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Zane and Zubian Shamsher make a donation to the Isaiah 58 Food Drive Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The non-profit, non-denominational organization supplies food to those in need each Monday and Tuesday at 809 Scurry.

New trustee say's he will seek full term

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Fabian Serrano, the newly appointed trustee to the Big Spring Independent School District, confirmed Friday that he will seek to fill the unexpired District 7 term in the May election.

"Working with Howard College as a director, we always deal with institutional effectiveness so maybe I can bring to the board something along that line," said Serrano. "There are always a combination of different personalities within a board, so I think that would be my little piece of the puzzle I could bring."

Moving to the area when he was a child, Serrano's roots have grown deep within the West Texas soil. He is a 1996 graduate of Forsan High School and earned his associate's in criminal justice from Howard College. He is a 2001 graduate from the University of Texas Permian Basin with a bachelor's degree in criminology. He started his career

with the Big Spring adult probation office.

Currently, Serrano is the director of correctional studies department for Howard College, overseeing 20 instructors who teach different vocation trades in the prisons system in Big Spring. Serrano has also been involved with the Teen Court Board.

He was appointed Thursday to serve the single member District 7 until the May election, replacing long-time trustee Phil Furqueron. In the last election cycle, Furqueron opted not to run again, but because no one filed for the position, he stayed on to serve.

The first day to file to place a name on the May 10 ballot will be Jan 29. Filing will continue through Feb. 28. Early voting starts April 28. Also up for election are District 1, represented by Irene Rodriguez, who confirmed Thursday she will run, and District 3, current held by Ken McIntosh, who said he has not decided if he will seek another term.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234.

January 31 deadline to pay taxes sans penalty

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Time is running out for property owners wishing to pay their tax bills without incurring penalties.

Homeowners have until Jan. 31 to pay their tax bills without penalties or interest,

said Diane Carter, Howard County tax assessor/collector.

Payments can be made in person at the county tax office (315 Main St., Suite D), by mail (P.O. Box 1111) or by credit card over the phone (1-800-272-9829), Carter said.

Once the calendar flips over to February, taxpayers will begin accruing penalties and interest on their unpaid balance. That schedule is as follows:

- February — 6 percent penalty, 1 percent interest.
- March — 7 percent penalty, 2 percent interest.
- April — 8 percent penalty, 3 percent interest.
- May — 9 percent penalty, 4 percent interest.
- June — 10 percent penalty, 5 percent interest.
- July — 12 percent penalty, 6 percent interest.

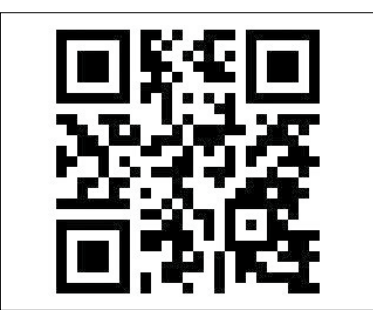
In addition, attorney fees will be added to the tax bill.

An installment plan is available for taxpayers 65 or older. Carter said those people can pay in four installments as long as they make their first payment by the Jan. 31 deadline. Subsequent payments will be due by March 31, May 31 and July 31.

"For other people, we will take partial payments, but they will acquire penalties and interest for the portion of their tax bills not paid before Jan. 31," Carter said.

For more information, contact the tax office at 264-2232.

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



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Gasoline prices stable

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have not moved in the past week, averaging \$3.09/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.27/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 4.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 6.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4.7 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1 cent per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

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Marches, service projects, parades set to honor MLK

Local, wire reports

The nation paused to remember Martin Luther King Jr. today with parades, marches and service projects.

Locally, a walk in MLK's honor will be held at 6 p.m. today and will begin on 10th Street next to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. The walk — vehicles and bicycles or other means of transportation are welcome — will proceed west to FM 700.

Participants are encouraged to bring candles or flashlights.

King was born Jan. 15, 1929, and the federal holiday is the third Monday in January.

In Atlanta, a service was planned at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King was pastor. In Memphis, Tenn., where King was assassinated,

an audio recording of an interview with King would be played at the National Civil Rights Museum. The recording sheds new light on a phone call President John F. Kennedy made to King's wife more than 50 years ago.

Historians generally agree Kennedy's phone call to Coretta Scott King expressing concern over her husband's arrest in October 1960 — and Robert Kennedy's work behind the scenes to get King released — helped JFK win the White House.

In Ann Arbor, Mich., activist and entertainer Harry Belafonte planned to deliver the keynote address for the 28th annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium on Monday morning at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Stephens

Dorothy Stephens, 82, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, in the Oakwood Cemetery in Honey Grove, Texas. Ray Boles will officiate. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

Dorothy was born June 22, 1931, in Muddig, Texas, to Oscar and Ida Mae (Baker) Boles. She attended East Texas State in Commerce, Texas, before receiving her master's degree from the University of Utah. Dorothy taught school for 25 plus years in Stanton, Texas; Laredo, Texas near Temple, Texas and lastly in Big Spring, Texas.

She was also a Sunday school teacher at College Baptist Church in Big Spring, where she taught for 25 years. She moved to Tuscola 2½ years ago from Edmond, Okla. Dorothy was a member Wylie Baptist Church in Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Davie Stephens in 2003, one sister, Rosalie Smith, and one brother, Jack Boles.

Dorothy is survived by one daughter, Darlene Carroll and husband Kenneth of Nichols Hills, Okla.; one son, David Stephens and wife Deborah of Tuscola; one brother, Kenneth Boles of Quitman; one sister, June Tinsley of Gun Barrel City, Texas; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, six nieces; and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000.

