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Kiddos artwork displayed

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Inspiring artists at a young age is the route Howard Cottage is taking.

Students at Howard Cottage — ranging from 18 months to 4 years old — are being featured in an exhibit, the Howard Cottage Art Show, which is on display at the Hall Center for the Arts until May 3.

"We enjoy highlighting our kids," said Stacy Slaten, assistant professor of art and art department head at Howard College.

Each age group focused on a different aspect of the arts. The 3-year-olds grew plants and were responsible for decorating the outside of the container. The older children focused on a self-portrait and one detailing their dreams.

According to Slaten, this is the third year for the show at the college. It is only one example of the different shows put on at the college. Each exhibit is opened or closed with a reception honoring the artists featured.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Stacy Slaten, art department head, looks at one of the art pieces featured in the Howard Cottage Art Show. The exhibit is open to the public in the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus until May 3.

College to bestow accolades

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College will honor its top students at the annual awards convocation set for 7 p.m. today in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Students will be recognized for their achievements in a variety of areas, including academics, leadership and citizenship.

The top honor to be presented tonight is the President's Award, given to the college student who excels in several areas of college life.

The President's Award is voted on by faculty and staff, with College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks having the final say, officials said.

The American Legion Award will be presented to a male and female student who have shown outstanding leadership, character and citizenship qualities during their time at Howard College. Those students also are selected by a vote from college employees.

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Almost 20 attend state science fair

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District put a bow on science fair season by sending almost 20 students to the recent state meet in San Antonio.

Nineteen high school and junior high school students displayed projects in science and engineering categories ranging from math to chemistry, officials said.

Representing Big Spring High School at the state science fair were Forrest McJunkin, Kendra Cook, Caleb Pirkle, Reba Smith, Morgan Slaughter, Lauren Puga, Kym Gonzales, Brady Weber and Sebastian Hernandez.

Big Spring Junior High School students who qualified for the state event were Jacob Scott, Hannah Jensen, Reyna Rodriguez, Peyton Seaton, Seth Hamby, Kya Kendrick, Trinady Joslin, Britney Tan, Haleigh Haven and Rowan Collette.

Those students qualified for the state science fair by placing in the top three in their respective categories at the regional event at University of Texas-Permian Basin in

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Employers, job-seekers link up April 24 at SWCID

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Employers and employees will gather again at the annual Job Fair

set for Tuesday, April 24. The 2012 fair will take place from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

Several entities are sponsoring the event, including Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, Communication Access Ability Group, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, SWCID, Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

"This is a great time for local businesses to showcase themselves and what they do," Sylvia Miramontes, Workforce Solutions office manager, said.

Last year, 28 businesses participated and 150 job-seekers attended. This year there are 40 spots open for local businesses to set up at the job fair. Each company will be pro-

vided a table for them to set their applications, business cards or other items to be displayed which tell about their business.

"This is something that is open only to local businesses, including the surrounding areas of Forsan and Coahoma," Miramontes said.

There is no cost for the event and all job seekers are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

"Not only is this a great opportunity for employers, but for job-seekers as well," she said. "This is a chance to explore great opportunities that exist right here in our own community."

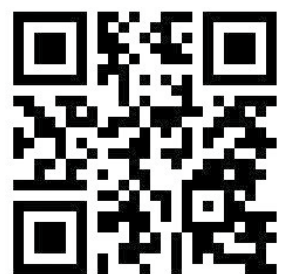
An added bonus for employers is a lunch and learn from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Employers will have an opportunity to hear from three presenters: Leading EDG, CAAG and the Workforce Development Board. The presentations will include information on rural employment and services provided by Leading EDG, tools and resources for those hiring the hearing impaired and business services provided by Workforce

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Obituaries

Johnny Roy Phillips



Johnny Roy Phillips, 72, previously of Lubbock, died April 4, 2012, in El Paso. Mr. Phillips was an attorney practicing in West Texas for many years before retiring in El Paso.

He is survived by his son, Bryan; daughters, Brooke and Brandy; sister, Pat Douglass; and nephew, John Douglass.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Faye Phillips; and sister, Beth Conklin Corder.

Condolences may be offered at www.memorialdesigners.net

Paid obituary

Kenneth W. 'Hoss' Hartmann



Kenneth W. "Hoss" Hartmann, 47, of Big Spring died Friday, April 13, 2012, in a Grapevine hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Johnny Cockerham officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 21, 1964, in Big Spring, Texas. Hoss was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. He worked in the landscape business and was also a shade tree mechanic.

Survivors include three brothers, Emmett Hartmann Jr., David Hartmann and Daniel Hartmann, all of Big Spring; six sisters, Geraldine Douglas and husband Ben of Big Spring, Jeanette Knappe and husband Tommy and Cody Mayfield and husband Mike, all of Denton, Lisa Gilmore and husband Don of San Angelo, Betty Spence and husband Ralph of Deptford, N.J. and Ethel Hartmann of Lusk, Wyo.; numerous nieces and nephews; and his dog, Gretchen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Irene Hartmann; and a sister, Patricia Hartmann.

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

Jeffery Curtis Dunlap



Jeffery Curtis Dunlap, 32, of Coahoma died Friday, April 13, 2012, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Eddy Pitchford, minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born Dec. 25, 1979, to Wanda and Gary Dunlap in Big Spring, Texas. He loved to take walks, ride his bike and gardening. He loved being outside and loved playing with his nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his mother, Wanda Weissmiller and husband Michael of Coahoma; father, Gary Dunlap and wife Ruth of Odessa; two brothers, Kevin Lee Dunlap of Coahoma and Dusty Dewitt Dunlap of Odessa; two sisters, Sarah Nicole Dunlap of Coahoma and Rebekah Delaine Dunlap and husband Richard Armstrong of Sand Springs; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Elizabeth Ann Dunlap; grandmother, Patsy Ann Darnell; grandfather, J.C. Dunlap; a cousin; and one brother-in-law, William Ryan Locke Sr.

A memorial fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

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

Police blotter

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

- CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, 23, of Port Arthur, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 34, of 3312 Auburn, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARK MATTHEW LINDEM, 34, of 2506 Kelly Circle, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- GIORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 22, of 1308 Wright St., was arrested Monday on charges of criminal trespass, disorderly conduct – language and burglary of a habitation.
- THEFT was reported: In the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. In the 500 block of Nolan.
- CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Caylor Drive.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHRISTOPHER LEE WILLIAMS, 23, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- GIORGIO ALEXANDER TAYLOR, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.
- ANTHONY LOUIS WOODSON, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on an Austin parole warrant for a parole violation.
- BRADLEY STEPHEN THEOPHILUS, 58, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.
- BENJAMIN CARL MITCHELL, 46, was arrested Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office and booked into the county detention center on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOEY EUGENE MATA, 24, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear and burglary of a vehicle.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of W. 15th Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Williams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Scout Hut Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/18	Thu 4/19	Fri 4/20	Sat 4/21	Sun 4/22
88/58 Mainly sunny. Warm. High 88F. Winds SSE at 20 to 30 mph.	95/60 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	78/52 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	84/57 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	91/60 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	59	sunny	Kingsville	87	62	mst sunny
Amarillo	88	56	sunny	Livingston	82	52	mst sunny
Austin	81	56	pt sunny	Longview	79	53	sunny
Beaumont	81	57	mst sunny	Lubbock	88	56	sunny
Brownsville	87	64	mst sunny	Lufkin	82	53	sunny
Brownwood	85	57	sunny	Midland	89	60	sunny
Corpus Christi	84	65	mst sunny	Raymondville	87	62	mst sunny
Corsicana	78	53	sunny	Rosenberg	82	58	mst sunny
Dallas	79	55	sunny	San Antonio	83	59	mst sunny
Del Rio	85	61	sunny	San Marcos	81	56	pt sunny
El Paso	90	60	sunny	Sulphur Springs	78	54	sunny
Fort Stockton	89	61	sunny	Sweetwater	85	58	sunny
Gainesville	78	53	sunny	Tyler	80	53	sunny
Greenville	77	52	sunny	Weatherford	79	54	sunny
Houston	82	59	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	82	57	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	52	rain	Minneapolis	63	41	pt sunny
Boston	62	42	pt sunny	New York	62	49	pt sunny
Chicago	71	52	rain	Phoenix	91	63	sunny
Dallas	79	55	sunny	San Francisco	66	53	pt sunny
Denver	72	46	cloudy	Seattle	54	44	rain
Houston	82	59	mst sunny	St. Louis	76	56	mst sunny
Los Angeles	74	56	sunny	Washington, DC	59	48	rain
Miami	84	71	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

