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## Council members to pay summary judgement

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

Managing Editor

A case that has been years in the courts was resolved for the most part Monday in a summary judgement passed down by 118th District Judge Tim Yeats.

The result will cost Big

Spring City Council members Marcus Fernandez and Glen Carrigan and local business firms Quad A and Hydro Dynamics several thousand dollars.

The case stems from alleged illegal campaign contributions accepted by Fernandez

and Carrigan by the two firms in May 2011. Quad A contributed \$2,000 to each campaign while Hydro Dynamics contributed \$400 to Carrigan and \$200 to Fernandez.

At the time, District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and District 3 Councilwoman

Joann Staulcup filed a lawsuit against Carrigan and Fernandez.

According to Sec. 253.131 of the Election Code, candidates challenged during the election by a person who accepts an illegal campaign contribution could be awarded civil

damages to the tune of "twice the value of the unlawful contribution," as well as "reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit."

According to the judgement, Horton will be awarded the

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Gabby Gonzales, above left, shoots for two during the Howard College Hawks while in the men's game, Travis Charles puts up a shot. It wasn't a good night for the Hawks' teams Monday as they were swept by South Plains College. See Page 8.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

## CABOOSE

Spring show coming up in February

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Staff Writer

"Good art won't match your sofa," said local artist Kay Smith.

Whether you want something to match your sofa or if you are an art lover, the spring show at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts will have something for everyone.

The Caboose Watercolor Society will take residence at HC from Feb. 4 through March 31. The concept of the show, according to head coordinating artist Sue Bagwell, will be "Working artists and how or what inspires us. Some will continue in the Old Masters series and some are moving forward with other current work, but we can certainly all deliver commentary about our inspirations and mentors and whose works have propelled us to where we are today as artists."

CWS was formed in 1997 by three Big Spring Art Association friends, Carole Berry, Linda Rupard and Smith, with the goal to establish professional watercolor in the community and surrounding area towns and cities through educational exhibits.

Most of the artist members reside in Big Spring have won many awards, have had their work published and have international followers. Members include Bagwell, Smith, Carole Berry, Linda Rupard, Estelle Howard, Betty Conley, Judy Gibbs and Leada Wood of Colorado City.

Current works can be viewed online at <http://caboosewatercolorssociety.blogspot.com/>

To contact Andreia Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331.

## New venue for stock show

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Area youths will show off months of work as the Howard County Junior Stock Show is set to begin Wednesday.

This year, the stock show will be held at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex for the first time. The complex is located on the Howard College campus between the east side of Memorial Stadium and the west side of Foundation Softball Field.

The show will begin at 10 a.m. with lamb weigh-in.

The full schedule is as follows:

Wednesday  
 10 a.m. lamb weigh-in  
 11 a.m. goat weigh-in  
 3 p.m. Lamb show followed immediately by the goat show  
 Thursday  
 4:30 p.m. rabbit check in  
 6 p.m. steer weigh-in

6 p.m. barrow weigh-in

6:30 p.m. rabbit show

Friday

10 a.m. steer show

1 p.m. barrow show

Saturday

12 p.m. buyer's barbecue lunch

1:30 p.m. premium auction show

Contact Lyndel Moody at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

## Chalet needs volunteers

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council-operated Chalet Resale Shop needs volunteers.

Volunteers sort and display gently used clothing and small household and decorative items in their downtown location.

For more information on volunteering, call Ruth Nanny or Jobeth Corwin at 263-0528 or visit

The Chalet at 115 E. Second St., Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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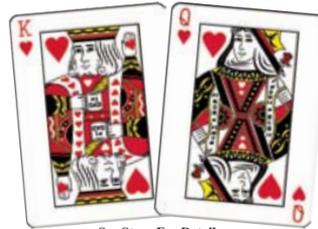
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## Obituaries

### James Arthur Goll



James Arthur Goll went to be with the Lord while a patient at Scenic Mountain Hospital on the 4th of January 2014 at the age of 98. He was born in New Braunfels, Texas and worked with the Civilian Conservation Corp (a public relief program designed to help people during the depression).

He served in the United States Army during World War II. His unit marched from Northern Africa up to Europe and because he spoke perfect German his unit sent him behind the lines to infiltrate the enemy. U.S. military bombing on his position killed everyone around him and he himself was thrown on the dead pile with those he had infiltrated.

A couple of nuns looking after the dead bodies noticed the he was still alive. They put him on the back of a donkey and carried him to safety and nursed him back to health so he could return to his unit.

James loved his country and always prayed for and supported the U.S. Military. He knew that freedom was not cheap and had to be fought for even if there was the shedding of blood to protect our nation and our rights.

Before and after the war he worked for Texas-New Mexico Pipeline as a roustabout and pipeline gauger and retired with them in 1977. He and his first wife Martha lived and worked in Snyder, Texas. After she died of cancer he moved to Marble Falls, Texas, up until 2006 when they moved to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home.

James was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, first wife Marth Goll, his son James Jr., and his second wife Lou.

James is survived in death by his daughter Barbara Lou Ball and her husband Ron of Big Spring and two grandsons; Justin Ball and his wife Louisa of Midland, Texas, and Jason Ball of Big Spring. May he rest in Peace.

A prayer service and visitation will be held Wednesday night between 7:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring. Private graveside services will be held in Burnet, Texas, on Thursday. If you would like to make a donation, the family suggests donations be made to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road, Big Spring, Texas, 79720

Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

*Paid Obituary*

### Howard A. Stevens

Howard A. Stevens, 79, of Big Spring, died Monday Jan. 6, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 16, 1934, to Edith and Harry Stevens in Sweetwater, Texas. He had been in the community since 1956. He married Karen Terry Nov. 5, 1956, in Lamesa, Texas. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He served in the United States Army in the Missile Battalion in Norfolk, Va. from 1954 to 1956. After leaving active duty, he began working for Cosden Refinery where he retired after 33 years as a unit operator. After his retirement he continued working his business of sewing machine sales and servicing.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Paulette Stevens; five sons, Gary Stevens of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, Dale Stevens of Allen, Texas, Michael Stevens of Tucson, Ariz., Christopher Stevens of Arlington, Texas, Thomas Stevens of Aurora, Colo.; two daughters Sherry Renlmeesters of Fort Worth, Texas, and Kathy Stevens of Aurora, Colo.; one brother Paul Stevens of Sweetwater, Texas; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

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### Elmer Lindsey



Elmer Lindsey, 77, of Coahoma, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Saviour Sunday Jan. 5, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church of Big Spring.

Elmer was born to Montie and Frank Lindsey March 28, 1936, in Tahoka, Texas.

He was longtime member of the Coahoma and Tahoka Lions Clubs. He was a member of First Christian Church and a former member of First Presbyterian Church for over 35 years.

He is survived by his loving wife Paulette Lindsey of Coahoma; two sons Frankie Lindsey and wife Suzette and Marty Lindsey and wife Julie; one daughter Sharette Webb and husband Jerry; one brother Sam Lindsey; two sisters Margie Terry and Viola Bertreaux; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister Emma Cook. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and friend. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com>

### James David Yater

James David Yater, 74, of Irving, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, in an Irving hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Reverend Mel Hardin, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

He was born July 6, 1939, in Ingram, Texas and married Kay Leatherwood May 26, 1962, in Big Spring, Texas.