Condolences may be submitted online at: www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com

Jerline Averitt

Jerline Averitt, 87, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday Jan. 17, 2014, at her residence. The family will receive friends Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Eddy Prince of Grace Fellowship Church of God officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

She was born to Ollie and Henry David Ayers in Gilliam, Ark., on Sept. 30, 1926. She was a longtime resident of Howard County, moving to Big Spring in 1943 from DeQueen, Ark. She married William Bryan Averitt on Dec. 7, 1944, in Campbell, Calif. He died March 3, 1987. She was a professional cake decorator.

She is survived by two daughters: Jeane Ward and husband James of Big Spring and Betty Hoffman and husband James of Midland, Texas; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one brother, David Ayers and wife Barbara of Big Spring; one sister-in-law: Alma Claire Simpson of Odessa, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Mary Paredez

Mary Paredez, 86, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at the Heartland Nursing Home in San Antonio, Texas. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charlene White

Charlene White, 74, of Big Spring, Texas, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at a Stanton nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police blotter

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

- JUANITA MARIA MARES, 26, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 121, was arrested on warrants from another agency and theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- PATRICIA REED, 30, of 1500 Sycamore B, was arrested on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ, 26, of 706 S. Goliad, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD, 20, of 3623 Connelly, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams.
- DARIUS REED, 34, of 1500 Sycamore B, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.
- GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR, 30, 207 Jefferson St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 2600 block of S. Gregg.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore St. and the 200 block of Jefferson St.

Take Note

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring is under new leadership, and, leaders say, is taking a new path.

"We are seeking new members and volunteers to walk this path with us and share in our vision," said Randy McKinney, committee vice president. "Come and join us in this journey to a new future."

Powwow Big Spring will host its 10th intertribal powwow April 5-6 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more information on the organization or to join, contact McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• The community is invited to join Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center as we bid a fond farewell to Alan Abel, MD on Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a come and go reception. The celebration will take place in the Surgical Clinic at the Malone and Hogan building.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps offers 12 weeks of job training for women seeking employment or better employment. We provide computer training, resume preparation, and interview skills in a Christian setting. We also have a free certified nurses aide training program. The next session starts Feb. 3. Applications are being accepted now. For more information or to get an application, call 432-517-4627. Leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

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






• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

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

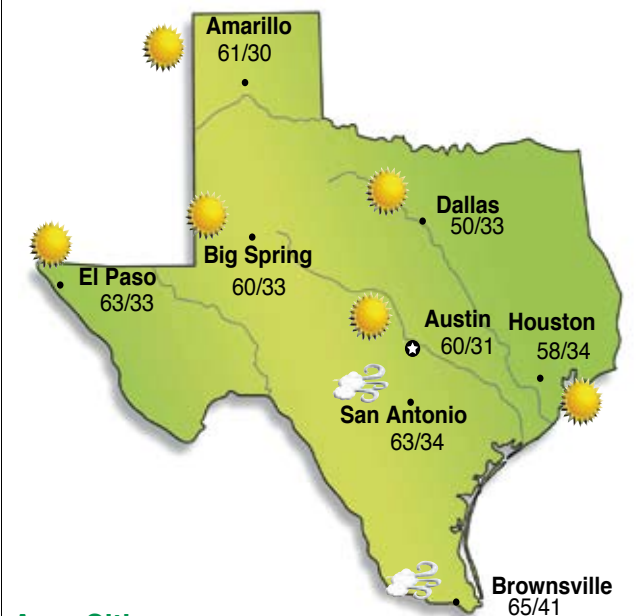
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/21	Wed 1/22	Thu 1/23	Fri 1/24	Sat 1/25
 60/33 A mainly sunny sky. High around 60F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	 69/32 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 30s.	 39/20 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	 46/28 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	 66/36 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	56	38	sunny	Kingsville	68	40	sunny
Amarillo	61	30	sunny	Livingston	55	28	sunny
Austin	60	31	sunny	Longview	49	29	sunny
Beaumont	56	31	sunny	Lubbock	60	28	sunny
Brownsville	65	41	windy	Lufkin	55	30	sunny
Brownwood	58	35	sunny	Midland	61	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	65	41	sunny	Raymondville	67	40	mst sunny
Corsicana	49	32	sunny	Rosenberg	58	33	sunny
Dallas	50	33	sunny	San Antonio	63	34	windy
Del Rio	63	37	sunny	San Marcos	61	32	sunny
El Paso	63	33	sunny	Sulphur Springs	47	32	sunny
Fort Stockton	60	40	sunny	Sweetwater	58	36	sunny
Gainesville	47	29	sunny	Tyler	50	30	sunny
Greenville	46	29	sunny	Weatherford	50	31	sunny
Houston	58	34	sunny	Wichita Falls	50	33	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	21	windy	Minneapolis	2	0	cloudy
Boston	19	8	sn shower	New York	24	11	snow
Chicago	9	-1	sn shower	Phoenix	76	48	mst sunny
Dallas	50	33	sunny	San Francisco	69	44	sunny
Denver	59	31	sunny	Seattle	43	37	cloudy
Houston	58	34	sunny	St. Louis	20	16	windy
Los Angeles	78	50	sunny	Washington, DC	31	13	snow
Miami	76	53	rain				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 1/21	Wed 1/22	Thu 1/23	Fri 1/24	Sat 1/25
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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► News in Brief

Iran starts implementing nuclear deal, halts sensitive enrichment

TEHRAN (AP) — Iran halted its most sensitive uranium enrichment work on Monday as part of a landmark deal struck with world powers, easing concerns over the country's nuclear program and clearing the way for a partial lifting of sanctions, Tehran and the U.N. said.