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



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Ducks swim in choppy waters Saturday morning at Comanche Trail Lake. High winds blew into the Crossroads area this past weekend.

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Texas briefs

At least 4 die in mobile home fire near Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a mobile home fire in West Texas has left at least four people dead and the residence destroyed.

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office says the blaze was extinguished early Tuesday at a rural home just southeast of Lubbock.

Lt. Bryan Taylor says someone passing by reported the blaze around 11:30 p.m. Monday. He says investigators believe four adults died, but that more victims might be found in the rubble.

Taylor says authorities do not believe the fire involved foul play. The cause of the blaze, which also destroyed two nearby vehicles, has not been determined.

The National Weather Service says temperatures were in the upper 40s overnight in the Lubbock area.

Odessa man faces up to 20 years for arson

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas man has pleaded guilty to starting eight fires in which he sometimes was at the scene before emergency personnel arrived.

No sentencing date has been set for 64-year-old Jimmie Doyle Farris of Odessa, who remains in custody.

Farris pleaded guilty Monday in Midland to a federal arson charge linked to fires set between last May 28 and June 15.

Investigators say the fires in Midland and Ector counties were close to oilfield operations. Fire marshals became suspicious when Farris kept turning up at the burning sites, including cases where he called 911.

Farris was put under surveillance. He was arrested in June after officers noticed smoke in a field where Farris had just stopped.

Farris pleaded guilty to maliciously damaging real property by means of fire.

AWARDS

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Also to be presented is the All-Texas Academic Award,

given to the top students from Phi Beta Kappa, the college's academic honors fraternity.

Other awards will be presented to students named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, the Dean's Honor Roll

(3.25 grade point average while taking 12 or more semester hours) and President's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA while taking 12 or more semester hours).

Top students in each college department also will be recog-

nized.

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EXHIBIT

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"This exhibit features 40

kids," Slaten said. "This is a great way to get them thinking about arts and college.

"This is something important to their development. It starts the critical thinking skills and

hand-eye coordination. It is good for their development and helps grow their brains."

The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Fri-

days from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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JOBS

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Solutions. "We really want to encourage the employers to take part in this," Miramontes said. "It is with their support this job fair can be a success."

For job seekers attending, there will be a chance to leave resumes and possibly take part in a few interviews. According to Miramontes, those looking for a job should come dressed for an interview and have several resumes on hand in case one is requested.

"Bringing a pen and

paper is one important tip for all job-seekers. This will allow them to keep track of the businesses they speak with during the event and allow them to get information for follow ups after," she said.

For those needing assistance in creating a resume, the workforce office is open Monday

through Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The office is located on the Howard College campus.

SWCID is located at 3200 Avenue C.

For more information, contact Miramontes or Evita McClendon at Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin at 432-263-8373 or 800-749-8373. Employers want-

ing to set up a booth must contact the workforce by Thursday.

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SCIENCE

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Odessa earlier this year. Darrell Ryan, local science fair coordinator, said hundreds of local students entered science fair projects this year. "The kids started on this at this back in September ... and worked on it all through the school

year," Ryan said. "Some were even fine-tuning their projects right up to the state science fair."

Although no Big Spring students won awards at this year's state fair, Ryan said that did not detract from the success of this year's effort.

"I'm very proud of our kids," Ryan said. "More and more kids are entering the science fair every year, and ev-

ery year we're becoming more and more successful. We didn't win any awards at the state fair, but the kids represented Big Spring very well."

Two students — McJunkin and Hernandez — won scholarships

to UTPB for their science fair projects this year, Ryan said.

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Why good factory jobs go begging

Animal rescue once sent me a fabulous mutt. She was usually obedient and heart-breaking in eagerness to please. But I couldn't get her into the basement. I'd go down the stairs waving an entire bag of treats. With a pained look of indecision, she would not follow. During an earlier life, clearly, bad things had happened to her in a cellar.

We humans are animals. Whether a CEO or factory hand, we respond to rewards and punishments. In recent decades, our economy has piled rewards on executives and punishments on ordinary workers.

If a CEO says, "I won't get out of bed for less than \$5 million a year," his defenders argue that you must pay large amounts to attract such prodigious talent. If a laid-off factory worker says, "I'm not giving up my unemployment check for a modestly higher pay stub," his detractors don't say, "Offer him more money." They say, "Government benefits have made him lazy." Recent stories of U.S. factories unable to fill openings have fed such negative views.

This is not to suggest that extended unemployment benefits don't sometimes deter people from accepting work. They may have other means of support or free places to live, or are learning a new trade. And don't dis-

miss their possible bitterness at an economic system that seems rigged against hardworking blue-collar folks.

Let's pose some questions, however, about the rewards and punishments that are shaping these idle workers' decisions.

Imagine you are jobless in La Crosse, Wis., and hear of good manufacturing opportunities in Cleveland. Are you going to uproot your family and move 600 miles to work in an industry that four years ago was laying off tens of thousands?

Or, laid off in Indianapolis, you are now studying to be a nurse.

A factory across town has started hiring and is paying higher wages than a hospital would. Are you going to pass on the high-demand profession of nursing to rejoin an industry that experience tells you does not offer secure employment?

Long before the economic meltdown, many Americans harbored prejudices against manufacturing. They'd rather sit in a cubicle for eight hours than work with their hands at better pay. Grandpa may have told them tales of toiling in the dirty and dangerous factories of yore.

But even those who know the cleaned-up truth of modern manufacturing may not qualify for modern manufacturing jobs. Such operations are computer-based and so need a higher order of skills than before.

"An auto mechanic 35 years ago could learn to fix carburetors by watching others," MIT economist Frank Levy told me. "There was no extreme pres-

sure to read and write. Once you move to computerized fuel injection, you have to read manuals." Diagnosing these systems requires more abstract thinking.

When some car dealerships embarked on forced retraining, Levy added, about a third of the workers failed. Many had been good mechanics, but they couldn't read.

Needless to say, this is one heck of a time to cut funding for federal training programs. There are now 6 million more Americans looking for work than there were in 2006, and 18 percent less federal money for retraining them.

What does education have to do with rewards and punishments? Spending public money on training (even just reading and writing) is part of a positive message for workers — that America wants to invest in them. It wants them to experience the rewards of higher pay.

The punishment route would be to end unemployment benefits and, while you're at it, lower the minimum wage. Cry class warfare, if you must, but blue-collar workers also need reasons to get out of bed.

