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## Monastery renovation goal behind cook-off

**Herald Staff Report**

STANTON — It's time to put your grandmother's or grandfather's favorite soup recipe to the test to see if it's really the best ever made.

Martin County's annual Great Texas Soup Cook-Off, a benefit to restore the historic Carmelite Monastery, will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Martin County Community Center. Soup cooks will be compet-

ing for five awards — 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for most votes from the public; Best Tasting Soup, awarded by a special judge; and Best Decorated Table.  
 See **SOUP**, Page 3

## One dead after Monday wreck

**Herald Staff Report**

According to local news reports, one person was pronounced dead at a multi-vehicle accident Monday night that sent several people to area hospitals. The accident occurred in Martin County near the Howard County line at mile marker 158.  
 See **WRECK**, Page 3

## MLK march a 'people thing'

*Group honors slain civil rights leader during Monday event*

**By LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A group of citizens met Monday night to march down Martin Luther King Boulevard to honor the memory of the great Civil Rights leader. "Dr. King was important because he was the person who started all of us to thinking what we should be doing. That it is not a black thing or a white thing. It was a people thing. He was for all people," said Cyneather Woodruff, who organized the event to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "He was the one who said we need to come together. We need to do it in peace. A lot of us would have liked to go to war to get this thing the way it should be, but he said no, that is not the way you do it. You do it in love. "We try every year to remember him for what he did for us and how we should react to what he has done.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**A group of walkers bow their head in prayer before heading out on the annual march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday night.**

See **MLK**, Page 3

## Dewhurst talks teacher pay in debate

**PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — As a judge begins considering Tuesday whether Texas is adequately funding public schools, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says this about the state's teachers: They're bringing home a decent paycheck. "At the end of the day, we're paying our school teachers — when you count in cost of living — a very fair salary," Dewhurst said Monday night during a debate against the three big-name GOP challengers trying to deny him a fourth term. State Sen. Dan Patrick said afterward that Dewhurst's comment was "off the mark" and called for more pay for math and science teachers, who are needed in the state. Texas consistently ranks near the bottom nationally in average teacher pay according to many groups that track classroom salaries, including teacher unions. One expert testified in the state's pivotal school finance trial last year that Texas' average teacher pay was about \$47,300 in 2009-10 dollars — lower than the national average of nearly \$55,000, and less than what 32 other states pay educators. That trial ended with a state judge de-

termining that the system Texas uses to finance public education is unconstitutional. New testimony is set to resume Tuesday in Austin. Patrick lobbed the most attacks during the debate — usually against Dewhurst. But he also occasionally found himself on the defensive, including when Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson challenged Patrick for what he characterized as a ceremonial "no" on the final Texas budget vote after not opposing earlier versions last spring. "My point is you voted yes, before you voted no," Patterson said. Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is also running in the race, which features four largely ideologically indistinguishable conservatives. The primary is March 4 but the potential for a runoff is high. Education is already shaping to be the biggest issue in the governor's race between Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott and Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis. Abbott has declined to weigh in on whether the state is adequately funding classrooms, while Davis says teachers are underpaid and decries stories of some working second or third jobs. Dewhurst said following the debate that, if he had his way, Texas teachers

would be paid well enough that there would be a "tsunami of applicants." But he said when it comes to teacher salaries, the state is often compared to other regions with higher costs of living. "That means instead of paying teachers little over \$50,000 to \$55,000 on average each teacher, when you factor that in and you compare it to other states, they're being paid substantially more," said Dewhurst, referring to Texas teachers. Patrick, chairman of the Senate's education committee, said he's OK with boosting teacher pay so long as there's accountability. "Some teachers that we have are underpaid, some teachers that we have are overpaid," Patrick said. "Let's focus on paying more money to teachers in the needed subject areas, and let's pay more money to teachers who perform." Dewhurst, 68, is the only major statewide office holder trying to keep his current job, which he's held since 2002. He says he wants one more term before returning to the private sector. Dewhurst is also by far the wealthiest candidate in the race, but spending \$25 million of his personal future in 2012 still wasn't enough to defeat Ted Cruz for a U.S. Senate seat.



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## Obituaries

## Gage Mims

Gage Mims, 56, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at his residence after a long battle with cancer. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born March 22, 1957, to Bill and Bonnie "Reid" Mims in Big Spring. Except for a few years in Lubbock, he was a lifetime res-

ident of Howard County. He graduated from For-san High School and attended Howard College and Texas Tech.

He is survived by one son, Jason of Big Spring; one daughter, Stephanie of Big Spring; and one brother, Layne Mims, also of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Bonnie Mims.

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

## Mary Paredez

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

She was born to Pilar and Hijinio Roman on Oct. 23, 1927, in Pecos, Texas. She lived in the community since 1932. She married

Pedro Paredez Sr., June 24, 1950 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 14, 1992.

She was a teacher in public schools. She began

her teaching career at Headstart and then taught a number of years at Moss Elementary. She was very active in the community and her church. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by two sons, Pedro Paredez Jr. and wife Connie, and Paul Fernando Paredez and wife Mary, all of Grapevine; two daughters, Nell Paredez-Cariola and husband Sal of Houston, and Mary Ann Paredez of San Antonio; one sister, Margie Roman; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Bertina Jo DeLeon and JoLinda Sue Paredez; one sister, Cecilia Jaramillo; and two brothers, Carlos Roman and Marcos Roman.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Charlene White

Charlene White, 74, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Tommy Akin officiating.

She was born Oct. 16, 1939, in Carlsbad, N.M. and married Perry Lee White Sr. April 10, 1957 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death

July 28, 2006.

She is survived by five sons, Perry White, Jim Bob White, Jerry White, Larry White and Dalton White; three brothers; two sisters; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles Edward and Olive Ethel Boone Bandy; three daughters, Darlene Sheldon, Paula Joyce White and Dusta Jean White; and one son Charles Lee White.

