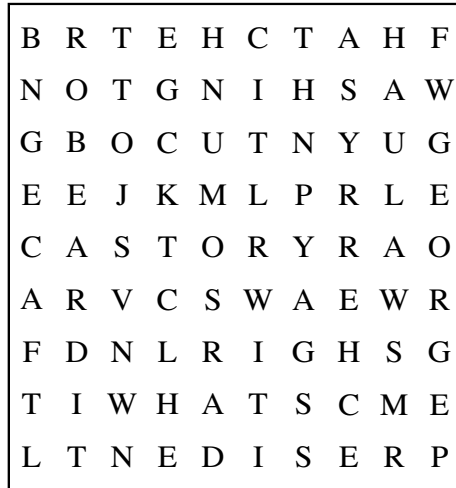


Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

### Double Double Word Search

- LINCOLN
- WASHINGTON
- PRESIDENT
- STORY
- GEORGE
- HATCHET
- FACE
- BOOK
- LAWS
- BEARD
- CHERRY
- HATS
- GIRL
- CUT

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

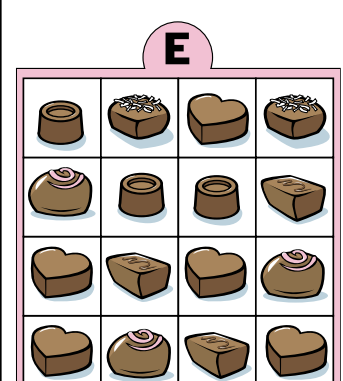
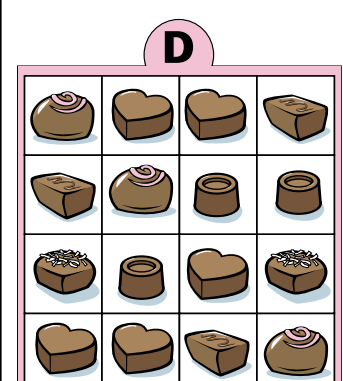
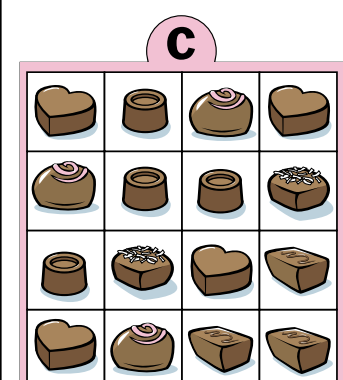
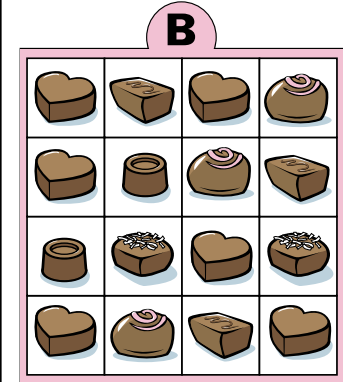
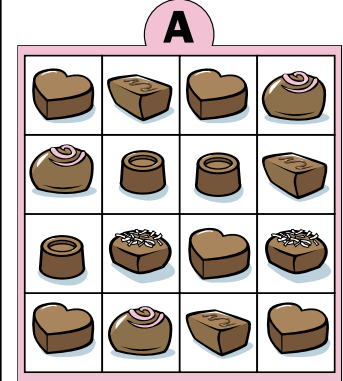


Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Valentine Puzzler

Which of these sets of Valentine's Day chocolates are ready to be shipped from the candy factory? The correct boxes should have:

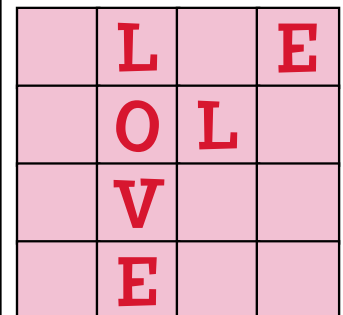
- FIVE of these:
- THREE of these:
- THREE of these:
- THREE of these:
- TWO of these:



ANSWER: A, D and E are correct.

### Kid Scoo-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LOVE 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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#### Weave a Tale

1. Cut out four to six stories in the newspaper.
2. Read each story.
3. Cut the stories into paragraphs.
4. "Weave" new stories by mixing and matching the paragraphs.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the meaning of expository text.

### What's the difference between an old penny and a new quarter?



ANSWER: Twenty-four cents.

### Write On!

#### Healthy Valentine

Write a healthy Valentine poem.

Sugar is sweet  
And a little bit scary.  
Eating too much of it  
Angers the Tooth Fairy!



# Bird Poop: A voice echoing through the trees

After five days of watching it peck among the scratch thrown out for his chickens, the man decided to call. Telling me he had heard it when it hit, he corrected my assumption that the noise was caused by a window strike. "No, ma'am. It flew plumb into the front of the house!"



BEBE  
MCCASLAND

The loud thump the bird's body made as it collided with the wooden façade of his porch had caused him to hurry outside. Finding a dove lying on the ground, he thought it had killed itself. "It looked like it was asleep with its eyes open," he continued. In shock, the bird did not move until the man's hand closed around its body. Startled, it struggled against the warmth and strength it had suddenly encountered. Putting it out in the

chicken pen, he felt it would be safe until it recovered its senses. None of the migrating hawks had bothered his birds since he had installed a mesh over the six-foot fence that was home to his exotics.

"That dove hasn't tried to fly all week," he added. "Thought you'd better have a look at it."

Removing the bird from his carrier, the man handed me a mourning dove. After extending each wing and searching for breaks, I allowed the bird to flap its wings in protest. Suggesting the dove could have suffered a soft tissue injury, or bruising, I added that with time, it might fully recover from the traumatic blow to the leading edges of its wings.

Placed inside a long cage that would encourage the dove to fly up to the roosts at either end, the bird chose to remain on the floor. In handling it, I had noticed how thin it was.

Its strength was minimal.

During the next few days, the dove chose to perch atop a small, rough bark log. Ignor-



Courtesy photo

**Adaptable, the mourning dove is found near farms, cities, and in the open plains as well as the desert. Waste grains, corn, millet, peanuts, some insects and snails are included in its diet. Fond of pine seeds, it will walk the length of a limb in order to pluck the seeds from the cone. To help in its digestion, the dove is often seen eating grit.**

ing the elevated perches, it would only leave its newly found roost for food and water.

While it was so passive, Art and I thoroughly enjoyed studying it. When we had bought our home some 17 years before, the neighborhood had been blessed with the cooing of morning doves. At times, their presence had been numerous.