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Ms. Rosen, here's a thank you

Though everyone is talking about Democratic strategist and Obama confidant Hilary Rosen's insolent remarks about Ann Romney, I want to discuss them, too, because they reveal her leftist mindset.

Rosen didn't misspeak; she spoke deliberately and with passion. And when given a chance to retract or soften her remarks, she doubled down — at least initially.

Her comments came in a segment on CNN with Anderson Cooper. Cooper pointed

out that in the current economy, "women are seeing jobs come back much more slowly than men are," and he asked Rosen, essentially, whether there was anything wrong with the Romney campaign's highlighting that fact and "reaching out to women on an issue that they care about, on the economy."

"Guess what?" asked Rosen. "His wife has actually never worked a day in her life. She's never really dealt with the kinds of economic issues that a majority of the women in this country are facing in terms of how do we feed our kids, how do we send them to school and why we worry about their future."

Though Rosen's next comment hasn't received as much attention, it exposes liberal thinking. She said: "There's something much more fundamental about Mitt Romney, because he seems so old-fashioned when it comes to women. And I think that comes across. ... He just doesn't really see us as equal."

Ann Romney responded in her newly launched Twitter account, "I made a choice to stay home and raise five boys. Believe me, it was hard work."

Back on CNN the next day, Rosen protested that she loves stay-at-home moms. "This is not about Ann Romney," she said. "This is about the waitress in a

diner someplace in Nevada who has two kids whose day care funding is being cut off because of the Romney-Ryan budget and she doesn't know what to do."

Rosen's remarks, taken together, tell us that like many of today's leftists, she sees America not as a melting pot, but as a Balkanized land of categorized groups, warring against one another. She sees people as blacks, women or gays, not as individuals.

From Rosen's leftist perspective, Republicans don't care about these groups but consider them inferior; "he just doesn't really see us as equal."

As usual with leftists, she's projecting. Who's not seeing women as equals, Ms. Rosen? Deny it as you now must, but you are the one dissing stay-at-home moms, diminishing their role and its worth and dignity, and implying they are somehow inferior.

That's not the way conservative women see it; they respect women whether they stay at home or work.

As Ann Romney told Martha MacCallum on Fox News Channel: "My career choice was to be a mother. ... We need to respect choices that women make." She said that Mitt had always told her that her job was more important because it would make a permanent difference.

But we must understand that Rosen's comments also transcend her opinion of stay-at-home moms. She's articulating the narrow, intolerant leftist view that if you are a member of a particular group, you must adopt the attitudes of the left, or you won't measure up. If you are black, a woman or gay and don't subscribe to liberalism and embrace its hostile identity politics, you are not an authentic black person, woman or gay person. If you are a pro-life woman, you can't fully identify with real women.

Rosen's view that the "Romney-Ryan" budget victimizes waitresses further displays the left's habit of seeing everything through the prism of identity

politics. Like President Obama, she places people in economic classes, too — the haves and the have-nots — and the only solution they offer the "have-nots" is government assistance, not the hope of advancement through greater opportunity.

Ann Romney served up a delicious smack-down on this argument, as well, saying that she's been on the campaign trail for a year and what women are talking about are "jobs and ... the legacy of debt that we're leaving our children." She gave no quarter to Rosen's implication that the Romneys' wealth makes them insensitive to the less fortunate — again mouthing the noxious view that unless you're part of a group, you can't relate to that group. "Mitt and I have compassion for people that are struggling, and that's why we're running."

Sorry to break it to Ms. Rosen, but the question isn't whether a president is poor — none of them is; Obama's not — but whether he would implement pro-growth and anti-debt policies.

Truth be told, conservatives, generally speaking, have more compassion than those leftists who relegate people to dehumanizing groups. Compassion is a very human phenomenon, not sterile political advocacy ostensibly on behalf of categories of people ripe for political exploitation.

The left's manufactured GOP "war on women" is backfiring. Thank you, Hilary Rosen, and thank you, Ann Romney.

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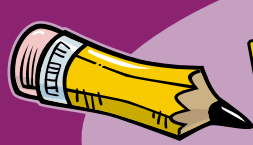


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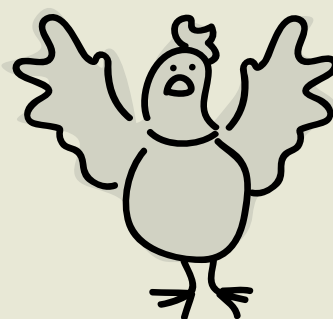
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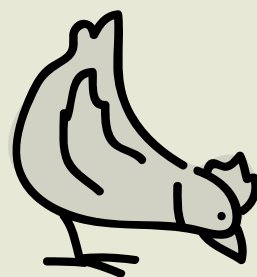


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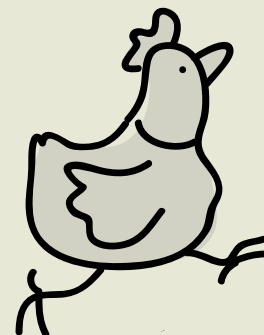
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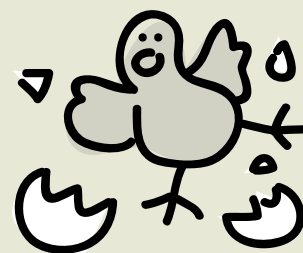
Flap your wings really fast for at least two minutes.



Bend over, stand up straight, bend over again and again, as you peck for food.



Run around the yard like something's chasing you.



Curl up into a tight little ball, like you're in an egg. Then jump up in the air as you hatch!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic movement forms.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LOANS 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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What is a micro-loan?

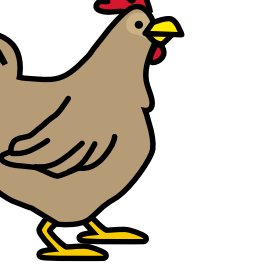
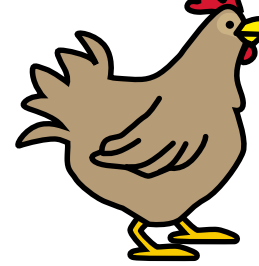
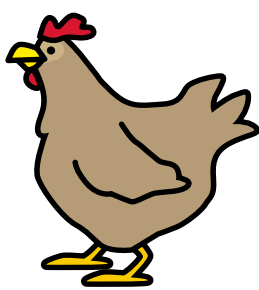
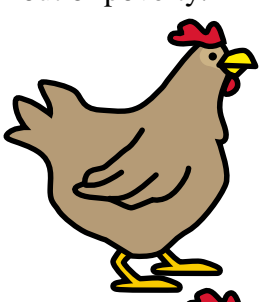
The picture book *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference*, written by Kate Smith Milway, tells the story

of how a very small loan, called a **micro-loan**, helped a young boy work his way out of poverty.

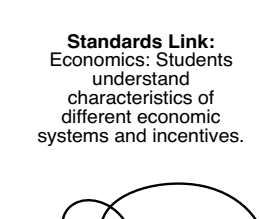
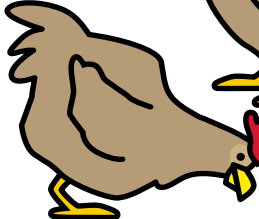
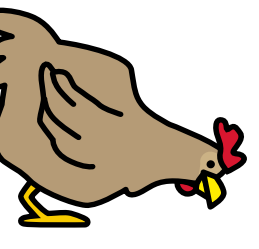
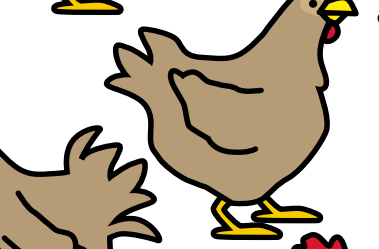
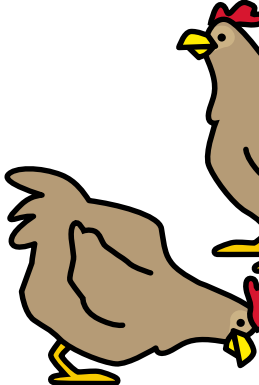


It is the story of a boy named Kojo, who lives in Ghana, Africa. Kojo is very poor and cannot afford to go to school. One day

he gets a micro-loan of just a few coins, enough to buy one hen.