David graduated from Big Spring High School and then attended Arlington State College. He worked for Texas Electric for 42 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a Baptist and a member of Staked Plains Lodge 598 A.F. & A.M. in Big Spring and the Moslah Shriners and served as a Shrine Clown.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Yater of Irving; one brother, Wesley Yater of Big Spring; and six godchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Sadie Yater; and one brother, Billy Yater.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Childrens Hospital, [www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org) or to the ASPCA, [www.aspcadonate.org](http://www.aspcadonate.org)

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

### Larry Bob Conway

Larry Bob Conway, 64, died Monday in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

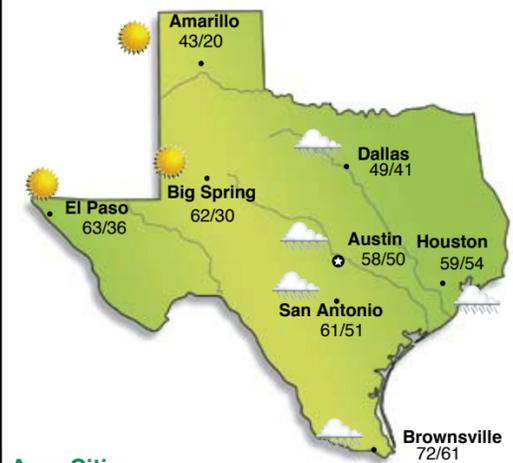
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 1/8	Thu 1/9	Fri 1/10	Sat 1/11	Sun 1/12
<b>62/30</b> Abundant sunshine. High 62F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.	<b>60/47</b> More clouds than sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>66/36</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>55/37</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>66/36</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM

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### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	60	29	pt sunny	Kingsville	71	58	rain
Amarillo	43	20	sunny	Livingston	53	47	rain
Austin	58	50	rain	Longview	44	39	rain
Beaumont	55	47	cloudy	Lubbock	55	22	sunny
Brownsville	72	61	rain	Lufkin	51	45	rain
Brownwood	61	36	pt sunny	Midland	62	31	sunny
Corpus Christi	67	59	rain	Raymondville	71	58	rain
Corsicana	48	41	rain	Rosenberg	59	55	rain
Dallas	49	41	rain	San Antonio	61	51	rain
Del Rio	61	44	pt sunny	San Marcos	59	51	rain
El Paso	63	36	sunny	Sulphur Springs	43	37	rain
Fort Stockton	69	39	pt sunny	Sweetwater	60	30	mst sunny
Gainesville	45	33	rain	Tyler	45	41	rain
Greenville	42	37	rain	Weatherford	50	34	cloudy
Houston	59	54	rain	Wichita Falls	53	32	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	28	mst sunny	Minneapolis	2	-11	sunny
Boston	24	17	sunny	New York	27	23	sunny
Chicago	16	4	pt sunny	Phoenix	68	46	mst sunny
Dallas	49	41	rain	San Francisco	62	47	pt sunny
Denver	43	25	pt sunny	Seattle	46	44	rain
Houston	59	54	rain	St. Louis	37	29	sn shower
Los Angeles	72	47	pt sunny	Washington, DC	34	28	mst sunny
Miami	75	70	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 1/8	Thu 1/9	Fri 1/10	Sat 1/11	Sun 1/12
4	3	3	3	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 is the lowest and 11 is the highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

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## Police blotter

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

- LISA MARIE YANEZ, 31, of 1705 Jennings, was arrested Monday on charges of disregard stop sign, failure to identify - fugitive giving false information, driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction, driving while license invalid, expired registration and failure to appear - two counts.
- TELEPHONE HARASSMENT reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1600 block of 1st Ave.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION reported at the 1300 block of Elm.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

• LISA MARIE YANEZ was booked by BSPD on charges of fail to identify - fugitive intent to give false information, disregard stop sign, driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution, driving while license invalid, display expired registration and failure to appear - two counts.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of N. Main. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of North Main. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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.

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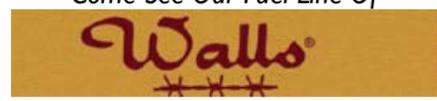
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# News briefs

## South, East brace for dangerous polar air as Midwest slowly starts to step out of freezer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Frigid air that snapped decades-old records will make venturing outside dangerous for a second straight day, this time spreading to southern and eastern parts of the U.S. and keeping many schools and businesses shuttered. Meanwhile, residents driven from their homes by power outages in the Midwest worried about burst pipes.

Monday's subzero temperatures broke records in Chicago, which set a record for the date at minus 16, and Fort Wayne, Ind., where the mercury fell to 13 below. Records also fell in Oklahoma and Texas, and wind chills across the region were 40 below and colder. Officials in states like Indiana already struggling with high winds and more than a foot of snow urged residents to stay home if they could. "The cold is the real killer here," Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard said Monday as he asked schools and businesses to remain closed another day. "In 10 minutes you could be dead without the proper clothes."

The polar air will next invade the East and South on Tuesday, bringing with it the prospect of more records falling. Highs in the single digits were expected in Georgia and Alabama, and wind chill warnings stretched as far south as Florida, with forecasts calling for minus 10 in Atlanta and minus 12 in Baltimore.

In downtown Louisville, Ky., where wind chills dropped to 22 below zero Monday, John Tyler gathered with friends at a McDonald's. The self-described homeless man spent Sunday night sleeping on the street.

## Senate sets clash over bill extending long-term unemployment benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new year looks a lot like the old one in the Senate, with Democrats scratching for votes to pass an agenda they share with President Barack Obama, and Republicans decidedly unenthusiastic about supporting legislation without changes.

At the dawn of the 2014 election year, the issue is unemployment benefits, and a White House-backed bill to renew benefits that lapsed last month for the long-term jobless.

The three-month measure is the leading edge of a Democratic program that also includes raising the minimum wage, closing tax loopholes on the wealthy and corporations, and enacting other measures designed to demonstrate sympathy with those who suffered during the worst recession in decades and a subsequent long, slow recovery.

With bad weather preventing more than a dozen senators from traveling to Washington on Monday evening, a showdown vote was postponed until Tuesday.

But not before Republicans accused Democrats of playing politics.

## Yellen's Fed will face tests as it scales back bond purchases aimed at boosting economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Janet Yellen will take the helm of a Federal Reserve facing a significantly different economic landscape than the one that dominated Ben Bernanke's tenure as chairman, confronting her with different decisions as well.

Bernanke's eight years leading the Fed were largely consumed with the Great Recession and his efforts to cure it by pushing down interest rates and pumping cash into the economy. Many economists think Yellen's big challenge will be deciding how to ease off some of those very policies, which Bernanke took with Yellen's support.

"Circumstances may demand more rapid tightening than people are expecting," said Bill Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock Financial Services, who envisions a growing economy this year. He contrasted that with Bernanke, who he said had to decide "when to step on the gas pedal and how hard" as the economy recovered weakly from the recession.

The Senate confirmed Yellen, a long-time Fed official and economist at the University of California at Berkeley, by a 56-26 vote Monday. Supporting her were all 45 voting Democrats and 11 Republicans, while all opposing votes came from the GOP. Many senators missed the vote because frigid weather canceled numerous airline flights.

Yellen begins her four-year term Feb. 1, when Bernanke steps down. She has been Fed vice chair since 2010.

## Political brawling over Kolkata rape shows Indian voters watching police on women's safety

NEW DELHI (AP) — The 16-year-old reported that she had been gang raped, only to be raped again by the same men the next day and later threatened for going to the police in eastern India. By the time charges were filed more than two months later, she had been set on fire and died from her injuries.

The girl's death on New Year's Eve in West Bengal came more than a year after a deadly gang rape in New Delhi raised awareness and outrage over chronic sexual violence in India and government failures to protect women. The New Delhi rape was considered a major reason for why voters ousted the capital's government last month, and a furious response to the West Bengal case suggests that with general elections just months away, politicians are

anxious to impress voters who are demanding that women's safety become a police priority.

The teen's family, allegedly run out of town by her assailants, accuses police of trying to cover up the crimes.

Improving sensitivity by police officers and medical workers is crucial to improving women's safety in this country of 1.2 billion, activists say. Even as the government has promised to improve justice for rape victims, some trying to report sexual crimes have said they were harassed by officers making lewd comments, demanding bribes or simply shooing them away.

The girl reported being gang raped on Oct. 25 and 26, but Kolkata police did not arrest anyone until the girl ended up in a hospital Dec. 23 with severe burn injuries. Doctors then determined she was pregnant. Police initially told reporters she had attempted suicide, but the girl's family disputed that, saying she was set on fire by associates of those who had gang raped her.

## For Obama, Congress, 2014 represents a last grasp at overhauling immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — His agenda tattered by last year's confrontations and missteps, President Barack Obama begins 2014 clinging to the hope of winning a lasting legislative achievement: an overhaul of immigration laws.

It will require a deft and careful use of his powers, combining a public campaign in the face of protests over his administration's record number of deportations with quiet, behind-the-scenes outreach to Congress, something seen by lawmakers and immigration advocates as a major White House weakness.

In recent weeks, both Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, have sent signals that raised expectations among overhaul supporters that 2014 could still yield the first comprehensive change in immigration laws in nearly three decades. If successful, it would fulfill an Obama promise many Latinos say is overdue.