When white-winged doves, years later, made an unexpected appearance, and started growing in number, the mourning doves were slowly pushed out of our yard by the more aggressive and larger birds. Even more competition was to come when the bigger Eurasian collared-doves invaded our neighborhood.

Sleek and stately, the

bird was slim in comparison to a white-wing or collared-dove. As it stood on its log, the mourning dove's coloration above was a gray-brown. On each side of its face was a black spot. Also adorning its wings were casually placed black dots.

Beneath, its buff colored belly was tinged with a very slight, pinkish hue. This lent a subtle contrast to its pink legs and feet. Noticeable only in flight, its long, wedge-shaped, or tapered tail was edged in white.

After four days had passed, with the next morning came a surprise. On the highest perch at one end of the cage was the mourning dove.

Having had to use its wings to elevate to that height was a promising

sign. During the next few days we noticed that the bird was using perches at both ends of the cage. Its droppings were proof of its developing strength and mobility.

After we opened the top of its enclosure, the dove quickly proved it was releasable. Easily flying to the top shelves in our double garage, it journeyed back and forth across the open space.

Carefully netting our adventurous guest, we took it to the back yard. With the openness of our side yard and back lot, the mourning dove had numerous trees for cover and safety.

Once oriented to its new surroundings, it would be free to choose the most appealing direction.

Having regained its

strength, the bird rose swiftly. In those precious seconds, we heard the gentle whistling of its wings as it flew to a nearby mesquite.

Uncertain as to its gender, if it chose to remain in our neighborhood and attract a mate, we would once again hear the territorial and courtship call of a male in early spring.

Then, as the male gathered sticks, twigs, and dried grasses, his intended would build a nest that must be durable for a month. After two weeks of incubation, the newly hatched young would be fed regurgitated "milk" by both parents.

By the time the young took flight from the nest some 15 days later, they would have had seeds and insects introduced into their diet. Although they would return to roost at night, within a week of leaving their nest, the fledglings would literally be on their own.

To hear once again what ornithologists have described as a low moaning would, for us, be a renewal of a long-absent call. Instead of the implied sadness of "Oo-ah! Cooo, cooo, coo," we would celebrate a specie's plaintive voice echoing through our trees.

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## 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.

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

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## Will Rogers on sales tax benefits

Taxes are a hot topic lately, especially with all the presidential candidates referring to them, so I thought you'd like to review a list of the taxes we pay.

Now keep in mind that 100 years ago our nation was the most prosperous in the world and very few of these taxes were on the books. It's amazing that now we have instituted all the taxes listed below and we are borrowing funds from other countries.

Let's look at our taxes: Accounts Receivable Tax, Building Permit Tax, CDL license Tax, Cigarette Tax, Corporate Income Tax, Dog License Tax, Excise Taxes, Federal Income Tax, Food License Tax, Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA), Fishing License Tax, Fuel Permit Tax, Gasoline Tax, Gross Receipts Tax, Hunting License Tax, Inheritance Tax, Inventory Tax, IRS Interest Charges, IRS

Penalties, Liquor Tax, Luxury Taxes, Marriage License Tax, Medicare Tax, Personal Property Tax, Property Tax, Real Estate Tax, Service Charge Tax, Social Security Tax, Road Usage Tax, Recreational Vehicle Tax, Sales Tax, School Tax, State Income Tax, State Unemployment Tax (SUTA), Telephone Federal Excise Tax, Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax, Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Taxes, Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax, Telephone Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges Tax, Telephone State and Local Tax, Telephone Usage Charge Tax, Utility Taxes, Vehicle License Registration Tax, Vehicle Sales Tax, Watercraft Registration Tax, Well Permit Tax, Workers Compensation Tax.

It seems the only thing not being taxed is the air we breathe; oops, I shouldn't have said that!

After I found all these taxes I began to think of how Will Rogers reacted to taxation. You might enjoy some of his comments:

"The crime of taxation is not

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in the taking it, it's in the way that it's spent. If they tax, they should use a sales tax; that is the only fair and just tax. Have no tax on necessary foods and moderate priced necessary clothes, but put a tax on every other thing you buy or use. Then the rich fellow who buys more and uses more certainly has no way of getting out of paying his share. Put big taxes on everything of a luxury nature. A tax paid on the day you buy is not as tough as asking you for it the next year when you are broke. You do that, and let the working man know the rich have paid before they got it and you will do more than any one thing to settle some of the unrest and dissatisfaction you hear every day. No slick lawyer or income tax expert can get you out of a sales tax."

Will Rogers always seemed to have an answer.

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DARRELL  
RYAN

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### A Question of Probabilities

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 4

♥ J 9 4 2

♦ 7 5 3

♣ J 10 6 3

EAST

♠ 8 5

♥ K 10 6 3

♦ A 10 6 2

♣ Q 9 5

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 10 9 3 2

♥ A 7

♦ K Q 9 8

♣ —

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 4♠  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Assume you're in four spades and West leads the king of clubs, which you ruff. You can't avoid losing a heart trick, so all your thoughts should be concentrated on not losing three diamond tricks.

You cash the K-A of spades, finding the trumps divided 2-2, and lead a diamond to your king. When this holds, you are faced with the problem of which diamond to play next.

As the cards lie, if you lead a low diamond, you go down one, but if you play the queen — picking up West's jack and East's ace on the same trick — you make the contract. In the latter case, you will lose only a heart and two diamonds. Playing the queen is clearly correct if you see the East-West cards, but is it possible to justify the queen play if you don't see the missing cards?

When you consider the pertinent divisions of the missing diamonds after the king wins at trick four, you find that which diamond you play next makes no difference whatsoever if the suit is divided 3-3 or 5-1. In the first case, you always make the contract; in the second case, you don't.

Only when the diamonds are divided 4-2 can your play make a difference. If you consider all the cases that matter, you find that the eight play gains whenever either defender has the doubleton ace, while the queen play gains whenever either defender has J-x or 10-x.

The hands where one defender is dealt J-x or 10-x outnumber those where he is dealt A-x by 2-to-1. The queen play therefore offers a much greater chance of success in the long run.

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**Front-runner Romney looks to weather late surge from underdog Santorum ahead of caucuses**

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Mitt Romney hopes his presidential campaign hasn't ignored Rick Santorum's aggressive attacks for too long, as caucuses in Colorado and Minnesota on Tuesday could reshuffle the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Santorum largely bypassed Florida and Nevada to blanket the two caucus states with criticism of Romney and lay the groundwork among conservatives who have great sway in the process. Rival Newt Gingrich praised Santorum's strategy as shrewd even as he signaled he had no interest in exiting the four-way race, which also includes Ron Paul.