For more about this topic, visit www.onehen.org



Find the two identical hens.

Standards Link: Economics: Students understand characteristics of different economic systems and incentives.

It all adds up

Kojo learns that chicken manure helps his family's garden grow more vegetables.

Kojo saves his money until he is able to afford to go to school. He goes on to college and studies how to run a chicken business.

After college he gets a larger loan and expands his chicken business. Eventually he creates jobs for other people in his village and the entire community becomes richer.

This is based upon a true story. Today, Kojo loans money to other people so they can start businesses and the cycle of economic growth continues.

How many eggs can you count?

Standards Link: Counting: Counts numbers to 30.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

When Kojo took his eggs and sold them at the market, he found loose grains and mushy fruit that had fallen on the ground. Why would loose grains and old fruit be a treasure for Kojo? Use the code.

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12 = A	17 = G	21 = L	32 = P	14 = T
9 = D	51 = H	8 = M	6 = Q	26 = U
24 = E	2 = I	19 = N	15 = R	4 = W
3 = F	16 = K	44 = O	11 = S	22 = Y

Double Double Word Search

- EVENTUALLY
- BUSINESS
- CHICKEN
- STUDIES
- ENOUGH
- ENTIRE
- LARGER
- GRAPH
- GHANA
- GROWS
- SAVES
- LOAN
- SELL
- TRUE
- HEN

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

Y	L	L	A	U	T	N	E	V	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Helping Hands

Look through today's newspaper and find five or more ways people are helping others. Then look for ways you or your family can help in your community by volunteering your time to a cause you care about.

Standards Link: Civics: Recognize ways that people help others.



Which chickens tell the best jokes?

ANSWER: Comedi-HENS!

Write On!

How the Hen Helped

One day our family got a hen for a gift. The next thing you know ...

Finish this story.

Bird Poop: The Good Samaritan

Our 60 percent chance of showers had turned into a night of turbulence. Buffeting the house from several directions, gusts of wind caused overhanging mesquite limbs to pound the metal cap on our chimney.

To walk out on the back porch early the next morning was to see the yard littered with small limbs, their newly grown leaves intact. Nothing stirred.

The calm after the night before was eerie. As an aftermath, pounding rains, when finally spent, had left an abundant gift of moisture that glistened in the sunlight.

With my return inside came the incessant ringing of our phone. "You won't have as much traffic this way. We're out to the northeast, so cross the railroad tracks, keep going, cross the highway, turn right, and it's the big blue building. You can't miss it," said the caller.

As Art and I headed to Snyder, we drove through open farm and rangeland and then crossed the Colorado River.

Hardpan mingled with huge boulders to form bluffs overlooking

valleys of wild flowers. April had its own understatement of beauty.

Obvious in the riverbed was the previous night's runoff from torrential showers. Deer and other wildlife would have a source of water for a while.

After driving through an older, age weary part of the community, we realized many of the buildings had once been an attraction for travelers. Now they had deteriorated to a point of collapse. With boarded-up windows and doors, the neighborhood had been left as the town developed to the west and south.

The call from the Vet Clinic had alerted us to an injured great horned owl. After finding the bird on Gail Road, a farmer had delivered it to the clinic.

Since it was brought out to us in a cardboard box, we asked if there was a room where we could examine it. The severity of the injury would determine whether we took it home or to the nearest wildlife facility.

Standing quietly in the bottom of its makeshift carrier, a magnificent raptor glared back at us after the cardboard flaps were pulled aside. With its tawny-gray facial disks amplifying its large yellow eyes, it popped its black bill in warning as a reminder of the wounds it could inflict.

Covered with a heavy towel, the bird was lifted out of the box and

placed upside down on a table. While holding its feet with their menacing talons, and keeping its head covered, we extended its four-foot wingspan.

Readily seen was a chunk of wood that had been impaled in the left wing.

To extract the gnarled stick would require the delicate, surgical expertise of a veterinarian.

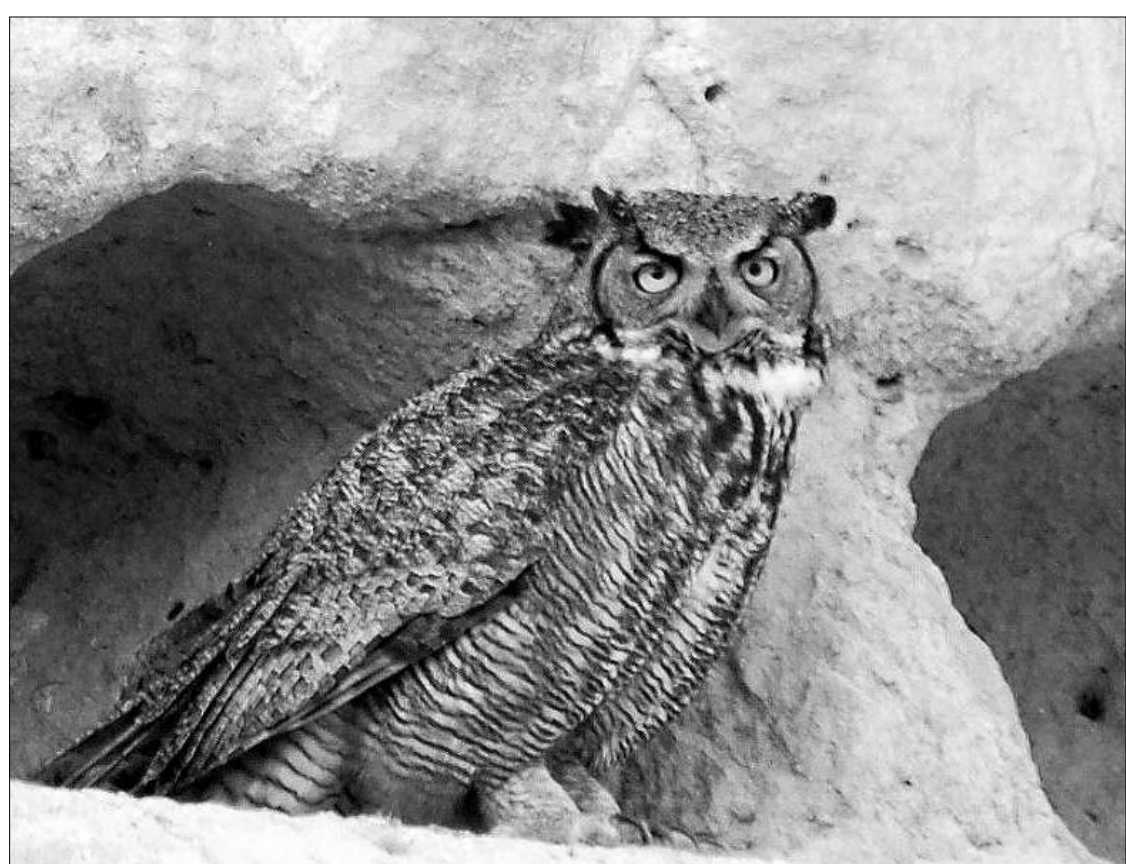
Even after removal of the wooden object, nerve damage could be extensive.

