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City workers repairing water main break

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Cold weather has claimed its first water main of the year, city officials said this morning.

Residents in the Kentwood area of Big Spring were without water this morning after a 20-inch line broke around midnight, said Johnny Womack, interim public works director.

The good news for residents is that city crews had isolated the break and were in the process of excavating the affected portion of water line by 8 a.m. today. Womack said crews should have full water service restored by the end of the day.

Some service might be restored even sooner, he added. "Right now, we're swapping out some valves ... and if that works, customers up in Kentwood should have at least partial water service (by around 10 a.m.)," he said.

Colder-than-usual temperatures this winter had crews bracing for a spate of breaks,

but Womack said they have been lucky so far.

"This is the first big water line break we've had in close to a month," he said. "Things really had been running pretty smooth."

Now, all officials can do is wait and see if today's break is an isolated event or a harbinger of things to come.

"There's not a lot you can do about cold weather," Womack said. "Some of these (lines) are pretty old, and they just don't play well in this kind of weather."

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Dr. Sparks' contract extended; dental hygiene program grows

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Reporter



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Howard College trustees extended President Dr. Cheryl Sparks' contract Monday.

Extension of the college president's contract and updates on existing projects were on tap at the Howard County Junior College District's Board of Trustees meeting Monday.

Trustees began the meeting early by entering into executive session to evaluate the performance of college president Dr. Cheryl Sparks, who has served in the role for the past 22 years. She received another positive nod from trustees, who voted to extend her contract two years.

"I hold the Howard College board of trustees in high esteem, and I am honored to be able to continue in this role, serving this college district and serving with my colleagues," Sparks said following the meeting.

"I look forward to doing great things for our students in the years ahead."

Sparks began her career at Howard College in 1976.

In other business, Sparks informed trustees that a second

offsite pilot clinical rotation location has been established in Abilene for the college's dental hygiene program. A pilot off-site clinical rotation has already been established

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Sheriff: Don't feed emaciated horse

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Staff Writer



Parker

Please don't feed the horse.

Sheriff Stan Parker is concerned about the possible effect that well-meaning citizens may have on a recent rescue from the east side of Howard county to the corrals of the Big Spring Animal Shelter.

"They are going to kill this horse," Parker said. "It is on a vet-prescribed diet and overfeeding it could kill it." Parker explained that well-meaning citizens see the emaciated state the animal is in and, feeling sorry for it, are throwing food over the fence for it to eat.

"Of course it goes and gets it," said Parker. "But it has to be fed a special diet to get its strength back. It won't gain the weight back overnight so I want to discourage people from feeding this horse. If they don't stop, they could wind up killing it."

The horse could develop a twist in its intestines or other complications if it isn't allowed to adhere to the vet-prescribed diet, according to officials.

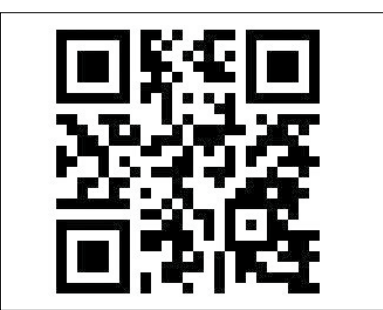
As for the owner of the horse, Parker said a criminal case is in the works and information will be released at a later date.

"The owner doesn't live there anymore," Parker said and added, "The horse was basically abandoned."

The condition of the animal has improved since its rescue, but still has a long road ahead.

"It is actually doing much better," the sheriff said. "It's

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Landfill bid on city agenda

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Officials are looking to give the Big Spring city landfill some much-needed breathing room.

City council members are expected to award a bid for construction and opening of the landfill's east cell when they meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. today in council chambers at 307 E. Fourth St.

Seven bids were received for the project and city officials are recommending the bid be awarded to Max Jantz Excavating of Montezuma, Kan.

Time really is of the essence when it comes to getting the new cell operational.

The existing landfill, offi-

cialists warned, is dangerously close to capacity, and a new landfill has yet to be identified, much less purchased and developed.

The new cell, which would be located in the area south of the old union hall on the south service road of Interstate 20, would give the landfill another five to seven years of effective life, giving officials much-needed time to develop a new site.

Also, the city is looking for ways to "fine-tune" its garbage collection service in an effort to extend the landfill's life even further.

Recently, council members approved a \$90,000 study to analyze the city's sanitation collection services and how to "deliver the best service at

the best cost," officials said.

The study, overseen by SAIC Energy, Environment & Infrastructure LLC, will study all aspects of sanitation collection services, including routes, costs and landfill operations, City Manager Todd Darden said.

"We're trying to get a true cost of what it takes to provide sanitation and landfill services to our citizens," Darden said. "This is something that was talked about during the city's budget workshop this summer and the council agreed we needed to look at our costs and see if we are charging the right rates and providing the necessary services in this area."

In other business, council members will consider:

- A public hearing and possible action on plans for a private firm to renovate and take over operation of Northcrest Apartments.
 - The Big Spring Police Department's annual traffic contact report.
 - Issuing a formal call for the May municipal elections. Two council members will be elected at that time.
 - Applying for a grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Accountability Program.
 - Revisions for a front yard parking ordinance.
- Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

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Guadalupe 'Lupe' Alcantar Ramirez



Guadalupe "Lupe" Alcantar Ramirez, 82, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, at her residence. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born to Isabel and Andres Alcantar Sr. in Big Spring on Dec. 31, 1931. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She worked at the Big

Spring State Hospital kitchen. She married Ensebio Ramirez in Big Spring in March 1949. He preceded her in death Sept. 2, 1986.

She is survived by two sons, Andrew Aguire and wife Rosa of Big Spring and Daniel Ramirez of Big Spring; two daughters: Olga Sanchez and husband Cruz of Big Spring and Sylvia Cantu and husband Jesse of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and one brother, Andres Alcantar Jr. of Midland.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Yolanda Anglin in 1997; two sons, Rudy Ramirez in 1978 and Joe Ramirez in 1994; one grandson; and one great-grandson.

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

Eddie Dwayne White



Eddie Dwayne White, 45, died Friday Jan. 24, 2014, at his residence. Visitation will be Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Kevin Knudson of Life Church officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born to Reba and Doyle White Oct. 24, 1968, in Big Spring. He worked in construction.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Becky Dominguez of Big Spring; one son, Eddie Jay White of Big Spring; one daughter, Reba Cay White of Big Spring; his father, Doyle White of Big Spring; his grandmother, Reba Mansfield of Big Spring and one brother, Rick White of Big Spring.

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

Earline Davidson



Earline Davidson, 96, of Big Spring, died Sunday Jan. 26, 2014, at Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home in Colorado City. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh of First Christian Church officiating.

She was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Big Spring to Ollie and Eddie Rutledge. She was a lifelong

resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker and married I.H. "Buster" Davidson Sept. 16, 1940, in Monahans, Texas. He preceded her in death June 4, 2007. She was a member of First Christian Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Eddie Raye Raney and Carla Hughes, both of Big Spring; two granddaughters; three grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband Buster, she was preceded in death by one great-great-grandson.

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

Police/Sheriff

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

- SANJUANITA KAYSIE OLIVARES, 18, of 2403 Alabama was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.

- LESLIE SMITHWICK, 29, of 600 NW 8th St., was arrested Monday on 15 warrants from another agency.

- CHAUNCEY LAMAR FORD, 33, of 900 NW 8th St., was arrested Monday on charges of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams, possession of a controlled substance 3 less than 28 grams, expired drivers license and fail to appear.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ, 54, of 911 Runnels, was arrested on warrants for criminal trespass – two counts.