The Senate last year passed a bipartisan bill that was comprehensive in scope that addressed border security, provided enforcement measures and offered a path to citizenship for 11 million immigrants in the United States illegally. House leaders, pressed by tea party conservatives, demanded a more limited and piecemeal approach.

Indicating a possible opening, Obama has stopped insisting the House pass the Senate version. And two days after calling Boehner to wish him happy birthday in November, Obama made it clear he could accept the House's bill-by-bill approach, with one caveat: In the end, "we're going to have to do it all."

## Gay couples' rush to marry in Utah grinds to halt after U.S. Supreme Court issues stay

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — More than 1,000 gay and lesbian couples in Utah have exchanged wedding vows over the past two weeks in jubilant celebrations — but the rush on same-sex marriage licenses has come to an end.

The U.S. Supreme Court put a halt to them Monday by granting the state of Utah a stay on a federal judge's ruling that two other courts previously denied. The decision drew cheers from Gov. Gary Herbert and other state officials, who immediately instructed county clerks to stop marrying gay and lesbian couples. In Utah's largest county, four couples were turned away.

The justices did not rule on the merits of the case or on same-sex marriage bans in general, leaving both sides confident they'll ultimately win. The decision stays in effect while the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considers the long-term question of whether gay couples have a right to wed in Utah.

Meanwhile, hundreds of newly married couples were thrown into legal and emotional limbo by the decision. Legal scholars say their marriage licenses will be honored by the federal government, but Utah officials are trying to determine whether the marriages that have already taken place are still valid.

The latest twist in the legal battle clouds what was seen as a cause for celebration.

## Run Run Shaw, Hong Kong movie and TV mogul who popularized kung fu genre, dies at age 107

HONG KONG (AP) — Run Run Shaw built a Hong Kong movie and TV empire that nurtured rising talents like actor Chow Yun-fat and director John Woo, inspired Hollywood filmmakers such as Quentin Tarantino and produced the 1982 sci-fi classic "Blade Runner."

Shaw's prolific studio helped bring kung fu films to the world but he also passed on the chance to sign one of the biggest names in that genre: the young Bruce Lee.

The missed opportunity was a rare misstep for Shaw, who died at age 107 on Tuesday, according to a statement from Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB), which he helped found in 1967. No cause of death was given.

His Shaw Brothers Studios, once among the

world's largest, churned out nearly 1,000 movies and gave young directors like Woo their start. He produced a handful of U.S. films that also included the 1979 disaster thriller "Meteor."

His television empire, which remains a dominant force in Hong Kong, was where stars like Chow got their first breaks. Wong Kar-wai, the director behind critically acclaimed art-house movies like "Chungking Express" and "In the Mood for Love," got his start through a TVB training course and worked at the station briefly as a production assistant.

## Dallas, Denton counties confirm 19 flu deaths

DALLAS (AP) — Health officials in Dallas and Denton counties have confirmed 19 flu-related deaths as medical experts urge people to get vaccinated.

Dallas County Health and Human Services confirms 17 adult flu deaths since late December.

The Denton County Health Department on Monday confirmed the deaths of one adult and a girl. Both people from the Carrollton area had underlying medical problems.

The Texas Department of State Health Services says medical providers are seeing an increase in flu across the state. Current vaccines are designed to protect against H1N1, commonly known as swine flu.

Child flu deaths must be reported to Texas health officials, but adult flu deaths are not tracked statewide.

## Texas Panhandle records 3.5 magnitude earthquake

VEGA, Texas (AP) — The Texas Panhandle has had a minor earthquake.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the 3.5 magnitude quake happened Monday morning and was centered 14 miles west of Vega.

The Oldham County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday had no reports of damage or injuries from the quake.

Vega is 30 miles west of Amarillo.

## 2 teens had lived with Canyon Lake slaying victim

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Investigators say a teenager and his girlfriend charged with killing his grandfather attacked the Central Texas man after being kicked out of the victim's home.

The Austin American-Statesman reports an arrest affidavit says 69-year-old James Spencer of Canyon Lake was beaten and stabbed on New Year's Day. The affidavit says 19-year-old Austin Byrom and 18-year-old Skyler Burghart at times lived with Spencer but he asked them to leave.

The Comal (KOH'-mal) County Sheriff's Office says the suspects were arrested Friday in Corpus Christi and charged with murder. They were transferred to the county jail in New Braunfels and were being held Tuesday on \$500,000 bond apiece.

Spencer's vehicle was stolen following the attack. The car was recovered in Corpus Christi.

The sheriff's office Tuesday didn't immediately update the case.

## 2 dogs linked to Houston killing to be euthanized

HOUSTON (AP) — Two pit bulls put into quarantine after the deadly mauling of a 43-year-old woman in Houston will be euthanized.

City animal control officials say the dogs were located after the attack early Sunday in a southeast Houston neighborhood. A medical examiner on Monday identified the victim as Christina Burleson. Two people were injured trying to save her.

One dog was captured shortly after the attack. Officials say the second dog was located with the owners.

BARC animal shelter spokesman Christopher Newport says one pit bull was covered in blood that matched the dead woman. Newport says both dogs will be euthanized following an investigation into the attack.

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Alfredo Hinojos, 79, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan Molina Garcia, 58, died Thursday. Vigil services will be tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Robin Wheelhouse, 50, died Friday. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. today at Midway Baptist Church. Burial will follow with graveside services at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Midland today at 3 p.m.

James Goll, 98, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 7:45 - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday night at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Burnett, Texas.

Elmer Lindsey, 77, died Sunday. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church.

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

# About the people who serve us

A New York voice boomed from the back of the long car rental line: “Wha’d they do, lay off half the people?”

One of my thoughts no doubt shared by fellow detainees waiting, waiting at the big-name car rental office at a Florida airport. Behind the desk flashed a screen informing us of the company’s very high ratings for customer service. I was not the only one smirking.

The problem was not the quality of the employees behind the desk. They performed nobly under strain, all two of them. It turned out that one was stuck wrestling for half an hour with a glitch in a customer’s reservation.

Foul weather up north had forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights and rerouting of passengers to other airports. The customer taking up the agent’s time needed to return his car to a different airport than planned. The agent needed authorization from some higher-up, and that was requiring multiple phone calls.

Why wasn’t he empowered to do what everyone knew he’d have to do — and which he ended up doing — which was make the change? Another question: The weather event was obviously going to unleash travel chaos,

The Left’s Latest Mantra: Income Inequality

It’s no mystery what the left intends to make its next life-or-death issue: income inequality. Liberals are all popping off about it. It’s everywhere, from Obama’s speeches to liberal think tanks to liberal reporters.

It’s almost as if they were conspiring to distract us from Obamacare. Nah!

On “Meet the Press,” PBS anchorwoman Judy Woodruff sounded the alarm, not as a dispassionate reporter but as a progressive advocate. While acknowledging Obama’s problems with Obamacare, she breathlessly insisted, “At the same time, the argument for doing something about the economy, the argument for addressing inequality, is such a compelling argument.”

Behold the liberal mindset. It’s apparently only of passing concern to Woodruff that Obamacare caused cancellations of millions of policies of insurance for people. That is so last year.

The important thing is that liberal icon Barack Obama forced quasi-socialized health care through Congress, and any harm it causes people must take a back seat to advancement of the progressive agenda, which is ostensibly designed (in the progressives’ minds) to prevent harm to people.

Ignore the foolish inconsistency. Nor does it matter that Obama lied about the harm his sacred plan would cause. The progressive agenda is marching forward.

Liberals must now shift our attention to the next issue they can preen about and showcase their moral superiority.

Notice that Woodward didn’t say, “We need to get the economy moving again and get people back to work.”

She conflated “doing something about the economy” with “the argument for addressing inequality.”

News flash: You don’t do something about the economy by obsessing over income redistribution.

The two are connected, but not

so why didn’t the company put a third person behind the desk? (Perhaps she was laid off.)

Problems in service are usually the fault of the employer, not the employee. Computers attached to exotic chains of command are intended to cut costs to the bone. But should the slightest thing go wrong, the system falls apart. One could almost hear the others making mental notes to try a different car rental company next time. (I know I did.)

Meanwhile, a woman talked about spending extra hours getting out to New York because her flight was short one flight attendant. The jet was there.

