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Furr's has closed its doors in Big Spring, citing pending sale of the property and declining business. Developers plan to raze the building and open a shopping mall on the location.

Furr's will not reopen

Shopping center may locate in its place

Herald Staff report

Furr's Family Dining is no more in Big Spring. The popular cafeteria-style restaurant shut its doors Sunday evening and will not be reopening. "It was a combination of things," said Assistant Manager Crystal Nelson. "Business has been declining and it's been for sale the past four or five months." Furr's was originally lo-

cated in the Highland Mall, which was closed in the early 1990s to make way for the Wal-Mart Super Center that occupies the space now. Furr's reopened in its new location adjacent to Wal-Mart a few years later and had remained in business until Sunday. "We'd like to thank everyone for all their years of patronage," said Nelson. Officials with White Oak Development, headquartered in Dallas and Memphis, Tenn. have announced plans

to raze the building in the coming weeks and construct a 20,000 square-foot mini-shopping center at the site. Jason Puig of White Oak said plans call for the center to house between eight and 10 tenants, including a restaurant and several other retail outlets. He said White Oak has developed more than 80 similar centers throughout the United States, including 20 in Texas. See **FURRS**, Page 3



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Rhapsody seeking date with Foreigner

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

They may have hit the height of their fame way before she was even born, but one Big Spring High student is excited about the possibility to appear on stage with classic rock band Foreigner. "It's a famous band," said Rikki Salgado, a member of the high school choir Rhapsody. "Who wouldn't want to win?"



Salgado



The choir is currently in a competition with other area groups vying for a chance to appear on stage with Foreigner, who will be performing at the Wagner Noel

Performing Arts Center in Midland Feb. 7. The contest is held by Classic Rock 102 as a promotion for the concert. Big Spring students are up against Permian High School Black Magic, the Midland High School choir and Trinity Upper School choir. Each group has made a video singing Foreigner's famous hit "I Want To Know What Love Is," which is posted on Youtube. "It's a really good song," said Michael Mathews, who had one of the solos in the BSHS video submission. "For us to win this would be

See **MUSIC**, Page 3

Incumbents to seek terms on college board

Filing period opened Wednesday

Herald Staff Report

Incumbents for the Howard County Junior College District didn't let the preverbal grass grow under their feet when it came to filing candidacy papers for the May election.

Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge, Adrian Calvio and Dr. Charles Warren filed Wednesday — the first day to file as a candidate — for their intent to seek another term on the college board.

"It has been such a privilege to serve my community and our students at Howard College," said Dr. Warren. "I am confident that my experience and tenure on the board will allow me to continue to be of service for the betterment of the college district."

First appointed in 1963, Warren has served on the board for 51 years and is seeking an at-large position. He is a Big Spring native and a graduate of both Big Spring High School and Howard College. Following his U.S. Army service in the Korean War, he attended the University of Texas in Austin and obtained his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston.



Warren



Freeman



Ethridge



Calvio



Warren

Warren has remained actively involved in the community. He has worked with Little League, YMCA, Kiwanis and the Gideons as well as various humanitarian activities offering dental care in remote areas. He is an active member and deacon of the First Baptist Church.

Seeking his first full-term in the District 3 seat, Calvio was appointed to the position in June, replacing Larry McClellan who resigned after being elected as the Big Spring mayor.

"It has been a great honor and an educational experience serving on this board," Calvio said. "It has been exciting to take on this new challenge and now that my feet are wet, I want to continue to

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Time's almost up for banquet tickets

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

It's not a whodunit but a who-is-it.

The mystery of who the Man and Woman of the Year are will finally be revealed Monday at the annual Big Spring Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The selection was made on the basis of all around contributions to the community and a consistent track record of accomplishments rather than being honored for a single act of merit; although a single contribution or achievement is not ruled out if it is of sufficient importance.

Big Spring native Brint Ryan, founder, chairman and CEO of Ryan — the largest indirect tax practice in North

America — and founder of the Stettles Hotel Development Company, will be the featured speaker.

The selected honorees will be announced at the banquet and other announcements will also be made as well, according to Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director.

"We'll be thanking Jim Clements (out-going Chamber president) for a great 2013," ValVerde said. "We'll also be honoring our new president, Bruce Schooler, as well as our new board members."

"The banquet is a lot of fun," ValVerde said. "For me, the best part is seeing the expression on their faces when they win."

