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Under the watchful eye of his father, Daniel, Carmello James DeLeon participates in the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's fifth annual youth fishing tournament at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday afternoon.

## Friday, feast on flapjacks

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Breakfast — it's the new supper. Pancakes, bacon and sausage will highlight the menu when the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring hosts its annual Pancake Supper on Friday. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Howard College cafeteria, located inside the student union building. Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased at the door Friday or in advance at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce or from any Kiwanis Club member. The supper is the club's major fundraiser.

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## Year-long project on display by Howard College art director

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Most of us would have a difficult time performing a major task every day, without fail, for a year, much less complete a painting. For Stacy Slaten, however, producing 365 paintings in a year was more than just a chore, it was equal parts art project and teaching tool.

**What:** Display by Howard College Art Director Stacy Slaten.

**Where:** Hall Center for the Arts on campus.

**Reception:** Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Slaten's work will be on display for a month beginning today at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts. An opening reception is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday. Slaten, the art director at Howard, said she was looking around for a project when she came up with the painting-a-day project. "I got the idea from an artist who did something similar with sculptures," she said. "I thought it would be an interesting project ... and a good

teaching tool, also." She started the project on Feb. 14, 2012 and immediately recognized how much work would be involved.

"On the second day, I almost quit," she laughed. "After that, I was OK, but on that second day, I was like, 'I can't do this. Forget about it.'"

The project, Slaten said, became a way for her to recall notable events during the year.

"It sort of became a visual diary for me," she said. "My nephew was born, a friend of mine was married, my grandfather died ... There are a lot of personal memories reflected in this project."

For more information on the exhibit, contact Slaten at 264-5115.



## Sponsors, volunteers needed for powwow

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Native American dancers from all over the region will pit their skills against one another April 20-21 during the ninth annual Big Spring Powwow, but before the drum circles get under way, event coordinators say sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make the cultural show a success.

"Donations and sponsors are what keep the powwow going each year," said Richard "Indio" Lesser, event coordinator for the Big Spring Powwow Committee. "It costs anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to put it on each year, so donations are always a huge help, even if it's just a few dollars here and there. Our local businesses,

who help sponsor the event, are a huge part of what we do. We'll be taking business sponsors right up until

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## Martinez case affirmed by court

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring man sentenced to 14 years in prison for his part in the June 2010 home invasion of a local family had his case affirmed last week by the state's 11th District Court of Appeals.

Phillip G. Martinez, 23, of Big Spring, currently confined in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility, was found guilty of aggravated robbery Feb. 2, 2011, by a

Howard County jury in 118<sup>th</sup> District court.

According to court records, the Big Spring man challenged the legal and factual sufficiency of the evidence supporting his conviction for aggravated robbery.

Martinez and his attorney claimed the evidence in the case — specifically, the testimony of the victims — was so insufficient that no rational juror could find every element of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt.

"In his sole issue, appellant contends that the evidence against him is legally insufficient to support his conviction for aggravated robbery," the memorandum opinion issued by the court reads. "Specifically, he argues that no physical evidence ties him to the crime and also complains about the eyewitness identification because neither (victim) identified any details about appellant's appearance and, instead, generally described his stature. Appel-

lant further contends that no rational juror could find him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in light of 'a mountain of exculpatory testimony' and his 'four unshaken alibi witnesses.'"

According to the memorandum — issued by Chief Justice Jim Wright from a panel including Wright, Justice Terry McCall and Justice Mike Willson — the court sufficiently met its burden

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## Obituaries

### Blanche Carter



Blanche Carter, 93, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 2, 2013, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born August 17, 1919, at Tye, Texas, to Stella Irene and John Thomas Casady. She married Jim Frost Carter on Sept. 28, 1949.

They moved to Big Spring in 1963 from Temple, Texas. He preceded her in death April 19, 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of Baptist Temple Church.

She was a volunteer at the Big Spring V.A. Medical Center and received an outstanding service award.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Ray Carter of Big Spring; one daughter, Cathy Jean Carter of Big Spring; one grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

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

### Helen Louise Sbiwakowski

Helen Louise Sbiwakowski, 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 2, 2013, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- JASON E. DAVIS, 35, of Summerville, S.C., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THOMAS LEWIS EASON, 37, of 4700 Highway 176, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.

- RUDOLFO HERNANDEZ, 18, of 1501 Lincoln, was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license – when unlicensed.

- JERALD PEREZ, 31, of Odessa, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.

- CONRADO VARGAS TAPIA, 40, of Shelby, N.C., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL ANGEL ESPUDO, 28, of Menifee, Calif., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.

- THOMAS LAROY LEWIS, 56, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Abrams.

- ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of E. Fifth Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

- EVITA NICHOLE FOWLER, 24, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- LITTLE JOHN WINFIELD, 50, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

- FELIX MARTINEZ GUTIERREZ, 46, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- LUIS ALBERTO GARFIAS, 24, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, no driver's license – when unlicensed, violation of a promise to appear and municipal warrants for no driver's license (two counts), driving while license invalid and failure to appear (seven counts).

- ROSA MARIA OVALLE, 45, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid.

- ALAN RAY CALDWELL, 47, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.

- ANDREA DELGADO, 19, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor.

- GERARDO CARDOZA, 31, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- ENRIQUE ZUBIATE JR., 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- GREGORIO ARENIVAS JR., 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for speeding and driving while license invalid.

- BRIAN RICHARD SENTER, 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a

bad check and theft of property by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal copias warrants for displaying expired registration and no driver's license.

- MARTY EVANS, 23, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of duty on striking highway landscape – more than \$200.

- ELIAS ANGEL VASQUEZ, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal copias warrants for gang membership, possession of drug paraphernalia and municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and failure to appear (two counts).

- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 35, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a municipal warrants for bondsman off bond – possession of a controlled substance.

- ALFREDO CAMPOS, 55, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

- WILLIE LEE WILLIAMS, 31, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- LACEY NICHOLE LEE, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – language.

- KEITH ALAN HENDERSON, 49, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of soliciting/peddling after hours.

- ASHLEY CASSAREZ LUNA, 27, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JASON ERIC DAVIS, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- THOMAS LEWIS EASON, 37, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on an Austin warrant for parole violation.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ III, 18, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license – when unlicensed.

- THOMAS LAROY LEWIS, 56, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- JERALD PEREZ, 31, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for failure to appear – possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

- MICHAEL ANGEL ESPUDO JR., 28, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.

