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Longtime rodeo clown Quail Dobbs dies at 72

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 COAHOMA — There might be some people more well-liked, respected or loved more than Quail Dobbs. Good luck trying to find them. Dobbs, who brought joy to thousands as a Hall of Fame rodeo clown, good will ambassador for this community and all-around good guy, died Wednesday after battling a lengthy illness. He was 72. Marvin "Quail" Dobbs was born Aug. 27 1941, in Albany, but lived most of his life in Coahoma, where he was revered not only as a top-flight

professional rodeo performer (he was inducted in the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2002), but as a long-time justice of the peace, community advocate and organizer and "one of the best people you'd ever meet." Coahoma Mayor Warren Wallace spoke for many when he said Dobbs was "one of the finest persons who ever walked the earth." "He was a blessing to everyone he met," Wallace added. "It's amazing how much good

he brought to the world and to all the kids he met. This is just a great, great loss." Dobbs began his rodeo career riding bulls, but switched to being a clown in 1972, earning fame as one of the best "barrel men" in the business. He was named the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's Clown of the Year in 1978 and 1988 and received the Coors Man in the Can Award — presented to the rodeo circuit's top barrel man — four times. He retired from professional rodeo in 1998, but remained



Courtesy photo
Quail Dobbs, famed rodeo clown and barrel man, has passed away at 72. The Coahoma native recently retired as justice of the peace.

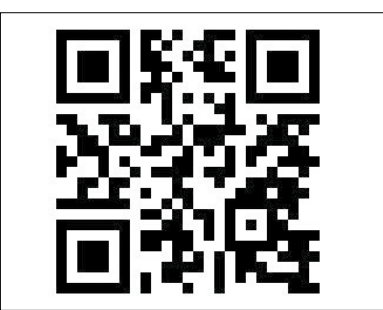
MLK Walk planned for 6 p.m. Monday

Herald Staff Report
 Mount Bethel Baptist Church will sponsor an MLK Candle Walk on Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Everyone is invited to participate. The walk will start at the corner of Gregg Street and Martin Luther King Blvd at 6 p.m. The route will be west to FM 700. Those who want to participate but cannot walk are encouraged to drive. Youth may bring bicycles, skateboards, etc. — please use helmets and safety gear. Participants are asked to bring candles or flashlights.

It's important to take steps to prevent flu

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer
 Flu season is in full swing in Texas and Big Spring with six confirmed cases locally, according to the South Plains Health Care Clinic, which oversees the Howard County Health Clinic. Some 300 cases have been reported in Midland County.

The disease has spread to every region in the state. "We don't track numbers," said Department of State Health Services spokesperson Christine Mann, "but it is widespread throughout the state." The exact number of flu cases in Texas is unknown because most flu cases are not reportable, meaning that doctors, hospitals and others are not required to report them to public health authorities. To track and assess flu activity, DSHS relies on reports from a sentinel surveillance network of doctors, hospitals and others who have agreed



Tax aide program returning in February

By BILL McCLELLAN
 Managing Editor
 It's time to file your tax return! Well, not yet, but it's close enough to think about. The AARP Tax Aide Program will return to the Big Spring Senior Center, starting Feb. 3. If that date sounds like a late date to get started, it is. That's because the federal government's 16-day closure put preparations way behind. Officials said 90 percent of IRS operations were closed during the shutdown. Officially, Jan. 31 is the first day the IRS will begin to work on

applications. The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their

returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them," said Ray Alexander, local coordinator. "We've got a lot of good, experienced people in the program. It show go very smoothly," he added. The program will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Mondays. Just drop on in to the senior center because appointments aren't taken. "What do you need? "People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including W-2 forms and 1099 forms,

when they come in to see us," Alexander said. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2013 earnings and their 2012 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing." Alexander said the program helped about 500 people last year and he expects another 500 to be aided this time around. The senior center is located at 1901 Similar. If you have questions, contact Alexander at 432-212-3533.

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BSSH in need of luggage for patients

Special to the Herald
 Big Spring State Hospital patients returning home to family and loved ones are in need of suitcases and large luggage to transport their belongings.

"It's something we don't normally ask for because we receive many donations of suitcases and bags at The Chalet Resale Shop," Community Relations Director Jamey Stegall said. "But for some reason, we recently ran

short of luggage and we are asking the community for their help once again." Many patients arrive at the hospital with little if no changes of clothing, Stegall said. But many leave with several outfits after visiting

the hospital's Fashion Shop. The Fashion Shop is the hospital's on-campus clothing store where patients shop for clothing during their treatment. All clothing is free and

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Obituaries

Patricia Gail Hodges

Patricia Gail Hodges, 73, Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born Jan. 30, 1940, in Grand Falls, Texas, to Clifford G. and Lydia West. She graduated from Knott High School, Knott, Texas. She married Alvis Harlan Hodges on April 19, 1958. She worked at Powell Printing Company in Midland for more than 40 years. Pat loved to cook and sew and tend to her family. She doted on her grandchildren and great-granddaughter. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, along with her sisters, Bernice Coats, Shirley Davis and Esther Davis.

Survivors include two daughters, Becky and husband Jerry, Vance of Lubbock; Connie and husband Lou Faraldo of Houston, Texas; and one son, James and wife Kim Hodges of Midland; seven grandchildren, Michael and Christy Vance of Lubbock; Brandon and wife Becca; Taylor and Megan Hodges of Midland; and Daniel and Patrick Faraldo of Houston; one great-granddaughter, Amiee Hodges of Midland; and two brothers, James West of Comanche, Texas, and George West of Coahoma, Texas; along with several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland with Dr. John Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park-North. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Crestview Baptist Church Forward By Faith Campaign, 301 State Highway 250 Loop Frontage Road, Midland, Texas 79703; Community and Senior Services of Midland (Meals on Wheels), 3301 Sinclair Avenue, Midland, Texas 79707; or Fresenius Medical Care Permian Basin, 3302 West Golf Course Road #200, Midland, Texas 79707.

Paid obituary

Jimmy Bledsoe

Jimmy Bledsoe, Sr., 60, of Big Spring, died Tuesday Jan. 14, 2014, at Texas Specialty Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday Jan. 17, 2014, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel. Dr. Doug Shelley will officiate.

He was born to Patsy and Clyde Bledsoe Nov. 24, 1953, in Cleburne, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Howard County moving to Big Spring in 1969 from Cleburne. On Aug. 21, 1971, he married Rhonda King in Big Spring. He was a Baptist. He drove a truck for McMahon Concrete for many years before retiring due to ill health.

He is survived by two sons: Jimmy Bledsoe Jr. and wife Amy and David Bledsoe all of Big Spring; four daughters: Heather Friday, Lisa Hodges, Angel Bledsoe and husband Larry Marquez and Christina Bledsoe, all of Big Spring; one sister Linda Gillette and husband Pete of Big Spring; one brother Charles Bledsoe and wife Beverly of California; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rhonda in 2006; one son, Tracy Bledsoe in 1980; and one brother, Ronnie Bledsoe in 1997.

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

Quail Dobbs

Quail Dobbs, 72, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Larry Bohannon

Larry Bohannon, 64, of Big Spring, died Tuesday Jan. 7, 2014, at his residence. Graveside services with Navy Honors will be noon Friday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, Texas.



He was born to Georgie and Everett Bohannon July 17, 1949, in Canadian, Texas. He was a United States Navy Veteran. He served in the U.S. Seventh Fleet 1st Division aboard the USS Garrett County Landing Ship Tank in the waters off the coast of the Republic of Vietnam. After serving his country he came to Big Spring and worked as custodial manager at the Veterans Administration Medical Center until retiring due to ill health.