An Iranian state TV broadcast said authorities halted enrichment of uranium to 20 percent, just steps away from bomb-making materials, by disconnecting the cascades of centrifuges enriching uranium in Natanz.

"Production of 20 percent enriched uranium has been halted by cutting the links feeding cascades in this facility," it said. A report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear agency, confirmed that the centrifuges were disconnected.

The broadcast said international inspectors were present Monday when Iran began implementing its obligations under the historic deal reached in Geneva Nov. 24. They left to monitor the suspension at Fordo, another uranium enrichment site in central Iran.

The official IRNA news agency said Iran also started Monday to convert part of its stockpile of 20 percent enriched uranium to oxide to produce nuclear fuel.

With stakes high and expectations low, Syrian peace talks set to open this week in Switzerland

BEIRUT (AP) — With stakes high and expectations low, Syria's government and its opponents are supposed to sit down face-to-face this week for the first time — muscled to an international peace conference by foreign powers that fear the bloodiest of the Arab Spring uprisings may engulf the entire region in sectarian war.

But the negotiations, tenuous from the beginning, were again up in the air on Monday as a new U.N. invitation extended to Iran prompted a threat from the Western-backed opposition to pull out of the gathering.

The international community seemingly agrees on the urgent need to end fighting that has killed more than 130,000 people, touched off the worst humanitarian crisis in decades and unleashed sectarian hatreds that have sent tremors across the Middle East.

But they do not agree on how — or who — can end the war.

Both the government and the opposition have suffered enormous losses, but even now, neither side appears desperate enough for a deal to budge from its entrenched position. The front lines of the war itself have been largely locked in place since last March.

Several of Obama's key surveillance changes are hampered by legal, logistics complications

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several of the key surveillance reforms unveiled by President Barack Obama face complications that could muddy the proposals' lawfulness, slow their momentum in Congress and saddle the government with heavy costs and bureaucracy, legal experts warn.

Despite Obama's plans to shift the National Security Agency's mass storage of Americans' bulk phone records elsewhere, telephone companies do not want the responsibility. And the government could face privacy and structural hurdles in relying on any other entity to store the data.

Constitutional analysts also question the legal underpinning of Obama's commitment to setting up an advisory panel of privacy experts to intervene in some proceedings of the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which oversees the NSA's data mining operations. Obama has asked Congress to set up such a panel, but senior federal judges already oppose the move, citing practical and legal drawbacks.

The secret courts now operate with only the government making its case to a federal judge for examining someone's phone data. Civil libertarians have called for a voice in the room that might offer the judge an opposing view.

"The devil is in the details of how the government collects and retains phone records," said Anthony Romero, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, "and I think we're going to see pretty quickly the lack of specificity behind some of the president's promises."

Behind Olympic facades is a crumbling Sochi whose residents live worse now than ever

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — A shining new \$635 million highway on the outskirts of Sochi stands next to a crumbling apartment block with a red "SOS!" banner on its roof.

The residents of 5a Akatsy street have lived for years with no running water or sewage system. Construction for the 2014 Winter Games has made their lives more miserable: The new highway has cut them off from the city center. Even their communal outhouse had to be torn down because it was found to be too close to the new road and ruled an eyesore.

The slum is one of the many facets of a hidden dark side in the host city of next month's Winter Olympics, which stands side-by-side with the glittering new construction projects that President Vladimir Putin is touting as a symbol of Russia's transformation from a dysfunctional Soviet leviathan to a successful, modern economy. While state-run TV trains its cameras on luxury malls, sleek stadiums and high-speed train links, thousands of ordinary people in the Sochi area put up with squalor and environmental waste: villagers living next to an illegal dump filled with Olympic construction waste, families whose homes are sinking into

the earth, city dwellers suffering chronic power cuts despite promises to improve electricity.

Putin promoted the Sochi Games, which begin on Feb. 7, as a unique opportunity to bring investment to the Black Sea resort and improve living standards for its 350,000 residents. Looking back at those promises, many residents, weary from years of living in the midst of Russia's biggest construction project in modern history, say they have yet to see any improvement in their lives and point to an array of negative effects.

"Everyone was looking forward to the Olympics," said Alexandra Krivchenko, a 37-year-old mother of three who lives on Akatsy street. "We just never thought they would leave us bang in the middle of a federal highway!"

American jailed in North Korea appears before reporters, asks U.S. to help secure his release

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — An American missionary who has been jailed in North Korea for more than a year appeared before reporters Monday and appealed to the U.S. government to do its best to secure his release.

The missionary, Kenneth Bae, made the comments at what he called a press conference held at his own request. He was under guard during the appearance. It is not unusual for prisoners in North Korea to say after their release that they spoke in similar situations under duress.

Wearing a gray cap and inmate's uniform with the number 103 on his chest, Bae spoke in Korean during the brief appearance, which was attended by The Associated Press and a few other foreign media in Pyongyang.

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Mary Paredes, 86, died Friday. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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"The national average has picked up some downward momentum over the last week," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "It's likely that during this week, we will see gasoline prices again drop below their year ago levels yet again."