- FELIPE HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, 60, of 505 NW 10th St., was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid and fail to appear.

- JOSE CANDELARIO GONZALE-GALLEGOS, 39, of 13510 Maham Rd. No. 251, Dallas, Texas, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- CARLETTA MICHELLE MCKINNEY, 45, of 4102 Muir, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOSEPH ANTHONY JACKSON, 21, of 4204 N. F St. Apt. 4, San Bernadino, Calif., was arrested Monday on a charge of

public intoxication.

- RAYMUNDO VERA GONZALES, 43, of 1013 W. 3rd St., was arrested Monday on four warrants from another agency.

- STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL, 28, of 7503 N. N. Service Road Interstate Highway 20, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault family violence causes bodily injury.

- SCOTT THOMAS MURPHY, 34, of 107 W. 21st St., was arrested on a warrant for open container in motor vehicle passenger.

- MINOR ACCIDENT reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Owens.

- HARASSMENT reported at the 1000 block of Main.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT reported at the 500 block of NW 10th St.

- HIT AND RUN reported at the 2700 block of Gregg.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY reported at Dundee and Sergeant Paradez.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- LESLIE SMITHWICK was booked on capias warrants for driving while license invalid, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, no liability insurance, violate promise to appear and 12 counts of parent contributing to non-attendance.

- CHAUNCEY LAVAR FORD

was booked by BSPD on charges of delivery of a controlled substance, expired drivers license and failure to appear.

- SANJUANITA KAYSIE OLIVARES was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- STEVEN ALLEN SAVELL was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.

- THOMAS WILLIAM MURPHY was booked by HCSO on a charge of open container.

- RODOLFO HERNANDEZ was booked by BSPD on two counts of criminal trespass.

- CARLETTA MCKINNEY was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- PHELIPE HERNANDEZ was booked by BSPD on capias warrant for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

- JOSE GONZALES-GALLEGOS was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- RAYMUNDO VERA GONZALES was booked by BSPD on charges of speeding – 96 miles per hour in a 65 mile per hour zone, two counts of violate promise to appear and speeding – 93 mph in a 70 mph zone.

- JOSEPH ANTHONY JACKSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

Support groups

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

- RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-

based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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.

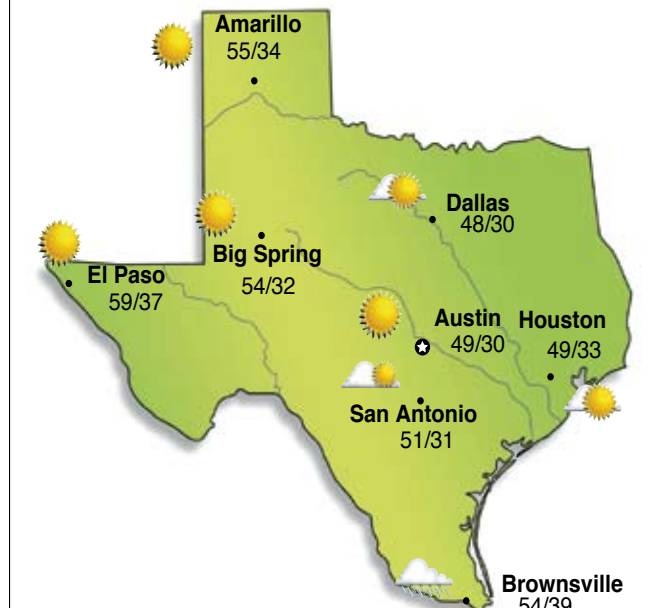
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30	Fri 1/31	Sat 2/1	Sun 2/2
54/32	77/45	79/47	63/31	55/38
Sunny skies. High 54F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:21 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	52	34	sunny	Kingsville	55	41	pt sunny
Amarillo	55	34	sunny	Livingston	48	27	mst sunny
Austin	49	30	sunny	Longview	47	29	mst sunny
Beaumont	47	28	mst sunny	Lubbock	52	31	sunny
Brownsville	54	39	rain	Lufkin	50	26	mst sunny
Brownwood	51	33	sunny	Midland	53	36	sunny
Corpus Christi	52	42	pt sunny	Raymondville	53	38	rain
Corsicana	47	30	mst sunny	Rosenberg	49	33	mst sunny
Dallas	48	30	mst sunny	San Antonio	51	31	pt sunny
Del Rio	55	33	sunny	San Marcos	50	30	pt sunny
El Paso	59	37	sunny	Sulphur Springs	45	32	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	61	43	sunny	Sweetwater	52	34	sunny
Gainesville	45	28	mst sunny	Tyler	47	30	mst sunny
Greenville	45	28	mst sunny	Weatherford	47	29	mst sunny
Houston	49	33	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	49	31	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	35	17	pt sunny	Minneapolis	24	13	pt sunny
Boston	26	12	sn shower	New York	25	16	pt sunny
Chicago	21	14	sunny	Phoenix	74	49	mst sunny
Dallas	48	30	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	52	cloudy
Denver	56	40	pt sunny	Seattle	47	46	cloudy
Houston	49	33	mst sunny	St. Louis	36	28	sunny

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Take Note

• Healthy Woman is “Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years” on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner go on sale Feb. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• 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 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; 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

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• 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 coun-

ties 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.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people’s lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• 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.

• You don’t have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It’s a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner’s HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you’re interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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prognosis is good.” Parker said there are as many as five calls a year on malnourished

animals and when responding to calls a veterinarian attends the investigation to determine the health of an animal.

“They check to see if their weight is stable,” Parker explained. “Is it

an older animal? Can the horse get up and move around? Is it underfed? Are ribs exposed?” Older animals can look bad, the sheriff explained but sometimes it’s just their age and that’s as good as it can get.

Animal cruelty is a Class A Misdemeanor which could mean jail time and a fine. But for now, proper care for the horse is the shelter’s main concern. Which means keeping it on its diet.

To report an abuse or neglected animal, call Big Spring Animal Control at 264-2372.

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

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in San Angelo.

“We have confirmed one additional offsite pilot location — Medical Care Mission in Abilene, a non-profit organization, and it will serve for clinical rotation which is scheduled to start in February,” Sparks said. “We had the goal of establishing one offsite clinical rotation by the spring of 2014, and we’ve established two, so we are very excited about that. We want to have at least five or six, so we are ahead of schedule.”

The program is undergoing major changes this year, aimed at tailoring the curriculum to its numerous out-of-county students.

In other project updates, construction at the San Angelo campus continues skyward.

“It is exciting. We are seeing much more than big mounds of caliche,” John Parsons, campus dean of facilities of the West Texas Training Center, reported to Howard College trustees.

Among the first of the many projects to see building frames go up, the pre-engineered metal building is now erected, Parsons said. Walls are framed and mechanical, electrical and plumbing work is expected to begin today, he added.

“The good news about the metal building — now that we see what it looks like — we are very pleased at how it fits into the landscape and how it blends in with the existing infrastructure,” Parson said.

Vertical construction continues on the academic and students services buildings as well as several parking lot areas and entrances, Parsons added.

The San Angelo project is funded through a \$1 million grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation, \$10.5 in revenue bonds, and the remaining \$2.5 million from the institution’s budget, according to Cindy Smith, college public relations officer.

Trustees also, approved a \$95,000 donation from the Dora Roberts Foundation for

the college’s nursing program. Of that donation, \$90,000 is used to fund two faculty chairs and \$5,000 is dedicated to scholarships open to all Howard College students.

• Approved handbook changes to trustee election policies to align with state changes.