- CONRADO VARGAS TAPIA, 40, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

### TUESDAY




- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or [kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com](mailto:kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com)

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

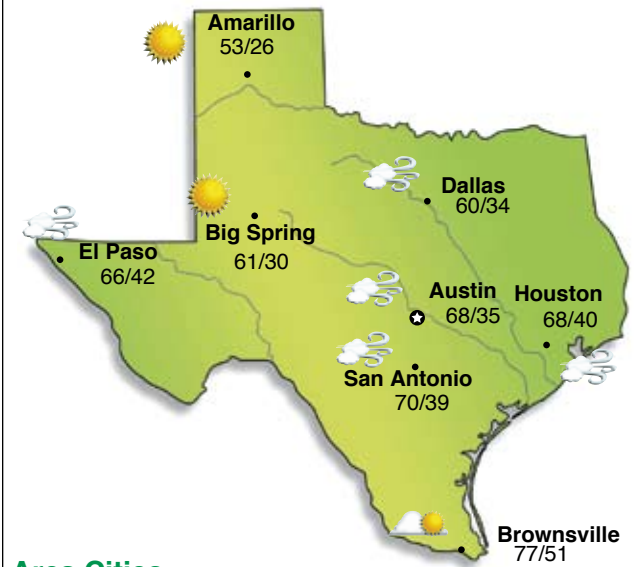
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 3/5	Wed 3/6	Thu 3/7
 <b>61/30</b> Sunny skies. High 61F. Winds NNE at 15 to 25 mph.	 <b>66/41</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 <b>75/49</b> Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:08 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:06 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:48 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	60	32	windy	Kingsville	76	45	windy
Amarillo	53	26	sunny	Livingston	66	33	windy
Austin	68	35	windy	Longview	59	34	windy
Beaumont	67	38	pt sunny	Lubbock	57	26	sunny
Brownsville	77	51	pt sunny	Lufkin	66	34	windy
Brownwood	63	33	windy	Midland	61	32	sunny
Corpus Christi	72	46	windy	Raymondville	76	48	windy
Corsicana	58	33	windy	Rosenberg	68	39	windy
Dallas	60	34	windy	San Antonio	70	39	windy
Del Rio	72	44	windy	San Marcos	69	35	windy
El Paso	66	42	windy	Sulphur Springs	55	33	windy
Fort Stockton	61	36	sunny	Sweetwater	60	29	windy
Gainesville	56	28	windy	Tyler	59	34	windy
Greenville	55	30	windy	Weatherford	59	30	windy
Houston	68	40	windy	Wichita Falls	57	28	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	33	t-storm	Minneapolis	31	10	snow
Boston	44	36	cloudy	New York	46	36	mst sunny
Chicago	32	25	snow	Phoenix	78	53	mst sunny
Dallas	60	34	windy	San Francisco	59	50	rain
Denver	46	24	sunny	Seattle	46	41	rain
Houston	68	40	windy	St. Louis	40	28	mixed
Los Angeles	66	49	mst sunny	Washington, DC	49	32	mst sunny
Miami	78	59	mst sunny				

### Moon Phases



- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### 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.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

- Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.



# Howard County declared disaster

Special to the Herald

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass announced Friday that eight counties in Texas were declared a disaster on Feb. 27, due to drought and heat using the new, Secretarial Disaster Designation process.

Under this designation, producers in Howard County or any of the seven contiguous disaster counties are eligible to apply for low interest emer-

gency loans.

The disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has experienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year. Under this declaration, Howard County has reached that threshold for the incident period of Jan. 1 through Feb. 25.

The following seven coun-

ties were designated as contiguous disaster counties: Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Sterling, Dawson, Martin and Scurry.

The disaster designation is welcome relief to producers because it allows all qualified operators in primary and contiguous counties to apply for a low-interest emergency (EM) loan," said Douglass.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and oth-

er natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The current emergency loan interest

rate is 2.125 percent.

Producers with operations in counties that did not receive a disaster designation could be eligible for emergency loan assistance if they suffered at least a 30 percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate or chattel property.

For more information about emergency loans, contact the local FSA office at 432-267-2557, ext. 106 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Texas cops often can't keep guns from mentally ill

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas police often can't keep guns from the mentally ill because they don't have the authority under state law to seize a weapon from someone they are transporting for evaluation at a psychiatric treatment center.

Houston Police Chief Charles McClelland wants the Legislature to require a judge to decide if those who have been referred for mental health treatment are qualified to possess a gun. He's enlisted state Rep. Allen Fletcher, a Republican from Tomball who is drafting a bill to keep those firearms in a police property room until a judge decides it should be returned.

Right now, state law only allows police to keep weapons used in the commission of a crime.

"I'm not trying to take guns from citizens in this country, but there should be an additional judicial review," McClelland told the Houston Chronicle. "Someone, other than the police, should have to review that case or that incident requiring that mental evaluation, to tell me if this person is still qualified to own or carry a firearm" and get it back.

When Houston police officers respond to a call involving a mentally disturbed person, they sometimes find the suspect armed with the same gun they seized in an earlier incident.

Last year, Houston police had 27,000 calls involving residents with mental health problems and seized 47 firearms from January to July from persons taken for mental examination. In 2011, the 25,000 mental health calls handled by Houston police included 90 people whose firearms were held while they were given an emergency psychiatric exam.

McClelland said that because of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, police don't know if the person was committed for psychiatric treatment.

"Whenever that person's (mental) evaluation is completed, because of HIPAA laws and medical privacy issues, I have no way of knowing if this person still qualifies to carry or have a firearm," McClelland said. "But when they show up at the property room, I have no choice but to give it back. And I want to give it back if they still qualify."

The proposed legislation would amend the state's mental health code, allowing police to hold a weapon taken from a person who is experiencing a mental health crisis and has been found to be a danger to himself or others and is being transported by police for an emergency mental health evaluation.

The bill sets deadlines for returning the firearm. If the individuals are no longer legally allowed to own a weapon they can transfer it to a designee. Police are not allowed to keep or destroy weapons not claimed, but instead must sell them and give the proceeds to the owner.

San Antonio Police Chief Bill McManus offered support for the change in law.

"My stance on gun laws is not a political one," McManus said in a statement. "I am a proponent of any law that keeps guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them and any law which enhances public safety and officer safety."

Fletcher, a retired Houston police officer and hostage negotiator who is vice chairman of the House Public Safety Committee, recalled taking a

weapon from a suspect, only to return to the same address and face the same disturbed person who retrieved the firearm from the property room.

### Texas Panhandle snow relieves drought, no end yet

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A historic blizzard that dumped 19 inches of snow on parts of the Texas Panhandle has helped relieve drought conditions that have persisted for two years, but the improvements will only be short term unless the region gets a wet spring, meteorologists and climate experts said.

The U.S. Drought Monitor released Thursday shows the entire Panhandle remains dry, with some areas still in extreme or exceptional drought. The map, released weekly by the National Drought Mitigation Center, shows that except for a small part of West Texas and an area of East Texas, the state remains either abnormally dry or in drought.