"However, as we're approaching

February, the most recent drops will likely reverse as refineries begin their maintenance season, which will see refineries doing critical work preparing for summer at the expense of gasoline output, which will be a contributing factor to an upward rise in gas prices.

"Motorists should expect more volatility in late-February through May as the market generally reacts to any unexpected production related issues, and there are generally several issues each year," DeHaan said.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Have a Dream Day

We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. today in a floating holiday to commemorate his birth, which was on Jan. 15, 1929. The civil rights leader, Nobel Peace Prize winner and great American orator was born when Mercury, the planet of communication, was in Aquarius, a sign associated with humanity, imagination and vision.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Gaining a measure of control over your response to events is no small victory. Today it will be the only victory that matters. Your life will change because you change your responses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes talking is doing something. Other times, talking is doing nothing. You'll be exposed to both active and inactive talk. If you know the difference, you'll be as productive as you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You won't be able to stay still, because life's music will move you.



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Metaphorically, you have a passion for dancing, and this choromania will make you extremely popular on the flashing floor of life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Appearances will matter even more than usual. People will be in the mood to make value assessments. It will be easier to put your best foot forward when said foot is wearing a very good shoe.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Ferrets kill vermin, too, and yet for centuries the house pet/rodent extermination role has gone prevailing to cats. You have the aloof, regal feline attitude today that will have people choosing you over the other options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It goes best for you when you show up exactly when and where you said you'd be. Avoid changing the original plan if you can help it. People relax when they know what to expect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will not blend well with someone who is emotionally demanding. You need support to face personal challenges, and overly mercurial or dramatic people won't focus on you the way you need someone to right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you need to solve a problem and don't have the resources to do so, lucrative opportunities will show up. This is not chance timing; you are drawing good luck to you with your smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You enjoy anticipation, and you have so much to look forward to. Today it's all about that one thing that makes you smile. It's nothing profound — more likely something wonderfully dumb.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Think of today's main event as an exercise. Whether things work out the way you want them to or not is very far from the point of the exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You look forward to the events of the near future as long as you feel prepared for them. So take the time to plan and do the things that will help you go confidently forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). True to the empathetic talents of your Piscean nature, your emotions will be level and consistent with the emotions of those around you. You're not afraid

to lead; you just won't have the desire now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). You don't expect much from this year, and this will be so good for you. Expectations have been known to lead directly to suffering. February's surprises will delight you. March brings an opportunity to roll up your sleeves and work hard. You'll do best in a small group. You'll meet someone you're destined to know and love in April. Leo and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 11, 8 and 7.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius actor Rainn Wilson played megalomaniac Dwight Schrute of "The Office," though in real life he follows closely the humanitarian ideals of his sign, as exemplified in the website he founded: soulpancake.com. The site is a mind-expanding, feel-good, artistic place in cyberspace. Wilson was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were in Aquarius.

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Venezuela's national dog keeps Chavez legacy alive

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

MUCUCHIES, Venezuela (AP) — The Soviets made space dog Laika a national hero and Americans have

fallen for presidential pets from Checkers to Bo. In Venezuela, a rare breed of shaggy sheepdog has come to symbolize the patriotic legacy of the late Hugo

Chavez.

Venezuela's former president rescued the mucuchies, named for the Andean town where the breed originated 400 years ago, from near-extinction in 2008 by providing funding to breed the remaining 23 purebreds, and he used to delight in recalling how one early tail-wagger called Nevado fought at the side of his idol, 19th century independence hero Simon Bolivar.

"Every time Chavez hosted a foreign leader the president's office would call me up and make sure I brought the dogs," said Walter Demendoza, president of the Nevado Foundation, which works to rescue the breed. "He wanted the dog to be known around the world as a symbol of our country."

Chavez died from cancer last March, but interest in the dog in Latin America surged after ally Argentine President Cristina Fernandez reappeared in public in November after brain surgery dot-

ing on a fluffy, white puppy given to her by Chavez's brother.

Overnight the dog Simon, named after Bolivar, became a social media sensation. This month, Chavez's successor, Nicolas Maduro, named a government campaign to rescue street dogs in honor of the The Liberator's best friend.

Thanks to Chavez's efforts, there are now almost 200 purebred mucuchies, and the dog is on its way to joining the group of 343 breeds officially recognized by the World Canine Organization.

The largest contingent, including the parents of Argentina's new "first dog," live in the high-altitude moorlands known as paramos, at the extreme northern edge of the Andes in Venezuela.

It was here in the village of Mucuchies, 3,000 meters (9,843 feet) above sea level, that the greatest canine encounter in Venezuela's history took place. Legend has it that in 1813 Bolivar's army was approaching

a farm when the independence fighters were stopped in their tracks by a giant, barking guard dog. Weapons drawn, the rebels were about to kill the dog when Bolivar, marveling at its beauty and bravery, ordered them to back down.

"They were going to slaughter it like a beast but Bolivar stopped them," said Edgar Albarran, a breeder in Mucuchies who greets tourists dressed in a traditional red wool ruana and straw hat.

The pup was named Nevado, or Snowy, for its white coat resembling the Andes peaks, and was given to Bolivar by the farm's owner. The two became inseparable, except when Nevado was briefly nabbed by the loyalist Spanish army in a bid to entrap South America's Liberator.

The dog died in the final battle of Venezuela's independence war in 1821. Although honored by a statue in the central plaza of Mucuchies, the dog had largely faded

from memory. Venezuelan tourists to the town were unaware of the dog's storied history or even the breed's existence, confusing it with a St. Bernard.