• Heard there were no issues in the district’s financials by outside auditor James Welch of Lee, Reynolds Welch and Co. PC.

• Approved a \$1,000

undesignated donation from the Lamesa Industry Foundation for the Lamesa campus.

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Earline Davidson, 96, died. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Guadalupe “Lupe” Alcantar Ramirez, 82, died. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be Thursday 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Eddie Dwayne White, 45, died Friday. Visitation will be Wednesday 6 to 8 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Wanda Rudinger, 58, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
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Opinion

High taxation and doing fine

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“The not so Golden State” is how a recent issue of The Economist magazine tags California’s business climate. It’s the latest in a trove of conservative literature trying to dance around the fact that high-tax, highly regulated, bureaucratic states can be economic powerhouses. The writers deal with the “problem” by burying reality under a pile of “buts” and “howevers.”

In recent years, California has indeed suffered from gridlocked government, punishing pension obligations and debt — plus the housing meltdown. It’s been addressing these challenges. And though one cannot vouch for the wisdom of every regulation, the state’s environmental ethic is a big reason smart people put up with the warts.

But only Silicon Valley is doing well, The Economist says. Manufacturing stinks. “iPhones are ‘designed by Apple in California,’” the article notes, “but made in Shenzhen.”

Apple nonetheless employs 16,000 Californians in and around Cupertino and plans to expand that number to 24,000. The Apple workers reportedly earn an average of \$125,000. There must be something going for Apple in California.

There’s this fantasy that if our environmental regulations just went lax, America would have some renaissance in factory employment.



FROMA HARROP

Thing is, manufacturing output in this country has actually tripled in the last 60 years, Bloomberg Businessweek reports.

U.S. factories are simply being run with fewer, well-trained people operating computers. The low-skilled, low-wage, labor-intensive factory jobs are not coming back, and why should we want them?

The Economist seems vexed that Gov. Jerry Brown would sign a bill raising the minimum wage to \$10 an hour in 2016 — as though Wendy’s could sell burgers in Bakersfield from a store in Nevada. By the way, in 1968, the national minimum wage was \$10.77 in today’s dollars.

Only Silicon Valley?! Check out The Wall Street Journal’s new “Billion-Dollar Startup Club.” These are companies valued at \$1 billion or more by venture capital firms.

Of the 37 billion-dollar startups, 25 are based in the U.S.

— 23 of them in California. Of the three U.S. startups not located in California, two are in New York City — not exactly your low-tax haven and, at the moment, freezing cold. The other one is in Jacksonville, Fla.

Those who strike it rich will do tax planning, and that may include buying homes in low-tax places. But the big tech innovators are still building their companies where their brainiacs want to be.

Kings of the creative class demand the stimulation found in great urban neighborhoods. And they want a nice countryside to hike in.

Two years ago, The Wall Street Journal published an emotional

essay titled “California Declares War on Suburbia.” The writer was especially upset that the Association of Bay Area Governments had proposed limiting new housing beyond the San Francisco and San Jose “urban fringe” to 3 percent of the total. Most new building would be multifamily homes.

Boy, do they hate San Francisco. But the strict building rules have kept San Francisco — and its environs — a beautiful place. That’s why tech people working in surrounding areas insist on making their nests in San Francisco when they could live cheaper, bigger and closer to work.

Universities are another magnet and incubator for new companies. They tend to spawn the liberal, active-government cultures in which innovation thrives. There’s some irony that the premier tech center of Texas is progressive Austin, thanks in great part to the University of Texas, a creature of state government.

To the states with good education, an open-minded community and an attractive environment go the tech spoils. Taxation does matter, and there’s such a thing as dumb regulations. But for the knowledge economy, that’s not everything or even, it seems, the big thing. California shows how.

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Less finger-wagging, more apologizing

President Obama’s policies continue to produce results that are the opposite of what he promises, yet he brazenly cites the abysmal state of his economy to announce — indignantly — that he will double down on his failures.

Andrew Cloward and Frances Fox Piven — notorious leftist professors who devised a sinister plot to overburden the American economy to the point of collapse and then replace it with a socialist system — would be quite proud of their understudy.

Obama’s policies are drowning America in debt, unemployment, dependency and despair, yet he blames us for his failures — as if he’s been an innocent bystander — and says he’s going to ride to the rescue on his unconstitutional horse of unilateral executive orders to restore “equality” by fiat.

Even if Obama could get Congress to go along with his scheme to further burden success, opportunity, small businesses and major producers in this country and even if it were a desirable state of affairs for the tyrannical hand of government to decide how assets and income are divided among citizens, history conclusively shows that such socialist and communist ideas lead to increased poverty.

Obama is probably going to cite a recent Pew Research Center poll that supposedly indicates that most Americans want the government to take action to reduce income disparities among Americans.

Even if we can take this poll at face value, it doesn’t necessarily mean Americans want government just to confiscate wealth from some and transfer it to others. But it wouldn’t be that surprising if they did favor action along those lines, given the left’s 75-year systematic assault on capitalism, the free market and our founding American principles.

But David Harsanyi, a senior editor of The Federalist, points out that Obama is omitting a significant factor in the equation. Most Americans, says Harsanyi, still believe in upward mobility, and empirical evidence shows that upward mobility still exists as much as it did decades ago. Though Obama and his fellow socialists want us to believe that the American economy is a finite pie — a zero-sum game — the reality is that people move up and down the income ladder all the time. Many of yesterday’s poor are today’s middle class, and a significant number of them are wealthy.

In fact, Obama’s oppressive spending, taxing and regulation exacerbate income inequality and impede upward mobility. The way out of our economy malaise is to reduce the federal government’s chokehold on the private sector and producers, expand opportunity, increase the pie and unleash the possibility of growth across the board.

Do people think America is invincible just because it is named America or because of its unique constitutional guarantees of liberty through limited government?

Do they think that socialists can continue to overburden the private sector, ignore our founding principles and destroy our liberties without tragic economic consequences?

America has never been about guaranteeing equality of income; it’s about equality of opportunity.

That’s because human beings are born with God-given rights of liberty and because unleashing such liberties invariably produces the most economic good for the most people.

These dangerous ideas that Obama keeps pounding to forcibly redistribute income are anathema to the American dream, incompatible with liberty and devastating to prosperity, no matter what Cloward, Piven and Obama propagandize to the contrary. They are part of Obama’s big lie, and they have to be beaten back, with vigor.

It’s time that Obama be held to account for his miserable failures. We can’t let him pretend he

is not the primary causal agent in the ongoing economic disaster we are experiencing in this country.

This is Obama’s economy, and he’s sapping the economic lifeblood from this country, its businesses and its entrepreneurs. He has presided over — and caused — the worst recovery in a half-century. Actual unemployment is frighteningly, horrifyingly high — because of his policies, with minorities being the hardest hit.

He is destroying America’s health care system, driving people against their will out of the private insurance system, severing people’s ties to their doctors, reducing their access to care, reducing their choices of care and greatly increasing the individual cost of care and the cost to government of health care. Everything about Obamacare has been a premeditated Obama lie.

Before anyone listens to Obama about any major new policy initiatives, he must be held to account for his homicide of the American health care system and the critical injuries he’s inflicted on the economy, as well as a host of other failed policies he’s engineered and false promises he’s made.

Sen. Ted Cruz is hardly being facetious with his suggestions that Obama apologize in the State of the Union address for his Obamacare lies and answer questions about Benghazi, the political targeting of conservative groups by his Internal Revenue Service, and other abominations.

This time, the Republican establishment should not leave Cruz hanging out by himself but join him in demanding accountability from President Obama.