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

## Police/Sheriff

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

- GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR, 30, of 207 Jefferson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- SAMANTHA BELLE SCHOLES, 30, of 1607 Jennings, was arrested Monday on a warrant for parent contributing to nonattendance.
- VICTORIA MARIA WARREN, 49, of 1005 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a warrant for fail to appear and disorderly conduct - language.
- REBECCA IRENE GONZALES, 43, of 610 E. 12th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.
- JOE ANGEL LUNA, 34, of 1901 Ave. M, Snyder, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of protective order - goes to or near residence/employment/school.
- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 25, of 202 NE 3rd St., was arrested Monday on three warrants from another agency.
- THEFT was reported at the 1800 block of Andrews Ln. and the 2000 block of S. Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 2500 block of Gunter.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1600 block of Jennings.
- ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported at the 400 block of Vickie.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 800 block of Aylesford.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported at the 900 block of S. Birdwell.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the Comanche Trail Park.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- AMANDA MICHELLE HARKINS was booked by HCSO on bondsman off bond (BOB) for theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 and possession of a dangerous drug.
- CLINTON AARON MUSE JR., was booked on a motion to adjudicate for possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- ADAN CHAVERA was booked by DPS on an Attorney General/fail to appear - motion for enforcement, driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- ALFRED RAY LANG was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- JOE ANGEL LUNA was booked by HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.
- PATRICK RODRIGUEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram in a drug free zone.
- PEDRO HERNANDEZ JR. was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- SHANNON DEWAYNE SMITHIE was booked on a charge of public intoxication.
- CASEY BRACKETT was booked on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLIFTON LEON CARNEGIE was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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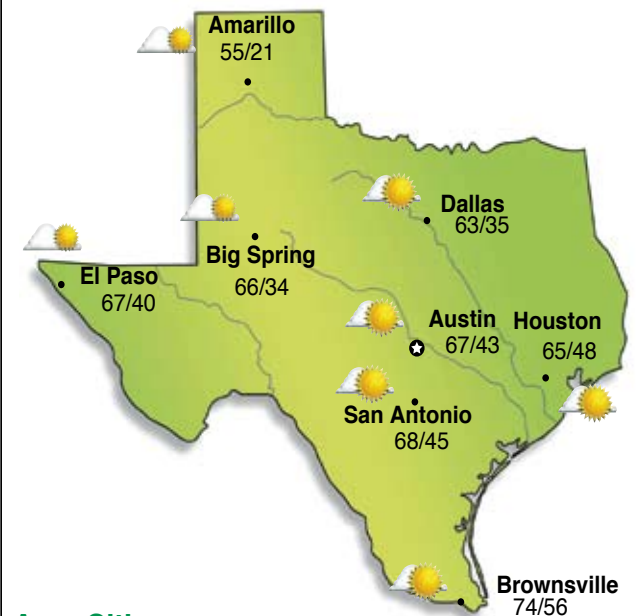
## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 1/22	Thu 1/23	Fri 1/24	Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26
<b>66/34</b> Partly to mostly cloudy. High 66F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>36/18</b> Windy with clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper teens.	<b>44/29</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	<b>65/33</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>71/34</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:10 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:11 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:44 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:43 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:14 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	34	mst sunny	Kingsville	74	53	mst sunny
Amarillo	55	21	pt sunny	Livingston	65	41	mst sunny
Austin	67	43	mst sunny	Longview	61	36	mst sunny
Beaumont	62	45	mst sunny	Lubbock	60	25	pt sunny
Brownsville	74	56	mst sunny	Lufkin	65	40	mst sunny
Brownwood	69	37	mst sunny	Midland	66	35	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	70	55	mst sunny	Raymondville	73	52	mst sunny
Corsicana	62	35	mst sunny	Rosenberg	66	48	mst sunny
Dallas	63	35	mst sunny	San Antonio	68	45	mst sunny
Del Rio	70	46	pt sunny	San Marcos	68	43	mst sunny
El Paso	67	40	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	34	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	70	40	pt sunny	Sweetwater	66	34	pt sunny
Gainesville	58	28	mst sunny	Tyler	62	37	mst sunny
Greenville	59	31	mst sunny	Weatherford	61	32	mst sunny
Houston	65	48	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	60	28	mst sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	37	26	sunny	Minneapolis	3	-20	windy
Boston	14	0	snow	New York	16	10	windy
Chicago	18	3	sn shower	Phoenix	76	45	cloudy
Dallas	63	35	mst sunny	San Francisco	68	44	pt sunny
Denver	45	20	mst sunny	Seattle	50	41	pt sunny
Houston	65	48	mst sunny	St. Louis	38	5	pt sunny
Los Angeles	81	52	cloudy	Washington, DC	19	14	windy
Miami	65	44	sunny				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Wed 1/22	Thu 1/23	Fri 1/24	Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26
4	3	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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## Correction

In Friday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, Gage Davidson was incorrectly identified in a photo as Gage Humphries standing with Big Spring Independent School District Board President Irene Rodriguez.

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**MLK**

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He will never be forgotten," Woodruff continued. "He was the one that started us on the right tract. We are not where we should be. We are getting there, but we are not where we should be and as long as we keep his dream and make it our dream, things will go. They will make it work for us. We can't forget who we are, where we are, and what we are all about. We are all God's children, and we have to remember that."

The third Monday in January has been established as a federal holiday to honor King, who was born Jan. 15, 1929. He led the struggle for racial equality that helped doom segregation in the United States.

"In 1968, I was a senior and Martin Luther King — all the things he said and did are things, really, we are born with like freedom, the right to go to restaurants, the right to walk on the sidewalk" said Raul Marquez, one of the marchers. "We should not have to fight for things we are born with. With his peace marches and non-violent rallies, he did a wonderful thing and that is why his memory will live for-

ever. He changed the way America thinks and that is why we have the freedoms we have now."

The event was led by William Vaughn, pastor of Mount Bethel Church, who grew up in the Civil Rights era and saw first hand how the leadership of King changed the United States forever.

"It's very important that we continue the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because he made such a significant impact on our lives," said Vaughn. "He was non-violent in his civil rights movement. We want to commemorate his life and legacy for the work he did, along with other people who lost their lives, that we might enjoy what we have now because we have not always had that."

"Growing up in the time of Martin Luther King, it effected all our lives so much, and now we what our children to understand why it is really important for them to continue to legacy for them to keep the dream alive, to keep that hope alive so that all mankind regardless who they are will have life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Vaughn said.

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

**Take note**

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

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 mes-

sage 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 filing 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

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**SOUP**

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Bring 2 1/2 gallons or more of hot soup, enough for 200-plus, people and

a ladle or serving utensil. Contestants will be provided a table, cups, spoons and crackers. Decorations are encouraged to attract attention to the soup. Contestants are asked to bring their

own crock-pot to keep soup warm and an extension cord. There is no entry fee for contestants.

The Community Center will be open at 4 p.m. for decorating and set-

ting up tables for contestants. All contestants should be ready to serve soup by 4:55.

Tickets for the 25-year-old event are sold at the door for \$5 each. This allows the taster five votes and all the soup they care to taste. Additional

votes are \$1 each. Tea and coffee are provided with the purchase of tickets.

Other activities include a dessert auction at 6:30 p.m..

For more information, contact The Great Texas Soup Cook-Off,

MartinCounty Convent Inc., 3508 FM 829 Unit 9, Lenorah, TX 79749-4013. Or, email historiccarmelitemonastery@gmail.com. You may also call Kennedy at 432-459-2686 after p.m.

In addition, organizers will be offering a cook-book of the recipes at a later date. Recipes must be post marked by Tuesday, Feb. 11 to be eligible.

The Martin County Convent, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose main goal is to preserve and restore of the historic site. The building will be used as an interpretive center on the founding of Stanton by the Carmelite friars and Our Lady of Mercy Academy operated by the Sisters of Mercy.

**POLICE**

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• BRAXTON ABRAHAM BATES was booked by BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

• ALFONSO VARGAS was booked by BSPD on charges of fail to identify fugitive with intent to give false information, failure to control speed — accident, violate promise to appear, no drivers license and failure to appear.

• ROBERT WILLIAM LITKE was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• KRISTINA ESCAMILLA was booked by HCSO on a charge of selling alcohol to minors.

• JOSE A. MORAN JR. was booked by BSPD on charge of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage and duty on striking fixture/highway landscape greater than or equal to \$200.

• AMBER RENEE ROBINSON was booked by BSPD on charge of expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and violate promise to appear.

• SAMMY BEN JOHNSTON was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of illegal smoking material.

• JOHN WAYNE WALSH was booked by

DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.

• BRENDAN PAYTE was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.

• MARQUISE ANTWONE JACKSON was booked by HCSO on a charge of fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.

• JUANITA MARES was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• JOHN CARLOS LOPEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• DEVANTE BERNARD LLOYD was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance 3 less than 28 grams.

• PATRICIA FRANCISCA REED was booked by BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.

• DARIUS RAYMON REED REED was booked by BSPD on a charge of resist arrest, search or transport.

• GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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• VICTORIA MARIA WARREN was booked by BSPD on charges of failure to appear and disorderly conduct language.

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• JOE ANGEL LUNA was booked by BSPD on a charge of violate bond/protective order.

• ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA was booked by BSPD on charges of speeding — 85 miles per hour in a 75 mile per hour zone, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.

• TRAVIS GARY WILIAMS was booked by BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

• ASHLEY NICOLE MIRAMONTES was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance: cocaine felony.

**WRECK**

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The accident caused traffic to be diverted on the eastbound service road of the interstate.

Local news reported up to 10 people where sent to area hospitals. Efforts to contact local law enforcement officials for more information this morning were unsuccessful.

**Sudoku Answer on Page 6**

**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.

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

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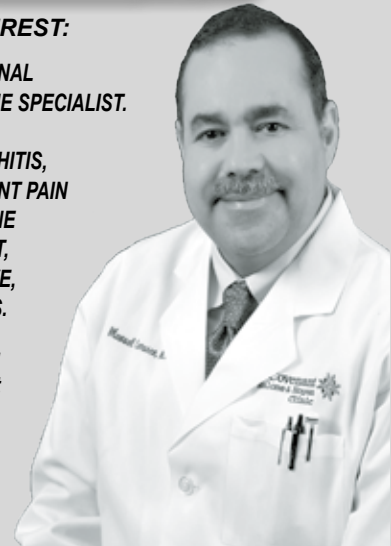
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# Obama threatens unilateral action

This week, once again, we heard President Obama defiantly pronounce that he has no intention of letting a little thing like constitutional checks and balances get in his way and interrupt his royal prerogative.