The dry conditions peaked in 2011.

### KIWANIS

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during the year and has been a local mainstay for more than 60 years.

"This is a long-standing tradition," said club member Ann Duncan. "We have people who remember having their grandparents take them and they have taken their children and grandchildren.

"This is something people look forward to each year and it's something we want to keep going as long as we can," Duncan added.

Money raised from the supper will be used to benefit youth-oriented service projects in Big Spring, including the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club and Westside Daycare Center.

For more information, call 432-270-2218 or 432-466-4887.

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### POWWOW

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about a week before the powwow."

Lesser said sponsorships allow local businesses and residents to show their support for the annual event, which aims to educate the community on Native American culture.

"Businesses can sponsor for a minimum donation of \$50," Lesser said. "That guarantees their name will be in the program. Also, area residents who would like to make a donation — no matter how much it is — are very much appreciated, as well."

Another vital part of the powwow is the men and women who donate their time, Lesser said.

"They are the ones who keep the powwow running smoothly throughout the day. We have a core group of volunteers who help with the event every year; however, we're hoping to get some new volunteers this year to keep things growing."

The event, which features Native American dance competitions as well as vendors from all over the region, is something the local committee looks forward to, Lesser said, but you might be surprised to learn just how much others are looking for-

ward to the show.

"The vendors are very excited about coming back to Big Spring. Many of them have been returning ever since the first couple of years the Big Spring Powwow has been held," Lesser said. "A lot of them compare this powwow to a family reunion. That's how much they look forward to seeing one another. I think that really says a lot about the hospitality of our community and the Big Spring Powwow itself."

For those who think the powwow is a religious ceremony and might be apprehensive about attending, Lesser said those worries are completely unfounded.

"The powwow is a social event and there is no Native American religion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies," Lesser said. "A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drums alone will lift your heart and make your feet want to dance.

"Dancing has always been a big part of the Native American culture, as it has in many cultures. Most people think of war dances or rain dances. However, Native Americans dance for many reasons — a good hunt or harvest, marriage or childbirth, or just for the fun of it. These dances would last for days."

If music and dance aren't quite enough to interest you, Lesser said shopping might just do the trick for most Crossroads residents, as vendors will be offering a number of items and treats.

"The vendors will be selling all kinds of Native American wares, from jewelry and art to food, like the traditional fry bread," said Lesser. "There will also be a silent auction, so it should be a lot of fun for everyone in the family."

For more information about the powwow — including sponsorships and to volunteer

— contact Lesser at 432-935-0125 or visit the Powwow Committee's website at [www.powwowbigspring.net](http://www.powwowbigspring.net)

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

### COURT

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of prove in the case.

"We construe appellant's sole issue on appeal as an attack on the credibility of the witnesses, but credibility is an issue for the jury to decide," the memorandum reads. "Because the eyewitnesses were certain when they identified appellant in court, the evidence of appellant's identity is sufficient to support the jury's verdict. We overrule appellant's sole issue on appeal. The judgment of the trial court is affirmed."

According to police reports, numerous suspects — witnesses stated there were between five and seven suspects involved — stormed the home of a Big Spring family living in the 600 block of State Street during the June 2010

robbery, kicking in the side and front doors of the house shortly before midnight.

The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their identities, according to investigators.

"The suspects demanded money, and holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house," Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Tony Everett said, following Martinez's arrest. "The suspects threatened the adults and pointed their weapons at the couple's children."

No life threatening injuries were sustained during the attack, according to police records.

Everett said moments after the suspects fled

the victim's home police officers noticed a vehicle driving without its headlights on. Once the vehicle was pulled over, several suspects exited the car, fleeing on foot.

District Judge Robert H. Moore III heard the case, which was prosecuted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr. Martinez was represented by Abilene attorney Rick Dunbar.

Martinez wasn't the only defendant found guilty for his part in the home invasion. Clifford Leon Anglin, 26, and Felix Lee Jaramillo, 31, were also found guilty of similar charges. Both Anglin and Jaramillo received 60-year sentences.

Anglin's and Jaramillo's convictions were affirmed by the same appellate court in 2012, also on a memorandum opinions.

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5	1	2	8	6	9	4	7	3
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2	6	1	7	4	8	3	5	9
9	5	3	6	2	1	7	8	4
4	8	7	9	3	5	2	6	1
8	4	5	3	9	7	1	2	6
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# State senator calls himself 'education evangelist'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Dan Patrick was giving a sermon. Or at least it felt like one.

"What we need is urgency now! No excuses!" the leader of the state Legislature's tea party caucus cried, shaking the table in front of him at a Texas Business Leadership Council forum this week. "I am all in, but I can't do it by myself."

The Houston Republican and chairman of the powerful Senate Education Committee is on a crusade to reshape Texas classrooms in the name of "school choice," pushing for the state's largest expansion of charter schools and touting an ambitious voucher plan that would allow students to attend private schools with public money. Critics say he's out to funnel public money to private corporations, and even the Republican House speaker says much of this agenda won't make it through the Legislature.

But Patrick isn't shy about blurring the line between preaching and policymaking.

"Someone came up and said, 'This is like a tent-revival meeting,'" Patrick said in an interview as he left the forum. "But you do become a little bit of an education evangelist because you know this works and

you know we must do all we can to make sure every student has an opportunity."

The zealous approach comes easily to Patrick, who is also an AM radio talk show host for Houston's KSEV. Others call it grandstanding.

"He's gotten very preachy," said Rita Haecker, president of the Texas State Teachers Association. "His words are cheap, but quality schools are very expensive and he wants to take money away from them."

Patrick wants to overhaul high school graduation requirements to better suit students wanting career and technical training, rather than college-readiness. He has also introduced a bill erasing Texas' current cap of 215 licenses to operate charter schools and wants to provide them with public funding for facilities. Public schools would also be required to lease unused buildings to charters.

"There will be some things the other side doesn't support, but if we can get 85, 90 percent of our agenda, that's something," Patrick said.

Patrick recently told members of the public lining up to testify against his legislation that they'd be testifying against 100,000 students



Associated Press photo

**State Sen. Dan Patrick is on a crusade to reshape Texas classrooms in the name of "school choice."**

and families who weep because they are wait-listed while trying to get into charter schools and away from campuses that struggle with academics. Then, at a Senate Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, Patrick and Sen. Royce West, a Dallas Democrat, got testy over how to fund a new board Patrick wants to create to handle a potential flood of new charter school applications.

"We're talking about poor students in failing schools who are desperate for options," Patrick said.

West snapped: "Let's not demagogue this."

The Texas Senate

passed bills to expand charter schools in 2009 and 2011, but saw both initiatives fizzle in the House, where they were opposed by Democrats and rural Republicans who often lacked charters in their districts.