The pilots were there. No one could leave because they were down one flight attendant. (The same delay happened to me a few years ago, so it’s not unique.) You’d think a big airline operating out of a big airport would have an extra flight attendant in reserve.

Heaven forfend that some worker be unoccupied for 10 minutes during a slack in demand.

But that’s the thinking of executives who regard workers as a mere weight on their bottom line.

“Many retailers see labor as a cost driver rather than a sales driver and therefore focus on minimizing costs,” Zeynep Ton wrote in Harvard Business Review. The article is titled “Why ‘Good Jobs’ Are Good for Retailers.”

As Ton explained, the execu-

tive needing to quickly goose profits has no easier route than to get rid of workers or add to their load. The assumption that customers don’t notice or care about lousy service is a bad one.

A classic example was Robert Nardelli at Home Depot. He cut jobs and began relying more on part-time workers — all the while arranging outlandish pay packages for himself. Wonder what that did to the stressed staffers’ motivation. Wonder how that changed the quality of employee willing to work there.

Home Depot’s stock price swooned along with its reputation for excellent service. Nardelli resigned in 2007 — with a \$210 million severance package, natch.

Services requiring a live human being are best delivered by well-trained, well-paid and empowered workers. In a study of one large retailer, every \$1 increase in payroll delivered up to \$28 more in sales.

As for concerns that better staffing might raise prices, someone should have asked the exhausted travelers waiting in line for a car whether they’d pay an extra \$10 to get one right away. There would have been a stampede.

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# Left’s latest mantra: Income inequality

in the sense that liberals believe they are.

While Obama liberals scoff at conservatives for their alleged “trickledown” approach to economics, they make the preposterous counterargument that you grow the economy “from the middle out,” by which they mean you fuel economic growth by redistributing income.

You don’t generate economic activity by punishing producers and taking their earnings and giving the money to others. How in the world could that expand the economic pie?

More likely, as history demonstrates, it will shrink the pie by disincentivizing all groups from producing.

The wealthy will produce less because when you increase taxes on something (in this case, productivity and success), you get less of it. The recipients will mostly produce less because they are rewarded for not producing.

So “addressing inequality” is connected to “doing something about the economy” but in precisely the opposite way the left implies.

Efforts to misuse the tax code to equalize outcomes — as opposed to using it for the purpose of securing funds for constitutionally prescribed federal government functions — will usually harm the economy.

Some liberals probably don’t even believe their own propaganda that redistribution stimulates economic growth.

In 2008, Obama told ABC’s Charlie Gibson he favors increasing capital gains tax rates despite the fact that such increases had resulted in less revenue for the government. “It’s a matter of fairness, Charlie.”

For Obama, it was more important to punish the “rich” than to help the poor. That’s his mindset — and it’s warped.

Don’t get me wrong. Obama and his fellow leftists are fixated on redistributing wealth, but a major component of that, as witnessed by his attitude on increasing the capital gains rate, is that the wealthy need to be punished — even if it means hurting lower-income groups.

The irony of all this is that these liberal policies often result in exacerbating income inequality. Obama can pretend, once again, that he’s an innocent bystander, but income inequal-

ity is getting worse under his presidency.

A half-century and trillions of dollars in government transfer payments have not helped the poor. Even The New York Times is grudgingly conceding that after 50 years, “the war on poverty declared 50 years ago by President Lyndon B. Johnson has largely failed.”

Whether or not liberals are able to process the reality that their programs have failed, they will not abandon them, because class warfare and government dependency programs are their ticket to power. CNN’s Candy Crowley unwittingly admitted as much when she asked Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker why any unemployed American or minimum wage worker would become a Republican.

It’s not that conservatives don’t care about the poor. It’s that we do care about the poor — and everyone else. We believe that our free market solutions generate economic growth, stimulate upward mobility and improve the economic lives of far more people, including the poor and middle class, than any other system. History vindicates us.

The left will always win the “look at how much I care about you” contest.

But it loses in the “actually caring” department because at some point, people have to be presumed to have intended the damaging results their policies have consistently caused.

Liberals can posture about how much they care and they can try desperately to change the channel from Obamacare, but the devastating harm that program has caused to millions already may finally have punctured their pretense of caring and their shameless practice of attempting to exempt themselves from accountability for their policies.

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# Kid Scoop

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## Quiz a Friend!

Quiz a friend or family member with the following statements. If they don't know the answers, you can use today's Kid Scoop to be the teacher! All the answers can be found on today's Kid Scoop page.

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Power of Words

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped to change the world. His words still inspire people today. He was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His father was the minister of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, as was his father before him. Because Martin and his father had the same name, the family called him M.L.

### Caring

When M.L. was young, he played with all the children who lived in his Atlanta neighborhood.

Use the code to find out what M.L.'s mother told him.

■ ● ▽  
 ▲ ★ × ▾ ○  
 ▼ ● ● ▽  
 ▲ ○  
 ▲ □ ■ ● □ ×  
 ▲ = A ● = O  
 ▽ = D ★ = R  
 × = E ○ = S  
 ▼ = G ▽ = U  
 □ = N ■ = Y

But when they reached school age, the white children went to a school for white children only, and M.L. was sent to a school for black children. After the first day of school, M.L. and his white friends were never allowed to play together again.

**Standards Link:** History: Students identify the people honored in commemorative holidays.

### Use Your Marbles

Martin and his friends have been collecting marbles. They counted to see how many marbles in all. Use the clue to see if you can figure out how many marbles.



**Standards Link:** Mathematical Reasoning: Students use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

**Clue:** When counted by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, or 6s, there is always one marble left over. When counted by 7s, there are no marbles left over. The answer is between 299 and 310.

### Discipline

$8 + 7 =$  the driver forced him to give up his seat to a white person.  
 $3 + 5 =$  Once he gave a speech in another town about the rights of black people. He  
 $9 + 11 =$  with a Ph.D. in Theology. M.L. would now be addressed as Dr. King.  
 $2 + 4 =$  As M.L. started school, he discovered he could dazzle people with his words.  
 $9 + 8 =$  With hard work and study, M.L. eventually graduated from Boston University  
 $5 + 6 =$  won a prize for his speech attacking segregation laws. On the bus ride home,

The sentences in the above story are out of order. Find the correct order by doing the math problem next to each line. Then put the line in order from the smallest sum to the largest.

**Standards Link:** Character Education: Students identify character traits in others.

### Courage

For more than 20 years, Martin Luther King spoke out against \_\_\_\_\_ and segregation. During these years, he was arrested, had his \_\_\_\_\_ bombed, and was accused of being "un-American."

In 1963, Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. "I have a dream that one day in Alabama little black boys and black girls will \_\_\_\_\_ hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and \_\_\_\_\_."

In 1964, the \_\_\_\_\_ Rights Act was passed, granting equal rights to black Americans and Dr. King received the Nobel Peace \_\_\_\_\_.

Sadly, just four \_\_\_\_\_ later, Dr. King was shot and killed in Memphis, Tenn. But his words live on.

- BROTHERS**  
**CIVIL**  
**JOIN**  
**PRIZE**  
**YEARS**  
**RACISM**  
**HOME**

Find where each of these words belong in this story.

**Standards Link:** History: Students understand the achievements of famous people.

### Double Double Word Search

- MARTIN  
CIVIL  
BOSTON  
EBENEZER  
MARBLES  
ALABAMA  
LUTHER  
KING  
DREAM  
SPEECH  
WHITE  
IMPACT  
BOYS  
PLAY  
HEAL

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

E	T	G	H	E	R	E	W	O	P
O	B	F	N	O	T	S	O	B	W
A	O	E	O	I	E	P	L	A	Y
L	Y	M	N	L	K	R	U	D	E
A	S	A	B	E	M	L	T	S	T
B	C	R	A	R	Z	A	H	I	I
A	A	T	N	S	P	E	E	C	H
M	C	I	V	I	L	H	R	R	W
A	G	N	T	C	A	P	M	I	D

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

### Word Power

Select a headline from today's newspaper and rewrite it to say just the opposite. How many more ways can you rewrite that headline. How does the impact of the words change when you write the headline different ways?