“We are not just going to be waiting for legislation in order to make sure that we’re providing Americans the kind of help that they need,” said Obama. “I’ve got a pen, and I’ve got a phone.”

What other president has ever talked like this?

I thought Democrats had an aversion to “unilateral” executive action. Wasn’t one of their pet peeves against President George W. Bush that he acted unilaterally in attacking Iraq? Never mind that this was a complete fabrication, in that Bush assembled the largest coalition of nations he could to join us in the effort.

Oh, this is different, you say, because Bush was allegedly acting unilaterally on the international stage? Well, apart from the fact that he wasn’t, why should that bother liberals more than a president’s acting unilaterally on domestic issues?

I’ll tell you why: Liberals are more concerned about whether leftist foreign governments like us than they are about whether a president is acting within the scope of his constitutional authority.

In Bush’s case, even if the false allegations that he was “going it alone” had been true, he secured a joint resolution of Congress before commencing “shock and awe.”

Before contrasting Bush’s actions on foreign policy with Obama’s on domestic policy, let’s recall how Obama operated in a comparable foreign policy situation. When he decided — unilaterally — to take military action in Libya, he did not even bother to consult Congress, much less get its approval, before initiating his intervention.

He was in constant contact with his fellow leftists at the United Nations, however, consistent with his desire to please foreign leaders above complying with the Constitution.

For all of Obama’s bellyaching during the 2008 presidential campaign about how much the United States was hated in the world by Muslims and non-Muslims alike under Bush, Obama has made things worse across the board.

How’s that “reset” with Russia going, President Obama? Tell us again the juicy details of how you’ve incapacitated al-Qaida as it gobbles up formerly won cities in Iraq. Explain how our growing unpopularity in the Muslim world squares with your arrogant promise to heal those relations. Fill us in on the Saudi government’s outright distrust of your administration. How about Britain? Germany? Israel?

Returning to the domestic front, Obama is continuing the pattern he has established throughout his time in office. In my first Obama book, “Crimes Against Liberty,” I wrote, “The full strategy of using executive orders to circumvent Congress became clear following Scott Brown’s victory in Massachusetts” because much of his agenda remained stalled in Congress. “The New York Times reported Obama was planning on ‘an array of actions using his executive power to advance energy, environmental, fiscal and other domestic policy priorities.’” Obama proceeded to act unilaterally to create a bipartisan budget commission, to reverse the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, and on a host of environmental regulations when Congress wouldn’t pass his farcical cap-and-trade legislation, to name a few.

In my second Obama book, “The Great Destroyer,” I related Obama’s insolent threats to take executive action in his “next two years.” “What I’m not gonna do is wait for Congress,” he proclaimed in an interview on “60 Minutes.”

This wasn’t an idle threat. When the Senate wouldn’t confirm his appointee to run the

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau established by Dodd-Frank, he carved out a “special advisory role” and appointed anti-capitalist Harvard professor Elizabeth Warren to serve temporarily. Then, when the Senate balked on confirming Richard Cordray to head the CFPB, he took the unprecedented step of exercising the recess appointments power when the Senate was technically still in session.

When a federal judge struck down Obama’s executive order forcing taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research, his National Institutes of Health essentially told researchers they could disregard the court’s ruling.

It would take me thousands of words to describe the other unconstitutional actions he’s taken, from his executive orders to facilitate “stealth land grabs” to his orders on offshore drilling to his 19 executive actions on gun control to his outrageous executive action to do an end run around Congress’ failure to pass the DREAM Act — and on and on.

Obama is simply a lawless president who regards his own counsel higher than his duty to obey the Constitution. He believes that advancing his political agenda justifies ignoring clear limitations on his power.

In rationalizing these imperial outrages, Obama tells us that he is going to provide the American people with the help they need — as if he is the sole arbiter of that, as if Congress is a potted plant and as if the Supreme Court is either impotent or a rubber stamp.

Obama’s overreaches would be just as outrageous if he were providing Americans with what we need, but he is doing the opposite as he is systematically destroying the country.

What a nightmare!

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## DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for the warm days we have had of late.

Amen

# Liberals, let the states do it

In the beginning, Massachusetts opened the gates to same-sex marriage and universal health coverage. California started to liberalize drug laws by legalizing medical marijuana. The sky didn’t fall on any of these efforts, initially regarded as dangerous social experiments by many conservatives.

Now red states such as Kentucky are launching state-run health insurance exchanges. Federal judges in conservative Utah and Oklahoma are calling bans on gay marriage unconstitutional. And purple Colorado has legalized recreational marijuana use.

Most of us have a vision of the way things ought to be. It is human nature to want others to see the same light we do.

Conservative foes of abortion hold deep convictions that ending a pregnancy is a moral travesty. Liberals make similar arguments against a health care system that lets thousands of Americans die for lack of medical attention, which happens when market forces run the show.

Breathe their cause often seek to impose their views on a diverse nation. They don’t realize that they can more easily get what they want in states whose culture shares their views. Showing that a state has enacted their ideas with good effect is the most expedient way of spreading their

ideas coast to coast.

But putting such power in state hands doesn’t always sit well. Liberals, especially, point to slavery and Jim Crow laws as great evils that flew under the banner of states’ rights. These were moral outrages that the federal government had to stop, and did.

True, but many less momentous struggles can be more peaceably and efficiently won through example. As the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis famously said, states can serve as the “laboratories of democracy.”

Many liberals are enthusing over a bill introduced last month by Sen. Bernie Sanders, a liberal Vermont independent, and Rep.

Jim McDermott, a Washington state Democrat, which would create a national single-payer health care system.

I happen to think the Sanders-McDermott proposal — actually a modified single-payer plan allowing private supplemental coverage — is splendid. But it also has zero chance of passage. Recall how even the modest “public option” — a government plan to compete with the private insurers — couldn’t get past Congress, including some Democratic members.

The best hope for national single-payer is to let Vermont show that its homegrown version will work. If Vermont can cut its health care spending by over 30 percent under single-payer, as is projected, other states will copy it, with no pressure needed from Washington.

Gay activists regard laws banning same-sex marriage as a great injustice, and with

reason. But simply waiting for a Supreme Court decision making same-sex marriage legal nationwide, no certainty, would have been a massive waste of time. Marriage is a state responsibility, so what better place to change the laws than in states open to it?

New Mexico’s Supreme Court just ruled that the ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. In Virginia, another purple state, the Democratic leaders are going full speed ahead. They are bolstered by polls showing that 56 percent of Virginians are in favor of same-sex marriage, a reversal from the 57 percent supporting a ban in 2006. This tide of change would not have rolled in had liberal states not demonstrated what happens to the broader society when gay couples marry — very little.

Some states will do things noxious to liberals, for example, on gun control and public financing for education. Conservatives will dislike decisions made in liberal places. Fine. Let’s all make a pact to stop trying to make everyone else over in our own image.

Nothing convinces like successful examples. Liberals, above all, should have more confidence in their own.