In fact, the mucuchies is more closely related to another mountain dog, the Pyrenean mastiff, which was brought to the New World by the Spanish conquistadores and used to herd sheep.

While Latin America is full of distinctive breeds, everything from Mexico's Chihuahua to the pre-Incan Peruvian hairless dog, none can compete with the mucuchies for historical significance, says Rafael Malo Alcrudo, a dog-show judge and prize-winning breeder in Spain of the heavier-set Pyrenean mastiff.

"It's an extremely noble breed," said Malo Alcrudo, who in 2012 visited the Nevado Foundation's kennels.

For Chavez, who was obsessed with all things Bolivarian and constantly invoked his idol's political thinking in speeches, there couldn't have been a more potent symbol of the nation's identity. Some say he even privately harbored the desire to honor Nevado in the National Pantheon in Caracas where Venezuela's founding fathers are buried.

Back in Mucuchies, far away from politics, stud dog Orinoco seems blissfully oblivious to its patriotic mission to procreate. Standing alongside Albarran, the breeder, he playfully stretches out his giant paw to children and anyone else willing to regale it with attention.

"How's your girlfriend?" teases Albarran, turning away from Orinoco's panting, outstretched tongue as the dog stands on its legs and reaches over its owner's neck. "He smells one of his girlfriends, that's why he's so excited."

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Associated Press writer Vicente Marquez contributed to this report.

Sudoku Answer on Page 8

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.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 2
♥ 10 8
♦ A Q J 6
♣ Q 10 8 2

WEST
♠ A
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ K J 6

EAST
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ Q J 9 7 2
♦ —
♣ 9 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 6 4
♥ K 4
♦ K 10 8 4
♣ A 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Dble!

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

One of the most authoritative bridge books ever written, "Morehead on Bidding," contains this classic deal, which demonstrates the benefits that can accrue from keeping your ears open during the bidding.

If you look only at West's hand, you might wonder whether he had taken leave of his senses when he doubled four spades. But West knew

exactly what he was doing, and was extremely well-rewarded for his perspicacity.

West had listened carefully to the bidding and was able to project how the play was likely to go. He realized from North's two-diamond response to the opening spade bid and South's raise in diamonds that East had either one diamond or none.

So, acting on this reasonable deduction, West doubled and led the nine of diamonds, a suit-preference signal telling East what to return if he ruffed the first trick. West's fondest hopes were realized when East ruffed and returned the queen of hearts.

South and West both ducked, but West won the next heart with the ace and this time returned his lowest diamond, the deuce, asking for a club return at trick five. East ruffed and dutifully led a club. South did as well as he could when he rose with the ace and returned a trump, but he was fighting a hopelessly lost cause.

West took the ace of trumps and led a third round of diamonds. East ruffed again, returned a club to West's king — the seventh trick for the defense — and West had 1,100 points in the bank to show for his well-judged double.

Tomorrow: The step-by-step approach.

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Hawks look to stay hot against NMMI

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

On paper, the Howard College Hawks look as if they will be able to take a breather when they take to the floor tonight against the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos. NMMI is, after all, winless in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Then again, numbers on paper don't always tell the

whole story.

The Hawks will be facing a very dangerous Bronco squad this evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. NMMI came within minutes of upsetting second-ranked South Plains College last week, losing a nine-point lead within the last two minutes before falling 77-72.

Howard head coach Scott Raines knows his team will

have to come out hard, as the Hawks need a win to keep pace with South Plains. Howard College enters tonight's matchup with a 4-1 record in WJAC action, and one game behind the Texans, who are a perfect 5-0 and travel to Borger to face Frank Phillips tonight.

The Broncos, who have lost their last three games, are led by a talented threesome in Biron Joseph, Antonio

WJAC Standings

Team	Conf.	Year
South Plains	5-0	18-1
Howard	4-1	16-3
Odessa College	3-2	15-3
Western Tx.	3-2	15-4
NMJC	3-3	15-4
Frank Phillips	2-2	12-6
Midland College	2-3	10-8
Clarendon	1-3	6-11
NMMI	0-5	10-6

Manns and Marcus Roper. All three scored into double figures against South Plains last Thursday. NMMI's Will

Joyce also played well against the Texans, finishing with a game-high 14 rebounds.

The Hawks are led into the game by point guard David Joseph and guards Eric Weary Jr. and Jalin Barnes.

Howard College, which improved to 16-3 on Thursday with an 87-86 win over No. 5-ranked Odessa College, won three straight since its Jan. 6 loss to South Plains in Level-land.

BS girls to face alumni Saturday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will kick off the 2014 softball season on Saturday against former members of the Lady Steers' softball program.

Big Spring, which is scheduled to face Colorado City on Jan. 28 in its preseason opener, is scheduled to face an alumni squad as part of a fund-raiser for the BSHS team. The exhibition matchup is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at the Lady Steers' Softball Complex.

Former Big Spring softball players that would like to compete in the event are urged to contact BSHS head softball coach John Sparks for more information.

Prior to playing the exhibition game, the members of the 2014 Lady Steers softball program will participate in the "Swinging for the Fence" fund-raiser. As part of the event, each member of the team will be given 100 swings to collect as many hits as possible. Each hit the player collects will earn funds for the BSHS softball program.

The "Swinging for the Fence" gala will get underway at approximately 10 a.m. at the BSHS softball field.

Big Spring is scheduled to begin the regular season on Feb. 11 against Midland Christian. The team's first home game of 2014 campaign will be on Feb. 18 against Level-land.