He is survived by two step-daughters: Carol Hogg of Odessa and Tonya Krause of Big Spring; cousin Glenda Williams; sister-in-law Wanda Bohannon of California; one granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Phyllis Scroggins

Phyllis Scroggins, 71, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at in a Midland care center. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Myrtle Tindol

Myrtle Tindol, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police/Sheriff
Fire&EMS

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

- CASEY ADAM TORRENCE, 22, of 2519 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- PETER CHRISTOPHER STRICKLAND, 34, of 1514 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- CARMEN RENEE STRICKLAND, 39, of 1514 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- AMANDA GOMEZ, 36, of 1514 Tucson was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JEFFERY GLEN TURNER, 34, of 1514 Tucson was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- PHILLIP EUGENE CUMMINGS, 21, of 1501 West FM 818, was arrested on warrants for expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 29, of 102 Merrick Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 31, of 102 Merrick Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 600 block of West Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 500 block of Dallas.
- THEFT was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 1600 block of Gregg, the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- ASSAULT was reported at the 1500 block of S. Lancaster.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1300 block of Lindbergh.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 800 block of S. Owens.
- FORGERY was reported at the 1800 block of E. Highway 350.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 4100 block of Dixon - two incidents.

Tony Randall Partee



Tony Randall Partee, 54, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, in Ruidoso, N.M. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Wade Cobb officiating. Private family interment will follow.

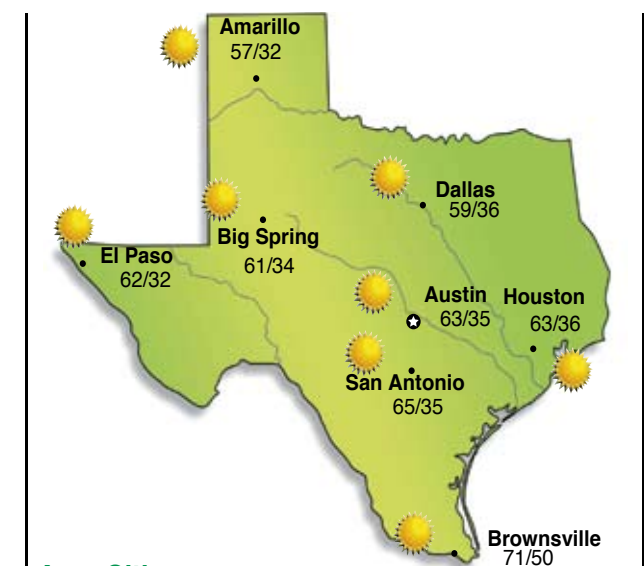
The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 14, 1959, in Odessa, Texas. Tony graduated from Big Spring High School and attended trade school, learning the art of welding. He worked as a welder on the Gulf Coast and in the oil field.

Survivors include two daughters, Danielle Emite and husband Craig of Spring and Breanna Partee of Friendswood; two brothers, Stan Partee and wife Sue and Alan Partee and wife Della, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Carletta Knappe and husband Carl of Corpus Christi and Tonya Davis and husband Bobby of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Jerrie Partee; and an infant brother, Kenneth Ray Partee.

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



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

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

- PHILLIP EUGENE CUMMINGS, was booked by HCSO on a capias warrant for displaying an expired registration certificate and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CASEY ADAM TORRENCE, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of service greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- AMANDA MICHELLE GOMEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JEFFERY GLEN TURNER was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CARMEN RENEE STRICKLAND was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram in a drug free zone.
- PETER CHRISTOPHER STRICKLAND was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram in a drug free zone.
- DONNI KAY ROBERTSON was booked by HCSO on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- CARL WILLIAM WELLS was booked by HCSO on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.
- CARL MAX JACKSON was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of service greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Scurry. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA reported at the 500 block of S. Birdwell. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Simler. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 600 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

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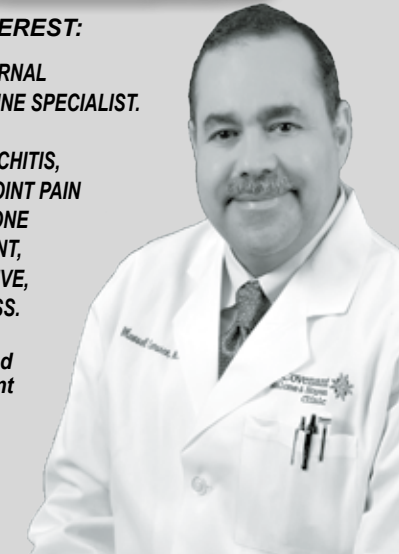
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DOBBS

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active in the sport, especially in Howard County, serving as a board member for the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. In addition, he would annually don his trademark clown costume and face paint for many activities, including Coahoma's Kindergarten Rodeo, which he helped establish in 1978 and was a fixture at for 35 years.

At his final CKR appearance in 2013, Dobbs was presented with a plaque and honored with a special presentation in appreciation for all his efforts

with the event. He deflected praise, saying, "The teachers do all the work. All I do is show up," but others were quick to acknowledge all he had done to make the CKR such a successful attraction.

"There's nobody like Quail — everybody knows that," Texas Swing musician Jody Nix, another long-time CKR fixture, said after the 2013 CKR. "I've known him a long time and I'm proud to call him a friend. This is a wonderful event and I'm glad to see it still going strong. Thirty-five years is a wonderful milestone."

Dobbs unofficially served as a goodwill ambassador for Coahoma and helped with

many community activities, including the annual Freedom Day Parade held during the July 4 weekend.

After retiring from professional rodeo, Dobbs also began a second career, this one dispensing justice instead of laughs. He was elected Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 in Howard County, an area which includes Coahoma and Sand Springs, in 1999, and held that position until retiring in 2013.

For 14 years, he was "the law west of Stink Creek," as the sign outside his Coahoma office proclaimed. Not surprisingly, he was as admired and liked by his colleagues in his second profession as he

was in his first.

"Quail was a good human being, just a straight-up good guy, he had a lot of friends and we're going to miss him," Howard County Judge Mark Barr said. "I never heard a complaint from anybody about the job he did. Everybody always regarded him as a firm and just justice of the peace."

Precinct 1 JP Bennie Green, who temporarily assumed Dobbs' duties after illness forced him to retire, also praised his colleague.

"After he couldn't get around as well as he used to, I would volunteer to go out on some of his calls for him ... but he insisted on doing his

duties as long as he could," Green said. "He was very dedicated to his job and enjoyed what he was doing. He liked people and he was always in a good mood."

The Coahoma JP office was renamed in Dobbs' honor in 2013.

Dobbs is survived by his wife, Judy, and children Stephanie and Coley.

Funeral services are pending with Nally-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

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

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to report flu cases.

From those reports and other sources, DSHS prepares a Weekly Flu Surveillance Report. Part of that report classifies the flu activity level in Texas using classification criteria developed by CDC. The classifications range from no activity to sporadic, local, regional and widespread.

The weekly report also includes laboratory test results showing what types and subtypes of flu are circulating in Texas, the estimated level of flu-like illnesses occurring and the number of pediatric flu-associated deaths.

While Mann was unable to give a number of cases in Howard County, pediatric fatalities are recorded throughout the state and according to DSHS there have been two.

Although the flu vaccine includes H1N1, the strain has dominated cases reported within the last week and has mainly effected the younger crowd ages 5 to 24. But the flu bug isn't discriminatory and can touch anyone of any age and according to Mann, "Five to 20 percent of the population will get the flu." But the very young, the very old and those with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible and are at greater risk of developing serious complications.

But, as the old saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Getting vaccinated is the best way for you to protect yourself and your family. The level of flu-like illness is classified as "high" in Texas, and medical providers are seeing an increase in flu in multiple parts of the state. All forms of the vaccine protect

against multiple strains of the flu, including H1N1.

By following a few additional steps every day — covering all coughs and sneezes, washing hands frequently with soap and water or using hand sanitizer, and staying home if sick — you can help stop the spread of flu.

The 2013-14 seasonal flu vaccine is available. People need to get vaccinated each year because the vaccine is made to match the types of flu expected to circulate that year and because protection decreases over time.

Flu Season

Officially, flu season runs from October through May. Though most flu illnesses in Texas usually occur in December, January and February, flu is unpredictable and can happen at any time. People should get vaccinated now if they haven't already.