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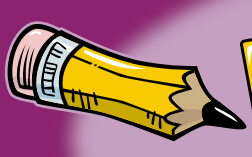
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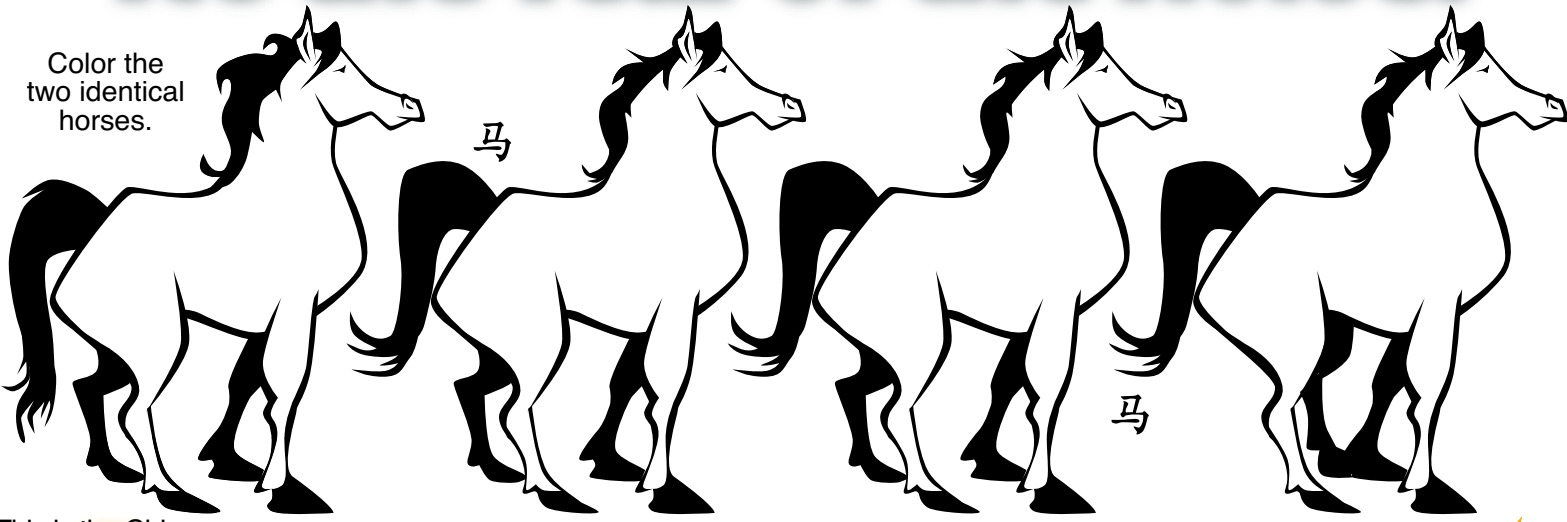
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**Chinese Characters**  
Below are the Chinese characters for each of the animals. On the left, you'll see the complete character. Trace the shaded character on the right. Keep practicing until you can create each character.

## Happy New Year! 马 Gung Hay Fat Choy!

# It's the Year of the Horse!

Color the two identical horses.



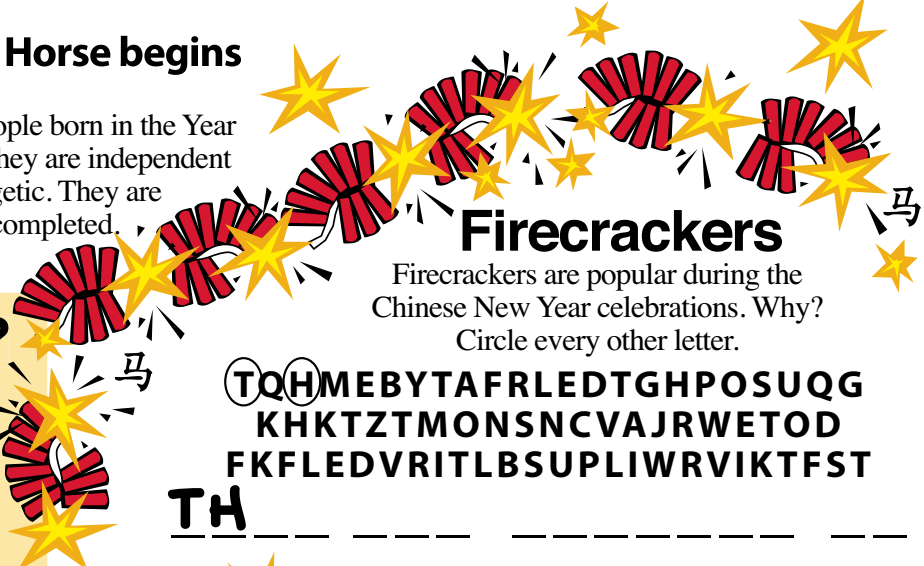
This is the Chinese character for the word horse.



How many times can you find it on this page?

### The Chinese Year of the Horse begins January 31, 2014.

According to Chinese astrology, people born in the Year of the Horse are like horses in that they are independent and popular, fun, cheerful and energetic. They are hard workers and like to see a task completed. Sometimes they can be stubborn.



### Firecrackers

Firecrackers are popular during the Chinese New Year celebrations. Why? Circle every other letter.

TQHMEBYTAFRLEDTGHPQSUQG  
KHKZTMONSNVCVAJRWETOD  
FKFLEDVRITLBSUPLIWRVIKTFST

### What year were you born?

The Chinese tell a story that, one day, a great teacher named Buddha invited all the animals to a meeting. Only twelve animals came. Buddha named a year after each of these animals.

The Chinese year starting January 31, 2014 is named after the horse.

Find the year you were born. Then work with a parent to figure out the animal representing the year they were born by counting back counter-clockwise. (Someone born in 1962 would be born in the year of the tiger.)



I was born in the year of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
My parent was born in the year of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Standards Link: Social Studies: Students understand the traditions of varied cultures.



### Paper-cuts

Doors and windows are decorated with red-colored paper-cuts. These are made much like cut-paper snowflakes. How many differences can you find between these two paper-cuts?

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Even and Odd**

Look through the newspaper for 5 even numbers and 5 odd numbers. Write each group in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Recognize odd and even numbers.

鼠 rat: 鼠

牛 ox: 牛

虎 tiger: 虎

兔 rabbit: 兔

龙 dragon: 龙

蛇 snake: 蛇

马 horse: 马

羊 sheep: 羊

猴 monkey: 猴

鸡 rooster: 鸡

狗 dog: 狗

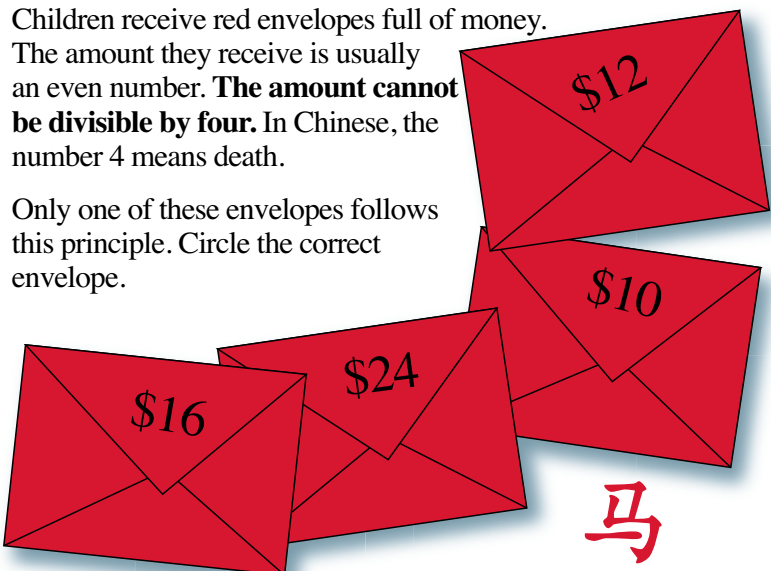
猪 pig: 猪

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Chinese New Year Gifts

Children receive red envelopes full of money. The amount they receive is usually an even number. The amount cannot be divisible by four. In Chinese, the number 4 means death.

Only one of these envelopes follows this principle. Circle the correct envelope.



Standards Link: Math: Solve problems using division.

### Double Double Word Search

ASTROLOGY  
ENVELOPES  
STUBBORN  
SPIRITS  
CHINESE  
MONEY  
HORSE  
HAPPY  
GUNG  
YEAR  
CHOY  
HAY  
FAT  
NEW  
FUN

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

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

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

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INDEPENDENT**

The adjective **independent** means not under the control or rule of another.

The **independent** student could complete his homework without help.

Try to use the word **independent** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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#### Passionate About Palindromes

Search through the newspaper for numbers that are palindromes. A palindrome is a number that remains the same when written forwards or backwards. 3663 is a palindrome.