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DAILY PRAYER

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

Amen

Bird Poop: Calls from a faithful friend

Over the years, the warmth of her personality was not only shared with folks in the community who had climbed the stairs to her second floor office at city hall. The welfare of the avian population was another of her priorities.

Having first met her while trying to learn more about a proposed zoning change in our area, we had quickly learned that many resources were available. Quickly, she used her experience to access information.

Once, she had called for assistance in relocating two nestling great horned owls located 20 feet below the top of an empty tank at the water treatment facility. Having told Shirley what was needed to safely extract the birds, I had hoped she could fulfill my request.

Promising to “get

right on it,” she called that afternoon. “How soon can you get out there?” she asked. When I inquired if she had finagled a crane for the endeavor, she answered, “It’s there now!”

Another time she had called about an old wooden birdhouse. For some time it had been a purple martin attraction. Then sparrows staked their claim on its living quarters. The night before it had become a casualty of windy weather and fallen to the ground. Shirley was concerned about the nestlings inside.

Room by room, hands full of dried grasses, cellophane from cigarette packs, string, and



Courtesy photo
About eight inches long, and weighing less than two ounces, the Inca dove is one of our smallest doves and is often called a scaled dove. In flight, its long tail is graced with white edges.

dryer lint were pulled out. While we looked for baby birds that had survived the crash, she had admitted she “could not rest easy” until our search was complete.

Then, left on our recorder one weekend was Shirley’s voice again. She sounded desperate. Having found a small dove, she said it couldn’t fly. Answering my call back, her husband, Terry, said she was terribly worried about the little bird.

Watching my every move as I examined the Inca dove Shirley seemed relieved to learn that with time, the smallest of doves could be air-borne again. Bruising or a

hairline fracture was the cause of its being grounded.

In extending each wing, I had exposed the distinctive rust color that is one of the Inca’s identifying features. As I had spread its tail, its white tail feathers were highlighted. On such a slender and petite dove, its coloration and size were expected.

The dark edges of its perfectly layered feathers gave it a scaly appearance. Even though its feathers were a brownish-gray, their dark edges made them look like they were heavily barred above and below.

In previous years, we had watched Incas as they sought shelter

from heavy snowfalls in our live oak trees and on the sills of our back porch windows. In both places, the small birds had started a feathery pyramid. Four or five Incas on the bottom supported the next row of three topped off by one or two as they shared body heat and huddled against the cold of a wintry day.

After my description of the characteristics of this specie in the wild, Shirley realized she had seen them around her neighborhood. Incas would sidle along the limbs of a tree, and then jump downward to another limb. Time and again they would reposition their feet on nature’s roost. With

heads pulled in against their breasts, they would finally rest.

On the ground, they walked about with the rhythmic bobbing back and forth of their heads. Their mannerisms and social interactions within their specie were notable.

Shirley Cross’s next call will keep us informed of yet another avian crisis. Fortunately, her retirement from the city’s employment has not dimmed her interest in her community and the welfare of all of its denizens.

Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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

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♥ J 4
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A Q J 10 9

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 6
♥ 10 9 7 5
♦ J 3
♣ K 3 2

EAST
♠ —
♥ Q 8 6 3 2
♦ 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 5 4 2
♥ A K
♦ A K 8
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♠ Pass 5♠ Pass
6♣

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

To be a top-notch declarer, you must live in a constant state of fear. You should hope for the best but prepare for the worst.

Assume you’re in six spades and West leads a heart. You observe immediately that your only potential losers are a club and either one or two spades.

You win the heart, and the question is what to do next. You can try

Tomorrow: Astute detective work.
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the club finesse and then tackle trumps, or tackle trumps and then take the club finesse. It might seem like a case of six of one or a half-dozen of the other, but actually the proper order of plays is to take the club finesse first. The reason is that before you tackle the trump suit, you must find out whether you can afford to lose a trump trick.

When the club finesse wins in the actual deal, the slam becomes a certainty, since the only problem that remains is to protect against a 4-0 trump division. This can be done by cashing the king of trumps first to guard against four trumps in either opponent’s hand.

As it happens, East shows out on the king, and it is then a simple matter to restrict yourself to one trump loser by next leading a spade toward dummy’s A-8. Had West shown out instead, you would have assured losing only one trump trick by next leading a low trump to the ace and another back toward the jack.

Now let’s assume you had decided to tackle trumps before attempting the club finesse. In that case, you would no doubt have followed the normal procedure of leading a low trump to the ace, and a short time later you would have found yourself down one.

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AP Exclusive: U.S. considers how to prevent spying on NSA's searches of Americans' phone records

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Obama administration considers ending the storage of millions of phone records by the National Security Agency, the government is quietly funding research to prevent eavesdroppers from seeing whom the U.S. is spying on, The Associated Press has learned.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has paid at least five research teams across the country to develop a system for high-volume, encrypted searches of electronic records kept outside the government's possession. The project is among several ideas that could allow the government to store Americans' phone records with phone companies or a third-party organization, but still search them as needed.

Under the research, U.S. data mining would be shielded by secret coding that could conceal identifying details from outsiders and even the owners of the targeted databases, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press and interviews with researchers, corporate executives and government officials.

The administration has provided only vague descriptions about changes it is considering to the NSA's daily collection and storage of Americans' phone records, which are presently kept in NSA databanks. To resolve legal, privacy and civil liberties concerns, President Barack Obama this month ordered the attorney general and senior intelligence officials to recommend changes by March 28 that would allow the U.S. to identify suspected terrorists' phone calls without the government itself holding the phone records.

One federal review panel urged Obama to order phone companies or an unspecified third party to store the records; another panel said collecting the phone records was illegal and ineffective and urged Obama to abandon the program entirely.

Ukraine's Prime Minister Mykola Azarov submits resignation

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The prime minister of protest-torn Ukraine submitted his resignation on Tuesday, saying he hoped the move would help bring peaceful resolution to the crisis that has gripped the country for two months.

Mykola Azarov's resignation would remove one of the figures most despised by the opposition. It came as the parliament opened a special session that is expected to repeal harsh anti-protest laws

that were imposed this month. Those laws set off the police-protester clashes in which at least three protesters died.

His resignation must be accepted by President Viktor Yanukovich, but that appears to be only a formality. Yanukovich last week offered the premiership to Arseniy Yatsenyuk, one of the opposition's top figures. Yatsenyuk turned down the offer on Monday.

In addition, Yanukovich says an amnesty for dozens of protesters arrested in the demonstrations would be implemented only if protesters leave the streets and vacate buildings that they have occupied. Ending the protests without having other demands met appears unlikely.

The Tuesday moves would fall short of opposition demands, which also include Yanukovich's resignation and a call for new elections.

Pete Seeger, troubadour and activist for more than a half-century, has died in NYC at age 94

NEW YORK (AP) — Buoyed by his characteristically soaring spirit, the surging crowd around him and a pair of canes, Pete Seeger walked through the streets of Manhattan leading an Occupy Movement protest in 2011.

Though he would later admit the attention embarrassed him, the moment brought back so many feelings and memories as he instructed yet another generation of young people how to effect change through song and determination — as he had done over the last seven decades as a history-sifting singer and ever-so-gentle rabble-rouser.

"Be wary of great leaders," he told The Associated Press two days after the march. "Hope that there are many, many small leaders."

The banjo-picking troubadour who sang for migrant workers, college students and star-struck presidents in a career that introduced generations of Americans to their folk music heritage died Monday at the age of 94. Seeger's grandson, Kitama Cahill-Jackson, said his grandfather died peacefully in his sleep around 9:30 p.m. at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been for six days. Family members were with him.