Influenza Prevention

Here are five simple steps you can take to reduce your chances of getting — or spreading — the flu:

- 1. Get vaccinated.
- 2. Wash hands frequently.
- 3. Cover coughs and sneezes.
- 4. Stay home if you're sick.
- 5. Convince those around you to follow steps 1-4.

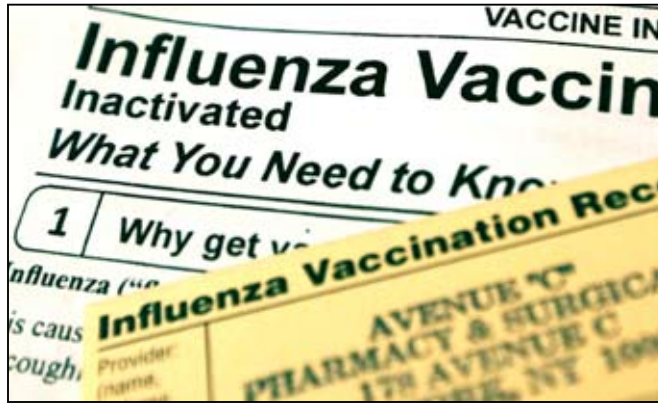
Who Should Get Vaccinated?

This season's flu vaccine is recommended for all people age 6 months or older.

The vaccine is available in shot form for all ages and in mist form for people 2 through 49 who do not have certain health problems and who are not pregnant.

There is no priority-group order for receiving the vaccine.

People with certain



conditions — or who live with people with certain conditions — that put them at high risk of developing serious complications should they get the flu, are especially encouraged to get vaccinated, as are pregnant women.

Because babies under 6 months of age cannot receive the vaccine, it is important that family members and others around the babies get vaccinated to protect the babies and themselves.

What is the difference between a cold and the flu?

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar flu-like symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.

How can you tell the difference between a cold and the flu?

Because colds and flu share many symptoms, it can be difficult (or even impossible) to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. Special tests that usually must be done within the first few days of illness can be carried out, when

needed to tell if a person has the flu.

What are the symptoms of the flu versus the symptoms of a cold?

How do I know if I have the flu?

You may have the flu if you have some or all of these symptoms:

- fever*
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

What should I do if I get sick?

Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. If you get sick with flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care.

If, however, you have symptoms of flu and are in a high risk group, are very sick or worried about your illness, contact your health care provider (doctor, physician's assistant, etc.).

Certain people are at greater risk of serious flu-related complications (including young children, elderly persons, pregnant women and people with certain long-term medical conditions) and this is true both for seasonal flu and novel flu virus infections. (For a full list of people at higher risk of flu-related complications, if you are in a high risk group and develop flu symptoms, it's best for you to contact your doctor. Remind

them about your high risk status for flu.

Health care providers will determine whether influenza testing and possible treatment are needed. Your doctor may prescribe antiviral drugs that can treat the flu. These drugs work better for treatment the sooner they are started.

What are the emergency warning signs?

In children

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held

Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

- Fever with a rash
- In addition to the signs above, get medical help right away for any infant who has any of these signs:

- Being unable to eat
- Has trouble breathing
- Has no tears when crying
- Significantly fewer wet diapers than normal

In adults

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough

Do I need to go to the emergency room if I am only a little sick?

No. The emergency room should be used for people who are very sick. You should not go to the emergency room if you are only mildly ill.

If you have the emergency warning signs of flu sickness, you should go to the emergency room. If you get sick with flu symptoms and are at high risk of flu complications or you are concerned about

your illness, call your health care provider for advice. If you go to the emergency room and you are not sick with the flu, you may catch it from people who do have it.

Are there medicines to treat the flu?

Yes. There are drugs your doctor may prescribe for treating the flu called "antivirals." These drugs can make you better faster and may also prevent serious complications.

How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities. Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®. You should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events, and public gatherings.

What should I do while I'm sick?

Stay away from others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. If you must leave home, for example to get medical care, wear a facemask if you have one, or cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Wash your hands often to keep from spreading flu to others.

For more information about the flu go to TexasFlu.org

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

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donated by members of the community and organized by the Volunteer Services Council.

"When our patients are dismissed, they leave with a number of outfits and personal items. We like to pack all their belongings in a suitcase," Stegall said. "We don't want to send them home with everything in a garbage bag."

Stegall said the West Texas community has been very generous with donations and the hospital rarely puts out pleas for specific items, but the recent shortage has put them in a bind.

"I know a great number of people traveled for the holidays and that may have given them an opportunity to see what luggage they have and no longer use. We hope that they can donate it to our patients."

All donations are tax-deductible, he said.

Suitcases, travel and duffel bags can be taken to the Community Relations office near the front entrance of the hospital's south gate, Stegall said. Or they can be taken to The Chalet Resale Shop, 115 E. Second St., where they will be held for patient use.

Any questions may be directed to Stegall at 432-268-7535 or jamey.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

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Opinion

Tamara Mowery is not alone

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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This made my heart ache and my blood pressure spike: Actress Tamara Mowery, who is black, wept in an interview with Oprah Winfrey over the vile bigotry she has encountered because of her marriage to Fox News reporter Adam Housley, who is white. Misogynist haters called Mowery a sellout and a “white man’s whore.” International news outlets labeled the Internet epithets she endured “horrific” and “shocking.”



MICHELLE
MALKIN

Horrific? Yes. Shocking? Not at all. What Mowery experienced is just a small taste of what the intolerance mob dishes out against people “of color” who love, think and live the “wrong” way. I’ve grown so used to it that I often forget how hurtful it can be. Mowery’s candor was moving and admirable. It’s also a valuable teachable moment about how dehumanizing it can be to work in the public eye. Have we really sunk to this?

Young actresses in the 21st century forced to defend their love lives because their marital choices are politically incorrect? We’re leaning backward in the regressive Age of Hope and Change.

Let’s face it: Mowery’s sin, in the view of her feckless detractors, is not merely that she married outside her race. It’s also that she is so open about her love for a white man who — gasp! — works for reviled Fox News. Neither of them is political, but the mere association with Bad Things (Fox, conservatives, capitalism, the tea party, Christian activism, traditional values) is an invitation for unabashed hate.

The dirty open secret is that a certain category of public figures

has been routinely mocked, savaged and reviled for being partners in interracial marriages or part of loving interracial families (for a refresher, see the video clip of MSNBC host Melissa Harris-Perry and friends cackling at the holiday photo of Mitt Romney holding his black adopted grandson in his lap).

And the dirty double standard is that selectively compassionate journalists and pundits have routinely looked the other way — or participate directly in heaping on the hate.

Have you forgotten? Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was excoriated by black liberals for being married to wife Virginia, who happens to be white. The critics weren’t anonymous trolls on the Internet.

They worked for major media outlets and institutions of higher learning. USA Today columnist Barbara Reynolds slammed Thomas and his wife for their colorblind union: “It may sound bigoted; well, this is a bigoted world and why can’t black people be allowed a little Archie Bunker mentality? ... Here’s a man who’s going to decide crucial issues for the country and he has already said no to blacks; he has already said if he can’t paint himself white he’ll think white and marry a white woman.”

Howard University’s Afro-American Studies Chair Russell Adams accused Thomas of racism against all blacks for falling in love with someone outside his race. “His marrying a white woman is a sign of his rejection of the black community,” Adams told The Washington Post. “Great justices have had community roots that served as a basis for understanding the Constitution. Clarence’s lack of a sense of community makes his nomination troubling.”

California state Senate Democrat Diane Watson taunted former University of California

regent Ward Connerly after a public hearing, spitting: “He’s married a white woman. He wants to be white. He wants a colorless society. He has no ethnic pride. He doesn’t want to be black.”

Mowery is not alone. The Thomases and the Connerlys are not alone. Poisonous attempts to shame are an old, endless schoolyard game played by bullies who never grow up and can’t stand other people’s happiness or success.