Standards Link: Math: problem solving.

What is purple and 5,000 miles long?



ANSWER: The Grape Wall of China

### Write On!

#### Fortune Cookie Writer

Pretend it is your job to write the fortunes in fortune cookies. What would you write?



# Bird Poop: Untangling a tangled flicker

January seems to be a month of extremes. Blasted daily by frigid blasts of wind, wintering birds huddle on branches or within the confines of shrubs. Pausing before another reminder of the season, nature suddenly relents with a few warm, sunny days. In search of food, a seasonal migrant's hunger often drives a carelessness that is hurried and dangerous. Any ground-feeding bird, however, must continue to be alert in spite of the whimsical ways of winter weather.

With a phone call one morning came a woman's voice, and her anxiety over a bird tangled in her chain link fence. Not knowing whether a dog or cat had chased the poor creature into such a situation, she asked for help. Upon seeing the medium-sized woodpecker pinned between the openings at the bottom of the wire mesh, I couldn't even guess what had caused such

a disarray of feathers on such a sleek bird. Unable to extract itself from this alien barrier, the flicker had struggled to the point of exhaustion.

As soon as I had extracted the bird's head from an opening between the links, the woman helped by covering it with a remnant of a kitchen towel. To get and keep the flicker calm would make the rest of our efforts somewhat easier.

Then the woman's slowly raising the fencing directly above the flicker enabled me to fold each wing against its body. After another frayed cloth covered both wings and body, the woman gently held the bundled package.

Only its feet remained to be freed. Trying to extract them from the wire only encouraged a tighter grip.

One foot at a time, I opened its toes and let them grip one of my fingers instead of the wire. Freed from its predicament, the bird proceeded to tangle its tiny toenails deep among the cotton threads of a third wrap.

"Keep the towels. They're nothing but rags," the woman exclaimed as we both stood up after having knelt on the ground.

While searching for ants and small insects among the leaves in her yard, the red-shafted flicker had probably become tangled in her fence when startled.

"You mean we have insects at this time of the year?" she asked.

Our brief cold fronts, interspersed with warm weather, were conducive to numerous insects emerging to whet the bird's appetite. This ground-feeding bird would readily have been attracted to piles of leaves.

"If you could watch this bird in its daily feeding, you'd see it flick aside leaf after leaf in trying to locate ant nests."

With its long bill digging into the dirt, the flicker would explore several areas before hesitating with its beak



Courtesy photo  
When gliding upward to land in a tree, the red-shafted flicker resembles other woodpeckers as its feet grip the trunk.

in the ground. It was capable of using its long, sticky tongue to extract young ants and eggs.

Having migrated possibly from as far away as Canada or the northern states, this woodpecker would also scour mesquites and oaks in a quest for food. In addition, the fruit of hackberry trees and red juniper were acceptable.

With Art's help, an examination of the flicker

miraculously revealed no injuries. Knowing that this species was often seen during the winter months, we had long admired its undulating flight and ravenous appetite. Given time to relax, feed, and preen would help restore its proud demeanor.

As we checked on it that afternoon we noticed how its soft, brown crown accented its gray face. On each gray cheek

was a prominent red marking that went from the back of its long bill downward under the eye. From above, its back and wings were a soft brown barred with black. Usually seen in flight, its white rump accented its black tail.

Underneath, numerous round, black spots decorated its light tan sides, lower breast, and belly. At the top of its breast was a large,

black crescent.

Revived after gorging on wild berries and small crickets, the flicker began short flights from one end to the other of a long enclosure. From below, anyone watching it fly outdoors would notice that the underlining of the wings and tail were a salmon-red hue.

In spite of what had caused the flicker to become entangled, we felt a trip to the wildlife center in Lubbock a necessary precaution. With no hairline fractures, the bird would be allowed to fly and interact in the aviary. Assured of its health and recovery, the volunteers could plan for its release.

Soon, the woodpecker would be free again to flick aside the debris left by summer's foliage. Characteristic would be its hops, followed by running a few steps, then stopping.

It would be the flicker's way of indicating a newly found resource was under a carpet of crisp leaves and withered grasses from another season.

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# As for me, I have a new hero

On Dec. 10, we were looking into the story of Richard Cypert, a native of Big Spring, who in his own right was becoming a star! Inflicted with cerebral palsy from birth, Richard had undergone delicate surgery to correct some of the CP symptoms but was still unable to use



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his legs to a full extent. However, he had the feeling that his destiny was yet to be made.

When Richard graduated from high school, he was determined he would begin his new life by enrolling in Howard College and continuing his cycling, feeling that his unquenchable spirit and willingness to spend hours in training would someday pay off.

It was during this time he learned about the Disabled Sports Association of North Texas, which presented another life-changing situation — cycling

competition. Richard entered his first contest in Fort Worth, racing against a man declared to be the second best handicapped cyclist in the nation. Richard won the competition and was spurred on to enter the Southwest Regional Victory Games in Dallas, the Pelican State Regional Victory Games in New Orleans and the United States Victory Games in New York.

In these games, he came away with nine gold medals and two bronze.

Richard's time had come and he was invited to be part of Team USA 1992 Paralympics Team for Disabled Persons, which would be held in Barcelona Spain. His day in the sun was about to happen and he was ready. He prepared himself both mentally and physically to be the best he could be.

When in Barcelona and the race was beginning, he remembered, "It was a very still day so I knew that was to my advantage. There

was no wind to slow me down and I felt I could set my pace, but I didn't warm up as much as I should and was behind my average speed. I finished in sixth place but still broke the American record for the top American finisher, and all six of us broke the world record that day. Interesting that two-and-a-half years of training went into a one-day event that lasted just over seven minutes."

Richard said he had to supply his own equipment but his food, travel, lodging and clothes were all furnished by the Olympic committee. He said Barcelona was great and his love for history came alive with his sightseeing of the country where he stayed for 18 days.

Upon returning to Big Spring, Richard reentered college and completed his bachelor's degree in marketing, then was working for the Bancroft, Mouton, Wolf Law Firm, for the next eight years. However, cycling never left his blood. He con-

tinued his training and participated in several national races where he won an additional gold and two additional bronze medals and was classified as the top American finisher for the events.

He was then invited to join the Team USA in 1998 to race in France. His experience in France was not what he expected since he trained for a 5K race and on the day of the race he was placed in a 10K race.

"I didn't do well in France but I made up for it the next year when I went to the Cycling Nationals in Rhode Island. I earned three gold medals there so I felt I made up for my French experience.

"Cycling has been and will always be in my blood," Richard added, "but I knew I had to move on with my life's work."

Richard completed his certification for teaching in special education in 2002 and began work on a master's in counseling from Sul Ross University in 2003.

He was hired to teach at Goliad Intermediate in 2005 but while there he had an accident and was again scheduled for back surgery.

Again, showing his determined spirit, Richard was soon back on his feet and ready to return to work. He resumed teaching in the alternative education program at Big Spring, was counselor at the junior high for one year, counselor at Bauer Elementary for two years and is now in his second year as counselor at Goliad Elementary. He is currently at the beginning stages of writing his story in book fashion and would love to be on a speaking circuit to encourage other people with disabilities to never stop trying.

"My life still has it pains and challenges but my spirit says never quit!"

It's my belief that we haven't heard the last of Richard Cypert. He has what it takes to reach the top without a ladder. His spirit is untouched and his determination knows no barriers. And for me, I have a new hero!

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Step-by-Step Approach

East dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.

Declarer is sometimes presented with an assortment of hurdles he must surmount before he can accomplish his mission. In such cases, he should naturally try to clear the hurdles in the order that offers the greatest chance of success.

Take this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump. Declarer counts eight sure tricks and can see two chances for a ninth — one involving a club finesse, the other a spade finesse. Furthermore, even if either finesse loses when attempted,

South will develop his game-going trick in the process.

There is, however, a built-in threat to the contract. If the missing hearts are divided 4-4, declarer is sure to survive no matter which finesse he takes. But if West led from a five- or six-card suit, the contract is in jeopardy.