"He was chopping wood 10 days ago," Cahill-Jackson recalled.

South Africa: opposition groups join forces to challenge ruling party ahead of elections

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — A former anti-apart-

heid activist who was close to Steve Biko and was a World Bank executive merged her party Tuesday with South Africa's main opposition party and will be its presidential candidate, challenging the ruling African National Congress whose popularity has eroded amid corruption scandals and other problems.

Mamphele Ramphele, who also is a medical doctor, had a son with activist Steve Biko, who in 1977 was tortured and died in police custody. Last year, Ramphele formed her own party to challenge the ANC, but said Tuesday the merger with the Democratic Alliance is in the country's best interests.

"Millions want to make a different choice in this election. They say is enough is enough," Ramphele said. "This is your government-in-waiting."

President Jacob Zuma and the ANC are the electoral front-runners but they have lost some support because of corruption, poverty, unemployment, police brutality and a lack of adequate government services.

Southerners warned of icy mess in the days ahead, putting schools and road crews at ready

ATLANTA (AP) — A blast of freezing precipitation expected to arrive Tuesday could scatter snow and ice across the Deep South, prompting officials from New Orleans to North Carolina to ready road crews and close some schools.

Popular warm-weather tourist destinations including Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., Pensacola, Fla., and New Orleans were expecting ice and even snow — both rare occurrences in places that seldom even see prolonged sub-freezing temperatures.

In coastal Charleston, for instance, it was a balmy 62 degrees Monday. But the approaching weather led the College of Charleston to cancel classes Tuesday as a "precautionary measure." There was a forecast of rain, and sleet in the late afternoon, with the first snow expected Wednesday morning.

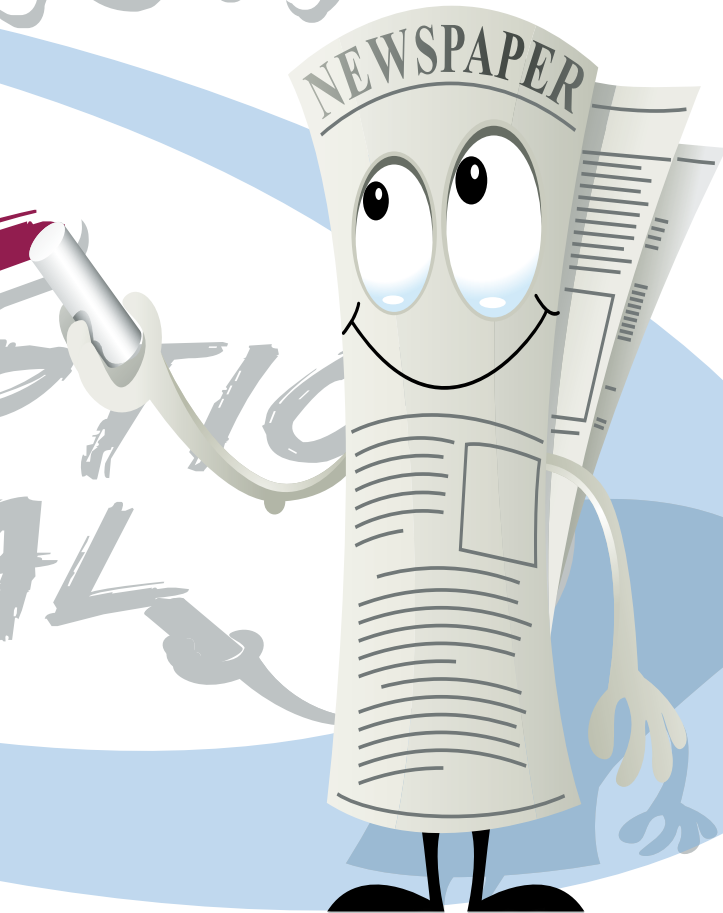
Much of Georgia was placed under a winter storm watch for Tuesday and Wednesday. While some areas could see as much as 3 inches of snow, the bigger concern with plummeting temperatures was ice.

"The snowfall amounts are going to matter very little in this situation because of the ice potential," said Jason Deese, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, Ga. "Some parts of the state may end up seeing the greatest impact just because they get more ice than snow."

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Freedom Railroad

There once was a railroad that had no tracks, no trains, no whistles, no schedule. It ran through dark woods and swamps thick with snakes. Its "stations" were secret rooms and musty piles of potatoes.

The **Underground Railroad**, as it was called, was a series of secret paths and stations that helped runaway slaves find their way to freedom. The secret railroad ran from the southern United States to Canada.

At one time, in some states, it was legal to own people. They could be bought and sold like cows and horses. This was called **slavery**.

Many people thought slavery was wrong. They wanted to help slaves find a way to live free. This is how the Underground Railroad started. The kindnesses and concerns of thousands of strangers kept this freedom train "running."