Time doesn’t lessen the vitriol or hostility. Take it from someone who knows. “Oriental Auntie-Tom,” “yellow woman doing the white man’s job,” “white man’s puppet,” “Manila whore” and “Subic Bay bar girl” are just a few of the printable slurs I’ve amassed over the past quarter-century. You wouldn’t believe how many Neanderthals still think they can break you by sneering “me love you long time” or “holla for a dolla.” My IQ, free will, skin color, eye shape, productivity, sincerity, maiden name and integrity have all been ridiculed or questioned because I happen to be a minority conservative woman happily married to a white man and the mother of two interracial children who see Mom and Dad — not Brown Mom and White Dad.

Mowery’s got the right attitude. She wiped away her tears and told Oprah that haters wouldn’t drag her down. Brava. Live, laugh, think and love without regrets. It’s the best revenge and the most effective antidote to crab-in-the-bucket syndrome.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we always reach out to help others,
dear Lord.

Amen

Christie claims ignorance

Just because something is true does not mean it is believable. Which is Chris Christie’s real problem.

His “see no evil; hear no evil; my staff is evil, but I’m not” defense for the closing of bridge lanes in Fort Lee, N.J., allegedly because the mayor there refused to endorse his re-election may be true. But who is going to believe it?

“(Christie’s) the kind of leader ... who says, ‘It’s my way, or I shut down your highway,’” as Stephen Colbert put it the other night.

Christie wants to be the Republican nominee and win the presidency in 2016. Once again, the Republicans have a pretty weak field, and Christie leads the early (meaningless) polls for the nomination. But what has he shown the nation in recent weeks?

First, he surrounds himself with bullies and goons. Richard Nixon never was convicted of anything (he was an unindicted co-conspirator and then accepted a presidential pardon), but even if you believe he is not a crook, how do you explain all the crooks he surrounded himself with? How do you explain Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mitchell, Liddy, Hunt and all the others who were convicted of crimes? Nixon assembled enough lawbreakers to staff several prison baseball teams.

New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski, a Democrat, is heading the legislative investigation of the George Washington Bridge scandal. He says: “It strains credibility to say that somebody in as high a position as a deputy chief of staff, somebody in as high a position as the governor’s principal press spokesperson, somebody in as high a position as his campaign manager — all those names are

in these emails — did not ever communicate this to the governor.”

But even if we do believe it, who assembled that team? Chris Christie, wasn’t it? “I am a very sad person,” Christie now says. “I’m sad. I’m sad.” Not the best presidential campaign theme I’ve ever heard. We’ve had enough sad presidents. And sorry ones.

Second, the current accusations against Christie fall on fertile ground. He says he is not a bully. But he has been captured on videotape bullying people, including ordinary citizens. And other mayors in New Jersey are coming forward to say Christie punished them for not endorsing him.

Third, ignorance is not much of an excuse in presidential politics. Ignorance is something you hide, not promote. Generally speaking, voters don’t elect chief executives who admit to being clueless. “I don’t know what makes a legitimate traffic study,” Christie said in his long everybody-but-me culpa last week.

“I probably wouldn’t know a traffic study if I tripped over it.”

But we know what a traffic study is not: It is not setting up orange traffic cones in the predawn darkness and shutting down two of three lanes to the busiest bridge in the world. We don’t need a traffic study to know what happens when you do that. Traffic backs up for miles, with 550 vehicles waiting to get on the bridge by 10 a.m.

Nobody now believes this was a legitimate traffic study. Except Chris Christie. Christie, like the rest of America, has seen the email from his deputy chief of staff saying, “Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee.” Christie’s longtime pal at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey responded to that email: “Got it.” The lane shutdowns followed.

Sound like bullying and political thuggery to you rather than a traffic study? Christie is unsure.

“Whether there was a traffic study or not, I don’t know,” he said. “It appeared that there was one, based on what I saw in the testimony.”

Is the man delusional or deceptive? What a choice.

Fourth, Christie claims he did not even know the mayor of Fort Lee. “If he walked in the room, I wouldn’t have been able to pick him out,” he said.

That surprises me. Smart pols know and remember people. That’s what pols do. I have never known a governor who was proud of not knowing an elected official in his own state.

True, Fort Lee has only about 35,700 people. But there are only four municipalities in New Jersey with populations in six figures (Newark is the largest, with 277,000 people), and geographically, New Jersey is the fourth-smallest state in the union. So it’s not as if you have to drive very far to find a mayor. They are pretty much bunched up. Easy to find, easy to get to know if you are an ambitious governor.

But Christie wants us to believe he couldn’t have picked the mayor of Fort Lee out of a lineup?

On the other hand, Christie does remember people who do favors for him. As The Wall Street Journal reported recently, “after the November election, Mr. Christie invited his Democratic supporters to a breakfast at Drumthwacket (the governor’s official residence). He encouraged them to call if they needed help cutting state bureaucracy or navigating agencies, said a Democrat who attended.”

So Chris Christie appears to be a guy who rewards his friends and punishes his enemies.

Which is how he makes sure people want to be his friends.

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News in brief

Vatican acknowledges 'no excuse for child abuse,' says open to suggestions for improvement

GENEVA (AP) — The Vatican has acknowledged there can be "no excuse" for child abuse, confronted for the first time at length and in public over the global priest sex abuse scandal.

At a U.N. hearing, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican's representative in Geneva, says "such crimes can never be justified" whether committed at home, school, sports activities or in religious organizations and structures.

Tomasi told a U.N. committee Thursday the Holy See welcomes any suggestions that could help it in promoting and encouraging the respect of the rights of the child.

He spoke at the beginning of a hearing at which the Vatican is being challenged with allegations it enabled the rape of thousands of children by protecting pedophile priests and its own reputation at the expense of victims.

Senate, a step behind House, ready to send government-wide \$1.1T spending bill to Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drained of much of its vitriol over the budget, Congress is poised to adopt a \$1.1 trillion package financing federal agencies this year, a bipartisan compromise that all but banishes the specter of an election-year government shutdown.

The Democratic-controlled Senate planned to give final congressional approval to the immense spending measure, possibly as early as Thursday. The Republican-run House passed the package Wednesday in a lopsided 359-67 vote that underscored how both parties could claim wins in the measure — and how both saw deep perils in fighting over it.

"Not everyone will like everything in this bill," said Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., the House Appropriations Committee chairman. Rogers and his Senate counterpart, Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., were the chief authors. "That's the nature of compromise."

The legislation is a line-by-line follow-up to the budget compromise the two parties pushed through Congress in December that set overall spending limits for the next two years.

The bill lawmakers were considering this week finances federal agencies through September. With the November congressional elections coming just weeks later, Congress is all but sure to provide more money later to avoid an election-eve budget clash.

Official: Ballot count so far shows overwhelming majority voted for Egypt's new constitution

CAIRO (AP) — A senior Egyptian election official says the ballot count so far from the country's referendum on a new constitution shows an overwhelming majority has endorsed the draft charter.

The official told The Associated Press on Thursday that unofficial results, after most of ballots have been counted, indicate that more than 90 percent of the voters said "yes" to the constitution.

The official declined to give an estimate on the final turnout. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to the media.

The vote held Tuesday and Wednesday is a milestone for Egypt's interim government, installed by the military after the ouster last July of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood has boycotted the referendum.

HHS cybersecurity chief says health care website tests didn't follow security 'best practices'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top cybersecurity officer for the Health and Human Services Department said he was concerned about potential vulnerabilities ahead of the launch of the Obama administration's health care website.

But Kevin Charest told congressional investigators he was unable to get answers to his questions from others inside the department. He concluded that the testing of the site was substandard.

"I would say that it didn't follow best practices," Charest testified a Jan. 8 deposition. Excerpts of his testimony were provided to The Associated Press by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Charest and Teresa Fryer — another government cybersecurity professional who also had qualms — were to testify before the panel Thursday.

Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., investigating the chaotic rollout of the HealthCare.gov website, contends the administration risked the personal information of millions of Americans in its zeal to meet a self-imposed Oct. 1 deadline. The online federal insurance market is the main portal to coverage under President Barack Obama's signature program.