"I think that Santorum's going to have a pretty good day," Gingrich told reporters on the eve of the caucuses. "He targeted differently than I did. I stayed in Florida to fight it out. ... He took the same amount of time and energy and he came to Minnesota and Missouri and Colorado. For him, that was the right decision."

Missouri's GOP primary, also scheduled for Tuesday, promised Republicans a chance to show their allegiance to a candidate, but the effort is largely for show. No delegates will be awarded based on the outcome of the primary vote. Instead, Missouri will select delegates through a system of GOP caucuses and conventions that starts with local caucuses in mid-March. Moreover, Gingrich failed to get on the ballot in Missouri, which meant the vote there couldn't be read as a referendum on the former House speaker's viability.

Santorum, who for weeks has hammered Romney and Gingrich, seemed optimistic at his final campaign event before the contests got under way.

**Russian foreign minister in Syria for talks with Assad amid escalating violence**

BEIRUT (AP) — Thousands of Syrians waving Russian flags cheered Russia's foreign minister as he arrived in Damascus Tuesday for talks with embattled President Bashar Assad on the country's escalating violence.

Sergey Lavrov's visit comes days after Syrian allies Russia and China vetoed a Western- and Arab-backed resolution at the United Nations that would have condemned the Assad regime's crackdown on dissent and calling on him to transfer some of his powers to his deputy. The Syrian government had rejected the Arab plan as intervention in Syria's internal affairs.

Regime forces, meanwhile, stepped up an assault on the flashpoint city of Homs, using tanks and machine guns in a push to recover rebel-held districts.

Live footage from the capital showed Lavrov's convoy snaking its way along the Mazzeh boulevard among a sea of Assad supporters who turned up to express gratitude for Moscow's supportive stance. The foreign minister and Russia's foreign intelligence chief Mikhail Fradkov were headed to the presidential palace to meet with Assad.

"Thank you Russia and China" read one banner that had the photos of both Assad and the Russian president. Many stood under rain carrying Syrian flags as well as the red, blue and white Russian banner and balloons.

Autopsy: Father took a hatchet to his children before all 3 died in Wash. state house blaze

GRAHAM, Wash. (AP) — Josh Powell painted himself as a tortured man, ridiculed without reason in the disappearance of his wife, steadfastly insisting he was innocent until the end.

Yet the investigation

and autopsy reports released late Monday show the acts of a violent man who meticulously planned the double murder-suicide of himself and his two young sons, culminating Sunday in Powell setting his house ablaze and taking a hatchet to his children's necks.

As authorities work to determine exactly why Powell committed the murders, investigators said they're no closer to answering the question they've had for two years.

"We still haven't identified or found where Susan Powell is," said West Valley, Utah, Police Chief Buzz Nielsen, who is in charge of the investigation into the young mother's disappearance.

For now, even with the longtime "person of interest" in the probe dead, police say the case remains open, though some mysteries may never be solved.

**Staff removed at LA school while authorities investigate sex abuse claims against 2 teachers**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The entire staff at a Los Angeles elementary school is being removed while authorities investigate horrific allegations of sexual abuse by two of the school's teachers, one of whom is accused of blindfolding children, taping their mouths and photographing them in a classroom.

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy said Monday night that more than 120 staff members at Miramonte Elementary School — everyone from the principal and teachers to the cafeteria workers — were being replaced because a full investigation of the allegations will be disruptive and staffers will require support to get through the scandal.

"We intend to interview every adult, every adult who works at that school, whether they are a teacher or administrator, or whether they are an after-school playground worker or a custodian or a secretary. I mean every single solitary adult who works at Miramonte," Deasy said to parents who packed a high school gymnasium.

An entire staff has been selected to come into Miramonte's classrooms to take over teaching for the time being, and there will be a psychiatric social worker in every classroom to help students and staff cope with any issues.

All employees will be paid during the investigation, district spokesman Tom Waldman said. Officials didn't know how long the investigation would take.

**Obama administration proposes raise for Alzheimer's research, some now and some next year**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration wants to spend just over half a billion dollars on Alzheimer's research next year, hoping to battle back against what could become the defining disease of the aging baby-boom generation.

Not all the spending must wait for approval from Congress: Under the plan being announced Tuesday, the National Institutes of Health will devote an extra \$50 million to Alzheimer's research this year — opening the possibility that at least one stalled study of a possible therapy might get to start soon.

"The science of Alzheimer's disease has reached a very interesting juncture," with promising new findings to pursue after years of false starts, NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins told The Associated Press. "We would love to be able to come up with a way of bringing forward an even larger amount of support."

The NIH currently spends \$450 million a year on Alzheimer's research. In his budget proposal to be released next week, President Barack Obama will ask Congress for \$80 million in new money for Alzheimer's research next year, Collins said.

The move is part of the administration's development of the first National Alzheimer's Plan, a congressionally-ordered strategy that will combine research

toward better dementia treatments with steps to help overwhelmed families to better cope today. In addition to biomedical research, the administration said it will propose spending \$26 million for other goals of the still-to-be-finalized plan, including caregiver support.

**Study concludes growth in mobile, Facebook applications has created 466,000 U.S. jobs since 2007**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Looking for a promising career in a lousy economy? A new study suggests you're apt to find it in apps — the services and tools built to run on smartphones, computer tablets and Facebook's online social network.

The demand for applications for everything ranging from games to quantum physics has created 466,000 jobs in the U.S. since 2007, according to an analysis released Tuesday by technology trade group TechNet.

The estimate counts 311,000 jobs at companies making the apps and another 155,000 at local merchants who have expanded their payrolls in an economic ripple effect caused by increased spending at their businesses.

The study asserts this so-called "app economy" is still in the early stages of a boom driven by the mobile computing and social networking crazes unleashed by Apple Inc.'s iPhone and Facebook's online hangout.

"This is a telescope into what the future looks like," said Michael Mandel, the economist hired by TechNet to put together the report. "This is one part of the economy that is actually expanding and hiring. Once you point people in that direction, they can realign their compass pretty quickly."

**Mild-mannered Oregon helicopter pilot has a knack for finding people lost in the woods**

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — A few years ago, John Rachor painted his helicopter orange and yellow, so it would be easier to spot if he ever crashed and became the target of a search and rescue operation in the rugged forests of southwestern Oregon.

Over the past six years, he has been the one doing the spotting.

On Saturday, Rachor found three members of a Gold Beach family after they got lost while picking mushrooms. The family spent six nights without food, slept in a hollow log, and considered killing their dog for food. Rain showers left them damp and cold as they fought through wet brush. Without a lighter, they couldn't start a fire to ward off cold nights when temperatures dipped into the 30s.