An even hotter-button issue, however, is Patrick's promise to offer public funding to parents who can use it to pay for private schools.

Patrick has yet to file a bill, but he and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who controls the flow of legislation in the Texas Senate, said the idea would be to give businesses credits worth up to a quarter of what they pay in state taxes

to donate to non-profits offering private-school scholarships to disadvantaged youngsters.

Patrick dismisses "vouchers" as a term from the 1970s and describes what he's championing as "business tax credits." Detractors counter that it's a shell game that can allow executives to write the cost of their kids' private school tuition off their taxes while channeling money out of traditional schools that get paid per pupil.

"You can't slap a new name on bad policy," said Phillip Martin, political director of the liberal advocacy group Progress Texas.

Patrick is steeled for criticism, however. He told the forum audience: "Governor Bush warned me, 'You've got to have someone willing to take arrows.' Well, I'm taking them."

Patrick was referring to former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who addressed the same Business Leadership Council forum and who Patrick then invited in front of his committee to explain how Florida embraced vouchers, charter schools and online learning. Bush has branded public schools "monopolies" controlled by unions more interested in protecting teachers and other adults than students.

House Speaker Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican, says he doesn't see any bill passing the chamber that uses public money to fund private schools. And, as recently as 2007, during Patrick's first year in the Legislature, the House voted by a large margin to ban public money from going to private schools.

Patrick still insists this time will be different.

"This is contagious," he said. "Whenever you can see any person in life lifted up because of educational opportunities it's exciting. And I'm not the only one who thinks so."

## State briefs

### 2 Texas A&M cadets, 1 other killed in car crash

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Texas A&M Corps of Cadet freshmen and another woman were killed early Sunday in a wrong-way crash outside of Houston that police say may have been alcohol-related.

The crash happened at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday when Katie Thomas, who was driving a Ford Mustang, drove south in a northbound lane, hitting head-on a Ford Explorer carrying three Texas A&M Corps of Cadet freshmen.

Thomas died at the scene, investigators said.

The driver of the Explorer and a backseat passenger were also killed. They have been identified as Amy Pacheco, 18, and Miguel Hernandez, also 18. The front seat passenger, Francisco Campos, is in stable condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Police are investigating whether alcohol played a role in the crash. The northbound lanes of Highway 290, where the crash occurred, reopened shortly after 9 a.m. Sunday.

Corps Commander Eric Gil said the cadets had been in Houston to help judge a Houston Independ-

dent School District contest and were driving back to College Station for an early Sunday morning service project.

### Teen killed after being hit by train in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was killed when he was hit by a train while crossing railroad tracks in Fort Worth after four other friends crossed unharmed.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that the boy was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday afternoon.

Police Cpl. Tracey Knight says five boys ages 15 to 16 were headed to a neighborhood store when they walked between the cars of a parked train and then ran across another set of tracks in front of the moving train.

Union Pacific spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza says a train engineer reported seeing a group of people near the track and sounded a whistle. She says they were not at a railroad crossing.

### Valentine's Day murder suspect arrested in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police have arrested a 27-year-old man suspected of being involved in a

Valentine's Day murder in San Antonio.

Dallas police arrested Ronnell Williams on Saturday. San Antonio police had named Williams and 19-year-old DeVante Jackson as suspects in the shooting death of Anthony Melvin.

The Dallas Morning News reports the three men had a fight on Valentine's Day, and the 27-year-old Melvin was shot in the leg. He later died. The suspects fled in a white Dodge Charger.

Jackson was arrested sometime after, but Williams remained a fugitive. Police found Williams on Saturday and arrested him after a brief foot chase. He will be transferred to Bexar County.

### Bill aims to keep squatters out of homes

DALLAS (AP) — A bill has been filed in the Texas Senate aiming to stop squatters from using an obscure law to move into vacant or foreclosed homes.

The Dallas Morning News reports the bill filed last week would require prospective squatters to provide written notice to anyone who has a claim on a property they're targeting under the "adverse possession" law.

Without proof of notification, county clerks would reject paperwork filed by squatters trying to lay claim to vacated property.

While the proposed legislation wouldn't outlaw adverse possession, it stipulates that an affidavit of adverse possession is not a property title.

### Man shot by Houston police after firing at them

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police shot a man found in a vehicle missing from the home where a double homicide occurred after he opened fire on them.

The Houston Chronicle reports that on Sunday afternoon police found a pickup at a shopping center that matched one missing from the home where a woman in her 60s and a man in his 40s were found dead on Saturday.

Police spokesman Victor Senties says that after getting out of the vehicle, the man "made motions as if to challenge the officers."

Police say the man then pulled out a handgun and began shooting at officers. They returned fire.

The man was taken to the hospital. Police did not say where he was stuck.

### Firm auditing El Paso schools ups fee by \$200,000

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A firm hired to investigate the El Paso Independent School District after a cheating scandal that landed the former superintendent in prison has upped its fees by nearly \$200,000.

The El Paso Times reports Weaver and Tidwell LLP initially agreed to a fee of \$579,000, but asked for more money. The school board agreed to pay the firm nearly \$200,000 more. A draft audit has been issued to school officials.

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Famous Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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

**WEST**  
♠ A 7 4 3  
♥ J 9 8 7 2  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 9 8

**EAST**  
♠ Q 6  
♥ 10 5  
♦ K 10 4 3  
♣ A J 10 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 2  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ A J 6  
♣ K Q 5 4 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2♥\* Pass  
2♠ Pass 3 NT

\* transfer to spades.  
Opening lead — seven of hearts.

When you look at this deal, it is hard to see how declarer can fail to make three notrump after a heart lead. South wins the lead in his hand, loses the nine of spades to East's queen, takes the heart return in his hand and continues spades.

West takes the ace and, say, returns a third heart. Declarer wins with dummy's king, cashes the remaining spades, takes a successful diamond finesse and concedes the king of clubs to the ace to bring in

nine tricks — three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and a club. It all seems rather cut and dried.

But that's not the way it happened when the deal occurred in the 1988 Spingold Teams. Declarer won the opening heart lead with the ace and finessed the nine of spades, but East, David Berkowitz, ducked! When the nine held, South naturally repeated the finesse, losing the ten to the queen.

As a result of East's brilliant play, declarer was no longer able to utilize dummy's spades. He won East's heart return with dummy's king, conceded a trick to the ace of spades and won the next heart, on which East showed out, with the queen.

A low diamond was now led toward dummy. When West did not produce the king and cash two heart tricks, it was clear he did not have that card. So South finessed dummy's nine, hoping this would drive out the king. But East won with the ten and returned a club, locking declarer in his hand.

South struggled awhile and eventually forced East to give him another trick to bring his total to seven, but this was small compensation for failing to make the contract.

East's entry-killing duck of the first spade simply proved too much to overcome.