**Standards Link:** Sentence Structure: Students are able to write complete sentences.

- Where was Martin Luther King born?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- From which college did Dr. King receive his Ph.D.?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- In 1964 Dr. King was awarded an important prize. What was it called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- In what year was the Civil Rights Act passed?  
 1964  1968  1970
- What was the name of the famous speech Dr. King gave in Washington D.C.?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Give at least one example, recounted in today's Kid Scoop page, of Martin Luther King's courage.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- In what year was Dr. King shot and killed?  
 1964  1968  1970

- Words were one tool Dr. Martin Luther King used to bring about social change.  
 True  False

**ANSWERS**  
 1. Atlanta, GA  
 2. Boston University  
 3. Nobel Peace Prize  
 4. 1964  
 5. "I Have a Dream"  
 6. Continuing to speak for civil rights even after being arrested and having his home bombed.  
 7. 1968  
 8. True. (He did use actions, too. He helped with the bus boycott. He was arrested. He led protests.)

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Demonstrate comprehension by identifying answers in text.

Service was at the heart of Martin Luther King's philosophy. "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve," he once said, and he urged Americans to take action to improve the lives of others.

Today people celebrate Martin Luther King Day as a "Day of Service." This week Kid Scoop's online kids' page at www.kidscoop.com provides instructions on how to put on a Book Drive to collect books for needy children and day care centers.

A Book Drive is just one kind of a service project. Can you think of others?

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Just Like Martin**  
 Look through today's newspaper for examples of people acting in a way that reminds you of Martin Luther King. Select one person and write a paragraph explaining how that person is somewhat like Martin Luther King.  
**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Write descriptions that use details to present unified impressions of people.

Choose your favorite Dr. King quote. Make a poster illustrating the quote and display it in your home or classroom.

"Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."  
 "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."  
 "In the end, we remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

**Write On!**  
**I Have a Dream**  
 Write a paragraph about a dream you have for yourself, or your school, or your community, or for the entire world.

# Bird Poop: Home is where the hair is

As the first week of January comes to a close, a look out the window reminds me of how much I miss a particular small bird's presence.

Once migratory, its species has, over the years, adopted much of the southwestern part of Texas, including our neighborhood as a yearly residence. The influx of numerous feeders has been tempting.

The overabundance of white-winged doves hogging our feeders, and bullying other birds, however, has influenced our decision to quit feeding. By encouraging the doves to disperse throughout the neighborhood and city in search of seed bonanzas, we have slowly regained many of our favorites.

Cardinals, blue and scrub jays, mockingbirds, curve-billed and sage thrashers, pyrrhuloxia, and house finches are coming to two elevated water basins. In season, robins, cedar waxwings, painted buntings, warblers and juncos can be seen.

Still, the undulating flight and voice of the lesser goldfinch is absent. Whether perched in a tree or flying, its familiar "tee-yee, tee-yer" is silent.

Perhaps the little ones are encamped at other yards in the neighborhood or communities nearby. Checking our records, however, verified that the number of goldfinches being turned in

has declined greatly over a 10-year period. It reminded me of one of my last entries.

Taking one more glance out a window one morning had been interrupted by a phone call. With record setting temperatures in the teens and twenties so early in winter, it was not unexpected.

A friend, who preferred to live in the county, rather than in the city of Midland, had started back toward her house after putting food and water out for the birds. Suddenly, a very small, fluttering creature landed on her head.

Sensing it might be desperately seeking warmth as it tried to nestle in her hair, she slowly opened the door and inched her way back inside. Gently closing her hand over the bird, she placed it in a roomy cage with several roosts, surrounded it with towels, and called for advice.

Her description of its length, and coloration, "greenish yellow on top, yellowish below, black cap, white wing bars" was enough to know it was a female, lesser goldfinch.

First, a quiet environment where it would be undisturbed was essential. With moistened cat chow, Niger seeds, mealworms and water, she could sustain it until the frigid weather subsided.

The coming weekend promised warmer days and nights. Since it had been capable of the flight to the top of her head, it could then be released.

Her calls during the next two days had reminded me of the time we had inconve-



Referred to as a "Mexican canary" in many old bird books, the lesser goldfinch is now considered to be a resident in some parts of Texas. With a conical bill, it loves wild sunflowers, burr thistles, ragweed, and grasses for the seeds they offer. Only four inches long, it weighs less than an ounce.

niented an adult male of that species. Because of a collision with a window, he had needed a short stay with us for observation.

His delicate layering of feathers had reminded me of sculpted porcelain. The epitome of nature's artistic bent, he was glossy black above from head to tail. With his vibrant yellow chest and belly, and white patches accenting his black wings and tail, he was a striking adult. However, he totally resented our assistance.

After checking weather reports and being assured

temperatures would remain stable, our friend called early the next morning. "Today OK?" she asked. "Perfect," I replied.

Later, she let me know that the goldfinch had readily taken flight to the nearest tree. During the rest of winter, the little bird could hunt daily in the undeveloped land surrounding her home. Seeds would be plentiful from dry grasses and weeds. With the onset of spring-like weather, it might take small, emerging caterpillars, flies, beetles, wasps and bees. The bud-out of awakening trees would of-

fer tempting petals. Active in the Midland Naturalists, this friend has been at several events we have attended in the years since that cold winter. Her emails enlighten us about migratory birds.

Often, she has told me she still remembers the day the lesser goldfinch came into her life. Perhaps my reminder of "Heads Up!" made it more poignant.

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# How the calendar finally got up to date

Last week we discussed the beginnings of the Roman calendar and the changes that have taken place throughout the years. We learned that the Julian calendar was used for several hundred years but finally replaced by the Gregorian calendar.

The earlier calendar, which consisted of 12 months, was actually quite accurate and erred from the real



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solar calendar by only 11½ minutes a year. However, after centuries passed, even a small inaccuracy like this adds up.

By the sixteenth century, the equinox had shifted by 10 days and this inaccuracy placed

the earlier calendar 10 days behind. It had also been realized that a standard method for calculating the date of Easter needed to be developed based on the equinox, since Easter was drifting away from its springtime position and was losing its relation with the Jewish Passover.

Over the next four centuries, scholars debated the "correct" time for celebrating Easter and the means of regulating this time to the calendar. The Church made intermittent attempts to solve the Easter question without

reaching a consensus.

At the Council of Trent, Pope Pius V introduced adjustments to the lunar tables and the leap-year system. When Pope Gregory XIII succeeded Pope Pius in 1572, he convened a commission to consider reforming the calendar, since he considered his predecessor's measures inadequate.

The recommendations of Pope Gregory's calendar commission were instituted and became official on Feb. 24, 1582. Adjustments had to be made to the calendar so 10 days were deleted which made Oct. 4, 1582

to be followed by Oct. 15, 1582, setting the calendar to fit the equinox and a new table of new moons and full moons was introduced for determining the date of Easter.

Because of disagreements and communication problems, the change in the calendar moved slowly across the empire. Protestant states initially rejected the calendar, but gradually accepted it over the centuries.

Germany and the Netherlands agreed to adopt the Gregorian calendar in 1698; Russia accepted it after the revolution of 1918, and Greece waited until 1923 to follow suit. The Eastern Orthodox churches rejected the new calendar and continued to use the Julian

calendar with traditional lunar tables for calculating Easter.

Because the purpose of the Gregorian calendar was to regulate the cycle of Christian holidays, its acceptance in the non-Christian world was initially not at issue.

But as international communications developed, the Gregorian calendar was gradually adopted around the world.

As I studied the work of the men who devoted their time on these calendar changes, I became acutely aware that I am so happy that I was not on this committee!

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Defense Is a Thoughtful Process

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	Q 9 8		
♥	Q J 5		
♦	K Q J 9 7 3		
♣	3		

<b>WEST</b>				<b>EAST</b>			
♠	5 2	♠	A 7 4	♥	9 2	♥	A 10 5
♥	K 8 6 4 3	♦	A 10 5	♦	K 10 9 5 2		
♦	2	♣	J 8 7 6 4				

<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	K J 10 6 3		
♥	A 10 7		
♦	8 6 4		
♣	A Q		

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

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

Just as declarer's first consideration is to make the contract, a defender's first consideration is to defeat the contract.

Consider this deal from a team match. At the first table, West led his singleton diamond against South's four-spade contract. It was not hard for East to read the lead as a singleton, so he won with the ace and returned the five.

West ruffed and shifted to a club. Declarer took East's king with the

ace and led a trump to the eight. East won with the ace and played his last diamond, but West had no more trumps, and South scored the rest of the tricks to make exactly four.