It was a similar story in 2006, when Rachor spotted a San Francisco mother and her two daughters who had been lost more than a week in the same rugged region of the Klamath Mountains, where steep ridges covered with loose rocks, brush and tall Douglas fir trees make the going tough, and a maze of abandoned logging roads can get people without a map and compass hopelessly lost.

In between he has found several others — he doesn't keep track of how many — who didn't get as much attention.

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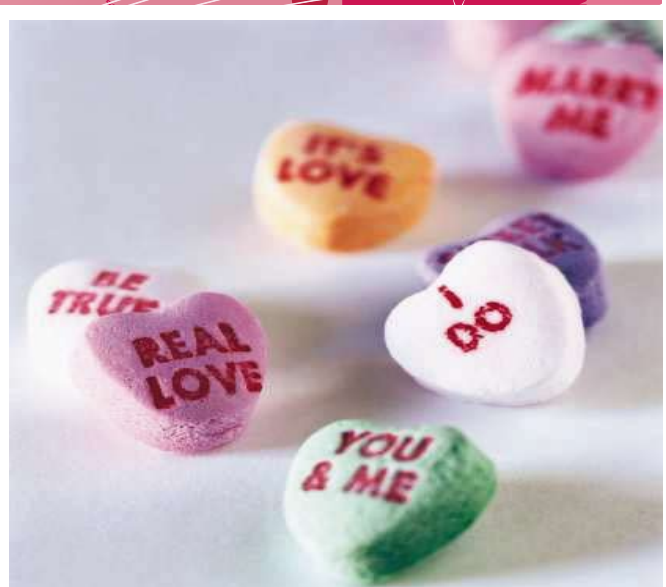


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# HC puts brakes on losing streak

*Hawks sweep Frank Phillips; women rally in second half to halt skid with 65-46 win*

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

**BORGER** — The Howard College women's basketball team apparently decided that enough was enough.

After having lost four Western Junior College Athletic Conference games in a row, then finding themselves in a close battle with Frank Phillips College Monday, the Hawks suddenly found a winning combination, riding the hot hands of Zeslie Johnson and Kali Jerrell to a 65-46 victory over the Lady Plainsmen.

In the nightcap, Shavon Coleman scored 26 points to lead the Howard men to a 68-55 victory over Frank Phillips.

### Women's game

It took the Hawks about 20 minutes to figure out

FPC's slowdown game, and the solution proved to be guards Johnson and Jerrell. The duo combined for 36 points to break open a 30-30 halftime tie to allow Howard to bury its recent losing streak.

"This was a really important game," Howard College Coach Earl Diddle said. "Frank Phillips really made this a possession game — they slowed down the tempo and made some big shots in the first half ... But we came out on a 17-2 run in the second half to break it open and we pretty much had control of the game from there on."

Leading the charge was Johnson, who led all scorers with 20 points, and Jerrell, who added 17. Lakisha Nash was the only Lady Plainsman in double figures with 14 points.

Diddle said the game was a testament to his team's

determination to put their recent losing ways to rest.

"We were able to scratch our way back into the game," he said. "I told the girls earlier this season that conference play was a 12-game schedule and you've really got to play through each game ... We really had to get rid of our recent baggage, just let it go, and get to the next game, and I think that was the really positive thing they did tonight."

The Hawks (15-8 overall, 2-4 in conference play) return to action Thursday when they host Western Texas College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

### Men's game

Playing in Borger has always been a strange experience for the Hawks —

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**Zeslie Johnson scored 20 points to lead the Howard College Hawks past Frank Phillips College Monday night in Borger.**

File photo

## Sports Calendar

### TODAY

Baseball  
Midland High School at Big Spring (scrimmage), 5 p.m.

Girl's basketball  
Snyder at Big Spring, 6 p.m.  
Coahoma at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.  
Forsan at Slaton, 6:30 p.m.

Boy's basketball  
Snyder at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.  
Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.  
Forsan at Slaton, 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Softball  
Ranger College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Baseball  
Howard College vs. Vernon College, 2 p.m., Abilene.

Women's basketball  
Western Texas College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball  
Western Texas College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

# 'Horns edge Aggies

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

**COLLEGE STATION** — Texas has had trouble winning close games and getting victories on the road this season.

On Monday night they did both in a 70-68 win over Texas A&M.

J'Covan Brown hit the go-ahead layup with less than a minute remaining and added a pair of free throws after that to lift Texas to the win.

It's the Longhorns' fifth straight over A&M in the last regular-season Big 12 meeting

between these schools, with the Aggies leaving for the Southeastern Conference.

Brown's free throws with 17 seconds remaining made it 70-67. Elston Turner was fouled before he could get a shot off on the other end. He made one free throw and missed the second one, and Julien Lewis grabbed the rebound to cap the Texas win.

Brown led the Longhorns (15-9, 5-6) with 20 points and Sheldon McClellan added 15.

Seven of the Longhorns' nine losses this season have come

by six or fewer points, and they hadn't won on the road since Dec. 3 at UCLA.

"We've had situations where we've needed to get a basket, and we've had games where we've had a lead and couldn't get a stop," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "Tonight we had the lead and we got the stop."

Barnes wouldn't acknowledge that the win had any extra meaning because it was the last scheduled game against A&M, but the players weren't as dip-

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# No. 1 Baylor women scorch OU

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Basketball Writer

**WACO** — Baylor and Oklahoma have often played the most anticipated and best games in the Big 12 each season.

Not this year, when Brittney Griner and the top-ranked Lady Bears have made it no contest.

Griner scored 27 points with eight rebounds and eight blocks and Baylor remained undefeated with their second lopsided victory in less than two weeks against the Sooners, winning 81-54 at home Monday night.

Oklahoma's plan to be physical with Griner backfired, with Baylor's 6-foot-8 phenom making all 13 of her free throws. And the Sooners made things

even worse when they went nearly 11 minutes after half-time before finally making a field goal.

"We're talking about a team that we have so much respect for," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "We're talking about great shooters."

Not against the Lady Bears (24-0, 11-0 Big 12), who are beating everybody by big margins.

"They're buying into what we're teaching them on the defensive end of the floor, they're listening to scouting reports, they're making it very difficult for people to score," Mulkey said. "And they're taking pride in that."

By the time Sharane Campbell made a basket with 9:14 left

in the game, the Sooners (15-7, 7-4) had missed 16 shots in a row and trailed 68-36. They finished shooting a season-low 27 percent (16 of 60) for the game.