Tomorrow: Precision to the nth degree.  
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## Sudoku Answers on Page 3

# 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.

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



# Grady falls to Texline in final

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — With the way Grady has been playing, it seemed improbable that the Wildcats (28-6) would end the season by blocking them from making a state championship bid in Austin, but that's exactly what happened at the Texan Dome on Saturday as the Tornadoes advanced with a 78-64 win.

Grady Head Coach Thomas Clay planned to use his team's quickness, but Texline went on a 20-3 run in the second half, propelling them to victory over the Wildcats, who made a state tournament appearance in 2012.

"We fouled them too much and allowed them to rest," Clay told the Amarillo Globe-News. "More than that, it gave them energy and put us in foul trouble. It allowed them to rest and we don't want people to rest."

Grady's Brandon Lucas scored a game-high 37 points, but was nearly matched by Texline's Aaron Gutierrez's 34. Also scoring for Grady were Brett Glaze (9), E.J. Rodriguez (8), Joseph Briseño (4), Taylor Polson (2) and Ivan Sanjuan (2).

The Wildcats (27-7), tied it up at 48 with 1:25 remaining in the third period after a pair of Lucas free throws, but lost the lead for good 20 seconds later.



Courtesy photo/Valerie Avery

Grady's Ivan Sanjuan sets up for a shot during Saturday's regional final against Texline. The No. 8 Wildcats fell to the Tornadoes 78-64, dashing their hopes of a state tourney run. Grady went 27-7 on the season.

# Steer tennis team earns state bid

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

MIDLAND-ODESSA — The STEERS are headed to state. Big Spring tennis will be making its first appearance at the state tennis meet Friday in Abilene, thanks to a strong showing at the regional meet held in Midland and Odessa over the weekend. Region 1 is the largest region and comprises all 3A tennis teams from Abilene west to El Paso.

The No. 14 Steers were the third seed at the meet, ranked behind Abilene Wylie (No. 1) and Andrews (No. 9).

Friday, the Steers defeated Pampa 10-0 to advance to Saturday morning's semifinal round. All four semifinalists — Wylie, Andrews, Snyder and Big Spring — defeated



Courtesy photo/Dana Jones

The BSHS tennis squad qualified for a state meet appearance for the first time since 1989 after a strong regional showing over the weekend in Midland and Odessa. Abilene will host the state tennis meet, with the Steers slated to start Friday at 9 a.m.

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# Bell, Alvarado medal for BSHS at powerlifting regional

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

FORT STOCKTON — In his first year as Head Powerlifting Coach, Eric Tuttle is seeing success. So far, he has two girls — Roenisha Bell and Vanessa Alvarado — finish strong enough to earn medals, as well as state championship meet berths after finishing in third place in their respective weight classes.

Bell (220s) totaled 635, while Alvarado totaled 660.

"Vanessa had her personal best in the squat," Tuttle said. "She was fighting for second place — second, third and fourth were all right together — and she did well by finishing in third. Roenisha had some very

stiff competition at numbers one and two. I'm very pleased with both girls."

Next up will be the boy's regional, which is set to begin Friday in Sundown.

Tuttle has several boys who will be lifting, including Tyler Narin — 123's, Robert Martinez — 148's, Ronnie Bell — 198's, Jahari Vanover — 198's, Chris Lindem — 220's, Austin Cantu — 220's and Aric Rutledge — 275's.

"I think a lot of guys will be in contention for medals, Tuttle added.

"Out of the seven we have going, quite a few should be in the running. I'm proud of all of the kids who stuck with it this year, as well as some newcomers who came out of nowhere and did well."



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Big Spring powerlifter's Roenisha Bell (left) and Vanessa Alvarado each earned medals at the girl's regional meet in Fort Stockton over the weekend.

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### Venus and Jupiter Square Off

How much work should you have to do to get what you want? Venus will accuse Jupiter of setting the wrong standards. Whether too low or too high, Venus insists that Jupiter has a backward and ineffective system of rewards. The rub between Venus and Jupiter may be minor, but it speaks to core issues.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You take other people's needs and wants into consideration before you make your move. But ultimately, they are not the ones who have to live with the consequences. The choice is yours.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Goodbyes are important. Whether they are happy, relieved or terribly sad, it is better to have the closure than not. Today you'll get closure on an issue that has been open-ended until now.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Could the key to a happy life be something simple like making your bed or smiling at the general public? You'll test the theory today as you behave in a basically tidy and happy manner.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will fall into a healthy communication pattern. It will be so easy to listen well and express yourself clearly that you may wonder why you ever had trouble in the past.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Is it true that worrying solves nothing? Usually, worrisome matters get more attention, and more attention is sometimes exactly what the situation needs to make improvement possible.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your workload is intense, but so is your energy. Starting early will be the best thing for you now. The morning hours show you in high gear with a determined gleam in your eye.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's one thing to be confident in your knowledge, but it's quite another to rigidly assume that your way is the only way. Amazingly, you will be strong in your approach while still being open to new thoughts and methods.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a nose for trouble, and you use it to steer clear. Some people enjoy drama and danger, but you've already seen enough of it in your life to know that you want nothing to do with it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best thing to strive for is personal improvement. By doing the best you can, you will develop much more quickly than you would if you were striving for perfection.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your love life isn't a subject for public speculation and debate, but it could easily become that if you tell even one person your business. Keep private matters to yourself, though,



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and you'll love the way everything develops.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Never buy things out of insecurity. If a situation has you feeling ill-equipped, new material items probably will not help. Instead of reaching for your wallet, reach deeper, into your soul. You are enough!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone seems to be insinuating himself or herself into your life. You like to be around people who know what they want, but you also prefer a direct approach.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 4). If you're still not sure what you want to do with your year, don't worry; just move. You're so lucky now that even arbitrary action will lead to something good. Create momentum, and suddenly you'll know the goal that's worthy of you. The next six weeks bring new romantic energy. Projects finally make money in May. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 25, 41 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My friend goes to a psychic who gets messages in bones. I don't mean in a 'I feel it in my bones' kind of way. He actually uses animal bones to tell her future. To me this sounds like voodoo. Is it safe for her? The psychic has been quite accurate, and I'm thinking of going, too, but first I want to make sure it's not an evil or cursed practice."

It sounds like your friend's psychic is practiced in the ancient art of astragalomancy. "Astragalos" is the Greek word for small animal bones. The ancient Greeks inscribed symbols on such bones — for instance, the vertebrae or knucklebones of sheep — and cast them like dice. Messages were derived from the dice, depending on where they fell. The knucklebones of sheep are very much like dice in form and were used in gaming, as well as fortunetelling.

I don't believe the practice is inherently evil or cursed, but in these matters, much depends on the heart and the intent of the person reading the omens. If the reading brings a feeling of positivity and clarity, it is probably spiritually safe. A good reading should never cause confusion, fuzziness or weakness.