Having called Midge Erskine at Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland before leaving Big Spring, we had been told Steve Betton would be available, depending upon the injury.

Since the owl needed immediate attention, we began the long journey to the southwest.

About six miles from town, a DPS officer stopped our vehicle. Approaching the driver's side, he asked, "What's your hurry?" because we were over the speed limit.

Pointing to the great horned owl inside our carrier on the back seat, we said we were headed to Midland



Courtesy photo
An aggressive raptor, the great horned owl hunts for rabbits, rats, mice, skunks, raccoons, snakes and porcupines. Its phenomenal eyesight and hearing, coupled with its silent flight, allow it to drop quickly on unsuspecting prey.

because of the wing injury. Peering in at our passenger, then back at us, Troy Hogue cautioned us to get there safely and at the proper speed.

Thanking him was hardly enough. We could not have imagined that in the future his advice and reprieve would often be discussed. Soon, flat land replaced the restful, rolling countryside as we continued the long drive.

Meeting Midge at Betton's clinic, we watched as she and the veterinarian removed the large bird from its confining container. As

they examined the wing and he discussed procedures, we noticed the owl had the usual coloration of great horns found in the southwestern parts of Texas.

Pale in comparison to those found further east and north and seemingly more grayish, the bird of prey had the typical barred chest and belly, widely spaced ear tufts (horns), and white throat. The mottled appearance of its wings resembled old tree bark.

Walking out of the clinic with us, Midge promised to call on the owl's progress. Fortunately, no bones were

broken.

The storm that had brought wind, hail, lightning, and deafening thunder, had also replenished the livelihoods of ranches and farms.

In addition, through the West Texas tempest, the farmer, veterinarian, and officer had once again illustrated an age-old story of a Good Samaritan willing to stop and lend a hand.

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Why we fear Friday the 13th

Did you enjoy Friday the 13th? Did you know there are folks who fear that day so much that special words have been designated to identify them? Paraskevidekatriaphobics or triskaidekaphobes they are called.

These are people so afflicted with irrational fear of Friday the 13th that they truly believe that the day is filled with terror and misfortune.

The figure may be as high as 21 million people in America who suffer this phobia, which is said to be the most widespread superstition in our country.

According to some sources, there are folks who refuse to go to work or to restaurants and certainly would never have a wedding

on that date. Many high rises, hotels or hospitals do not have a 13th floor and many airports skip the 13th gate.



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On streets in Florence, Italy, the house between number 12 and 14 is addressed as 12 1/2. In France, socialites known as the quatorziens (fourteeners) once made themselves available as 14th guests to keep a dinner party from an unlucky fate.

Thomas Fernsler, an associate policy scientist in the Mathematics and Science Education Resource Center at the University of Delaware in Newark, said the number 13 suffers because of its position after 12.

He said that numerologists consider 12 a "complete" number. There are 12 months

in a year, 12 signs of the zodiac, 12 gods of Olympus, 12 labors of Hercules, 12 tribes of Israel and 12 apostles of Jesus.

In exceeding 12 by 1, Fernsler said that 13's association with bad luck has to do with just being a little beyond completeness.

Then Friday — being the sixth day of the week (the number six is unlucky in itself) — and the number 13 together brings foreboding reputations which happen from one to three times a year. Interestingly enough there will be three such occurrences in 2012, exactly 13 weeks apart.

But how can an individual, plagued with this phobia, learn to live with it without losing perspective of real life?

Psychologists say these folks haven't lost control of their mind, but they are focused in the wrong direction.

In their mind they have a big, large,

looming picture of something horrible that could happen. They need to realize they have the ability to create much of their own good and bad luck. They should concentrate on the bright side of events in their lives, remembering the good things that have happened, and most of all, being prepared to take control of their future.

It is fun to note that folklore offers other remedies such as to climb to the top of a mountain or skyscraper and burn all the socks you own that have holes in them.

Another is to stand on your head and eat a piece of gristle (sounds like one of Yogi Berra's remedies).

Anyway, if you fear Friday the 13th, take your pick of remedies and let it bring its luck, whether good or bad.

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TODAY

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- Big Spring at Andrews, 7 p.m.
- Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.
- Forsan at Slaton, 7 p.m.

Softball

- Forsan at Slaton, 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring (Boys) at Regional Championship, Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo.

WEDNESDAY

Softball

- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring (Girls) at Regional Championship, San Angelo Country Club, San Angelo (Through Thursday).

Tennis

- Forsan at Regional Meet, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa, TBA.



HERALD file photo
Big Spring's Jonathon Hughes goes for a grounder in right field during a game earlier this season. The 3-4 Steers travel to Andrews today for a non-district matchup. BSBS will resume district play Friday on the road against Sweetwater. Both games are slated for 7 p.m.

Jazz outlast Nowitzki, Mavericks in 3 OT

LYNN DeBRUIN

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Al Jefferson hasn't been close to the playoffs since his rookie season.

Seven years later, the Utah Jazz big man is doing everything he can to make sure he's not on the outside looking in again.

Jefferson scored 28 points and tied a career-high with 26 rebounds to fuel Monday night's 123-121 triple-overtime victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

"Right now we just got to win every game, no excuse," said Jefferson, who had 10 points in the extra periods. "This is a big test for us. We just got to see where our heart is and I know everybody in the locker room wants to make the playoffs. So we are going to fight and we are going to fight 'til the end. That's all we can do."

Dallas was coming off an overtime loss Sunday to the Los Angeles Lakers, and Monday's felt just as bad. It was the Mavs' first triple-OT game since Dec. 29, 1989, against Portland,

which they also lost.

"It's a disappointing loss," said the Mavs' Rick Carlisle, coaching his 800th career game. "We have to get ready for the next one. There's not a lot of time to belly ache. It was a phenomenal game, the competition was great but we came up short."

Monday's win halted Utah's seven-game losing streak against the Mavericks, but more importantly kept the Jazz in the postseason race.

Utah began the day 10th in the Western Conference but pulled one-half game behind Phoenix and Houston for the eighth and final spot with four games remaining.

The Jazz (32-30) hold the tiebreaker with the Rockets but not with the Suns, who they face again next week.

The loss dropped defending champion Dallas to seventh in the West, one-half game behind Denver.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 40 points against Utah for the second straight

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Strasburg, Nationals roll over Houston 6-3

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Houston Astros got a taste of Stephen Strasburg last season. In his second start of 2011, he pitched three innings against them. On Monday, they got to see him for six, and didn't do much with him for the first five.

Strasburg toyed with the Astros for five innings, allowing just three singles, but Houston got to him in the sixth for two runs and three hits. After he left for a pinch-hitter, Washington scored four runs and beat the Astros 6-3.

It was Houston's fifth loss in six games.

"We've only seen him twice in two years, but he was noticeably sharper tonight, there's no doubt about it," Astros manager Brad Mills said.

Strasburg (2-0) walked one and struck out five. He hasn't allowed a home run in 50 1-3 innings — since Aug. 15, 2010. His ERA rose from 0.69 to 1.42.

Steve Lombardozzi had three singles and a two-run double in the sixth off Kyle Weiland (0-2) that gave Washington a 4-2 lead. Ryan Zimmer-

man followed with a two-run single.

Weiland started for the seventh time in his major league career and is winless in five decisions.

He knew he was facing Strasburg and admitted to feeling a little pressure.