Baylor stretched its home winning streak to 36, this win coming only 11 days after they beat the Sooners 89-58 in Norman.

Odyssey Sims had 14 points and four steals for Baylor, while Brooklyn Pope had 11 points and six rebounds. Destiny Williams had 15 rebounds.

Whitney Hand had 20 points to lead Oklahoma, which had won three in a row since the loss to the Lady Bears. Campbell had 13 points.

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# Parker, Duncan lead Spurs past Grizzlies, 89-84

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Tony Parker appreciates San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich's conservation plan.

During this condensed NBA season, Parker said Popovich is rarely allowing anyone play more than 40 minutes, a strategy that contributed to the Spurs' 89-84 victory Monday night over the Memphis

Grizzlies.

Parker, playing 36 minutes, scored 21 points, and Tim Duncan added 19 points and a season-high 17 rebounds in 32 minutes.

"I think Pop tries to keep us fresh," Parker said. "It's rare that me, or anyone, plays 40 minutes. Over the course of the season, if you have to play

38 or 40 minutes a game, it's tough. It takes its toll."

Memphis, minus Zach Randolph indefinitely and Tony Allen the past two games, was forced to use starters Rudy Gay, Marc Gasol and Mike Conley for 40-plus minutes. Gasol had 22 points to lead the Grizzlies, while Conley scored 19 and Gay 18.

Gay said the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight, expended their energy fighting back from a 14-point first-half deficit to take a six-point lead entering the final quarter.

"It was tough," Gay said. "A couple of guys were fatigued from playing a lot of heavy minutes. It was one of those games that slipped away from

us."

The Grizzlies were outscored 22-11 in the fourth quarter. The 11 points represented a season low for a single quarter.

"We made some shots and got some stops (to rally)," Memphis coach Lionel Hol-

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# Scola leads Rockets past Denver

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets began the night without three starters and a backup. They ended it by watching rising star forward Danilo Gallinari hobble out of the Pepsi Center on crutches in a walking boot after a dispiriting 99-90 loss to the Houston Rockets.

"Nervous. Nervous that I'm going to be out for a while," Gallinari said of his reaction to getting hurt in the third quarter, when he stepped on a defender and badly twisted his left ankle.

X-rays revealed a chip fracture of the foot.

"I was surprised," said Gallinari, who will get further medical tests Tuesday to confirm the diagnosis.

"Hopefully, I can recover fast," Gallinari said.

Gallinari, who recently signed a four-year, \$42 million deal that

makes him the cornerstone of Denver's young nucleus, said the doctors and trainers didn't give him any indication about how long he might be sidelined.

"I have some more scans tomorrow and they will tell me more tomorrow," he said as he made his way slowly to the players parking lot.

Luis Scola scored 25 points and Kyle Lowry added 20 for the Rockets, who handed the Nuggets their third straight loss and fifth defeat in six games.

Chase Budinger had 16 points on the strength of five 3-pointers, his last one giving Houston a seven-point lead with a minute left that sealed the Rockets' fourth road win in 12 tries.

Gallinari had 14 points when he went down with 9:38 left in the third quarter. He was replaced by Rudy Fernandez, who

also scored 14 points to top Denver's makeshift lineup.

Gallinari hopped downcourt in pain after stepping on Chandler Parsons' foot, twisting his ankle. Parsons was whistled for the shooting foul and Gallinari stayed in, sank both shots but then waved for the Nuggets to take him out as he hobbled back down the court.

"It's tough," teammate Ty Lawson said. "It's just tough to see him go down. He's a tough player, he normally would get back up from that. You know it's serious when he leaves the game."

Added Nuggets power forward Al Harrington: "It's the season, man. It's the season. It ain't going to stop for nobody. If Gallo's out, somebody else has to step up and fill that hole until he gets back."

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lins said. "Then in the fourth quarter, we couldn't make a shot anymore."

Memphis didn't have an answer for Duncan in the second half. He scored 13 of his points after the half as the Spurs opened a nine-game road trip with a win, their fifth straight. The Grizzlies led 73-67 entering the final period, but missed their first nine shots to allow the Spurs to recover and take an 87-81 lead with 1:18 to go.

Duncan also had two key blocks in the closing minute as the Spurs clung to an 87-84 lead. He first blocked Gay's layup attempt with 32 seconds left and followed with a block of Gasol's close-range attempt 10 seconds later.

"He is somebody who is pretty special," Popovich said. "The blocks were pretty good down the stretch. Those kinds of things are what he does."

Parker said Duncan has been playing at a high level recently. It was Duncan's second straight double-double. He had 13 points and 15 rebounds Saturday in a win over Oklahoma City.

"He's feeling good," Parker said. "His knee is doing well. Hopefully, he can stay like that. That's a great game from Timmy — 19 (points) and 17 (rebounds)."

The Grizzlies trailed by 13 at 61-48 early in the third quarter, but rallied behind a 25-6 run to end the period. Memphis took its first lead of the second half, at 66-63, on O.J. Mayo's 3-pointer with 2:11 to go in the third quarter.

Hitting five of seven 3-pointers in the first half, San Antonio

led by as many as 14 late in the second quarter. Matt Bonner and Gary Neal connected on two 3-pointers apiece and Kawhi Leonard had the other.

The Grizzlies outscored the Spurs 11-3 in the final 3:31 of the second quarter to trim San Antonio's lead to six points at 52-46 at the half.

*Notes: Allen missed his second straight game with hip and knee problems. He was averaging 17.3 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists in his three previous games. ... Monday night's game marked the beginning of the Spurs' annual extended road trip. Because of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, the Spurs will play nine straight away games returning to the AT&T Center Feb. 29 vs. Chicago. ... Memphis began a season-high five-game homestand Monday night, the longest for the franchise since December 2008.*

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"I've been watching Texas and Texas A&M for a long time," McClellan said. "It felt great to be part of the last victory for Texas at A&M. It brings us together because we haven't won a road game since UCLA."

Turner had 20 points for Texas A&M (12-11, 3-8), which has dropped three straight. He said this one hurt more because it could be the last chance to beat the Longhorns at home.

"We wanted to win not just for us but for the whole university, former players, students, graduates," he said. "It was a big game not just for the basketball pro-

grams, but for the whole schools."

The Aggies, who were playing without two starters, were trailing by five points with 3½ minutes remaining before a 3-pointer by Turner made it 64-62. Ray Turner's three-point play after a basket by McClellan got Texas A&M within one point.

Elston Turner made a pair of free throws to put A&M up 67-66 with just more than a minute left. Brown's shot gave Texas the lead, and a steal by Myck Kabongo gave the Longhorns the ball back and led to Brown's free throws.