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## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I'm 18, and my parents recently went through a messy divorce. First my mom moved out. Then my dad moved out a month later because Mom didn't want him living in our house. She wanted to move back in.

I have an older sister and a younger brother. Mom tried to convince us that she missed being with us. But since she moved back in, she is always on the phone or computer or out with her friends.

She says it's her time to have fun and that we're always criticizing her. She also badmouths my father and tells me things about him that no parent should say. I've asked her to stop multiple times, but she won't.

I work long hours in order to contribute to our rent and utilities. My sister and I are essentially raising our younger brother, who has been struggling in school and acting out. Mom is

oblivious. I recently got into a huge argument with her about how I spend my money. We didn't speak for two weeks because she ignored all of my attempts to talk about it. After a while, I stopped trying.

Now Mom always favors my sister in any disagreement. We used to be close, but I've lost all respect for her. What should I do? I seriously need some advice. — *Lost Child*

**Dear Lost:** The divorce has sent your mother over the edge. All of you are under a great deal of stress, and your brother's problems are undoubtedly intensified by all the chaos in the home. Please talk to your father. Being divorced does not mean he has given up his obligations and responsibilities as a parent. Do not place blame. Simply start by telling Dad that your brother is having

problems in school that aren't being addressed. If you have grandparents, aunts and uncles, lean on them for emotional support when you need to. Your job may offer an employee assistance program that could help, or if you are attending school, talk to your school counselor.

**Dear Annie:** I am home in bed with the flu. In fact, this is the fourth time in the past four months that I've missed work due to a virus. I've used up my sick leave, so I'm not earning any money, and a lot of my work isn't getting done by the part-time volunteer who fills in for me.

Why am I sick so much? Because business associates come in, lean over my shoulder and say things like, "I ought to be at home. I'm so sick." I've even had clients come in saying they left work feeling ill, but thought they'd stop to see me

before they went home. If you are too sick to be in your office, you are too sick to be in mine.

When I ask folks to steer clear if they are ill, I'm told that I am unsympathetic and rude. If I miss any more work, I won't be able to pay my bills. How can I convince people that illness belongs at home? — *Sick of Being Sick*

**Dear Sick:** People mistakenly believe it shows loyalty to come to work sick, and unfortunately, many bosses idiotically encourage this attitude. But the end result is more employees contaminating the work environment and getting sick. We can only recommend that you get your daily dose of vitamins and wash your hands frequently.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.*  
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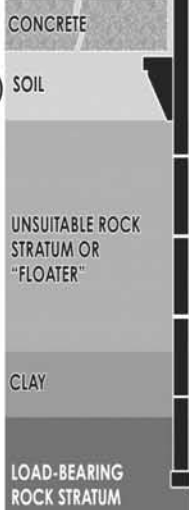
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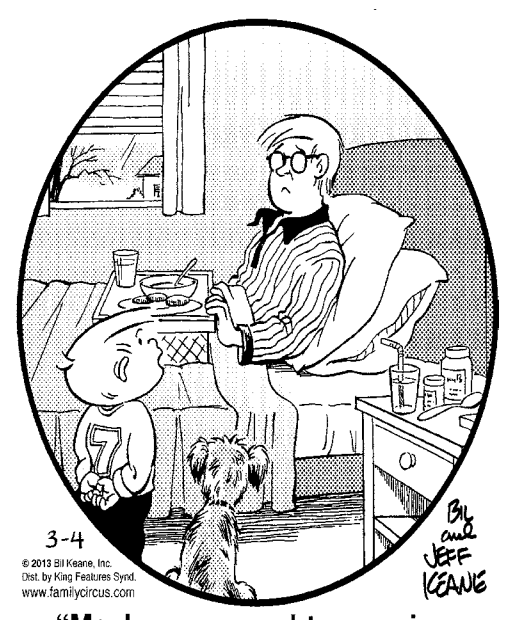
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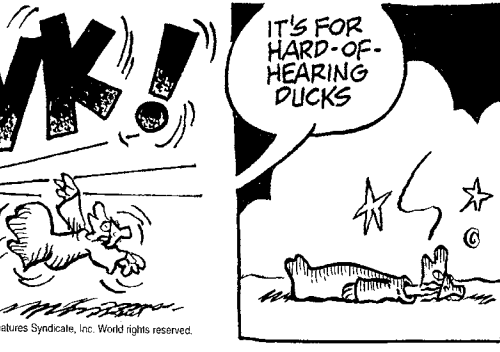
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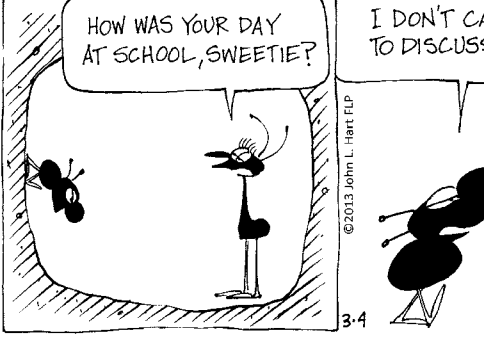