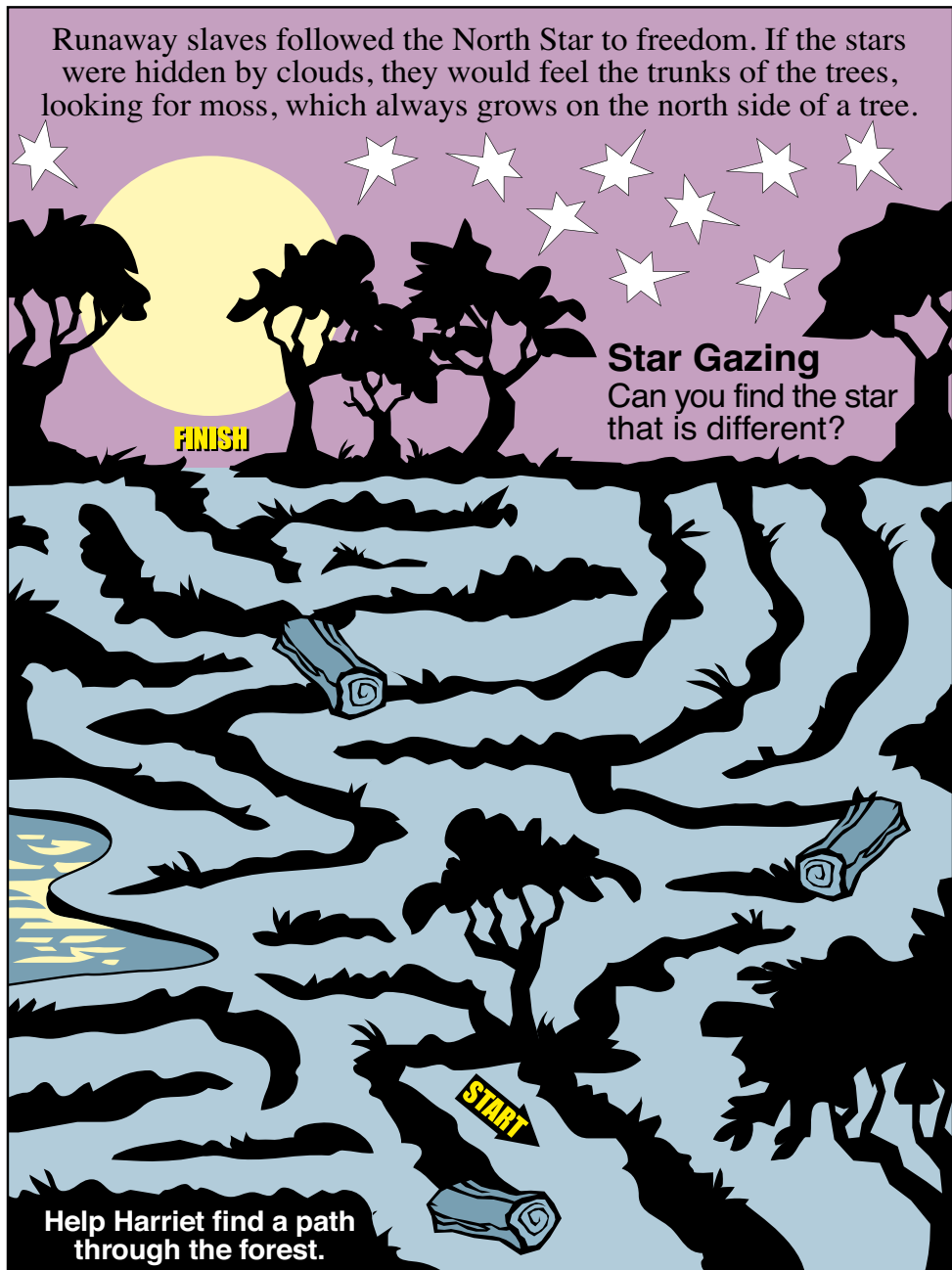


Harriet Tubman: Courageous Conductor

"Conductor" was one of the most dangerous jobs on the Underground Railroad. Conductors were runaway slaves who led other slaves to freedom. One of the most famous was Harriet Tubman.

Harriet Tubman led more than 300 slaves to freedom. She once said, "On my Underground Railroad I never ran my train off the track, and I never lost a passenger."

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Station Master Arrested

Thomas Garrett's home was a station on the Underground Railroad. He gave food and shelter to more than 2,500 runaway slaves. In 1848, he was arrested for helping runaway slaves. All of his property was taken away from him and sold. He had to pay a huge fine and was left penniless. Yet, he surprised the sheriff with what he said.

Use the code to find out what Thomas said.

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Standards Link: History: Students know historical accounts through the stories of people and their actions.

"FRIEND, I HAVEN'T A
3V779S IN THE 4VS73,
BUT IF THEE KNOWS OF
A 6E284804 WHO
NEEDS A 5S49169E4,
SEND HIM 4V 24."

Extra! Extra!

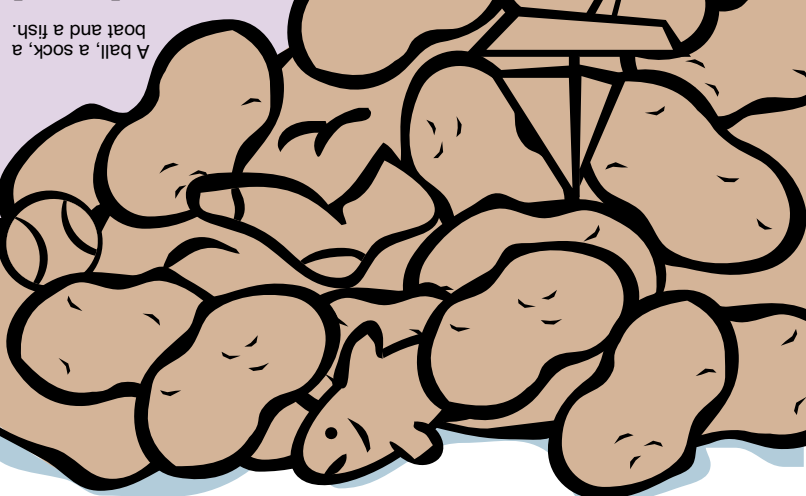
What can be owned?

Look through the newspaper and circle things that can be owned in green. Circle things that cannot be owned in red.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Potato Pile Puzzler

Runaway slaves used musty piles of potatoes as "stations" to hide in. What can you find hidden in this pile of potatoes?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Students compare and sort common objects.

Double Double Word Search

FREEDOM
RAILROAD
WHISTLES
SECRET
SLAVERY
GREEN
FACTS
MOSS
STATIONS
TRACK
SWAMPS
TRAIN
LOST
SOLD
FOOD

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

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

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

**TRAVEL
ESCAPE
FREEDOM
SONG
SWIFT
NEWSPAPER
DIPPER
WINTER**

Standards Link: History: Understand how the music of people from a variety of regions long ago influenced the nation.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SLAVERY**

The noun **slavery** means the owning of people by other people.

Frederick Douglass called for an end to **slavery**.

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

Write On!

My Hero

Tell about someone who is your hero (or heroine). Why is this person special to you?

BEYOND Kid Scoop

How We Overcome

Find a newspaper story about someone overcoming a great obstacle such as a health challenge, an accident, or an unfair law. Read the article and list the facts: who, what, when, where, why and how. Using the facts, write a one-paragraph summary of the article.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries using newspaper format.

ankle of his fellow man without

No man can put a chain about the

fastened about his own neck.

at last finding the other end

Cut out each line and place them in the correct order to read a quote by Frederick Douglass

BS teams travel to Wylie tonight

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

In the grand scheme of things, the Big Spring Lady Steers know their berth in the Class 3A state playoffs is almost in the bag. The team needs just one win, or a loss by Sweetwater, to clinch the No. 4 playoff seed.

That news doesn't make Big Spring's road to getting a win any easier this evening. The Lady Steers are scheduled to travel to Abilene this evening to square off against the No. 4-ranked Wylie Lady Bulldogs.

Big Spring, fresh off a stunning loss to Snyder on Friday, enters tonight's game at 16-8 overall and tied with Snyder for third in the District 4-3A standings. Wylie is 22-5 and 7-0.

Like the Big Spring girls, the BSHS boys' basketball team will be facing a powerhouse in the Bulldogs.

DISTRICT 4-3A BOYS

Team.....	Dist.	Overall
Wylie.....	5-0	20-3
Monahans.....	4-1	22-4
Big Spring.....	3-2	10-10
Sweetwater.....	2-3	13-3
Greenwood.....	1-4	4-18
Snyder.....	0-5	3-14

GIRLS

Wylie.....	7-0	22-5
Greenwood.....	6-1	10-12
Big Spring.....	3-4	16-8
Snyder.....	3-4	12-10
Sweetwater.....	2-5	7-13
Monahans.....	0-7	3-15

Tonight's games - Big Spring at Wylie, Greenwood at Snyder, Monahans at Sweetwater.

Wylie enters the game ranked fifth in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' poll with a 20-3 record. The Bulldogs finished the first half of the district race with a 5-0 record.

Big Spring, 10-10 for the year, are currently third in the boys' standings at 3-2.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College guard Jalin Barnes drives past three Western Texas defenders for a layup during the Hawks' 73-66 win on Monday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Hawks lasso Westerners, 73-66

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks are back in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship picture.

Sophomore guard David Joseph turned in a double-double performance and helped power the No. 22-ranked Hawks to a 73-66 win over the Western Texas College Westerners in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Joseph was one of five Howard College players to reach double figures in the contest.

The win was extra sweet for Howard College. Not only did the Hawks erase the memories of last week's loss to New Mexico Junior College with a win over rival Western Texas, they regained some of their swagger.

"I was really worried about this game," said HC head coach Scott Raines. "I was wondering if we were starting to teeter. All year,

WJCAC Standings Men

Team.....	Conf.	Overall
South Plains.....	7-1	20-2
Howard.....	6-2	18-4
W. Texas.....	5-3	17-5
Odessa.....	5-2	17-3
NMJC.....	5-3	17-4
Frank Phillips.....	3-4	13-8
Midland.....	2-5	10-10
NMMI.....	1-7	11-9
Clarendon.....	0-7	5-15

I've preached that high-character teams like to compete, but I wasn't sure how we were mentally after last week. They came out and stepped up. From a mental standpoint, this was huge for us."