Barnes said Brown's go-ahead shot came on a play they never ran or practiced, but simply put together during the

timeout right before executing it.

"We just drew it up," Barnessaid. "We wanted to get the ball to J'Covan. He came through the screen as opposed to going around it. He made a great play."

Texas used a 9-0 run to break a tie and take a 55-46 lead with about 11 minutes left. Jonathan Holmes scored the first six points in that span before Brown capped it with a 3.

The Aggies used a 9-3 spurt to cut the lead to 58-55 with 6½ minutes remaining.

Elston Turner was shaken up during a collision with a Longhorn while fighting for a rebound with about five minutes left. He remained on the court for a

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"Even at halftime, I didn't feel like we had let anything get away," coach Sherri Coale said. "At halftime, we felt OK. We just knew we had to weather the first four minutes of the second half, and when you go 0-for-16 to start the second half, you're not going to win many games."

Mulkey said it was probably the most physical game of the year for Baylor, which has already defeated the likes of Connecticut, Tennessee and Notre Dame.

Just about every time Griner got the ball under her basket, she was surrounded by Sooners in pink jerseys. All she did was keep making free throws.

"Definitely, I loved it," Griner said.

"She separates herself as a post player because she has become so efficient at the free throw line," Coale said. "That really makes her a handful, even more than she's been in the past."

Griner, whose 13 made free throws were a career best, came out of the game for good with about 11½ minutes left. She had played every minute until then as Baylor built a 64-33 lead.

Her departure came after an active sequence on both ends of the floor.

After Griner had a steal under the Oklahoma basket, she got the ball to Sims, who got the

ball back to her going to the other way. Griner made a strong move for a short jumper while being fouled by Joanna McFarland and made the free throw for a 60-33 lead.

Less than a minute later, Kimetria Hayden inbounded from under the basket to Griner in the lane. Griner worked around three defenders to get the layup for a 64-33 lead.

Baylor scored 24 points off 17 Oklahoma turnovers, and outscored the Sooners 42-18 in the paint.

McFarland played for the first time after missing six games because of a broken jaw. Wearing a plastic protective mask over her face, McFarland had nine rebounds but was 0-for-3 shooting with one free throw made in 25 minutes.

Griner got off to a quick start, scoring the first basket of the game. The Sooners then scored seven in a row, going ahead on a 3-pointer by Morgan Hook and leading 7-2 on Hand's jumper.

The Sooners had their last lead when Hand made a jumper with 14 minutes left in the first half to make it 11-9. But Baylor then scored 13 in a row and Oklahoma went more than 6½ minutes without a field goal until Aaryn Ellenberg made a 3-pointer.

"I thought we flustered them in the first half," Hand said. "In that stretch they got going, and when they get going, it goes pretty fast."

Von Miller of the Denver Broncos, who was recently named The Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, took in the game from a courtside seat. But the crowd of 9,792 was the smallest for a game at A&M against Texas since 2002.

The Aggies led by two points with about 11½ minutes left in the first half before Texas used a 9-0 run over the next 2½ minutes, powered by 3-pointers from Brown and Kabongo, to take a 24-15 lead.

Texas A&M responded with a 7-0 spurt to get within 24-22 about a minute later.

The Aggies led 34-33 at halftime after a jump shot by Naji Hibbert just before the break.

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## HAWKS

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they have had a great deal of success there against FPC, but the games have usually been close affairs.

Not this time.

The Hawks gradually built a double-digit lead, then never let FPC back into the game to stay tied for second in the WJAC standings.

"It's always a difficult place to play ... but they battled through things (Monday)," HC Coach Mark Adams said.

Swing man Shavon Coleman put on an offensive display with 26 points, while Calvin Godfrey added 10 points

for the Hawks, who improved to 16-5 overall and 5-2 in WJAC play.

With the win, Howard finished the first half of conference play tied with Odessa College for second place, two games behind WJAC leader South Plains.

"I think we've improved considerably since our first conference game," Adams said. "Hopefully, we're not done with getting

better. I'm pleased with where we are right now ... but we still have a ways to go."

Howard's next game is Thursday at 7:45 p.m. vs. Western Texas College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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**Dear Annie:** After 40 years of marriage, my wife came home from work one day and said she was leaving. I decided then that I would never marry again.

Four years ago, I met "Lynn." Now, of course, I am madly in love with her. She never ceases to amaze me with her big heart and infectious smile.

She accepts that I don't want to marry, but I have noticed that when someone gets engaged, her mood changes dramatically. She becomes depressed and cries, and I can see the hurt in her face.

I've decided I do want to marry Lynn, but the problem is her 20-year-old son, "Mike." He is bipolar and uses that as an excuse to sleep all day and play video games all night.

He once said he can't get the mail because he is bipolar. He lives with multiple friends, each of whom eventually kicks him out because he won't help out and he steals from them.

When Mike lived with Lynn, he stole from her, screamed at her, snuck out at night and got into legal trouble. They went to counseling together, and Lynn was on serious depression medicines until Mike moved out. When Mike calls, Lynn breaks out in a nervous rash.

Mike stayed here for two weeks last year and hacked my computer, watched porn all night and stole from us.

Lynn and I are scared to death that he will run out of housing options and she will have to take him in. My heart says to marry Lynn, but my head doesn't want to take on the issues with Mike. What do I do? — *Confused*

**Dear Confused:** First, please tell Lynn that you want to marry her. It will make her happy and more amenable to working on the problems with her son.

Then get premarital counseling, and also contact the Depression and Bipolar Support



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

Alliance (dbsalliance.org) for suggestions on how to deal with Mike.

**Dear Annie:** Several times recently we have been invited to someone's house and the TV has been blaring, most often with some awful trashy soap opera or reality show spewing ugly, vile nonsense.

I find the noise deafening, especially at my mother-in-law's. Often I can't hear the conversation over the din. And the fact that the TV is left on while others are visiting is rude and

insulting.

Can I ask that it be turned off? I don't want to start a fight, but I find this behavior horrible. Is the protocol different if you are related? — *Saskatoon*

**Dear Saskatoon:** We agree that it is rude to keep the TV on when you have visitors, and it is perfectly OK to say nicely, "Would you mind if we turn that off? I'd much prefer concentrating on our conversation." Relatives, however, often drop by whenever they feel like it. If you are intruding, rather than invited, you shouldn't be surprised when Mom prefers to watch her favorite program.

**Dear Annie:** Like "Iowa," my husband and I were both in a "partying stage" when we married. His main goals were to play golf, watch football and go out with his friends.