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A total of 12 members of the Howard College Hawks' 2009 national junior college championship team returned to Big Spring on Saturday for a special reunion, and to participate in an exhibition game against the 2014 Hawks at Jack Barber Stadium.

Back on Campus

Hawks' 2009 national championship baseball team honored at exhibition

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks took time to salute their 2009 national championship team on Saturday at Jack Barber Stadium. Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks were among a host of college officials on hand to honor members of the returning members with a special pre-game hot dog feed and a special exhibition game with members of the 2014 HC baseball program.

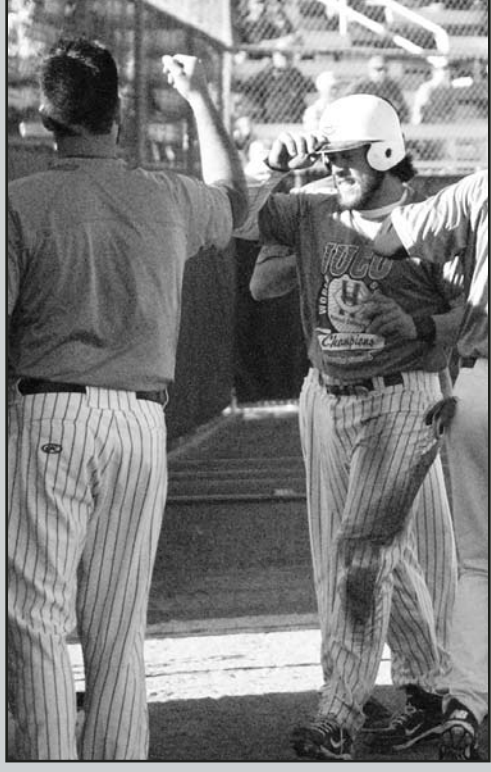
A total of 12 members of the Hawks' second national championship team attended the event, including All-American catcher Miles Hamblin, and

outfielders Dane Steinhagen and Joe Leftridge.

Prior to playing a seven-inning exhibition with the current Hawks team, the 12 members of the 2009 championship squad were reunited with the national championship trophy.

Approximately 200 local residents turned out to welcome the junior college champions back to Big Spring.

During the exhibition, both teams proved they could still hit with the best. Leftridge led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple and raced home moments later on a single by Steinhagen.



Former Howard College standout Dane Steinhagen is welcomed with high fives after scoring in the bottom of the first in an exhibition game between the HC 2009 national championship team and the 2014 Hawks.

Steers, 'Dogs shine at BS powerlifting meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Heading into his first season as the head coach of the Big Spring High School powerlifting team John Wright thought the Steers had talent. After Thursday's outing at the Big Spring Powerlifting Meet, he knows he has plenty.

Big Spring highlighted a solid showing by area teams at the top four in placing in the top four in both the boys' and girls' division.

"I was very proud of our kids," said Wright. "We had a lot of freshmen lifters, but they held their own. It looks pretty promising for us."

The Steers finished third in the boys' final

BS Powerlifting Meet FINAL STANDINGS

Boys	
1.....	Sweetwater
2.....	Coahoma
3.....	Big Spring

Girls	
1.....	Sweetwater
2.....	Lamesa
3.....	Coahoma
4.....	Big Spring

standings with 32 total points.

Aric Rutledge, Tyler Nairn and Robert Martinez all posted wins in their respective weight classifications. Rutledge won the 275-pound division with a three-lift total of approximately 1,200 pounds. He set a personal-best mark in the squats by pushing up 480 pounds.

Nairn was first in See LIFT, Page 10



Coahoma's Philip Bacon grimaces as he attempts a squat during the 2014 Big Spring Powerlifting meet, which was held Thursday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. The Big Spring and Coahoma lifters both turned in solid efforts at the season-opening meet.

Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

BS swimmers set for district meet

The Big Spring High School swim team will get its chance to prove itself this coming weekend when it competes in the District 4-4A Swimming and Diving Championships in Lubbock.

At the meet, he Big Spring swimmers will be competing against teams from Andrews, Fort Stockton, Lubbock, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Monterrey, Greenwood, Monahans, Pecos and Seminole.

The top six finishers in each event at the District 4-4A meet will advance to the regional meet, which will be held in Andrews.

The UIL state swim meet will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Lee and Joe Jammill Texas Swim Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

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c/o: Robert D. Miller Attorney at Law 608 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79720 DATED the 16th day of January, 2014. Robert D. Miller Attorney for Richie Tubb State Bar No.: 14108500 608 Scurry Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone: (432)267-7449 Facsimile: (432)267-1043 E-mail: cirrus@crocom.net #8135 January 20, 2014