Indian police: Suspects in rape of Danish tourist are unemployed youth; attack lasted hours

NEW DELHI (AP) — Two suspects arrested in the gang rape of a 51-year-old Danish tourist in New Delhi are unemployed young men who allegedly attacked the woman for nearly three hours before fleeing with her belongings, police said Thursday.

The two were picked up late Wednesday from a park near the scene of the crime, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said. Investigators were closing in

other suspects after the two provided details during questioning, he said.

Police said the tourist was raped at knifepoint Tuesday near Connaught Place, a popular shopping area in the heart of New Delhi. The woman got lost and approached a group of men for directions back to her hotel. But instead of helping her, the men lured her to a secluded spot and raped her repeatedly, according to police.

One of the suspects was found with the victim's glasses case and 1,000 rupees (\$16) in cash, a police statement said. The other suspect had an iPod and a pair of earphones. He also had a mobile phone that police said was purchased with money stolen from the victim.

The problem of sexual violence in India has gained widespread attention since the horrific gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old woman on a moving bus in December 2012. Public fury over the case has led to more stringent laws that doubled prison terms for rape to 20 years and criminalized voyeurism and stalking.

Mass. monks brewing 'Spencer Trappist Ale,' beer blessed by their exacting European brothers

SPENCER, Mass. (AP) — For more than a century, Catholic Cistercian monks known as Trappists have been brewing and selling what many beer lovers consider some of the best in the world. Eight monasteries — six in Belgium and one each in Holland and Austria — produce the only beer recognized by the International Trappist Association as authentic Trappist beer.

And starting Thursday, the 63 brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey — about an hour's drive west of Boston — will join them, selling the first Trappist beer brewed outside Europe.

Their ambitious venture was hardly met with enthusiasm by their exacting Trappist brothers in Europe.

After all, for nearly 60 years the monks in Spencer, Mass., had been selling jams and jellies to help support their community. Now they were interested in the real family business: beer.

The journey from jams to beer started almost five years ago when St. Joseph's sent two monks on a fact-finding mission to the Belgian Beer Fest in Boston. Within hours, their European brothers were alarmed to learn of the inquiries.

34 nuclear missile launch officers taken off duty for alleged cheating on proficiency test

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what may be the biggest such scandal in Air Force history, 34 officers entrusted with land-based nuclear missiles have been pulled off the job for alleged involvement in a cheating ring that officials say was uncovered during a drug probe.

The 34 are suspected of cheating several months ago on a routine proficiency test that includes checking missile launch officers' knowledge of how to handle an "emergency war order," which is the term for the authorization required to launch a nuclear weapon.

The cheating scandal is the latest in a series of Air Force nuclear stumbles documented in recent months by The Associated Press, including deliberate violations of safety rules, failures of inspections, breakdowns in training, and evidence that the men and women who operate the missiles from underground command posts are suffering burnout. In October the general who commands the nuclear missile force was fired for engaging in embarrassing behavior, including drunkenness, while leading a U.S. delegation to a nuclear exercise in Russia.

The AP disclosed in May an internal Air Force email in which a missile operations officer complained that his force was infested with "rot" — bad attitudes and disregard for discipline.

Sudoku Answer on Page 11

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

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A "profoundly disappointed" Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, the service's top civilian official, told a hurriedly arranged Pentagon news conference Wednesday that the alleged cheating at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., was discovered during a previously announced probe of drug possession by 11 officers at several Air Force bases, including two in the nuclear force who are among the 34 suspected of cheating.

Catalan lawmakers hold key vote in secession debate, asking Spain's permission for referendum

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — A European season of separatist fervor kicked off Thursday with Catalan lawmakers voting on whether to seek the right to hold a referendum on independence from Spain. The EU will be watching closely as Belgium's Dutch speakers gear up to push for greater autonomy in May elections, and Scotland prepares to hold its own referendum on breaking away from Britain in the fall.

The vote is a milestone in years of mass protests by Catalans, who are fiercely proud of their distinct culture and language, demanding the right to decide whether they want to secede. As lawmakers entered the Catalan parliament in Barcelona on Thursday morning to debate ahead of the vote, dozens of Catalans waved independence flags and a smaller group unfurled Spanish flags, yelling "Catalonia is Spain!"

But the vote is also largely a symbolic one. Catalonia can ask Spain for permission to hold an independence vote all it wants; Madrid still has the power to say "no" — and it almost certainly will.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has repeatedly said he will not allow a Catalonia secession referendum because Spain's 1978 constitution doesn't envision anything but a unified Spanish state, and mandates that referendums affecting Spain must be held nationally and not regionally. He has an absolute majority in Parliament that assures he will prevail.

'Gravity' may exert force in Oscar nominations on Thursday morning

(AP) — The force of "Gravity" may be about to exert itself on Hollywood's awards season.

When Academy Award nominations are announced Thursday morning from Beverly Hills, Calif., Alfonso Cuarón's 3-D space adventure will likely rival "12 Years a Slave" and "American Hustle" in a close contest for most-nominated film. Though much of the season has been a see-saw between Steve McQueen's heavy historical epic and David O. Russell's lighter Abscam melodrama, "Gravity" should emerge Thursday as an equally strong Oscar contender.

All three are locks for a best picture nomination. And while "Gravity," with a cast of just a few, won't reap the acting nods that the acclaimed ensembles of "American Hustle" and "12 Years a Slave" will, it holds an edge in technical categories. Cuarón's box-office hit (\$670 million worldwide) has been hailed for its innovative visual effects, which are sure to be honored by the academy.

The Golden Globes are typically a weak forecaster to the Oscars, but last Sunday's ceremony reflected consensus by naming "American Hustle" best comedy and "12 Years a Slave" best drama. Hollywood's guilds, whose members largely make up the academy, have in their awards nominations also voiced strong support for Paul Greengrass' Somali pirate docudrama "Captain Phillips," Martin Scorsese's finance fiasco "The Wolf of Wall Street" and Alexander Payne's black-and-white road trip "Nebraska."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Perilous but Plausible

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♥ K 9 2
♦ A 8 7 3
♣ 8 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 4
♥ 8 7 5
♦ 10 6
♣ J 10 7 3

EAST
♠ Q J 5 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ Q J 9 4 2
♣ 9

SOUTH
♠ 6
♥ A Q J 10 3
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q 6 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
5NT Pass 6♥ Pass
7♥

Opening lead — ten of spades.
Assume you're in seven hearts and West leads a spade, taken by dummy's king. The grand slam is obviously cold if the opposing clubs are divided 3-2, so all your thoughts should be devoted to the possibility

that the suit is not divided favorably.
If you draw trumps right away, you would essentially be staking the outcome on the 3-2 division. But, even though the 3-2 split is a 2-to-1 favorite, this would not be the best way to play the hand.

You can increase your chances significantly by drawing two rounds of trumps and then playing the A-K of clubs. As it happens, you learn that the clubs are divided 4-1 when East discards a spade on the second club. Since East surely would have ruffed the king of clubs if he had the missing trump, it is obvious that West started with three trumps as well as four clubs. You therefore continue with the queen of clubs and then ruff a club in dummy to sew up the contract.

It may be argued that this method of play runs the risk of having the second round of clubs ruffed. But the answer to this is that if either defender was dealt a singleton club and three or more trumps, the contract almost surely can't be made. It therefore costs nothing to draw just two rounds of trumps and cash the A-K of clubs to see where you stand.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Photo courtesy of Howard College

Sarah Stinnett and the Howard College Lady Hawks will try and snap a three-game losing streak tonight when they face off against Odessa College, beginning at 5:45 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Howard College men will also play tonight.

Hawks, Lady Hawks to play big games with OC tonight

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Make no mistake about it, there will be plenty of offense on display this evening when the Howard College men's and women's basketball teams take to the court at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to face off against Odessa College.

There could also be a few changes in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference men's standings when the smoke clears. The Howard College and Odessa College men enter tonight's game tied for second in the WJ-CAC standings with 3-1 records.