To give himself a better chance of surviving this threat, South refuses to win the first two heart leads, taking his ace on the third round. If West started with either five or six hearts, this will exhaust East of hearts.

Declarer then clears his second hurdle by playing the ace and another club to dummy's ten. He is much more willing to lose the club finesse to East, who can do him no harm, than the spade finesse to West, who can ruin him.

When East takes his queen of clubs and returns a spade, South overcomes the final hurdle by tricking with the ace and cashing nine trumps, instead of risking the contract with an unnecessary spade finesse.

Note also that if South thoughtlessly cashed four diamond tricks before attempting the club finesse, he would find himself unable to reach dummy's K-J of clubs after the finesse lost, and would fail to make the contract.

Tomorrow: The main objective.  
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1	8	6	7	9	3	5	2	4
7	3	5	8	4	2	9	1	6
2	4	9	6	1	5	7	8	3
5	9	1	3	7	6	2	4	8
4	6	8	1	2	9	3	5	7
3	2	7	4	5	8	6	9	1

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By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers added to their list of postweek accolades earlier this week when four members of their 2013 state-qualifying team were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 3A all-

state team.

Morgan Seaton highlighted the Lady Steers' selections to the team. The BSHS standout was named to the Class 3A all-state first-team. Seaton led Big Spring in kills, blocks, assists and aces during the regular season.

The Lady Steers, who ad-

vanced to the Class3A state semifinals in November, had two players selected to the third-team all-state roster, including outside hitter Erin Pollard and libero Julianna Rodriguez. Pollard finished second in kills and blocks this past fall.

Middle blocker Kelsie

Guinn also earned all-state praise. She was selected to the honorable mention squad.

Big Spring, under the tutelage of head coach Lynn Osborne, made its first appearance in the state volleyball tournament in 36 years this past fall. The team's only other appearance was in 1977.



File photo

Morgan Seaton was among four BSHS players named to the TSWA Class 3A all-state volleyball team.

# HC nabs ugly win over NMMI

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Howard College head coach Scott Raines didn't mince too many words when discussing his team's performance on Tuesday against New Mexico Military Institute. The best way to describe ugly is to call it ugly.

And it was ugly.

But then again, even an ugly win is a win.

Ranked No. 21 in the national poll, Howard College needed four free throws in the final 35 seconds to hold off a late NMMI threat and claim a tough 59-52 win in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

New Mexico Military Institute had entered the game winless in conference play. "We were not ready to play," said Raines, who saw his team improve to 16-3 for the year and to 5-1 in WJAC play. "Our focus just wasn't where it should have been. We missed free throws, and layups ... I couldn't be more disappointed in the way we played."

"I try to judge us not so much by the scoreboard but by our effort, and this wasn't our best effort."

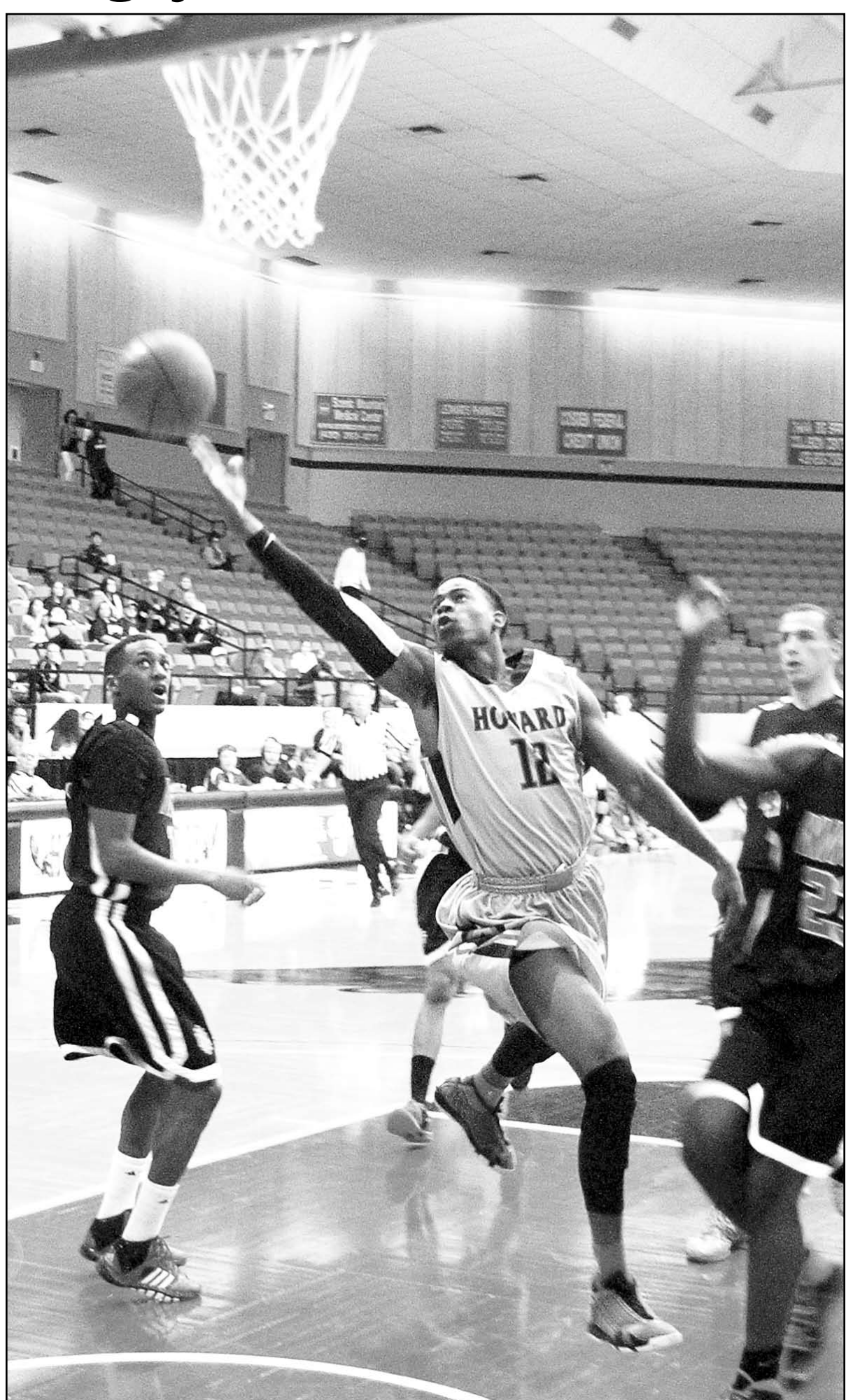
The Hawks got off to a strong start against NMMI, scoring twice in the first minute to unspun a 4-0 advantage.

Unfortunately for Howard College, the New Mexico Military Institute's zone defense, and a rash of missed shots, stalled the HC offense from there. The Hawks managed just 10 points over the next nine minutes and held a shaky 16-6 lead with 9:22 left in the first half.

The Hawks, who were led in the first half by 10 points from Travis Charles managed to pick up their pace a little in the remaining minutes of the first half. They outscored the Broncos by a 15-11 clip in the closing minutes and took a 31-17 lead into the half.

NMMI refused to go down quietly. The Broncos opened the second half with a 17-12 run and cut the HC lead to

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Howard College freshman Torrian Epps throws up a shot from under the basket during the Hawks' 59-52 win over New Mexico Military Institute in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. With the win, the nationally-ranked Hawks improved to 17-3 for the year, and moved to 6-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

# Area teams return to action tonight

The Grady High School Wildcats can move a step closer to clinching a berth in the state playoff this weekend when they take to the court against the Klondike Cougars.

The Wildcats enter tonight's action sporting a perfect 7-0 record in District 6, Div. II action. Borden County and Sands are both 5-2 and trail the Wildcats by two games.

Borden County travels to Loop this evening, while Sands hosts O'Donnell.

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Bulldogettes will be playing huge games this evening. The Coahoma

## On tap ...

The following is a look at the area basketball games on tap for tonight.

Coahoma at Brownfield  
Forsan at Smyer  
Klondike at Grady  
Borden County at Loop  
O'Donnell at Sands  
Gard. City at Water Valley

teams need wins tonight against Brownfield to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The Bulldogs are currently 0-3 in District 4-2A play. The Coahoma girls are 1-4.