At the second table, the bidding and opening lead were the same, but when East took the ace of diamonds, he realized that a diamond return at this point would almost certainly limit the defense to three tricks. Declarer would presumably begin to draw trumps as soon as he gained the lead, extracting West's remaining trump in the process, so West would not be able to ruff a second diamond.

A fourth trick for the defense therefore had to come from somewhere else, and the only realistic plan was to play West for the king of hearts. Furthermore, it was essential to establish West's presumed heart trick while the defenders were still in control.

So at trick two, East shifted to the nine of hearts. South had no choice but to finesse, losing to the king, and West returned a heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen and led a low trump.

East thereupon rose with the ace and returned the ten of diamonds, ruffed by West. West then led a heart, ruffed by East. That was the end of the line for East-West, but by this time they had five tricks to show for their well-thought-out efforts.

Tomorrow: Tiny strokes fell great oaks.  
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## Sudoku Answer on Page 7

# 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.

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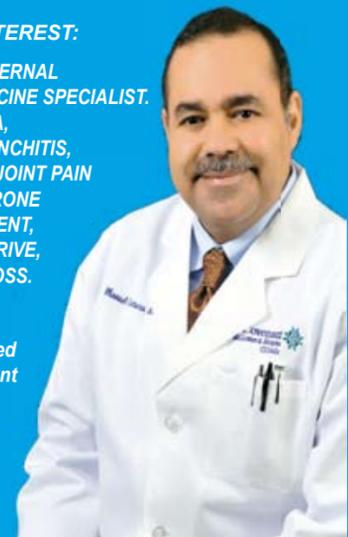
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As Jupiter aligns with a grand water trine, nothing is exactly as it seems. So what? "Seems" is the only thing you have to go on. Since you can only experience reality the way you do, it may be pointless to espouse an existence that's different from what you can observe. And yet, something wonderful will happen when you do.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**A R I E S** (March 21-April 19). If you see it every day, it's not strange -- and if it's not strange, then it can't be beautiful. This is why updating your style or changing the way you relate to people will be worth the effort and expense.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A messy room and an organized mind seldom go together,

though the untidy person in your life will claim they do. Use negative examples as inspiration to get your own room/act/head together.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If you accused someone close to you of being out of touch with what you need, you would be right. But what good would that do? Instead, don't make anyone guess. Say what you need.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There are the people who say, "What can I do to help?" and there are the people who just get in there and help. The problem is pretty obvious now, so join the latter category.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When the conversation gets awkward or boring, you will be aware enough to change the subject. You don't think of this as a talent, but you should. Your astute socializing will save the day.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Of all the things you compare, comparing yourself to another person is the most unfair. You know all of your flaws and shortcomings; whereas, they are doing their best to mask theirs. Focus exclusively on being your best you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Go down the list of your many blessings, and remind yourself that your life right now is pretty great. If you don't appreciate your assets, it's impossible to present them in such a way that others will.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be meeting new people. The tone you set will be a starting place. If you start out too seriously, people will be frightened of what's next. That's why it's best to keep things light while making a first impression.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To manage the full range of your emotions, you must first embrace the full range of your emotions. Losing

your temper doesn't always mean you lose the situation. Some effectively use temper outbursts as a tactic.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Change occurs because you focus all of your energy on building a new way of doing things. You don't have to waste time tearing the old way down. It will crumble on its own.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If it is at all possible to lower your defenses while raising your standards, you'll do it. You have excellent taste, and what's even better is that you don't feel like you have to constantly prove that to people.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you do it first, you're the leader. Those who merely instruct others to do it first may have the title of "leader," but the one who will be respected and followed is the one who did it first.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 7). The next seven weeks bring good fortune on many levels. In March, the restless spirit sets in, and you'll restructure your work to better accommodate personal interests. It's not leisure you're after, but adventure. And because you don't mind challenge, hard work and inconvenience, you will have the adventure you crave. Gemini and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 38, 40, 22 and 10.

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Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** When I was a freshman in high school, I became friends with "Agnes," who was (like me) something of a social outcast. Agnes still considers me to be her best friend. That was 10 years ago.

We have both grown up to be very different people. I am repelled by Agnes' lifestyle of promiscuity and high-risk behaviors. Although she is free with praise and is loyal in an odd sort of way, she is incredibly narcissistic and often condescending. Add to that a volatile and sometimes violent temper, and she is a person I no longer want in my life. Still, we have a history. When she says I am "the only one who has stuck with her," I feel a responsibility to maintain the friendship. I am also fond of her 5-year-old son.

I don't want to be dishonest by pretending that her decisions, her manner and her lifestyle don't bother me. It seems dishonorable. But if I tell her any of this, I know it will lead to a nasty confrontation. The truth about my feelings would crush her. She considers friendship and loyalty to be sacred



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and would take my disapproval as a betrayal of her trust. Should I tell her the truth for my sake or continue the deception for hers? — *Conflicted*

**Dear Conflicted:** It depends on what you want. If your goal is not to see Agnes anymore, go ahead and let loose. People outgrow friendships all the time. You don't have to maintain this one, although it means you would not be around to show her son what a stable person looks like. You also could slowly make yourself less available to Agnes so there is no confrontation at all while the relationship withers. But a true friend would tell Agnes gently and kindly that you are worried about her. In turn, Agnes, while not pleased, would accept your concern and not cut you out of her son's life.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for two years, and we have been together for 16. This is my third marriage and his second. He is 61, and I am 58.

I work out of the home, and he is now semi-retired. I would appreciate some help with cooking or cleaning, but he always says I wouldn't be happy with the way he does it. I've told him this is a cop-out. I honestly do not care how well he does, only that there is effort and validation of my feelings. I'm exasperated. We get along great otherwise, but he is such a horse's butt about this.

Just yesterday, he made himself a sandwich for dinner and never even asked whether I wanted anything. He doesn't pressure me to cook. I do it because I know he likes to have dinner and I enjoy cooking. But I would certainly never eat in front of

him and not offer something.

Am I being overly sensitive? Is it too much to ask for help with cleaning and cooking or to have my feelings taken seriously? — *Hurt and Exasperated*

**Dear Hurt:** We think your husband is a little lazy and has been trained to be waited on. He needs to step up and be more of a full partner. Separate the household chores and assign specific tasks for each of you. If you enjoy cooking, you could do more of that, and he could do more cleaning. Ask what he'd prefer. If he doesn't follow through, do NOT pick up after him. Or, if you can afford it, hire someone.

**Dear Annie:** "Ms. Bit" said she was having trouble reaching certain body parts to clean them. I suggest she upgrade her toilet to a bidet toilet that provides a warm water bath and a drying fan for the parts in question. My elderly parents had one installed years ago, and it served them well. — *A Fan of Being Clean*

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Classic Annie

*Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.*

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have had this essay for years and thought you might print it so your readers could enjoy it. — *Westminster, Md.*



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**Dear Ann Landers:** March 1 was the second anniversary of my husband's death. We were high school sweethearts in the early '40s, and he served in the Navy in World War II. We were three months away from our 50th anniversary when he died suddenly.

I have been lucky to have a positive attitude because the challenges are endless -- loneliness, cooking for one, dealing with everyday problems that you once shared, trying to make a life without him. Thank God for attentive children, friends and the church. Their support is getting me through these sad months.

I hope those who know widows or widowers will invite them for dinner or tea occasionally, or just offer friendship. In this busy world, it is easy to forget those in need. For elders who are lucky enough to still have their spouses -- please overlook their faults, and enjoy every minute you have together. — *Missing Him in Va.*

**Dear Missing Him:** Thank you for reminding my readers of what's important. Too often we don't appreciate what we have until we lose it.

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# Steers' D rises up, shuts down Andrews

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

As the Big Spring Steers head into the District 4-3A portion of their basketball season, they know defense will determine how successful they are this year.

An exhibit of that was on display Monday at Steer Gym, as Big Spring overcame a shaky

offensive performance with lockdown defense en route to a 47-39 non-district victory over Andrews.

The Steers clamped down on Andrews' attack from the start, limiting the Mustangs to only five points on 2-of-10 shooting from the field in the first quarter. Big Spring never let Andrews get within

eight points of the lead after that.

"Defense won that game for us," BSHS Head Coach Ian Ritchey said. "We're playing good defense right now, and if we continue to do that, it's going to give us a chance to win games."