In addition to regaining some of their swagger, the team also gained in the standings. The Hawks, with the win, moved to within a game of South Plains for the WJCAC top spot. South Plains, the top-ranked team in

the country, suffered a 20-point loss to Odessa College on Monday.

The Hawks struggled to get their offense untracked early against Western Texas. Howard College maned just three baskets from the field in the first seven minutes of the contest and held a shaky 10-8 lead.

Joseph provided the spark the HC men needed moments later, igniting an 8-0 run by driving to the basket. Over the ensuing 1:10, Eric Weary Jr. and Torrian Epps combined for six unanswered points and helped Joseph push the HC lead to 22-15.

The Westerners survived the run, however. Western Texas reeled off a 17-12 spree over the next five minutes and trimmed its deficit to two, at 34-32, with a pair of free throws from Derrick Herbert with 2:06 left in the first half.

Demeco Herrera halted the See **HAWKS**, Page 13

HC women snap 3-game slide, 72-60

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The streak is dead. Finally. Gabby Gonzales pumped in a game-high 19 points and Bailey Wipff, Jericka Smith and Sarah Stinnett all added double-digit efforts on Monday and helped the Howard College Lady Hawks snap their recent three-game losing streak with a 72-60 romp over the Western Texas Lady Westerners at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

With the win, the Howard College women improved to 11-11 for the season, and moved to 2-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Gonzales and Stinnett helped the HC women get off to a quick start against WTC. The two combined for 21 of the Lady Hawks' 37 first-half points. Gonzales tallied 11 of team-high points in the first 20 minutes, including nine with a 3-for-3 effort from behind the three-point arc.

After taking a 37-27 lead into the half, Howard College blew



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Howard College's LaTanya McMaryion squeezes between two Western Texas defenders for a loose ball during the Lady Hawks' 72-60 victory Monday.

the game open with a quick start to the second. The HC women - sparked by another trey from Gonzales, scored the first 12

points of the second half and sprinted to a 48-27 lead.

Overall, Gonzales was 5-of-7. See **WOMEN**, Page 13

Junior high teams sweep Monahans

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh- and eighth-grade basketball teams posted a 4-0 record against Monahans on Monday.

The BSJHS eighth grade picked up eight points from Alexis Gaitan and six from Veronica Chavarria and cruised to a 39-23 win in the "A" game.

Chavarria led all BS rebounders with six. Jaryn Vanover added five.

Loree Dello pushed in a game-high 12 points and powered the eighth grade "B" team to a thrilling 25-21 win.

Jori Hanlan paced the defense with six boards.

In seventh grade action, Kayleigh Penny posted a double-double and led the "A" team to a 37-17 rout of Monahans.

Penny finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Logan Terrazas added eight points and six boards, while Kamri Kemper threw in eight points.

The BSJHS seventh grade "B" team rode solid offensive games from Aryssa Garcia and Reyna Canales to a 28-17 win.

Garcia scored 10 points in the contest. Canales added eight.

Keila Yanez and Kailley Mathews paced

the defense with six and five rebounds, respectively.

The sweep of Monahans highlighted a outstanding week by the junior high squads. During the weekend, the seventh- and eighth-grade teams did well at the Midland Trinity "B" tournament.

The BSJHS seventh grade advanced to the tournament finals before falling to St. Ann, 25-15.

Garcia and Mathews both played well in the championship bout. Garcia had four points while Mathews recorded a game-high nine rebounds.

The seventh graders got 10 points from Garcia and nine boards from Yanez earlier in the tournament and netted a 22-20 win over Midland Christian.

The BSJHS eighth grade claimed a 33-13 win over Midland Christian in the consolation finals.

Kalli Hale led the Lady Steers' offense with 17 points. Mirella Villa and Dello both had 10 rebounds.

The Lady Steers opened the tournament with a 25-11 win over Rankin.

Anissa Ramsey had four points to lead the BS offense. Villa had seven rebounds.

LL baseball sign-up dates are scheduled

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21

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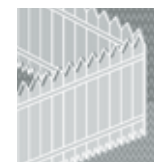
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5:PM	News	Casa	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Justice	Charlie Rose	Rifleman	Moonshiners	Movie: Alien vs. Predator	Castle	106 & Park: Top 10	Jessie	Around	SportsCenter	
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8:PM	State of the Union 2014	Lo Que la Vida	State of the Union 2014	State of the Union 2014	La Reina del Sur	State of the Union 2014	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	State of the Union 2014	Heroes	Moonshiners		Castle (DVS)		2014 College Football All-Star Challenge	College Basketball: Kentucky at LSU		
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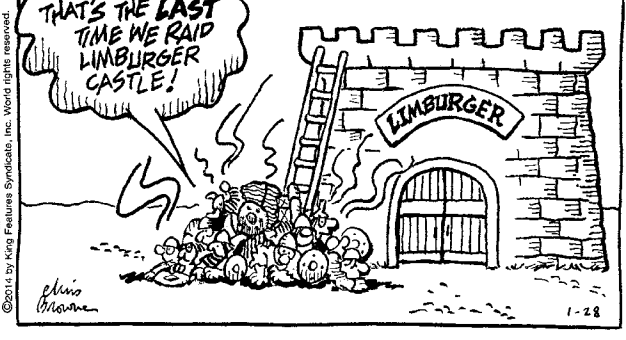
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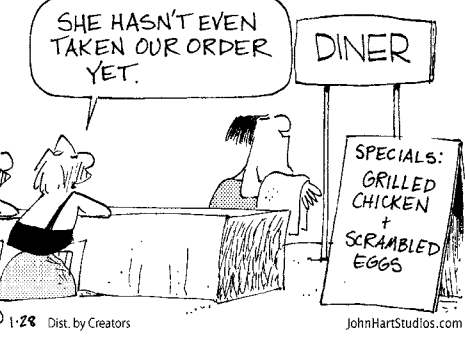
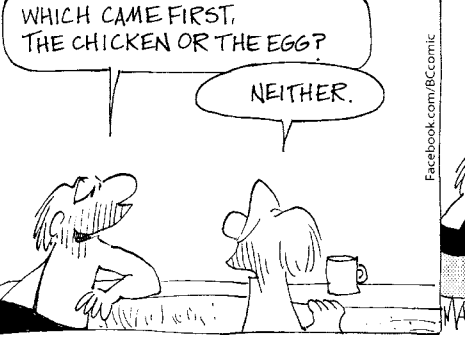