The Forsan Buffaloes will be facing state-ranked Smyer tonight.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

## Future Hawks ...

Several members of the Hawks' mini cheer camp participants go through a cheering routine at the half of the Howard College game with New Mexico Military Institute on Monday. Approximately 15 campers performed at the half.

# Lady Steers slide to No. 22 in poll

The Big Spring Lady Steers knew their loss last Friday to the Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers would cost them. On Monday, they found out just how much.

According to the latest rankings, the Lady Steers fell to No. 22 in the latest Class 3A rankings. The team had entered last week ranked at No. 17.

The Abilene Wylie girls fell to No. 18.

The Grady High School Wildcats held onto the No. 17 position in the latest Class A, Div. II, poll by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

# BS girls look to get back on track

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Make no mistake about it, the Big Spring High School Lady Steers will not be in a must-win situation tonight when they take to the court against the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs.

But it's pretty darn close to it.

Coming off a disappointing loss to Midland Greenwood on Friday, Big Spring heads into the District 4-3A showdown mired in a three-way tie for third in the district standings. A win would give the Lady Steers the inside track to the third-place playoff berth. A loss, on the other hand, would leave the No. 22-ranked BSHS squad looking at a huge hill to climb with less than three weeks left in the regular season.

In Sweetwater, the Lady Steers will be facing a squad that will be looking to rebound from a loss, as well. The Lady Mustangs, 7-11 overall, are coming off a 56-26 loss to No. 4-ranked Wylie.

With the loss, Sweetwater fell into a tie with Big Spring and Snyder for third in the 4-3A race with 2-3 records. Wylie enters tonight at 5-0, one game ahead of Greenwood.

Like the girls, the Big Spring boys also find themselves in need of a win to bolster their playoff hopes. The Steers are currently tied with Sweetwater and Greenwood at 1-2 in district play.

The good news for Big Spring is that the team has played better of late. The Steers upended Greenwood on Friday, 53-50.

Sweetwater enters tonight's showdown in the BSHS gym sporting a 12-2 record. The team suffered its second loss of the season on Friday with a 77-43 loss to Wylie.

Games will begin at 6:15 p.m.



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**Patch-It-Up Moon**

Whatever is sinking your boat these days, the Libra moon just wants you to patch up the problem and float along. Can you do it? The Aquarius sun suggests that if you are having trouble, just think about the entirety of the human race. Your issue may disappear in the large-scale scene of this backdrop.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Should you put up and shut up, or cut ties for the greater good? Instead of endlessly mulling it over, let's cut to the quick. The answer is: neither. There's a compromise that will work brilliantly.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When you're asking something of a friend, it might be hard to know how much is too much. The usual cues won't read so easily. A good rule is to be as self-sufficient as possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Are you doing it wrong? Is everyone? These are the questions you'll ask of your group now, preferring the brave and challenging response over the clueless consensus.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A fluid attitude will serve you well. Let yourself be changed by new

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

information. The stubborn people who don't react to what is going on right now will get stuck in the past.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You know people, and you want the people you know to know each other. If you let this instinct to mix and mingle be your guiding light, you will end up with a lot of grateful friends.

**VRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are an investigator of sorts today. Random knowledge will delight you, and so will any task that requires you to seek it. Your curiosity is a rare and most attractive gift.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you have a lot to do, you will do a lot. The same goes when you have but a little to do. The key is to sign up for things. Pile on the responsibilities. You can handle them now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The truth has a funny way of coming out. You sense it, someone says it, and suddenly you realize that it has arrived and there's no going back. Bonus: The truth usually, ultimately, makes things better.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The people who are fully themselves might not say the things you want them to say, and

that's the beauty of it. They'll say what they need to say, and you'll respect that impulse.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The reason you don't obsess about your own journey through this day is that you are, at least some of the time, thinking of the human condition.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are you thinking or feeling? The functions are not mutually exclusive. Thinking without feeling is like dancing with only your feet — you'll fall. Believe in your inherent ability to counterbalance.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't ask anyone to change. Change is possible, but it usually doesn't occur as an answer to someone's request. Practice acceptance, and when that isn't working for you, try harder.

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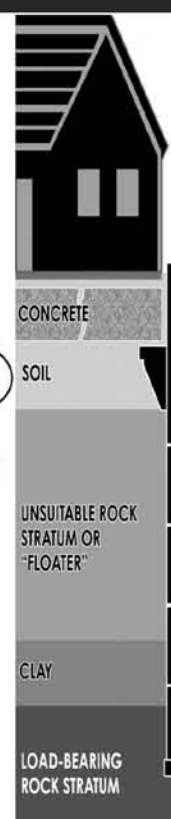


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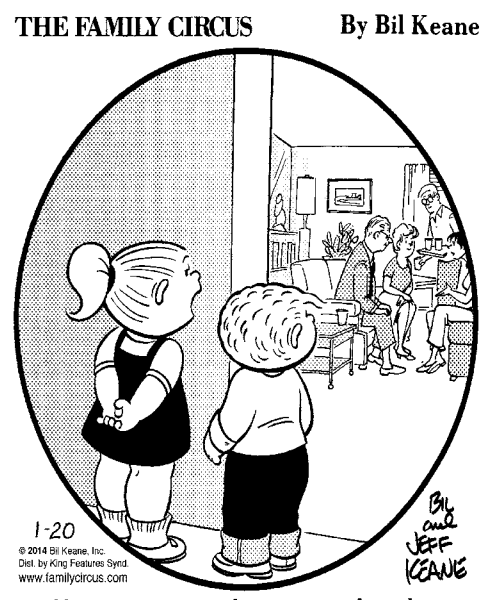
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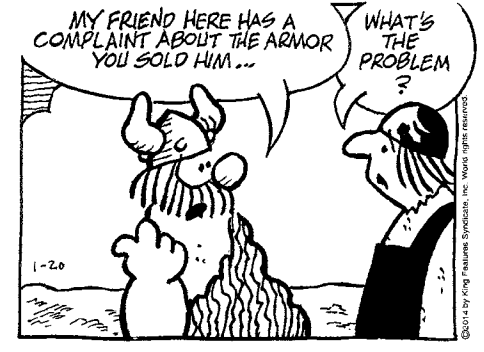
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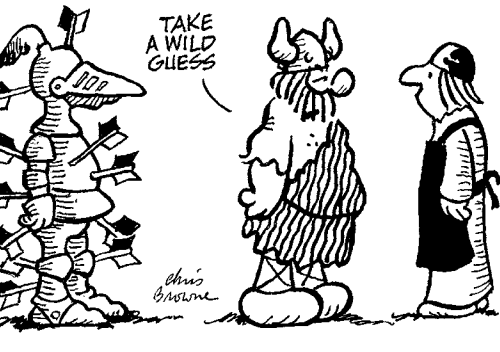


"If you want to be an uncle when you grow up, you gotta marry an aunt."