In Odessa, the Hawks will be facing one of the nation's top offensive teams. Odessa College, 15-2 overall, averages 106 points per game.

OC's offensive attack is led by sophomore point guard Josh Gray. The former Texas Tech signee is leading the WJ-CAC in scoring and assists this season, averaging 39.4 points and six assists per game.

Gray, who committed to play next season at LSU in the Southeastern Conference, is hardly the Wranglers' lone offensive weapon.

In addition to Gray, OC has three other players who have averaged double figures offensively, including Kevin Mays, Anrio Adams and Christian Crockett.

Mays enters tonight's game averaging 15.4 points per game, respectively. Mays also gives the Wranglers a rebounding presence inside. He currently leads the WJ-CAC in rebounds with 210 boards.

The Hawks, 15-3 overall, have a bevy of offensive talent, too. Howard College rolls into the matchup with three players averaging double figures offensively. Travis Charles leads the HC attack with 14.6 points per game average. Eric Weary and David Joseph have scored 13.8 and 11.4 points per game. Torrian Epps also adds to the attack, averaging 9.9 points.

A win over Odessa College would move the Hawks into sole possession of second place in the WJ-CAC standings, and keep the team within striking distance of conference-leading South Plains (17-1, 4-0 in WJ-CAC).

For the Lady Hawks, the matchup with the Lady Wranglers could be even more vital. Howard College enters

WJ-CAC Standings

The following is a look at the men's and women's standings in the Western Junior College Athletic Conferences.

Men		
Team	Year	Conf.
South Plains	17-1	4-0
Odessa	15-2	3-1
Howard	15-3	3-1
Western Tx	16-4	4-2
NMJC	15-3	3-2
Frank Phillips	11-6	1-2
Midland	9-9	1-4
Clarendon	4-10	0-3
NMMI	10-6	0-4

Women		
Team	Year	Conf.
NMJC	12-4	3-0
Odessa	12-4	2-0
South Plains	9-8	3-1
Frank Phillips	15-2	2-1
Midland	12-6	2-1
Howard	10-9	1-3
Clarendon	8-8	0-3
Western Tx	5-10	0-4

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For the Lady Hawks, the matchup with the Lady Wranglers could be even more vital. Howard College enters

the contest having lost three straight conference games. As a team, the Lady Hawks are 1-3 in conference and 10-9 overall.

A win over Odessa College would help the Howard women scratch their way back into post-season contention.

Odessa College comes into the game with a 12-4 record, including a 2-0 mark in WJ-CAC play.

The Lady Wranglers will be led by a pair of top-notch shooters. Morgan Holly and Talayah Rich have averaged 15.1 and 12.5 points per game this season, and key an OC offense that has averaged more than 79 points per game.

The Lady Hawks will be led by Bailey Wipff and Sarah Stinnett. Wipff has chalked up 15.2 points per game this season, while Stinnett has averaged 11.3.

Gabby Gonzales also plays a key role for the HC women. She has averaged nine points per outing.

The HC women are scheduled to tip off play at 5:45 p.m. The men's game will follow.

Short-handed Bulldogs fall to C-City

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Colorado High School Wolves received a late Christmas gift on Tuesday. In fact, they received two in their matchup with the Coahoma High School Bulldogs.

Sparked by the loss of two Coahoma starters to fouls the second half, the Wolves managed to grind out a 62-47 win in district basketball action.

"We ran into foul trouble late in the third quarter," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols, who saw both Braxton Iden and Shanen Warneke sent to the bench with five fouls in the first eight minutes of the second half.

The Bulldogs managed to stay close in the first half. Sparked by the play of Iden, Coahoma battled its way to within 25-23 at the half.

Colorado City took advantage of the Bulldogs' foul woes in the third. The Wolves outscored Coahoma by a 16-11 clip in the frame and rolled into the fourth quarter with a 41-34 cushion.

Colorado City closed out the game with a 20-13 run in the fourth.

Iden led all CHS scorers in the loss by throwing in 21 points. Tyler Franks and Hayden Adamson added nine apiece.

In girls' action, the Lady Wolves sank a basket in the nick of time and then held on to claim a 42-40 come-from-behind win.

Colorado City knocked down a basket with 7 seconds left in regulation to grab a shaky lead.

Trailing by two, Coahoma had one final at-

tempt. After inbounding the ball, the Bulldogettes committed a turnover that prevented a last-second shot at a potential game-winning shot.

"We played a good game and had a chance late to pull out the win," said Coahoma head coach Paul Hartman. "Colorado City hit a shot with about 7 seconds left to take the lead back and we didn't get a shot off in transition. The girls played extremely hard and competed well."

The Bulldogettes, now 10-10 for the year, held the momentum early in the game. Coahoma buried several key baskets in the first quarter and held a slim 10-9 lead.

Colorado City rallied back, however. The Lady Wolves scored 13 points in each of the next two quarters and took a 35-28 lead into the fourth.

The Bulldogettes, now 1-3 in district, staged a late rally. Backed by the play of Savannah Neff and Lauren Simer, the CHS girls outscored Colorado City by a 12-5 margin in the first 7:50 of the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately for the CHS squad, the Lady Wolves connected on the game-winner from there. Neff led all CHS scorers in scoring with 19 points. Simer added nine.

Kyla Clanton also played well for the Bulldogettes. She finished with five points. Teammate Rylie Jacobs added four, while Kaeli Yager and Julia Castilaw added two and one, respectively.

Coahoma will host Denver City on Friday, beginning at 8 p.m. in the CHS gymnasium.

Area teams to compete in BS powerlifting meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Some of the area's top high school powerlifters will put their talents on display today when the 6th Annual Big Spring Powerlifting Championships are held at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

According to Big Spring powerlifting coach John Wright, the Steers will be hosting more than 10 area squads in the meet, which will get under way at 4 p.m.

"It should be a pretty good meet," said Wright. "We have a lot of the area teams coming in."

Among the area teams scheduled to send powerlifters to the meet are Colorado City, Coahoma, Garden City, Roscoe, Sweetwater, Forsan, Stanton and Snyder.

Wildcats weather threat from Sands

The Grady Wildcats put together a 17-6 run in the first eight minutes of the third quarter on Tuesday and then raced to a 62-55 come-from-behind win over the Sands Mustangs.

With the win, Grady ran its season record to 13-4 and moved to 6-0 in District 6-A action. Sands slipped to 12-6 and 4-2.

Sands, which sank seven three-pointers in the game, grabbed the upper hand early. The Mustangs outscored Grady by an 18-13 clip in the first quarter and took a slim 5-point lead.

They followed that up with a 16-14 run in the second and took a seven-point lead, at 34-27, into the half.

Grady managed to get its offense in gear in the third. The Wildcats' 17-6 spree in the frame sent the Wildcats into the fourth quarter with a 44-40 lead.

Beau Lucas led Grady in scoring by pushing in 23 points. Taylor Polson also hit double figures, netting 11 before fouling out late in the game.

The Wildcats will return to action on Friday Borden County.

Sands will travel to



Courtesy photo/Sonya Anderson

Back in action ...

Diamonique Mayes (shooting) and the 17th-ranked Big Spring Lady Steers will try and add to their win total on Friday with a road trip to Greenwood. The BSHS girls are 15-6 for the year and 2-2 in District 4-3A play.

Monahans slips past BSHS freshman teams

The Monahans Lobos dealt the Big Spring High School Steers' freshman team a double dose of bad news on Tuesday.

The Monahans boys netted a 52-36 win over the BSHS boys.

Despite the loss, Big Spring picked up solid play from Chase Williams and Jesus Archuleta. Williams led all BSHS scorers with 18 points. Archuleta collected nine points and

grabbed eight rebounds. The Steers will play Midland Greenwood on Friday.

The Monahans freshman girls team claimed a 43-35 win over the Big Spring Lady Steers' freshmen.

Katie Walsh paced the BSHS offense with 11 points. Kiana Ramsey added eight points.

Makaila Phillips led the Lady Steers in rebounding.