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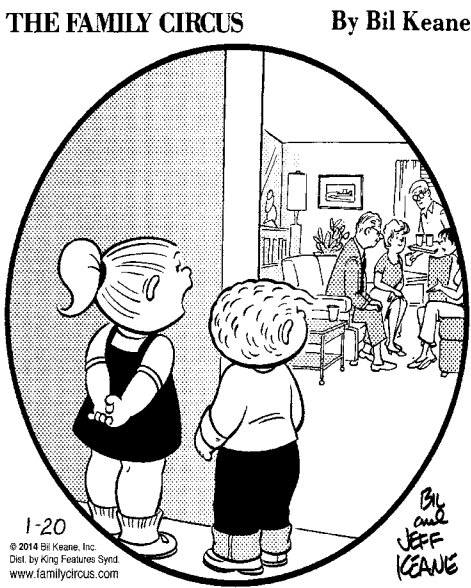
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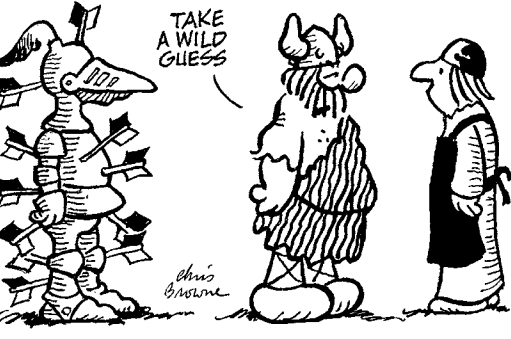


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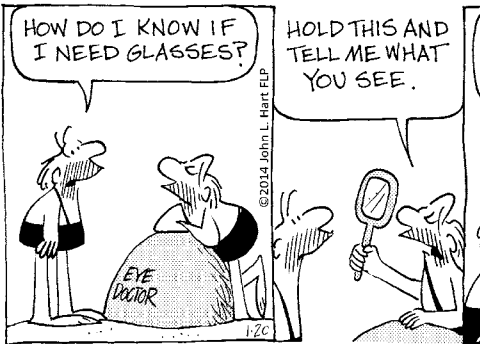
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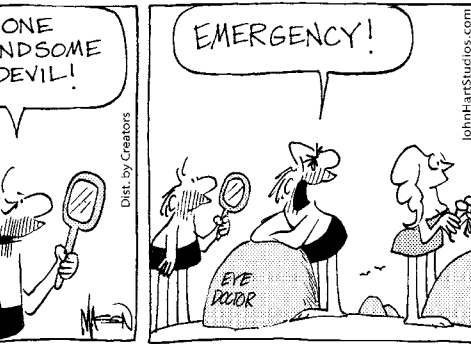
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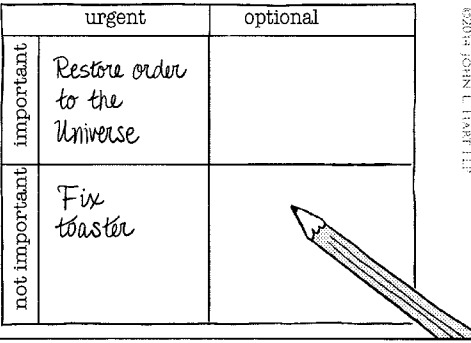
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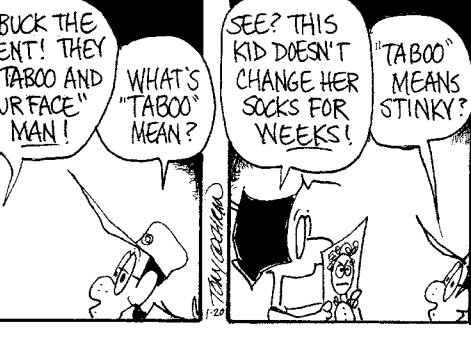
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12 Apex

13 Thumbs-up votes

21 Assistance

22 Sound of contentment

25 Famous person, for short

26 Mexican friend

27 Used as a chair

28 Chart-topping songs

29 "Yippee!"

30 Similar (to)

31 False appearance

32 Helps a felon

33 Hemmed in (by)

35 Poke fun at

36 Big family

38 Eligible voters

39 Of supply and demand

44 By way of

45 Sandwich meat

46 Car owner's document

47 French cap

48 Degrees for some CEOs

49 Des Moines' state

50 Cozy corner

51 ___ of measure (quart or mile)

52 Tug-of-war need

53 Sandwich shop

54 Fix up a manuscript

55 Erie or Huron

56 Snow vehicle

Answer to previous puzzle

NETSCAPE	BUSHSR
EVAPERON	ENHALO
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ADORES	SUE FWD
LEIS	ESTIE WHOLE
IDLED	KOAS AREA
	EGYPTIANMAU
GUYFAWKES	MASK
PIRATERADIO	
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ALASS	TINA ZERO
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Third-quarter push sends Buffs to win over Lamesa

The Stanton Buffaloes evened their season record at 9-9 by claiming a thrilling 45-44 win over the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes on Friday in a District 4-2A matchup.

The Buffaloes, who collected points from six different players in the game, posted a staggering 18-3 run in the first eight minutes of the third quarter to rally from a 22-18 halftime deficit.

Stanton held a slim 36-25 advantage heading into the fourth quarter. Lamesa didn't go down quietly. The Golden Tornadoes reeled off 19 points in the final eight minutes and closed to within one at the final buzzer.

Jonathan Ramos led all Buffs in scoring, netting 14 points. Nathan Swiger and K.J. Glaspie also hit

double figures, scoring 12 points apiece.

The Buffaloes also picked up points in the win from Drew Snellgrove, Joey Stanford

and Mason Myrick.

With the win, Stanton moved to 1-2 in District 4-2A action.

Lamesa fell to 9-8 and 1-2.

17th-ranked Wildcats ease past Borden County, 63-53

E.J. Rodriguez and Beau Lucas both pitched in double-digit performances Friday and helped power the state-ranked Grady Wildcats claim a tough 63-53 win over the Borden County Coyotes.