We have since become parents, and my husband is still stuck in

that cycle. He goes out at least once a week and drinks excessively.

On weekends, he is either playing golf or watching sports. We have been to marriage counseling numerous times, and nothing has changed. I am hurt and a little resentful. I also worry that he is setting a bad example for our son.

We cannot reach an agreement on what is acceptable, and the counselor has not helped. Is it too late for him to grow up and be a better husband? — *Been There for 19 years*

**Dear Been:** No, but he has to be willing to work on it. If not, you need to make some decisions about your future. A new counselor might help you make some headway.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The full moon in Leo is a vaudevillian extravaganza complete with sword swallows, coloratura sopranos and tap dancing comedians. Well, perhaps the performers in your world won't have these exact talents, but they'll have equivalent gifts, which they'll employ to shock, astound and delight you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Productivity is linked to being in tune with your natural rhythms. Take cues from your body. When you're tired, rest. Your inclination to re-caffeinate and push through the lethargy is unwise and counterproductive.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have quite a responsibility today. You are, after all, the external expression of existence. And whether you think about it or not, how you live and feel will be vitally important to the universal order.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Sometimes you have to work hard not to have an edge in your voice, and the effort is definitely worthwhile. The way you talk shows the level of compassion you have for yourself and your loved ones.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When a situation, outcome or person does not measure up to your expectations, it is easy to feel disappointed and critical. Try to get past these emotions, though, because there is a golden opportunity in the works.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a special talent for facing reality and interpreting things in such a way that those around you can easily face it, too. It may feel like you have to tap dance to keep your audience engaged. Luckily, you're rather good at the art of dance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A special relationship is strong because you have faced adversity together. In a strange way, the easy and fun times may be

more difficult to navigate than the hard times.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Relationships are tricky. If you stay aware, you can keep a dicey situation from veering too far off course. You can bring this one closer to the way you once dreamed it would be.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The road smoothes out ahead. It's as though you are the first to hit the brand-new pavement, and you're in for an easy ride. It's about time. You're way overdue.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll give of yourself without recompense or even thanks. There's no accounting for other people's manners, but you'll always feel better about yourself for having made the effort to enrich the lives of others.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can access your intuition through the land of imagination. Though it is sometimes tricky to distinguish the difference between useful information and fearful fantasies, keep trying, and you'll soon get the knack of it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can only push yourself to the limit if you know where the limit is. If you don't, it's best to hang back and observe. There is no benefit to overloading yourself. Doing so could lead to regret. Err on the side of caution.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know there are certain things a loved one could be doing to improve. How often should you speak of it? Not very often if you want to love, and not dominate, this person.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7).** You'll break out of your routine and upgrade your lifestyle this year. You share a psychic connection with a loved one, and this will be expressed in many ways. June features an unforgettable party. Interruptions in July may cause you to fly wildly off track from your professional plan, but you'll return with new insight. Libra and Gemini people adore you. Your

lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 21, 39 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I've just been informed that I'm not a very good friend. Apparently, several of my friends have discussed this when I wasn't there, and one of them was kind enough to give me the heads up. I'm a 23-year-old Capricorn woman, single, career driven and social. It's true that I don't always call people back because I'm super-busy. But knowing how my friends have been talking about me behind my back, I'm wondering whether it's not me but they who are being unfriendly. What do you think?"

Congratulations on being big enough to consider that the problem might be you. The fact that you are willing to look at the situation objectively instead of retaliating with a knee-jerk reaction suggests that you are capable of mature relationships, and perhaps your "friends" are not. Because Capricorns do have a strong personality, it's important that you keep yourself accountable to the basic tenets of friendship. Are you there for others? Are you easy to be around? Do you make an effort to create special times together? Do others feel better about themselves around you? Are you supportive? Being a good friend isn't rocket science, but it does take a certain amount of care and attention.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Actor, producer and Twitter mogul Ashton Kutcher is like most Aquarians. Once he commits to a cause, he'll do everything in his power to bring awareness and help to it. The "Two and a Half Men" star, whose natal sun, moon, Mercury and Venus are all in Aquarius, has built homes in Central America, started children's foundations and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities.

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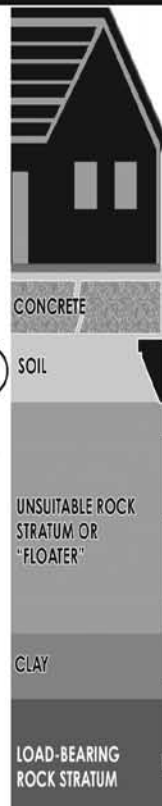
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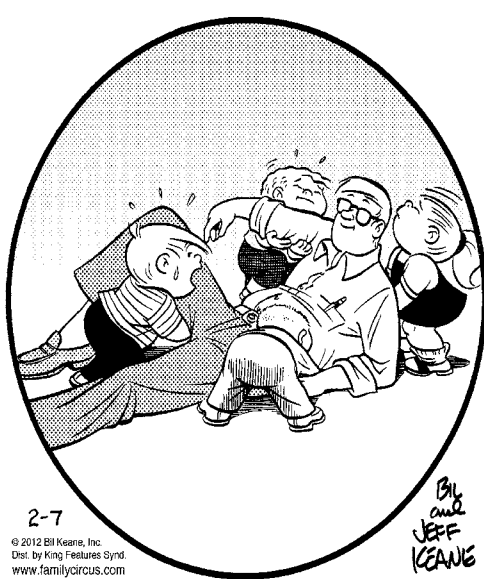
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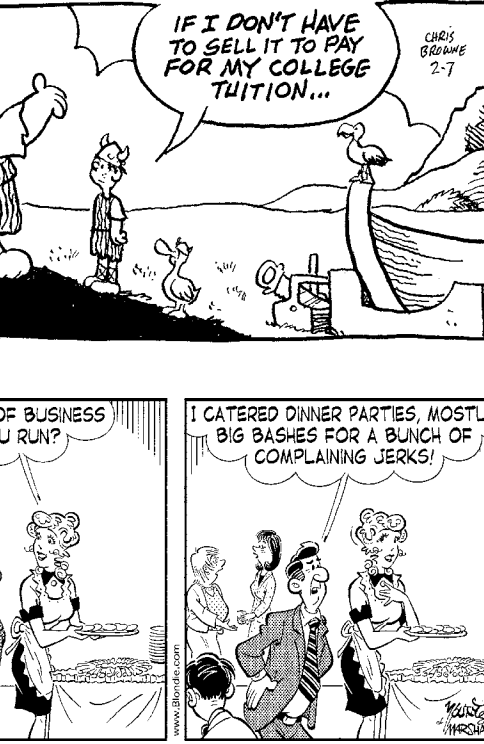
"C'mon, Daddy! We can't do this all by ourselves. You gotta help us lift you."