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Post Full Moon

The excitement of yesterday's full moon now wanes as the lunar torch passes from Cancer to Leo. There are still hot spots in the emotional soup. Feelings boiled yesterday, and now they'll simmer. If you're not careful, you still could be burned. The Leo lunar element reminds us to be playful and light whenever possible.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Worrying about every little thing you are given and whether or not you have contributed enough to earn it is a waste of energy. If you're given something, it's probably for a good reason. Enjoy it.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have big talents

and little affinity for publicizing them. That's fine -- stay modest. There are people around you now who will do all the marketing for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You won't feel like leaving the thing that's working well, but this is no time to get too comfortable at home. Your best source of luck and love is miles away from your front door.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To find your own identity, you sometimes have to try others on for size. By the way, identity quests are not strictly for very young people. You've had many incarnations thus far, and you'll have many more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is danger in every life. You know better than to expose yourself to it unnecessarily, even though this may be a particularly slow time danger-wise. Seek other kinds of excitement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your active mind will

latch on to an idea and spin it every which way. Every question leads to another. You're curious, and this is why you'll learn, do and be more successful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do you remember your dreams? There's information there that will shed light on a relationship. Increased spiritual awareness and intuitive ability are part of your cosmic gift now through the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Other people's organized efforts will interest you and inspire you to start a program of your own. Physical activities are favored, as is participation in the arts, music and entertainment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and your siblings or neighbors will get together for a group venture. This will be remembered later by the youngest and eldest of the group, so be sure to include them in a

meaningful way.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Discussion ensues, first in person and then through email and text messages. Take care that the version of your thoughts that makes it into writing is full of sensitivity and humanity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't predict how a project will turn out because there are too many variables involved now. Narrow down the variables, and you'll have more control over the outcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's something valuable to be gained from relating to someone who thinks very differently than you. Be bold. Talk to people you don't know about what you're doing. Male relationships are favored.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: (Jan. 16). New people will be interested in you, drawn in by your stylish aesthetics and cool factor. It's important to complete personal goals before

allowing yourself to get wrapped up in something new. Love heavily influences the way you think and communicate. February and June are especially dreamy in this regard. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 22, 14 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm shy. I have Venus in Pisces, which I'm told makes me more sensitive. Any advice for someone who finds talking to people to be a painful activity?"

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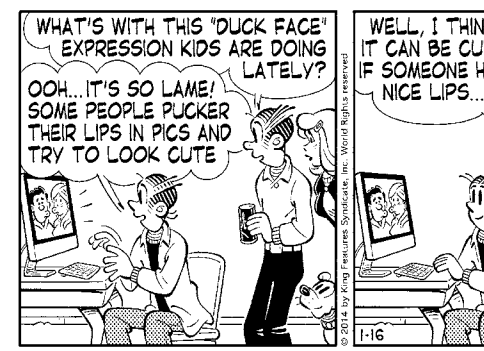


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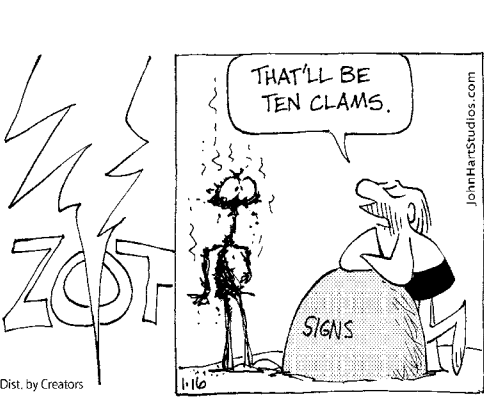
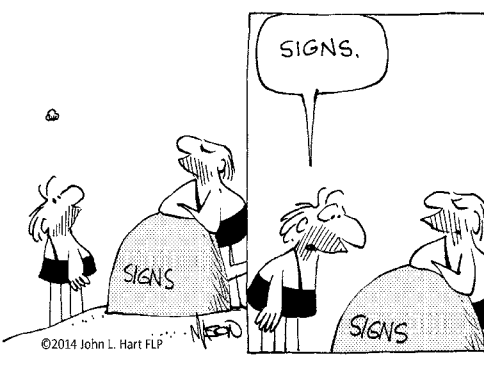
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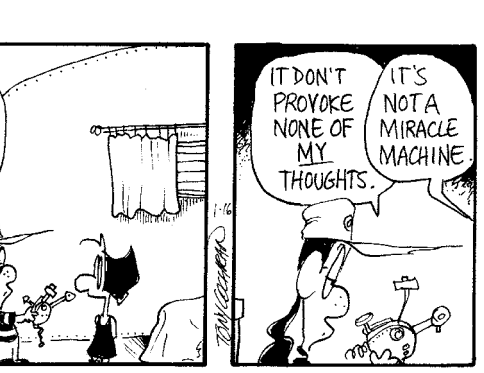
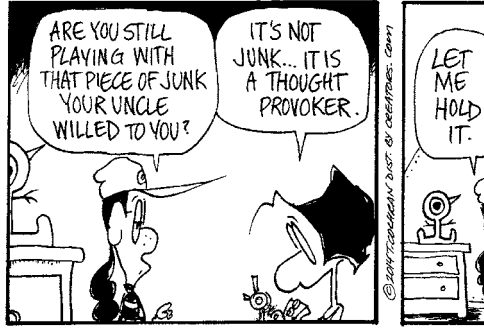
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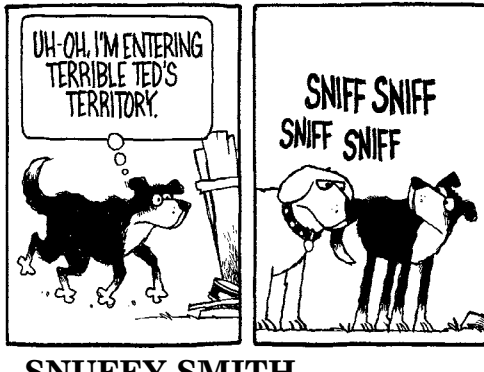
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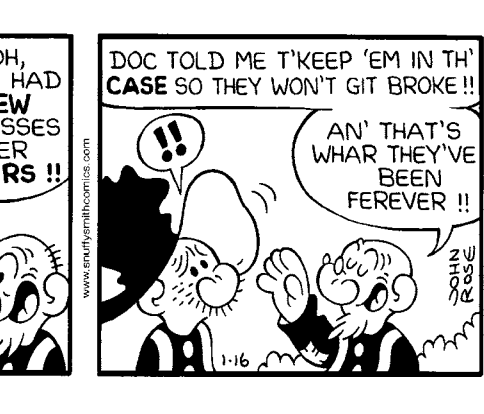
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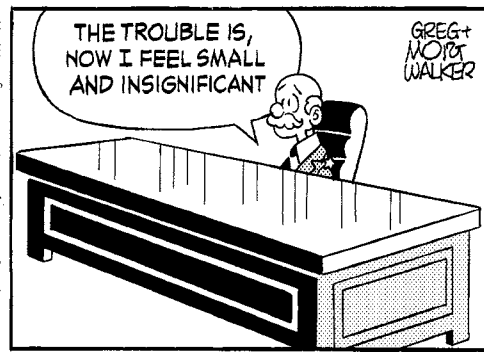
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2014. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower formally assumed command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in London.

On this date:

In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st

Amendment.)

In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Fla.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother Elizabeth and 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas, Nev., while en route to California from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1957, three B-52's took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes.

In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including

Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1989, three days of rioting began in Miami when a police officer fatally shot Clement Lloyd, a black motorcyclist, causing a crash that also claimed the life of Lloyd's passenger, Allan Blanchard. (The officer, William Lozano, was convicted of manslaughter, but then was acquitted in a retrial.)