"You try to focus on your own game. Obviously, you know that's in the back of your mind. He's going to go out there and give his best, and it's probably going to be a low-scoring game," Weiland said.

Weiland allowed two runs in the first five, too, but didn't make it out of the sixth.

"I think I took it a little too far and put a little too much effort into that sixth inning," Weiland said.

In the sixth, Jordan Schafer and Jed Lowrie led off with singles against Strasburg. On the ninth pitch of his at-bat, J.D. Martinez walked to load the bases. Carlos Lee flied out to center fielder Rick Ankiel, but Schafer elected not to attempt scoring. Ankiel's throw home was perfect.

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Spurs make it 14 straight with win over Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tim Duncan couldn't remember the last time he was healthy and played only 12 minutes in a game.

The way San Antonio coach Greg Popovich has the final two weeks of the season mapped out, Duncan may need to get used to it.

Duncan scored 13 points in his shortest night of work this season, Tiago Splitter added 15 points and eight rebounds and the Spurs beat the Golden State Warriors 120-99 on Monday night to move into the top spot in the Western Conference.

"We understood the situation, we got the comfortable lead and Pop made the call," Duncan said of his brief appearance. "It was the right call. Our main focus is to be healthy and have our legs."

Duncan took only eight shots in the game and never took his warmup pullover off in the second half, part of Popovich's plan to keep his starters fresh for the postseason.

It was the second straight game in which San Antonio's Big Three of Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili spent more time on the bench than on the court.

Popovich said before the game he was more concerned with his team's health than he was in trying to get a better seeding in the West, especially with the Spurs playing the first of three games in three nights.

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Manning begins to work with Broncos

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AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Peyton Manning is back in his element, barking out calls, throwing passes and working out with his new teammates. It sure beats watching, wondering and worrying.

He's still finding his comfort zone in Denver after spending 14 seasons in Indianapolis, but Manning is back serving as both quarterback and coach on the football field instead of pacing the sideline and wondering when his neck is going to allow him to return to the huddle.

Manning and his new teammates reported to the Broncos' headquarters Monday morning for the start of the team's offseason conditioning program. After some work in the classroom and weight room, Manning threw passes to his new receivers during some on-field work without the coaches, who aren't allowed to join them outdoors until OTAs start up in May.

"Everybody's been looking forward to this day for some time now," Manning said. "I thought it was a productive first day, but we've got a lot of work to do."

He didn't want to make any rash judgments about his receiving corps and although he said he was pleased with his first official workout since signing a five-year, \$96 million deal with Denver on March 20, Manning declined to talk about his health or the progress he's made as he regains his arm strength following a series of neck operations that sidelined him for all of last season.

Alabama's BCS crystal ball trophy shattered

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — The crystal football Alabama won for beating LSU in the BCS championship game in January was shattered on A-Day when it was accidentally knocked off a display by the father of a current player.

Athletic department spokesman Jeff Purinton said the Waterford Crystal trophy, valued at \$30,000, was on display in the Mal Moore Athletic Facility as part of the festivities for the Crimson Tide's spring football game Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He says the man stumbled on a rug that was under the trophy display.

Purinton said the school is working with the American Football Coaches Association, which owns the trophy, on getting a replacement.

Florida's 2006 trophy was destroyed when it was accidentally knocked off a pedestal by a recruit in 2008. In 2004, Florida State had two trophies stolen.

"In 2009 and again this season, Alabama did a great job showing the trophy off to fans even after we turned it over to them," said Charley Green, manager of the coaches' trophy. "Unfortunately it is fragile, and accidents can happen."

Green said the trophy makes appearances for several weeks before it is turned over to the school in mid-January.

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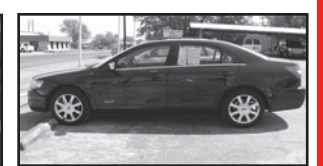
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

going to win. Today, love will be a game, too. It will be important to get plenty of challenge into your personal life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You stay on track by thinking in rather black-and-white terms. Each decision you make brings you either closer or farther away from your goals. With every move, you'll ask yourself, "Which is it?"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do as you intend to do. The success or failure of your actions is irrelevant. What's important is that you follow through, honoring your strong convictions. Action increases your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll use language in a way that expands, guides and directs people's actions and feelings. You'll say "I love you" and send a person's mood to the highest stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As you go about your day comparing A to B, note that not everything should be compared. Because two things are next to each other doesn't mean there's a logical intrinsic relationship between those two things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone is trying to sell you, and you'll feel the squeeze. The thing about marketers is that if they can't identify a need, they manufacture a

demand.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strive for wide-eyed awareness. If your eyes are closed, you can fall upon the very thing you've been searching for and not see it. You'll pinch yourself metaphorically to make sure that all of your senses are awake and ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are smart, generous, insightful people at the core of your circle. If you're wondering who, it's because you haven't yet met some of these people. New friends are attracted to your high integrity level.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A situation is not what you thought it would be. You may let go of all of your hard preparation in favor of being present with what the moment needs. You can do this because you are truly confident in your abilities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 17). This year you'll be energized by the same challenges that used to stop you in your tracks. You'll employ new skills, and your game just keeps improving. You'll focus on

your loved ones' needs through the next six weeks, connecting with them on deep levels. Enjoyable work and romantic moments fill your summer. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 10, 40, 39 and 18.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Unreliable Generalizations

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

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♦
Pass 3♦ Pass 6♦
Opening lead — two of spades.

Over a period of time, players learn to rely on all sorts of rules that their own experience, together with the advice of others, has taught them usually produce the best result. However, many of these bromides are merely broad generalizations that should be ignored whenever the occasion calls for it.

Consider the generally accepted rule of defense known as "third-hand high." It is true that in most cases

where a defender leads a low card, his partner, the third player to the trick, is best advised to play his highest card. But sometimes he should not, as there are many situations when following the general rule may be counterproductive.

Take this case where West leads a low spade against six diamonds. Let's assume that East, true to the third-hand-high principle, plays the king. Declarer wins with the ace and takes a trump finesse, losing to East's king. East must now find the right return to stop the slam.

If East returns a spade, hoping his partner has the queen, declarer makes the slam, eventually discarding his K-Q of hearts on dummy's clubs. But if East shifts to a heart at trick three, the slam goes down one.

How can East find the solution to this dilemma? The answer lies not in East's play at trick three, but in his play at trick one. Since declarer must have the ace of spades, East should play the jack of spades on the first trick in order to discover whether South also has the queen.

After declarer wins the jack with the queen and loses the trump finesse, there is no point in East's returning a spade. So East shifts to a heart at trick three, and the slam goes down one.

Tomorrow: Everyone starts with 13 cards.