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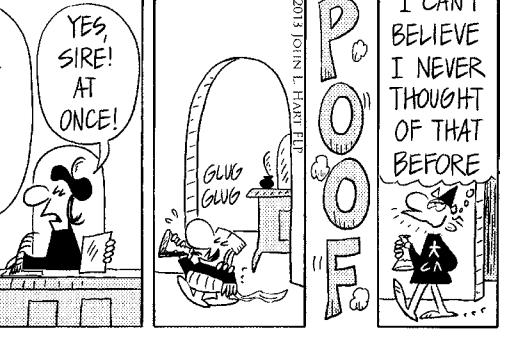
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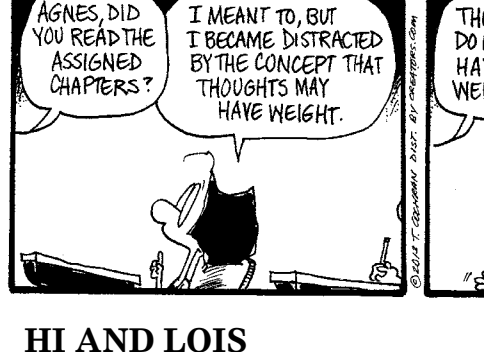
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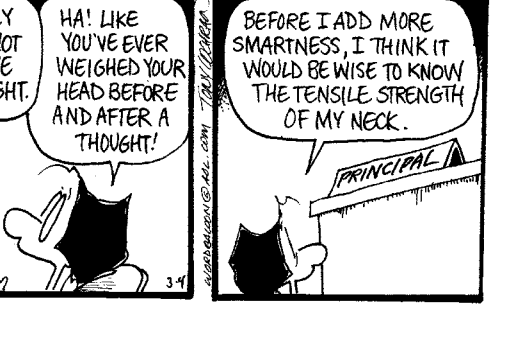
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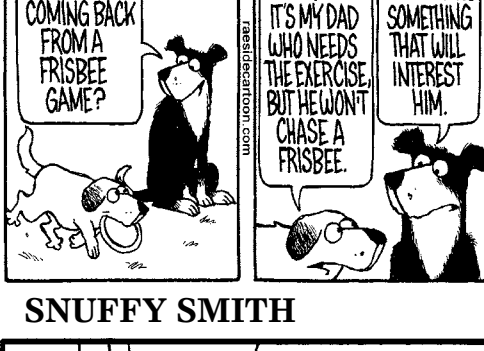
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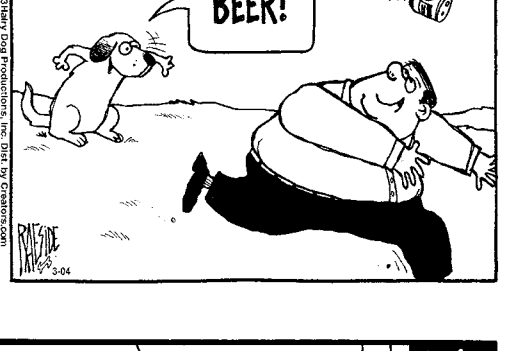
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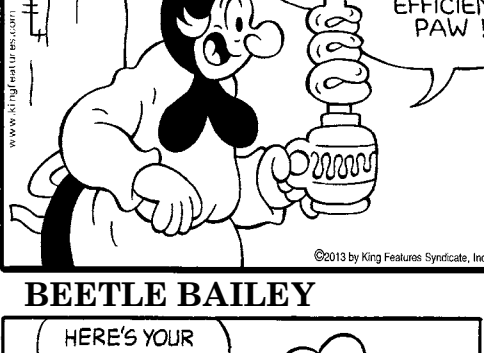
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2013. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1913, Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as the 28th president of the United States, succeeding President William Howard Taft.

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1816, President James Madison was inaugurated for a second term of office.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. The U.S. Government Printing Office began operation. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original version of the Stars and Bars.

In 1863, the Idaho Territory was created.

In 1888, legendary college football coach Knute Rockne was born in Voss, Norway.

In 1913, just before leaving office, President William Howard Taft signed legislation replacing the Department of Commerce and Labor with separate Departments of Commerce and Labor. The "Buffalo nickel" officially went into circulation.

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

In 1943, "Mrs. Miniver" won six Academy Awards, including best picture and best actress for Greer Garson (whose 5-minute acceptance speech became the butt of industry jokes). James Cagney won best actor for "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, Calif.

In 1963, American poet William Carlos Williams, 79, died in Rutherford, N.J.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan addressed the nation on the Iran-Contra affair, acknowledging that his overtures to Iran had "deteriorated" into an arms-for-hostages deal.

Newsday Crossword

PAIRINGS by Gail Grabowski  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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ACROSS

59 Pub beverages

60 Similar (to)

5 Snake's sound

61 \_\_\_ cum laude

9 Sportcoat flap

14 "Not guilty," for one

15 All over again

16 Tolerate

17 End of a prayer

18 The Dalai \_\_\_

19 Large kitchen appliance

20 Hourglass filler

21 "Identical"

23 Elm or eucalyptus

25 Ooh and \_\_\_

26 "Don't misbehave!"

29 Look mopey

31 And so on: Abbr.

34 Dole out

35 Chimney dust

36 Theme of the puzzle

37 Multiple passport holder's status

41 Calculate a total

42 Scent detector

43 Musical drama

44 Golf peg

45 Play a trick on

46 Twisted and twisted, as a tree

47 Small batteries

48 Any minute now

49 Foursome's social outing

54 Where Des Moines is

58 Tax-filing deadline

DOWN

1 Health resorts

2 \_\_\_ mater

3 Noticed

4 Hammer or screwdriver

5 Ended the march

6 Very impressed

7 Prefix for final

8 Graceful bird

9 Rodeo rope

10 Embarrass

11 Half a quart

12 Outer boundary

13 Impolite look

22 Pan-fry

24 College

26 Unskilled in military org.

27 Avoid capture by

28 Forest clearing

29 Self-assurance

30 Leak slowly

31 Old-time anesthetic

32 Rotate, as a baton

33 Insured patient's outlay

35 Discontinue

38 Being occupied

39 Toddler's taboo

40 Madrid native

45 City near Fort Worth

46 Passes, as time

47 In \_\_\_ (up the creek)

48 Take illegally

49 River blockers

50 Whitish gemstone

51 Strongly

52 100-yard race

53 Female voice range

55 "Fine by me!"

56 Chablis or claret

57 Pantry pests

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Area Sports Scores

FRIDAY

**Women's Softball**  
Howard College vs. Weatherford College:  
• Game One: Loss, 4-3  
• Game Two: Win, 7-4

SATURDAY

**Men's Baseball**  
Howard College vs. New Mexico Military Institute:  
• Game One: Win, 11-1  
• Game Two: Win, 6-3

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Parsons scores 32 as Rockets beat Mavs

CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer  
HOUSTON — Chandler Parsons felt like he couldn't miss. When he finally did, he wasn't aware that he also missed matching a team record.

Parsons scored a career-high 32 points on 12-for-13 shooting and the Houston Rockets snapped a nine-game losing streak to Dallas with an easy 136-103 win over the Mavericks on Sunday night.

Jeremy Lin and James Harden added 21 points apiece and Lin had nine assists for the Rockets.

Parsons sank his first 11 shots and helped the Rockets outscore Dallas 44-17 in the third quarter to blow open a close game.

Parsons made his fifth 3-pointer with 3:57

left in the quarter, then missed a 3-point try he forced on Houston's next possession.

"I got a little carried away," Parsons said. "I was feeling it, so I just shot it up there."

If that one had gone in, Parsons would've tied Yao Ming's single-game franchise record for field goals without a miss (12 for 12), set in 2009 against Miami. Parsons didn't know about Yao's mark until after the game.

"Now I really feel like an idiot," Parsons said.

O.J. Mayo scored 18 points and Shawn Marion had 14 to lead the Mavericks, who dropped six games behind Houston for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference. The teams play again in Dallas on Wednesday night, their last meeting of the regular season.

"This game was all about disposition and attitude," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "They had the stronger disposition and the stronger attitude and we've got to change

that." The Rockets led 64-61 at halftime, then opened the third quarter with a 15-0 spurt.

Parsons sank his third 3-pointer, and he and Lin finished fast-breaks with layups to push the lead into double digits. Vince Carter was whistled for an offensive foul as the Mavericks' offensive execution fell apart.