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Get outta here!"
 - 5 Fall zodiac sign
 - 10 Most new phones, for short
 - 14 Tricky maneuver
 - 15 Pass easily
 - 16 Tricky maneuver
 - 17 President Rouhani's homeland
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 - 42 Maximum limit
 - 43 Armistice
 - 45 Floor covers
 - 46 Hospital charts
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 - 49 "Lamp unto my feet" source
 - 51 Religious doctrine
 - 53 Auspices
 - 57 Bachelor's lack
 - 59 Befuddled
 - 63 Be alongside
 - 64 As expected
 - 65 Pro or con
 - 66 Casino game
 - 67 Sparkly topper
 - 68 Pal of Garfield
 - 69 Schedule stats.
 - 70 Top of the head
 - 71 Shipshape
 - 8 Washer cycle
 - 9 To boot
 - 10 Commonplace
 - 11 Mine vehicle
 - 12 Shortest-named continent
 - 13 Band sessions
 - 21 Comics crash
 - 25 As compared to
 - 27 Pretense
 - 28 Utter unclearly
 - 29 Dawn
 - 31 Pull from behind
 - 32 Drains
 - 33 VMI program
 - 34 Air of mystery
 - 35 Heiress' cash source
 - 37 Metaphorical basket filler
 - 40 Glimpsed
 - 41 2013 America's Cup winner
 - 44 Orange munchies
 - 46 Thoreau's mentor
 - 48 Bus stations
 - 50 Little fella
 - 52 Knee-length garment
 - 54 Tour conductor
 - 55 "Gunga Din" setting
 - 56 Shooting sport
 - 57 Aftermath
 - 58 "A likely story!"
 - 60 March Madness org.
 - 61 Barbell exercise
 - 62 Sloppy stack

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BS girls to face alumni on Jan. 25

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will kick off the 2014 softball season in grand fashion on Jan. 25 with a game against their past.

The Lady Steers, who are preparing for their Jan. 28 scrimmage, will face off against a team of former BSHS players, beginning at 4 p.m. at the high school softball field.

Former Lady Steers that would like to participate in the alumni game should contact coach John Sparks participate.

The Lady Steers will also participate in a "Swinging for the Fence" fund-raiser at 10 a.m. As part of the event, members of the BSHS team will be given 100 swings to collect as many hits as possible. Each hit the Lady Steers' team members collect will earn funds for the program.

The Lady Steers will open its 2014 season on Feb. 11 against Midland Christian.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Up and in ...

Forsan's Matthew Mims goes up for a layup against the Seagraves Eagles in the Buffaloes' win on Tuesday. Forsan will try and run its district record to 3-0 on Friday when they travel to Tahoka.

Local teams to play in Christoval tourney

There will be no shortage of junior high sportage for local teams this Saturday. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan will all be sending junior high teams to compete in the Christoval Junior High Basketball Tournament.

Coahoma will tip off the action at 9 a.m. with a game against Grape Creek. The winner of that game will advance to face Christoval in the semifinals at 11 a.m.

Big Spring will swing into action at 10 a.m. when they square off against Irion County in a first-round matchup.

The winner of the Big Spring-Irion County game will advance to face Forsan in the semi-

The following is a look at the schedule for the Christoval Junior High Basketball Tournament, which will be held on Jan. 18..

First Round

Coahoma vs. Grape Creek, 9 a.m.

Big Spring vs. Irion County, 10 a.m.

Semifinals

Coahoma-GC winner vs. Christoval, 11 a.m.

BS-IC winner vs. Forsan, noon

finals, starting at noon. The tournament's

championship game will be played at 4 p.m. The consolation finals will start at 1 p.m.

Youth basketball season tips off this weekend

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Youngsters from throughout the Crossroads region will take to the hardwood this weekend for the start of the 2014 youth basketball season. In all, more than 45 youth league teams, ranging in age groups from Pre-K and kindergarten to sixth grade, will tip off play on Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA.

Youth league games will be played each Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA, beginning at 8 a.m.

A total of 13 teams will be competing for the Big Spring YMCA title in the Pre-K and kindergarten division. Seven teams will be participating in the boys' first-second grade division, while four teams will comprise the girls' division. There will be six boys' teams in the

third-fourth grade division, and five teams in the girls' classification.

The league's fifth-sixth grade division will be large. There are nine teams set to compete for the boys' championship this fall. There are five teams in the girls' division.

Youth league games are scheduled to continue through Feb. 22. Postseason tournament plans have not been announced as of yet.

2014 Big Spring YMCA Basketball Schedule

Pre-K & Kindergarten Week 1 (Jan. 18)
Toon-Squad vs. Wii-Ones, 8 a.m.
Fryar vs. Moore, 8:30 a.m.
Spurs vs. Roberts, 9 a.m.
Mini Hoopers vs. Hector C., 9:30 a.m.
Hart vs. GC Hoopsters, 10 a.m.
Bearkat Ballers vs. Dillard, 10:30 a.m.

1-2 Grade Division Week 1 (Jan. 18)
Boys
Conner vs. Heat, 1:30 p.m.
SA Spurs vs. Bulldogs, 2:10 p.m.
Walt vs. Bulls, 2:50 p.m.
Conner vs. Stanton, 3:30 p.m.

Girls
Canales vs. Lil Angels, noon
Bearkat Barbies vs. A. Silva, 12:50 p.m.

3-4 Grade Division Week 1 (Jan. 18)
Boys
Hawks vs. Jordans, 9 a.m.
Spurs vs. Showtime, 10 a.m.
Stanton Buffs vs. Seidenberger, 11 a.m.

5-6 Grade Division Week 1 (Jan. 18)
Boys
Heat vs. Martha Lewis, 9

a.m.
Lakes vs. Duke, 10 a.m.
Burton-Cierra vs. Schneider, 11 a.m.
Salazar vs. Titsworth, noon
Girls
Storm vs. Martinez, 9 a.m.
Leicht vs. Amy White, 10 a.m.
Shooting Stars vs. Hot Shots, 11 a.m.

Youth league coaches are urged to report their team results to the Big Spring Herald. Please email your team's stats, results to sports@big-springherald.com

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!

Will you be participating in the Best Loser Contest?

Danine Smith No, too bad you don't have the contest for individuals also and not just teams of four.

Dondee Zamora-Vela When is weigh in
Michael Cuvillo All I need to know is where do you sign up?!

TaLisa Richardson Already have a team!

Dondee Zamora-Vela Thank you
Dondee Zamora-Vela Hoping so
Billie Yanez Nope I will not be participating in the contest.

Kathy Lain Geraldson Here's my random comment And no i won't be participating.

Jerry Watkins Yes

Terri Murphy Sorry no I wont be



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Are you ready for a



NEW challenge?

2014 BEST LOSER FAT TO FITNESS Spring Challenge!



We are seeking teams (of 4 people any age) ready to take part and lose weight in January, February, March and April competing to claim **“The Best Loser” Spring Title and A Grand Prize Worth \$500 - \$1,000*!**

If you are ready to start losing weight, sign up for **The Best Loser Spring Challenge!**

We are seeking teams (of 4 people any age) ready to take part in this fitness/lifestyle change, and compete for Grand Prize! Team fee \$60 (Only \$15.00 per person).

• Team photos and updates will be published. Here you'll be able to follow along with the progress of each team, and see how your team measures up. These specials will be published January 29, March 16, April 30th.

• We will only provide your team's **total percentage** of weight loss, not individuals.

• At the end of the 3-month program, the winning team will be determined by the highest percentage of weight lost, and receive the “Grand Prize”.

• Contest prizes determined on number of teams.

• To join the **Best Loser Spring Challenge**, fill out the form below and return to us with your \$60 entry fee, Cash Only, no later than **January 17, 2014**.



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JANUARY 17, 2014**

(TEAM PHOTO MUST BE TAKEN, ENTRY FEE MUST BE TURNED IN AND YOU MUST WEIGH IN BY THIS DATE TO QUALIFY FOR CHALLENGE)

Sign us up for the Best Loser Challenge!

Team Name (Be Creative) _____
 email: _____

Team Captain 1: _____ phone: _____

Team Member 2: _____ phone: _____

Team Member 3: _____ phone: _____

Team Member 4: _____ phone: _____

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