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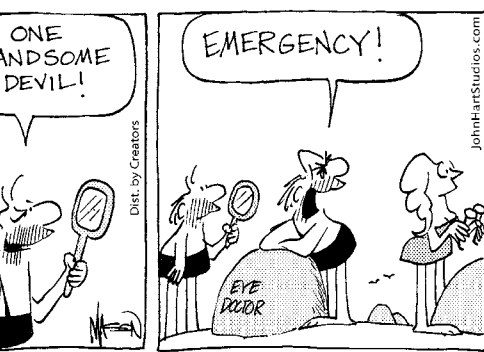
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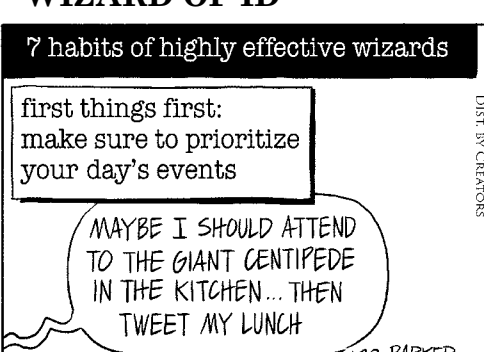
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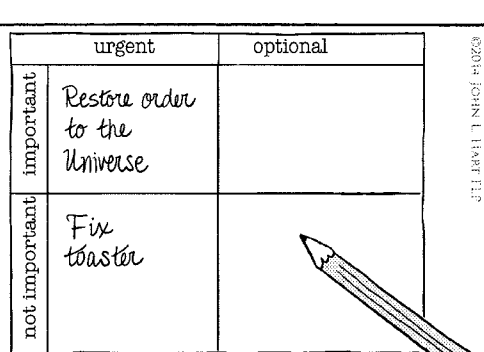
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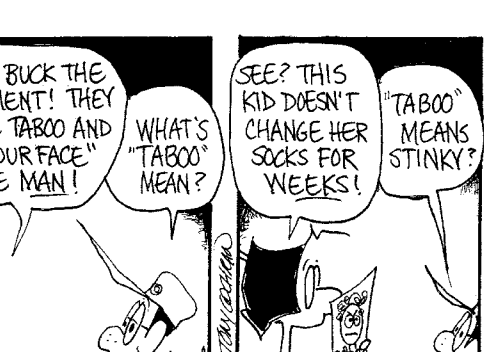
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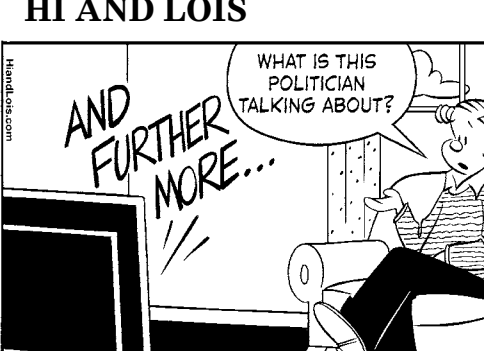
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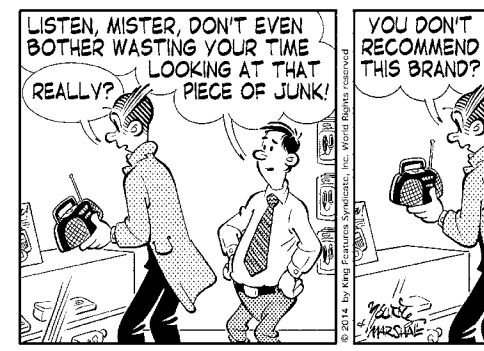
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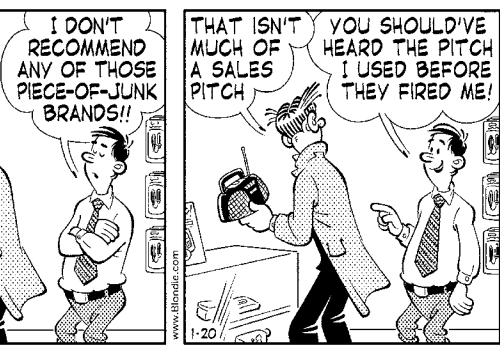
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**This Date In History**

Today is Monday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2014. There are 345 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

On this date:

In 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time.

In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month's end).

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died; he was succeeded by Edward VIII.

In 1942, Nazi officials held

the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway. The National Negro Network, America's first black-owned radio network, began broadcasting over 20 stations (however, it folded the following year).

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.

In 1964, Capitol Records released the album "Meet the Beatles!"

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1989, George H.W. Bush was sworn in as the 41st president of the United States; Dan Quayle was sworn in as vice president.

In 1994, Shannon Faulkner became the first woman to attend classes at The Citadel in South Carolina. (Faulkner joined the cadet corps in Aug.

1995 under court order but soon dropped out, citing isolation and stress from the legal battle.)

In 2001, George Walker Bush became America's 43rd president after one of the most turbulent elections in U.S. history.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Arte Johnson is 85. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 84. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 74. Singer Eric Stewart is 69. Movie director David Lynch is 68. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 67. Actor Daniel Benzali is 64. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 62. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 62.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Camera lens setting
  - 6 No. on a bank statement
  - 10 Remain
  - 14 In the know
  - 15 Sullen
  - 16 Wedding dress trim
  - 17 Of ocean motion
  - 18 Mystical glow
  - 19 \_\_\_ mater (school once attended)
  - 20 Toasters and blenders, e.g.
  - 23 Sch. near Harvard
  - 24 Remain too often
  - 25 Redeemed, as a check
  - 29 Laundry
  - 31 Be a chatterbox
  - 34 Computer correspondence
  - 35 Grab hold of
  - 36 Sugar lump
  - 37 Fibs
  - 40 Swelled heads
  - 41 King of beasts
  - 42 Social class
  - 43 "\_\_\_ voyage!"
  - 44 President's rejection
  - 45 Truthful
  - 46 \_\_\_-tac-toe
  - 47 Make illegal
  - 48 Dioramas, for example
  - 57 Italy's shape
  - 58 \_\_\_ about (roughly)
  - 59 Olympics prize
  - 60 Military no-show, for short
  - 61 Ready to harvest
- DOWN**
- 1 "Saturated" food components
  - 2 Take a dip in the pool
  - 3 "Look what I did!"
  - 4 Word-of-mouth
  - 5 In a reckless way
  - 6 Respond to change
  - 7 Great success
  - 8 Hair ringlet
  - 9 Toy with tracks and a caboose
  - 10 Informal language
  - 11 Bath powder
  - 12 Apex
  - 13 Thumbs-up votes
  - 21 Assistance
  - 22 Sound of contentment
  - 25 Fawning 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

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# Lady Steers 7th graders grab runner-up honors in Christoval

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' seventh and eighth grade basketball teams turned more than a few heads this past weekend at the Christoval Junior High Basketball Tournament.

The BSJHS seventh graders went 2-1 and finished second in the six-team tournament.

The Lady Steers opened the tournament with a bang. The team rode double-digit performances from Kayleigh Penny and Kamri Kemper to an easy 46-12 win over Irion County. Penny finished the contest with a game-high 16 points and six rebounds. Kemper added 14 more.

Logan Terrazas also grabbed six rebounds in the win.

With their win over Irion County, the Lady Steers advanced to the tournament semifinals to face Forsan, which had drawn a bye in the first round.

Big Spring notched its second win with a 47-15 victory over Forsan.

Terrazas paced the BSJHS offensive attack against Forsan with a double-double effort. She finished with a game-high 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Alexis Starr was Big Spring's second-leading scorer with 10 points.

The win vaulted the Lady Steers into the championship game against Christoval.

Christoval spoiled Big Spring's hopes in the finals, claiming a close 27-24 win.

Penny led the Lady

Steers in scoring in the championship game with 10.

The BSJHS eighth graders finished fourth in the overall standings after suffering a tough 23-17 setback to Coahoma in the consolation finals.

In the consolation finals, Big Spring picked up solid play from Kloee Gang, Cierra Martinez and Ashley Gonzalez. Gang and Martinez both scored five points in the game, while Gonzalez picked up five rebounds.

Big Spring opened the tournament with a 43-26 loss to Irion County. In that game, Gonzales and Martinez led BSJHS in scoring with five apiece. Alexis Gaitan and Martinez both grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Howard College forward Travis Charles shoots over two NMMI defenders for a basket during the first half of the Hawks' win on Monday. Charles scored 10 points in the first half of the 59-52 victory.

# HAWKS

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nine, at 43-34, with less than 15 minutes to play.

The Broncos cut even deeper into the Hawks' lead later in the period. Reeled off a 7-0 run later the half and cut Howard College's lead to just five, at 55-50, with 41 seconds left in regulation.

HC point guard David Joseph and Torrian Epps helped the Hawks weather the Broncos' threat. Joseph and Epps combined to make four straight free throw attempts within a 9-second span and gave the Hawks a three-possession lead, at 59-50.

Howard College will return to play this Thursday when they travel to Hobbs to face New Mexico Junior College.

The Hawks' next home game is scheduled for Jan. 27 against rival Western Texas College.



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