Dallas missed its first six shots out of the break before Brandon Wright's driving layup. But the Rockets continued to hit all the open shots the Mavericks gave them and consecutive 3-pointers by Parsons and Harden pushed the lead to 25.

"The third quarter was ugly," Carlisle said.

"I don't have a good explanation for it, other than they picked up their game and we didn't match it."

The Rockets blew 17-point leads in consecutive losses to Washington and Milwaukee before they beat Orlando on Friday night.

Houston just poured it on when they got the big lead on Sunday night.

"In the past few games, we have built leads and given them up," Lin said, "so it was good to see us just really build on that."

Dallas had as many turnovers as it had field goals (6) in the third quarter, and Patrick Beverley's layup just before the buzzer made it 108-78.

Rookie Thomas Robinson, acquired from Sacramento last week, had 10 points and eight rebounds for Houston.

Nowitzki was held to eight points and committed three turnovers for Dallas.

"We want to get him the ball and we need good things to happen," Carlisle said. "The problem was, we just couldn't guard these guys."

Dallas started 9 for 14 from the field and hit its first three shots from 3-point range. Harden, averaging 26.3 points per game, missed five of his first seven shots. When he missed another

driving layup, Parsons dunked home the putback, two of his nine first-quarter points.

The Mavericks stretched the lead to eight early in the second quarter. Francisco Garcia, seeing his first action for Houston since he was traded from Sacramento last week, sank two 3-pointers and a pull-up jumper to close the gap.

Dallas started 8 for 15 from 3-point range and led 50-41 midway through the second quarter.

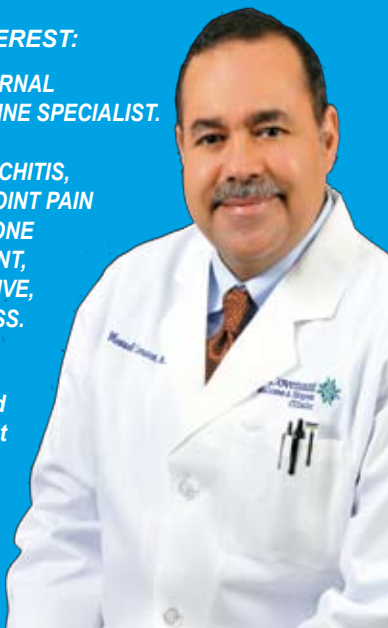
Houston's starters were back on the floor by the 5-minute mark of the second quarter and the Rockets started to take control with a 14-4 run.

Houston's defense stiffened in the final minutes of the half, forcing six turnovers. Parsons had a 3-pointer, then added a breakaway dunk after a long pass from Lin to put Houston up 62-59. Parsons went 7 for 7 and scored 18 points and Lin had seven assists in the first half.

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their semifinal opponents 10-0 setting up a showdown between the four strongest teams in the region.

Big Spring played Andrews on Saturday and fell 10-3, setting up a must-win match that afternoon with Snyder.

Big Spring — who Head Coach Dana Jones said usually excels in doubles — showed their

dominance in singles by winning 6 of the first 7 matches to be completed and went on to defeat Snyder 10-4. Mariah Horvatic won the clinching match.

"Usually, we dominate in doubles," Jones said. "We didn't so much on Saturday, but we blew them out of the water in singles."

Heading to state is also a personal milestone for Jones, who is in his fifth year as head coach at BSHS.

"We're happy to be there," Jones added. "We're especially proud of our seniors. All seniors I have, I've had zero trouble with. They are hard-working, they don't complain — we're extremely strong on the boy's side, but we're only going to be losing a couple of girls, so that's good for next year."

The top 16 teams in the state will compete for the State Team Tennis title over the weekend at various

courts in Abilene.

The Steers are slated to play their first matches Friday at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Results from Big Spring vs. Snyder:

**No. 1 Boys Doubles**  
Connor Furqueron/Kie Jones (BS) def. Austin Forbes/Robert Maldonado (SNY) 8-4

**No. 2 Boys Doubles**  
Nolan Duzan/Gabe Benitez (SNY) def. Tyler Avant/Alex Byrd (BS) 8-6

**No. 3 Boys Doubles**  
Josh Baker/Jacob Rangel (BS) def. Riley Arnold/Mason Tabor (SNY) 8-6

**No. 1 Girls Doubles**  
Jacinda Payne/Shawnee Williams (SNY) def. Selena Castillo/Katie Newton (BS) 8-2

**No. 2 Girls Doubles**  
Mattie Drake/Taylor Porter (SNY) def. Jennifer Campos/Cassidi Redlin (BS) 6-2, 4-2 susp.

Cassidi Redlin (BS)

8-5

**No. 3 Girls Doubles**  
Mariah Horvatic/Molly Walker (BS) def. Hannah Herring/Roselia Jaimes (SNY) 8-4

**Mixed Doubles**  
Alexis Johnson/Chris Hughes (BS) def. Allison Downing/Taylor Duzan (SNY) 8-4

**No. 1 Boys Singles**  
Kie Jones (BS) def. Austin Forbes (SNY) 6-2, 6-0

**No. 2 Boys Singles**  
Alex Byrd (BS) def. Nolan Duzan (SNY) 6-0, 6-0

**No. 3 Boys Singles**  
Connor Furqueron (BS) def. Robert Maldonado (SNY) 6-2, 6-1

**No. 4 Boys Singles**  
Tyler Avant (BS) def. Gabe Benitez (SNY) 6-0, 6-0

**No. 5 Boys Singles**  
Matt Aldaco (BS) was leading Taylor Duzan (SNY) 6-2, 4-2 susp.

**No. 6 Boys Singles**  
Josh Baker (BS) def. Mason Tabor (SNY) 6-1, 6-0

**No. 1 Girls Singles**  
Alexis Johnson (BS) was leading Jacinda Payne (SNY) 6-4, 2-1 susp.

**No. 2 Girls Singles**  
Allison Downing (SNY) was leading Cassidi Redlin (BS) 6-4, 3-1 susp.

**No. 3 Girls Singles**  
Jennifer Campos (BS) was leading Mattie Drake (SNY) 7-5, 3-1 susp.

**No. 4 Girls Singles**  
Katie Newton (BS) was leading Hannah Herring (SNY) 5-7, 6-4 1-0 susp.

**No. 5 Girls Singles**  
Molly Walker (BS) was leading Shawnee Williams (SNY) 6-2, 5-0 susp.

**No. 6 Girls Singles**  
Mariah Horvatic (BS) def. Roselia Jaimes (SNY) 6-2, 6-0 (clinched the match)

**Other members of the team who participated:**

- Bryan Blount
- Alex Hughes
- Garret Miller
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