Grady, ranked No. 17 in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' poll, lit up the Coyotes from the outside in the contest. The team sank eight three-pointers in the contest, including two by Rodriguez and Cole Avery. After Grady had raced

to a 16-10 lead in the first quarter, Borden County flexed its own muscle. The Coyotes reeled off a 25-10 run in the second quarter and pulled to within one, at 26-25, at the half.

The Wildcats came on in the second half. They outscored BS by a 27-18 run in the final 16 minutes of play.

Rodriquez finished with a game-high 20 points. Lucas added 16.

Korbin Martinez led the Coyotes' offensive attack with 15. Kurt Shafer added 14.



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Mine, mine ...

Bearkat Barbies' Aurora Alvarado (right) and Lynette Wittrein battle for a loose ball during the Barbies' season-opening 16-15 overtime win over the Little G's on Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA. BSYBA games are held every Saturday at the YMCA.

Hawks likely to climb in national poll

The Howard College Hawks are likely to benefit from their rousing win over the Odessa College Wranglers when the latest National Junior College Athletic Association polls are released later this week.

The Hawks, who had entered last week ranked No. 21 in the nation, posted an 87-86 win over Odessa College last Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Wranglers had entered the game ranked No. 5.

Chipola College held down the nation's top spot in last week's poll with a 16-1 record. South Plains College Texans were ranked No. 2.

The Texans are scheduled to visit Big Spring on Feb. 6.

Unbeaten North Platte Community College (14-0) was third.



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Coahoma senior Megan Hurst is helped out of the knee wraps after competing in the squats during the Big Spring Powerlifting Meet last Thursday. Hurst helped the Bulldogettes finish third in the girls' division.

LIFTERS

Continued from Page 5 the 123.5-pound division, and was tabbed the meet's Overall Best Lifter.

Martinez was the top lifter in the 148-pound division. Sweetwater edged out Coahoma for the top spot in the boys' standings. The Mustangs finished with a meet-high 36 points. Coahoma was second with 35.

In the girls' division, Big Spring's Karina Alvarado highlighted the Lady Steers' efforts. She won the girls' 114-pound division.

Big Spring had a total of two teams - composed of 19 total athletes - participating in the meet, which was held in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The Steers will return to action on Jan. 25 when they travel to Colorado City to participate in the C-City Powerlifting Meet.

BYSBA coaches should send the results to the Herald via email at sports@bigspringherald.com

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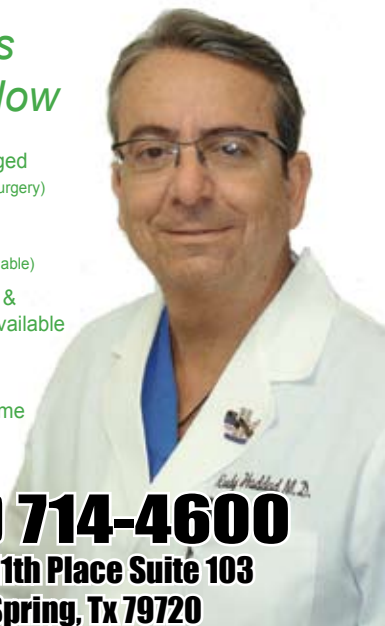
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2014 Big Spring YMCA Basketball Schedule

Week 2 (Jan. 25)
Pre-K & Kindergarten
G.C. Hoopsters vs. Gregg Moore, 8 a.m.
Toon-Squad vs. Fryar, 8:30 a.m.
Spurs vs. Mini Hoopers, 9 a.m.
Roberts vs. Hector C., 9:30 a.m.
Hart vs. Wii-Ones, 10 a.m.
Bearkat Ballers vs. Hewtty, 10:30 a.m.
Dillard vs. Moore, 11 a.m.

1-2 Division
Boys
Conner vs. SA Spurs, 1:30 p.m.
Walts vs. Bulldogs, 2:10 p.m.
Stanton vs. Bulls, 2:50 p.m.
Heat vs. SA Spurs, 3:30 p.m.

Girls
G.C. Hoopsters vs. GLittle G's vs. Canales, noon
Bearkat Barbies vs. Lil Angels, 12:50 p.m.

3-4 Division
Boys
Stanton vs. Spurs, 9 a.m.
Jordans vs. Showtime, 10 a.m.
Hawks vs. Seidenberger, 11 a.m.

Girls
Meiner vs. Lopez, noon
Samantha E. vs. Dribbling Divas, 1 p.m.

Lady Starz vs. Roberts, 2 p.m.

5-6 Division
Boys
Heat vs. Schneider, 9 a.m.
Lewis vs. Salazar, 10 a.m.
Lakers vs. Barnhill, 11 a.m.

Duke vs. Titsworth, noon

Girls
Storm vs. Leicht, 9 a.m.
Shooting Stars vs. White, 10 a.m.
Martinez vs. Hot Shots, 11 a.m.

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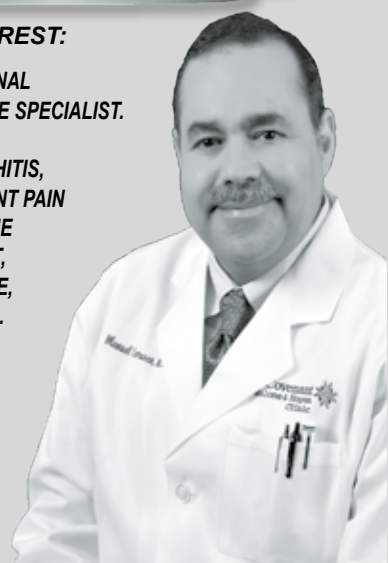
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