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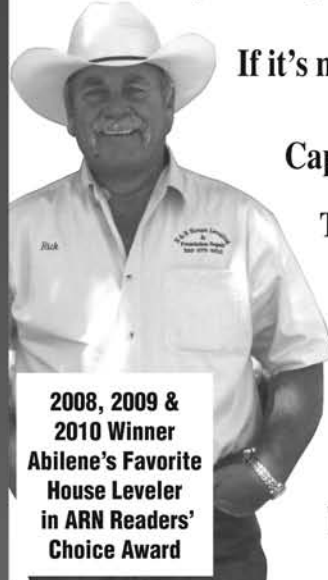
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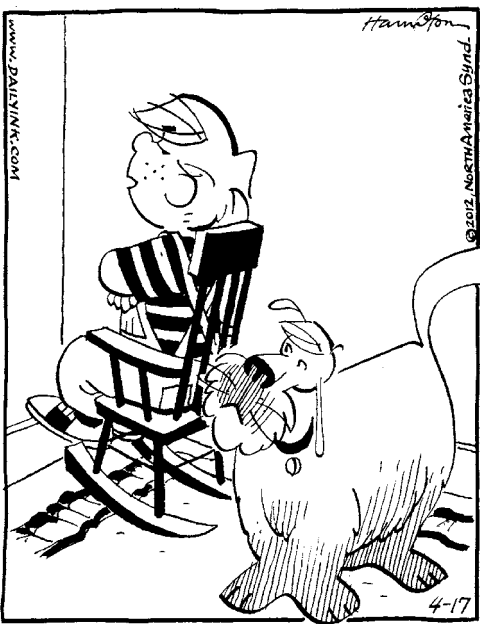
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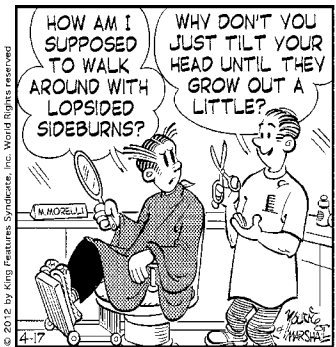
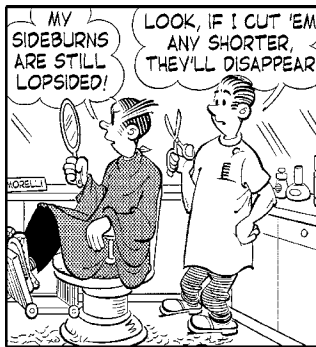


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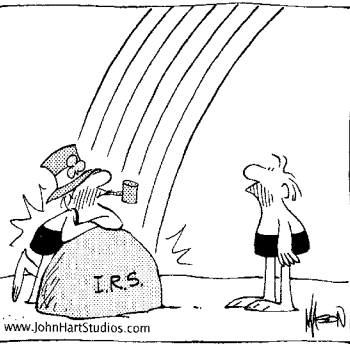
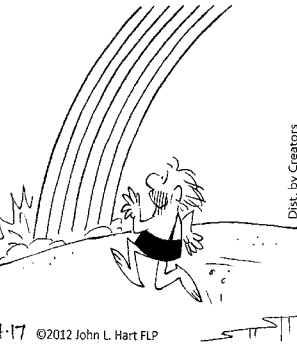
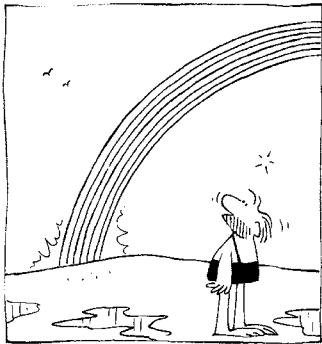
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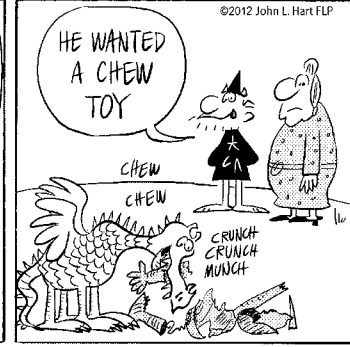
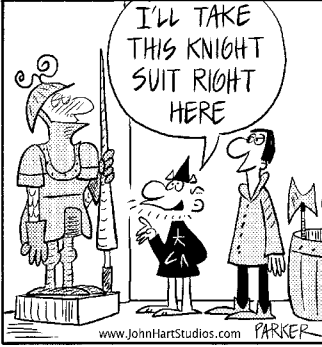
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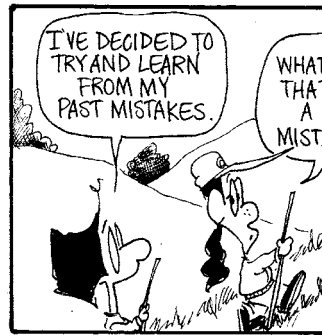
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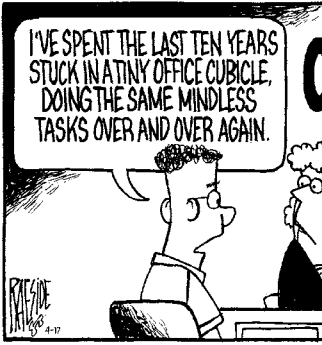
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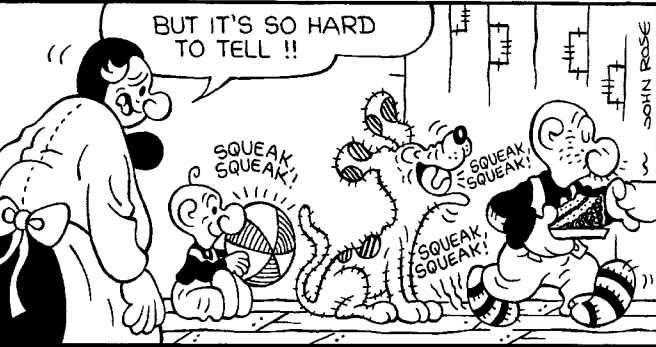
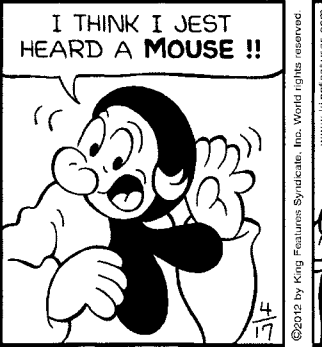
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 17, the 108th day of 2012. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1937, the animated cartoon character Daffy Duck made his debut in the Warner Bros. cartoon "Porky's Duck Hunt," directed by Tex Avery.

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1911, the town of Palm

Beach, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany during World War II.

In 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The First Secretary of Czechoslovakia's Communist Party, Alexander Dubcek (DOOB'-chek), was deposed.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of 3:10:26.

In 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the

regime was overthrown in 1979.

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of a pregnant Irish woman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiance.

In 1997, former Israeli president Chaim Herzog (KHY'-ehm HEHRT'-zahg) died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 64. Actress Olivia Hussey is 61. Actor Clarke Peters is 60. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzscocks) is 57. Actor Sean Bean is 53. Actor Joel Murray is 50.

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Answer to previous puzzle

TAGS	EBBS	ASPS
NOBLE	ALOT	MOAT
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- 1 Sudden shock
 - 5 High-flying toy
 - 9 Tilt
 - 14 Where Cincinnati is
 - 15 Admired one
 - 16 Orange __ tea
 - 17 Jacket fastener
 - 18 Installs, as a driveway
 - 19 Improves prose
 - 20 Device that attracts iron
 - 23 Sgts., for instance
 - 24 Exist
 - 25 Major Baroque composer's signature
 - 29 Physicians' degrees: Abbr.
 - 30 Film studio with a lion mascot
 - 33 Oneness of opinion
 - 34 Garfield's canine pal
 - 36 Where Lima is capital
 - 37 Where bandages may be kept
 - 40 Red veggie
 - 41 Joy
 - 42 Surprise victory
 - 43 Surgeons' workplaces: Abbr.
 - 44 Crafty
 - 45 Sounds of an old floor
 - 46 Sound of a pigeon
 - 47 Sound of a crowd
 - 49 Chronic preoccupation
 - 57 Road reversal
 - 58 Roundish shape
 - 59 Eerie glow
- DOWN**
- 60 Mockery
 - 61 Composer Ellington
 - 62 Sales receipt
 - 63 Parade vehicle
 - 64 Relaxing resorts
 - 65 Beverages like beer
 - 12 Short letter
 - 13 Midterm or final
 - 21 Multivolume ref. work
 - 22 __ difference (mattered)
 - 25 Large egg size
 - 26 Villain's expression
 - 27 __ one's time (waits)
 - 28 Take a crack __ (try)
 - 29 Computer devices to click
 - 30 High-IQ club
 - 31 From Athens
 - 32 Pups without pedigrees
 - 34 Merely
 - 35 Grade of about 65
 - 36 Plumber's installation
 - 38 Arctic dwelling
 - 39 Southwestern donkey
 - 44 Shakespearean poem
 - 45 Heavy ropes
 - 46 Approximately, year-wise
 - 47 Accelerate
 - 48 Japan's third-largest city
 - 49 Aficionado
 - 50 And others: Abbr.
 - 51 France in Money
 - 52 Shows agreement silently
 - 53 Astronauts' org.
 - 54 __ and void
 - 55 A Great Lake
 - 56 Evening bugle call