HAGAR



SOMEDAY ALL THIS WILL BE YOURS, MY SON!

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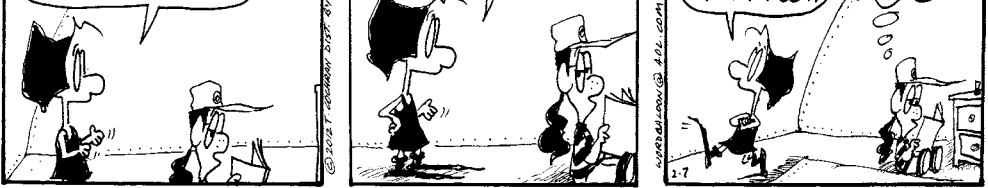
I HEARD THAT WORKING FOR YOU IS TOUGH

OH, NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE

WE'LL JUST START YOU OFF WITH SOME SIMPLE FILING

HIS FANGS ARE GETTING A LITTLE LONG...

AGNES



AS THE REIGNING QUEEN OF PHYSICAL COMEDY, I WILL MASTER PRATFALLS, DOUBLE TAKES AND SPITTING STUFF OUT OF MY MOUTH WHEN I'M SURPRISED.

I WILL SPOUT PHONETIC COMEDY NOISES LIKE "WOO-HOO" OR "YEOW" OR "HOMMINA HOMMINA HOMMINA."

SORT OF LIKE A CLOWN ONLY WITHOUT THE BIG NOSE OR GOOFY FEET!

DON'T SAY IT, DON'T SAY IT, DON'T SAY IT, DON'T...

HI AND LOIS



HEY! SOMEBODY STOLE MY COOKIE!

PEOPLE STEAL STUFF IN HERE ALL THE TIME. ARE YOU SURPRISED?

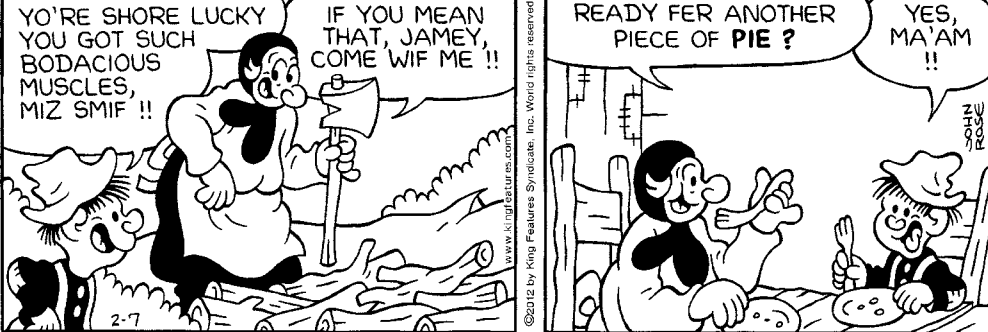
I'M SURPRISED THEY WERE ABLE TO AVOID THE RAT TRAP

THE OTHER COAST



THEY REALLY SHOULD OUTLAW TAIL DOCKING.

SNUFFY SMITH



YOU'RE SUPER LUCKY YOU GOT SUCH BODACIOUS MUSCLES, MIZ SMIF !!

IF YOU MEAN THAT, JAMEY, COME WIF ME !!

READY FER ANOTHER PIECE OF PIE ?

YES, MA'AM !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



I HEAR RUMBLING

THAT MEANS ENEMY TANKS ARE COMING

NO, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO LUNCH

RUMBLE

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2012. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 7, 1812, author Charles Dickens, widely regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era, was born in Landport, Portsmouth, England.

On this date: In 1795, the Eleventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1812, the last of three major New Madrid Earthquakes, with an estimated magnitude of 7.7 (according to the USGS), shook the central Mississippi River Valley.

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about

30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943, the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1992, European Community members signed the Maastricht Treaty, which led to creation of the euro.

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

Today's Birthdays: Author Gay Talese is 80. Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., is 77. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 57. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 53. Comedy writer Robert Smigel (SMY'guh) is 52. Actor James Spader is 52. Country singer Garth Brooks is 50. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 50. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 50. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 47. Actor Jason Gedrick is 45. Actress Essence Atkins is 40. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 37. Rock musician Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 34. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 34. Actress Tina Majorino is 27.

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Answer to previous puzzle

CITIZES	APES	WING
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Change for a \$5 bill
  - 5 Large plateau
  - 9 Ear-cleaning device
  - 13 Parcel (out)
  - 14 Midterms and finals
  - 16 Cincinnati's state
  - 17 Admired person
  - 18 Lyndon Johnson successor
  - 19 Cruise ship's stop
  - 20 Huge retail establishment
  - 22 Corned-beef concoction
  - 23 26 Across candidate's work
  - 24 "That's swell!"
  - 26 Prof's degree, often
  - 28 Japanese lounging robe
  - 32 Feel nostalgic for
  - 36 Metallic rocks
  - 39 Wanderer
  - 40 Prefix for freeze
  - 41 Danger
  - 43 Watermelon covering
  - 44 Get off the chair
  - 46 Diminish
  - 47 Timetable guesses: Abbr.
  - 48 Cap pistol, for instance
  - 50 Oxygen or helium
  - 52 Residence

- DOWN**
- 1 Type of poet
  - 2 "That's obvious," informally
  - 3 Run off to wed
  - 4 Tennis great
  - 5 Haberdashery
  - 6 Leave the stage
  - 7 Anglo- (ancient Brit)
  - 8 Love, in Rome
  - 9 Second-year student
  - 10 Horse-stopping shout
  - 11 Televises
  - 12 The two of them
  - 15 Walk on tiptoe
  - 21 Tailor's repair
  - 25 Soft metal
  - 27 Sketched
  - 29 Leave out
  - 30 Grandma
  - 31 Racetrack
  - 32 Sailboat's pole
  - 33 A big fan of

- 34 Hang around
- 35 Asian city that's a country
- 37 Historical period
- 38 Perform in a chorus
- 42 Students
- 45 Give a nickname to
- 49 Polite refusal
- 51 Distress signal
- 53 Jeans fabric
- 54 Escape from
- 56 Con games
- 57 Melodic
- 58 Wear away
- 59 Extend a subscription
- 60 Comment of amazement
- 61 Nautical greeting
- 62 Gingery cookie
- 64 Lambs' moms

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