Interior players Tye Sealy and Tyler Bryan led the

Steers (8-9) with 19 and 10 points, respectively, while Andrews (5-11) was paced by Caleb O'Connor's 15 points.

Ritchey praised the performances of Sealy and Bryan, but said other teammates are going to have to pick up the pace on offense going forward.

"Those two are really solid

for us in the post area," he said. "But other teams know that, as well, so they're packing the paint and daring us to beat them from outside, and we're not shooting well enough from the perimeter to keep other teams from doing that."

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# South Plains sweeps Howard

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

LEVELLAND — The Texan Dome on the South Plains College campus has never ranked among Howard College's favorite places to play, and the Hawks have even less reason to like the locale now.

Howard's men's and women's basketball teams had another bad night under the dome Monday, dropping their respective contests — HC's men lost, 83-74, while the women dropped a 71-64 decision.

### Women's game

It was a tale of two halves for Howard's women Monday — the first half, but couldn't close the deal in the final 20 minutes.

"We were up six at the half and we led by eight points on three separate occasions in the second half," HC Coach Earl Diddle said. "We just couldn't close it out."

A major difference in the second half was fouls — The Hawks sent South Plains to the line 21 times in the final 20 minutes.

The game was tied at 56-all with less than five minutes to go, but the Lady Texans went on a 6-0 run to seize control of the game and were able to hold off Howard the rest of the way.

Bailey Wipff scored 15 points and Gabby Gonzales and Sarah Stinnett added 12 and 11 points, respectively, to lead the Hawks, who fell to 9-8 overall and 0-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Howard's women return to action Thursday when they host Clarendon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

### Men's game

The Hawks battled No. 2-ranked South Plains fairly evenly throughout their game Monday, but a late run by the Texans finally put the game out of reach for Howard, which suffered its first conference loss of the sea-

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Howard College's Torian Epps, left, dunks over a South Plains defender during their Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball game in Levelland Monday. South Plains won, 83-74.

# 'Noles No. 1

Late TD gives Florida St. BCS title over Auburn

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — After a regular season filled with blowout victories and easy fourth quarters, Jameis Winston and Florida State showed they could close like champions, too.

No. 2 Auburn wobbled the top-ranked Seminoles by jumping out to an 18-point lead in the first half, and then put Florida State on the brink of defeat for the first time this season.

Winston responded with the drive of his life and a game-winning touchdown pass with 13 seconds left that topped everything else he has done in one of the most sensational debut seasons a college quarterback has ever had.

The Heisman Trophy winner led the Seminoles 80 yards in the final 79 seconds, flicking a 2-yard TD pass to Kelvin Benjamin to give No. 1 Florida State a 34-31 victory against Auburn in the last BCS championship game Monday night.

"The last drive, that's a great way to cap off our season," Winston said. "That's the way we wanted to cap off our season."

The Bowl Championship Series went out with a bang, too, with one of the best title games in its 16-year history, right there with Texas 41, USC 38 at the Rose Bowl in 2006. That night it was Vince Young leading the Longhorns and capping a comeback by scooting into the end zone with 19 seconds left.

Now Winston is the Prince of Pasadena.

Next season the BCS will be replaced by a four-team playoff. Winston and the Seminoles should be contenders again after snapping the Southeastern Conference's seven-year national title streak.

"The SEC is great football, I coached in that league for 13 years, I respect every bit of it," coach Jimbo Fisher said, "but there's some other folks in this country that can play some football, too."

Florida State, which played in the first BCS championship games but had not been back since, was voted a unanimous No. 1 in the final AP Top 25. Auburn finished second.

Winston struggled much of the night but was near perfect when the Seminoles (14-0) needed it most, going 6 for 7 for 77 yards on the last drive.

"It was the best football game he's played all year," Fisher said of Winston, "and I'll tell you why, because for three quarters he was up and down and he fought."

Winston was 20 for 35 for 237 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns passes on his 20th birthday. He zipped the Seminoles down the field on the final drive, with a 49-yard catch and run from Rashad Greene.

"I was ready," Winston said. "I wanted to be in that situation because that's what great quarter-

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# Injury sidelines Vonn for Olympics

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Sports Writer

Lindsey Vonn will miss the Sochi Olympics because of a right knee injury, leaving the Winter Games without one of its biggest stars.

The 29-year-old from Vail, Colo., announced her decision Tuesday, exactly one month before the opening ceremony in Russia.

Her publicist, Lewis Kay, said in a statement that Vonn "will have surgery shortly."

In a posting on Facebook, Vonn said she is "devastated" to miss the Olympics, "but the reality has sunk in that my knee is just too unstable to compete at this level."

She took home two medals from the 2010 Vancouver Games, including becoming the first American woman to win an Olympic gold in the downhill. Vonn is also a four-time overall World Cup champion, the most recognized name in Alpine skiing — and, as it happens, the girlfriend of Tiger Woods.

Add it all up, and she would have been the focus of plenty of media coverage in Sochi, and certainly a main character in NBC's coverage for a U.S. audience.



File photo

U.S. skier Lindsey Vonn announced Tuesday that a knee injury will force her to miss the Sochi Olympics. Vonn won two medals at the 2010 Olympics, including a gold medal in downhill skiing.

But Vonn tore two ligaments in her right knee during a high-speed crash at the world championships last February, sidelining her for about 10 months. She re-tore her surgically repaired ACL in a training crash in November, a key setback.

Then, after returning to competition in early December by finishing 40th, 11th and fifth in a set of

World Cup races at Lake Louise, Alberta, Vonn sprained her MCL during a race at Val d'Isere, France, last month.

"I did everything I possibly could to somehow get strong enough to overcome having no ACL," Vonn said Tuesday via Facebook.

"I'm having surgery soon so that I can be ready for the World Championships at home in Vail next Febru-

ary," she wrote. "On a positive note, this means there will be an additional spot so that one of my teammates can go for gold."

Mikaela Shiffrin, the reigning world champion in slalom, and Julia Mancuso, a three-time Olympic medalist, will now be the American women with the best chance of stepping on the Alpine skiing podium in Sochi.

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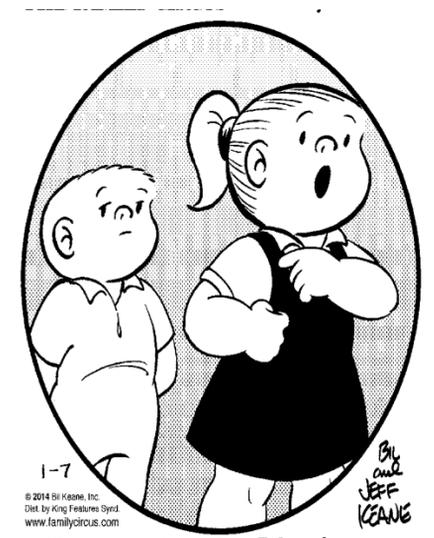