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SPURS

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Parker (eight points, five assists) and Ginobili (12 points) joined Duncan on the bench in the second half when the Spurs led by as many as 32 points. "Trying to win is part of it, trying to stay healthy is part of it," said Popovich, who called this his deepest team ever in San Antonio. "That's got to be our main concern, not positioning." Gary Neal added 17 points for the Spurs, winners of 17 of their last 20. San Antonio moved percentage points ahead of Oklahoma City in the race for the No. 1 seed in the West. The Thunder lost 92-77 to the Los Angeles Clippers. "We're in the run for it," Duncan said. "We're going to do our best to try to win the West but it's not going to break our hearts if we don't. We want to be

healthy more than anything." Nate Robinson had a season-high 30 points and Klay Thompson scored 29 for Golden State, which has lost 14 straight to San Antonio. Duncan and Parker started but went to the bench late in the first quarter after San Antonio scored 14 straight points to take a comfortable lead. It helped that the Spurs were playing a Golden State team that is limping to the finish. The short-handed Warriors, who became the first team in more than nine years to start four rookies, didn't put up much of a fight in losing their fifth straight. Already without injured point guard Stephen Curry for the past month, Golden State played without starting forward David Lee (strained groin, stress fracture), center Andris Biedrins (mild concussion) and backup forward Richard Jefferson (knee). That forced coach Mark Jackson to start all three of the

team's draft picks this year along with reserve center, Mickell Gladness, who was originally signed to a 10-day contract in late March. San Antonio led by 15 points at the end of the first quarter and was ahead 51-30 early in the second before Golden State's best run of the game nearly cut the gap in half and forced Popovich to put Duncan and Parker back in. Duncan quickly made a layup and two long jumpers, Parker added two free throws and the Spurs went up 70-49 at halftime. Even with most of the starters back the bench, San Antonio continued to pull away in the second half. Neal, Danny Green and Matt Bonner made consecutive 3s to make it 80-55. Two free throws by Patty Mills later pushed the Spurs lead to 94-62. Green finished with 11 points and five rebounds, one of six San Antonio players in double figures.

ASTROS

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After Strasburg struck out Travis Buck, Chris Johnson hit a two-run single to tie the score. "With every pitcher I think, as you go and as you get at-bats off of him, your comfort level goes up a little bit. But he's got really good stuff. He throws hard and he's got three really good pitches," Johnson said. In the bottom of the sixth, Ankiel singled with one out, and with two outs, Roger Bernadina, bat-

ting for Strasburg walked. Ian Desmond walked to load the bases, and Lombardozzi, who was starting because manager Davey Johnson wanted to rest Danny Espinosa, slapped a double to left, and Zimmerman followed with the two-run double. Weiland pitched 5 2-3 innings, allowing six runs and 10 hits. The Astros scored their final run in the eighth on a single by Buck and a triple by Johnson — his third hit of the game. They were 2 for 14 with runners in scoring position. "He's a guy that you've got to be aggressive (against). The first one or two fastballs for strikes,

you've got to get ready to hit, because he's going to come after you and he's wants to get to his off-speed stuff," Buck said of Strasburg. After Strasburg left, Sean Burnett got two outs in the seventh, Ryan Mattheus allowed an earned run in the eighth, Tom Gorzelanny finished the eighth, and Henry Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his second save. In the third, Desmond doubled to left with one out. Lombardozzi bunted, but Weiland threw the ball away, and Desmond scored on the error. Wilson Ramos hit his first home run with two outs in the fourth.

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time. His 3-pointer forced the second overtime, but he couldn't convert late in the third extra period. The Jazz forced overtime on Paul Millsap's put-back dunk with 2.2 seconds remaining in regulation. "The good thing about the overtimes is we knew they were going to kind of run out of gas," Jefferson said. "They are an older team, they played yesterday. So we knew the shots were going to start falling a little short. I am surprised they lasted as long as they did." The Jazz led by as many as 11 points early, and were up 87-83 with 46 seconds left in regulation before Vince Carter hit back-to-back 3s, including the second with 8.5 seconds left in regulation. On Utah's final possession in regulation, Gordon Hayward drove the lane but missed, only to have Millsap fly in for thunderous put-back dunk. Nowitzki's long 3 to win it at the buzzer in regulation came up short. Utah led by four in the first overtime, only to see

Nowitzki force the second extra period with a 3 with 3.9 seconds left. Jefferson hit a jumper in the third overtime then blocked Ian Mahinmi's shot, setting up Millsap for a fast-break score and 115-113 lead. Devin Harris hit a 3 and Jefferson's 6-foot running jumper after Nowitzki's missed 3 gave Utah a 120-115 lead with 1:08 remaining. Delonte West sank a 3 with 56 seconds left to get Dallas back within two points. Millsap made 1 of 2 free throws with 14.9 seconds left and Utah led 121-118. Jason Terry and Nowitzki both missed 3s in the final 10 seconds. Terry finished with 27 points and four 3s. Harris' free throws provided Utah's final points, before West hit a 3 that was too little too late. "Big plays and big shots on both ends of the floor, the crowd was into it, so you couldn't ask for a better game," said Nowitzki, who added nine rebounds and six assists. "We had our chances. If we get one rebound at the end of regulation the game is over." DeMarre Carroll instead would come up with two huge rebounds for the Jazz late in the third overtime. Carroll was playing just two days after having a front tooth dislodged and suffering a mild concus-

sion in a loss at Memphis. He was cleared to play Monday morning, and finished with 15 points, four rebounds, six assists and a steal for the Jazz. Hayward added 24 points for Utah and Harris had 23, with five 3s. Like the last game played in Utah between the teams, this one got chippy, with the Mavericks whistled for three individual technical fouls. West drew chants of "Throw Him Out" after he was called for a technical in the second quarter after fouling Hayward away from the ball then poking his index finger in the back of Hayward's head a few seconds later. Nothing was more physical than the matchup between Nowitzki and Millsap, who bumped and battled the entire night. "He's a tough player," said Nowitzki, who started 3 of 3 but found early foul trouble. "I always liked him. He can make plays off the dribble and can post up. He's an active defender. We always have good matchups. Just their whole team competes. I don't care who they throw out there." Millsap finished with 16 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. No matter how tight the Western Conference race, the Jazz know how hungry Jefferson is. "He was huge," Jazz coach Tyrone Corbin said. "I mean 26 rebounds, the timely shots on the perimeter. They were double-teaming him as soon as he got it, had bodies on him all night to try to get him off the block. But he hung in there."

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