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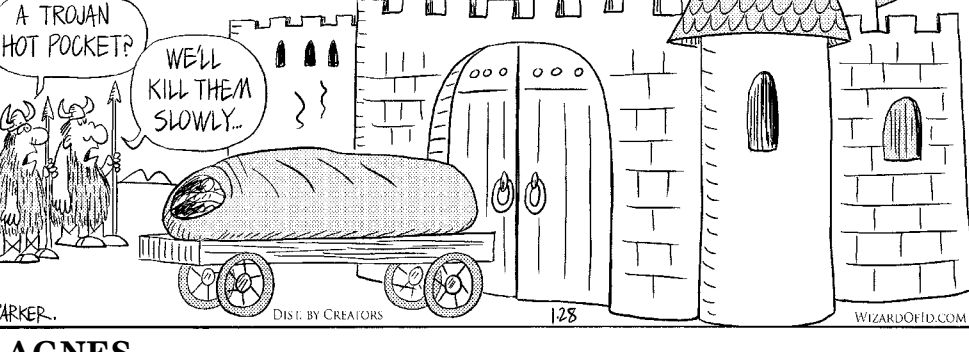
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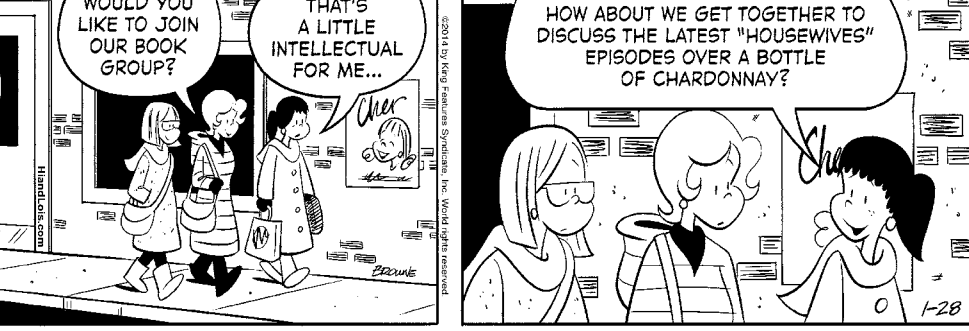
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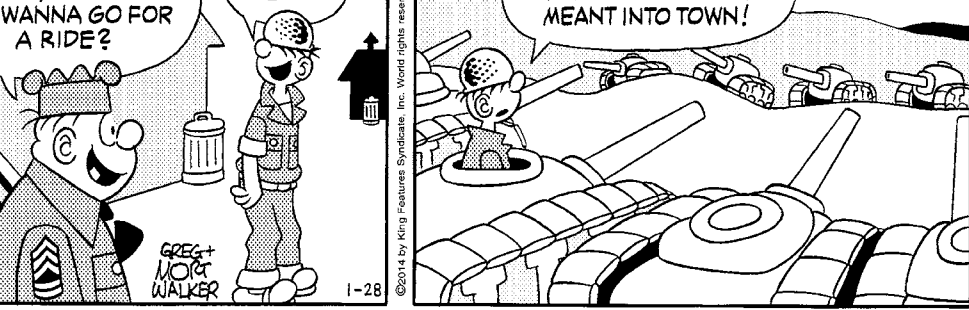
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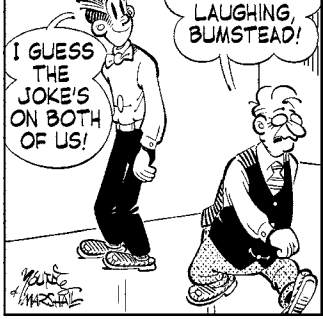
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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2014. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

On this date:

In A.D. 814, Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne died in Aachen in present-day Germany.

In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1813, the novel "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen was first published anonymously in London.

In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

In 1909, the United States withdrew its forces from Cuba as Jose Miguel Gomez became president.

In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1939, Irish poet-dramatist William Butler Yeats died in Menton, France.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1958, Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on "Stage Show," a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

Thought for Today: "In dreams begin responsibilities." - William Butler Yeats (1865-1939).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Courageous
 - 5 Omelet ingredients
 - 9 Chop finely
 - 14 Region
 - 15 Window-blind part
 - 16 Top sports squad
 - 17 Be dressed in
 - 18 Confident
 - 19 Underground plant parts
 - 20 Exalted goals
 - 23 Tofu source
 - 24 Prefix for profit
 - 25 Baton Rouge sch.
 - 28 World power until 1991: Abbr.
 - 31 Martial art
 - 36 Deeply felt
 - 38 Rain-gutter site
 - 40 Iowa city
 - 41 Exalted goals
 - 44 Slices of history
 - 45 Mix together
 - 46 Currently occupied
 - 47 Emphasize
 - 49 Woodwind instrument
 - 51 Second notes of the scale
 - 52 Baby bear
 - 54 Crude structure
 - 56 Exalted goals
 - 64 Military chaplain
 - 65 ___ mater
 - 66 Helper

- DOWN**
- 1 ___ out (reprimand)
 - 2 Triple-decker cookie
 - 3 Piece of lettuce
 - 4 Pub game
 - 5 Opinion pieces
 - 6 Feeling blue
 - 7 Clothing
 - 8 Beer mug
 - 9 Yacht's dock area
 - 10 "Am ___ early?"
 - 11 Advertising sign gas
 - 12 Lions and tigers
 - 13 Three letters in "mommy"
 - 21 "Tag, ___ it!"
 - 22 Small souvenir
 - 25 Actors memorize them
 - 26 Bull's sound
 - 27 Take the bolt off
 - 29 Mailed out
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 - 32 Drought relief
 - 33 Love, in France
 - 34 On edge
 - 35 Letters before tees
 - 37 Otherwise
 - 39 Word like "be" or "go"
 - 42 Debate topic
 - 43 Traffic jam
 - 48 Secret plan
 - 50 "Doggone it!"
 - 53 Noisy fight
 - 55 Bread that's browned
 - 56 Angelic instrument
 - 57 Brainstorm
 - 58 Alum
 - 59 "Not guilty," for one
 - 60 Baseball arbiters
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 - 63 Stitches together
 - 64 Laptops that aren't Apples: Abbr.

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HAWKS

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Demeco Herrera halted the WTC run. The 6-foot-7 sophomore came off the bench and pushed in a pair of baseline jumpers in the final 49 seconds of the half to spirit the Hawks into the half with a 39-32 cushion.
Howard College, now 18-4 for the season, padded its lead quickly in the second half. The Hawks picked up shots from Jalin Barnes, Weary and Herrera in the initial 3:13 of the second half and pushed its lead to 13 points, at 45-32.
Epps followed moments later with a slash-

ing run to the hoop for a shot. His basket staked the Hawks to a 50-36 advantage with 14:36 remaining in the contest.
Western Texas, now 17-5 overall, battled its way back. Sparked by a torrid 5-minute spree by guard Andres Misters, the Westerners pounded out a 12-4 run and cut the Hawks' lead to 54-50.
Misters, a 6-foot-5 sophomore from Latvia, tallied 10 of the Westerners' points in the surge.
Howard College had a run of its own. After Epps had buried a three-pointer from the left corner to end the WTC spurt, Travis Charles and Joseph tacked on shots that boosted the

Hawks to a 59-50 advantage. Moments later, Weary drained a trey from the win that upped the HC lead to 10, at 63-53, with 6:41 to play.
Epps' trey marked the first time since Dec. 4 he had managed to knock down a three-point shot in a game.
Charles, playing with a pad on his left eyebrow to protect a laceration he received in the Hawks' loss to NMJC last week, finished the game as Howard College's top scorer. He tallied 10 of his team-high 16 points in the first 20

minutes of the contest.
Weary closed out the game with a flurry for the Hawks. With WTC closing to within 69-64 with 1:33 left in the game, the HC sophomore guard reeled off six straight points - including four straight from the free throw line - to drive the final nail into the Westerners' coffin.
Weary, Barnes and Joseph all finished the game with 13 points. Epps added 11 more.
Joseph added to his night by dishing out 11 assists.

Misters led all WTC scorers with 13.
With the win, Howard

College moved to 6-2 in WJCAC play. Western Texas is now 5-3.

WOMEN

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from downtown in the contest.
Howard College closed out the contest with a 35-

33 run in the second half to net the win.
Wipff, Smith and Stinnett all finished with 12 points apiece. Stinnett also recorded a team-high seven rebounds and six assists.

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