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5:PM	News ABC	Casa	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Justice	Charlie Rose	King/Hill	Moonshiners	Twister, Cary Elwes	Movie: Ghost Rider, Wes Bentley	Castle	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good Jessie	Around Pardon	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Mentir Para Vivir	Big Bang	News	Caso Cerado	News	Seinfeld	Door-Wisdom	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Moonshiners			Castle (DVS)		TBA	College Basketball: Baylor at LSU.	College Basketball: Tennessee at LSU.
7:PM	S.H.I.E.L.D.	Por Siempre	Big Bang	Ent	Marido en Alquiler	The Biggest Loser	Fam. Guy	Upd	The Poisoner's Handbook: American	The Originals	Moonshiners: Outlaw	Movie: Braveheart, Patrick McGooohan	Movie: The Expendables, Jet Li	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Being Mary Jane, Lisa Vidal	To Be Announced	NBA Coast to Coast	College Basketball
8:PM	Gold Trophy	Lo Que la Vida	Brooklyn Dads	Intelligence	La Reina del Sur		Big Bang	Light of the Southwest		Supernatural	Moonshiners			Castle (DVS)	Movie: Being Mary Jane, Lisa Vidal			
9:PM	Killer Women	Qué Pobres	Mod Fam	Person of Interest	Santa Diabla (SS)	Chicago Fire	Cougar	Big Bang	Frontline	Rules	Moonshiners			Marshal Law: Texas	Being Mary Jane	TBA		
10:PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Noticias	News	Conan	With Scholars	Charlie Rose	Seinfeld	Moonshiners		Movie: A Man Apart, Timothy Olyphant	Boston's Finest	Being Mary Jane	TBA	Olbermann	SportsCenter
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	How I Met How I Met	Ferguson	Titulares	Jay Leno	Cougar	Ministerios Vida	World T. Smiley	70s	Moonshiners	(:01) Movie: Reign of Fire		Marshal Law: Texas	Wendy Williams	TBA	Olbermann	SportsCenter
12:AM	Nightline	Familia-Suerte	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	News	Office	Chevalme	(Off Air)	'70s	Moonshiners: Outlaw		Movie: Rambo, Matthew	The Mentalist	Shake It	NBA	SportsCenter	
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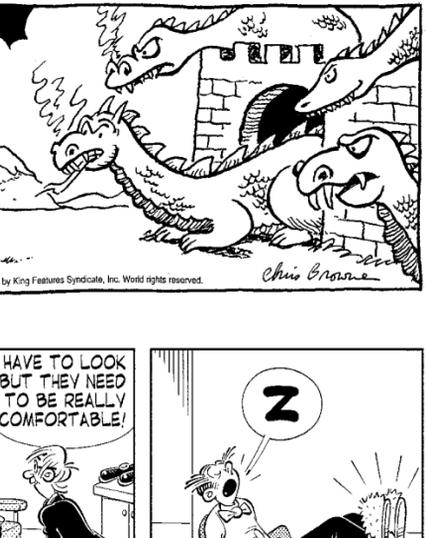
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**ACROSS**

1 Junk email

5 Top poker cards

9 Billiards bounce

14 Roll of cellophane

15 Spicy Asian cuisine

16 Really like

17 Neck of the woods

18 Diplomacy

19 Gotten up

20 Cordial statement

23 Winter driving hazard

24 \_\_ Angeles

25 Caravan beasts

29 Pack on pounds

31 Crunchy sandwich, for short

34 Antitheft device

35 Crease

36 Theater production

37 Tanning-parlor device

40 Gets the point

41 Responsibility

42 Juliet's love

43 Finish up

44 Mom's sister

45 Provides food for

46 List-shortening abbr.

47 \_\_ Baba

48 Annoys

57 Up in arms

58 Vietnam neighbor

59 "Yikes!"

60 Cruel ones

61 Silent performer

**DOWN**

1 Wild guess

2 Remove, as a rind

3 Chimps and gorillas

4 Vegetarian's no-no

5 Houses' storage areas

6 Pursue

7 Per person

8 Locale

9 Egg box

10 Mexican farewell

11 Optimistic

12 Triple-decker cookie

13 Diner's list

21 Mrs. Flintstone

22 Lose traction

25 Bring about

26 Director Woody

27 Defeated in chess

28 Makes a mistake

29 Leave the house

30 \_\_ fair in love ...

31 Hold responsible

32 Less plausible, as an excuse

33 Mistakes in print

35 Huckleberry of fiction

36 Essence of a novel

38 \_\_ for (verify)

39 Conductor's workplace

44 Give testimony

45 Not as remote

46 Lauder of cosmetics

47 Fragrance

48 Very funny one

49 Craving

50 Farm shelter

51 Shade trees

52 "Be patient!"

53 Cymbal cousin

54 Horse-stopping shout

55 All over again

56 Center of an egg

**This Date In History**

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2014. There are 358 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Jan. 7, 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

On this date:

In 1610, astronomer Galileo Galilei began observing three of Jupiter's moons (he spotted a fourth moon almost a week later).

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1894, one of the earliest motion picture experiments took place at the Thomas Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., as Fred Ott

was filmed taking a pinch of snuff and sneezing.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the Japanese siege of Bataan began during World War II. (The fall of Bataan three months later was followed by the notorious Death March.)

In 1949, George C. Marshall resigned as U.S. Secretary of State; President Harry S. Truman chose Dean Acheson to succeed him.

In 1953, President Harry S. Truman announced in his State of the Union message to Congress that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1963, the U.S. Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents.

In 1973, sniper Mark Essex laid siege at a Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in downtown New Orleans for about 10 hours, killing seven people before being slain by police sharpshooters.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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**HOWARD**

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son.  
"South Plains has a very good team ... It seems like every time we got close, they had someone come up with a big play," Howard Coach Scott Raines said. "They are easily the best team we've played this season ... but there were seven or eight key possessions that, if we do something a little better, we'd have come out on top of the game."

The two teams traded the lead several times during the game and, with less than five minutes remaining, South Plains held a slim 70-68 lead. However, the Texans made some key shots — and 9 of 10 free throws — down the stretch to hold on for the victory.

The Hawks (13-3 overall, 1-1 in WJCAC play) were led by Eric Weary and Travis Scott, who scored 18 and 16 points, respectively. David Joseph added 13 points for Howard, which returns to action Thursday at home vs. Clarendon College. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**STEERS**

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Offensive concerns aside, Ritchey knows his team will have to change its hat on defense if it hopes to qualify for the state playoffs this season.

"I feel good about the team right now," he said. "Obviously, there's some things we need to do better, but if we can continue to play defense like we did (Monday), that'll give us a chance to win every game."

Big Spring opens District 4-3A play Friday at home vs. Abilene Wylie. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Score by quarters  
Andrews 5 10 13 11 — 39  
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ANDREWS (39) — Martinez 23-4 7; Fitzgerald 4 0-1 8; Oceant 1 0-0 2; O'Connor 6 3-5 15; Buran 1 2-2 5; Cordell 1 0-0 2; totals 15 8-12 39.

BIG SPRING (47) — Yanez 1 0-0 2; Green 3 0-2 6; Wigington 1 1-2 3; Bryan 2 6-7 10; Sealy 9 1-2 19; Kennedy 2 1-1 5; totals 18 9-14 47.

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backs do. That's what the Tom Bradys, Peyton Mannings, Drew Brees, that's what they do."

Florida State also got help from Auburn. A pass interference penalty in the end zone on Chris Davis on third-and-8 from the 10 gave Florida State a first down at the 2.

"Thought it was great defense. That's all I can say," Davis said, adding, the officials "should have just let us play."

On the next play Winston threw high to the 6-foot-5 Benjamin for the touchdown.

"Once the ball is in the air on that post route,

I've got to go get it, and I did," Benjamin said. "Simple as that."

There was no miracle finish this time for the turnaround Tigers, who went from 3-9 to SEC champions in their first season under coach Gus Malzahn. They tossed the ball around on one final play, but it ended with Florida State jumping on a fumble, and the Seminoles sprinting onto the field under a storm of garnet and gold confetti.

Florida State scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, and the teams combined for 24 in a breathtaking last 4:42.

"It felt storybook again," Auburn defensive tackle Gabe Wright said. "It really felt like we were going to bring

it out again. We're just on the other end of the stick. It's usually us going out on the field and celebrating. It's been a long time since we had an 'L' in this locker room."

Auburn won nine straight to get here after starting the season unranked.

Tre Mason gave Auburn (12-2) a 31-27 lead with a 37-yard touchdown run with 1:19 left after Kermit Whitfield had put Florida State in the lead for the first time since the first quarter with a 100-yard kickoff return to make it 27-24 with 4:31 left.

Mason ran for 195 yards and scored two touchdowns, and Nick Marshall threw two touchdown passes for

the Tigers.

"I told them in the locker room, we put together the biggest turnaround in the history of college football. We were on the brink of making it one of those magical seasons," Malzahn said. Florida State hadn't been challenged like this all season, winning by an average of 42 points.

Florida State and Winston's biggest problem this season came off the field. Winston was investigated for a year-old sexual assault complaint in November, but after three weeks the Florida state attorney's office determined it did not have enough evidence to charge him.

The Seminoles were down 21-3 in the first

half to Auburn. They hadn't trailed in a game since Sept. 28.

"I knew we were fighters," nose tackle Timmy Jernigan said.

And now Florida State is national champion for the first time since 1999, the first team to win the BCS title game after being down at half-time. The state of Alabama's national championship run is over at four, stopped by a quarterback from Bessemer who never rooted for the Tigers or Tide.

"Only thing is we're victorious and glad to say Florida State is the national champion again, and I guarantee you we're bringing that swag back," Winston said. "You'd better believe it."

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