The banquet begins at 6:15

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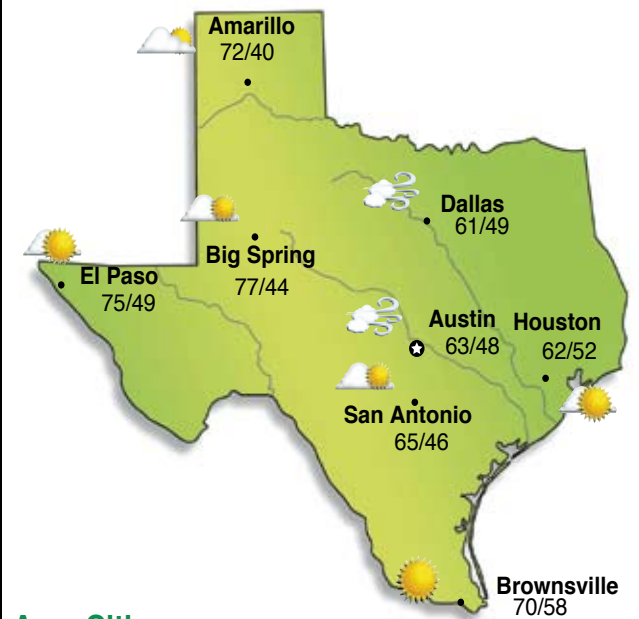
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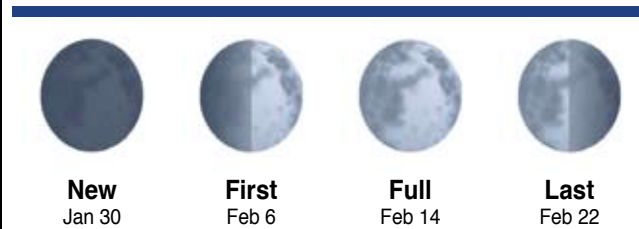
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Abilene	70	49	windy	Kingsville	72	56	sunny
Amarillo	72	40	cloudy	Livingston	61	47	sunny
Austin	63	48	windy	Longview	59	47	sunny
Beaumont	57	47	sunny	Lubbock	75	43	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	58	sunny	Lufkin	62	47	sunny
Brownwood	68	47	windy	Midland	79	49	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	68	57	sunny	Raymondville	69	55	sunny
Corsicana	59	49	windy	Rosenberg	62	53	mst sunny
Dallas	61	49	windy	San Antonio	65	46	pt sunny
Del Rio	66	44	sunny	San Marcos	64	48	windy
El Paso	75	49	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	51	windy
Fort Stockton	84	53	windy	Sweetwater	71	47	windy
Gainesville	59	43	windy	Tyler	59	50	windy
Greenville	57	47	windy	Weatherford	62	44	windy
Houston	62	52	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	67	42	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	42	24	sunny	Minneapolis	19	-9	snow
Boston	30	22	sunny	New York	30	25	sunny
Chicago	32	12	sn shower	Phoenix	76	53	pt sunny
Dallas	61	49	windy	San Francisco	58	45	rain
Denver	47	22	mixed	Seattle	44	38	rain
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Obituaries

Wanda M. Rudinger



Wanda M. Rudinger, 58, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cornerstone Covenant Church with Pastor Craig Felty officiating.

She was born to Alice and Charles Churchwell in California. She married James Rudinger Aug. 13, 1977, in Big Spring. She was a longtime resident of Big

Spring and was a teacher for the Big Spring Independent School District. She was a member of Cornerstone Covenant Church.

She is survived by her husband, James Rudinger of Big Spring; one son, Charles Rudinger of LaVergne, Tenn.; one daughter, Cynthia Rudinger of Big Spring; and four grandchildren.

A fund has been set up at Big Spring Education Employees FCU located at 1110 Benton to help with funeral costs.

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

Jacinto S. Hilario

Jacinto S. Hilario, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday Jan. 28, 2014, at his residence.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Dean Cuthbertson

Mary Dean Cuthbertson, 88, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- DONETTA LEWIS, 28, of 1008 E. 15th St., was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for expired registration.

- TRISTA JANAE COVEY, 25, of 2300 N. Highway 350, was arrested Wednesday on three warrants from another agency and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- JACKIE TRUETT HOLMES III, 32, transient, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants from another agency.

- JAMES DEE SINK, 20, of 16000 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of controlled substance 3 less than 28 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of dangerous drugs.

- THOMAS DEL BOLTON, 31, of 1816 E. 16th St., was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest/detention previously convicted, driving while license invalid, possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and abandoned/endangered child without intent to return.

- STEVEN RAY EVANS, 26, of 2407 Gatesville Rd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault – family violence threat or offensive touch.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT was

reported at the 1400 block of Runnels and the 1900 block of Wasson.

- THEFT was reported at the 1800 block of Nolan, the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of NE 12th St. and Douglass.

- ASSAULT was reported at the 2400 block of Neill Rd.

- HARASSMENT was reported at the 4800 block of West Highway 80.

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.

- TRISTA COVEY was booked by BSPD on charges of fail to maintain financial responsibility, possession of marijuana and motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

- JACKIE TRUETT HOLMES III was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property.

- LUIS SOTELO VILLA was booked by HCSO on a bench warrant for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.

- JAMES DEE SINK was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance 3 less than 28 grams, possession of

drug paraphernalia and possession of a dangerous drug.

- STEVEN RAY EVANS was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault by threat or offensive touch.

- THOMAS DEL BOLTON was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention with previous conviction, driving while license invalid, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and abandon/endanger child without intent to return.

- JOE DAVID GARCIA was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated with BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.

- MIGUEL ANGEL HERNANDEZ was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 166 Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

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 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group,

meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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

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Judge Sylvia Chavez officiates at the swearing in of new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. From right, Constance Overturf, DeAnn Bell and Janice Bishop take the oath to act in the best interest of children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse. CASA are appointed by judges to advocate for the "best interest" of the child. For more information, please contact Sara Basaldua at 432-683-1114 or 432-557-5427 or www.casawtx.org

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serve the students and communities and lead the college district to the future."

Calvio, an insurance agent and owner of Adrian Calvio State Farm Agency, was born and raised in Big Spring. He attended Howard College on a music scholarship and transferred to Texas State University where he received his bachelor's degree in applied sociology. He later obtained his master's degree from Texas Tech University.

Calvio is familiar with the day to day operations of Howard College as he served as the director of outreach and as a faculty member teaching sociology. While teaching, he received the Educator of the Year award, an honor voted on by students. Prior to Howard College, Calvio worked for the Texas Workforce Network.

He has been active in leadership programs and local organizations in Howard County. Calvio and his wife, Amanda, have three children.

As a long-time trustee, Ethridge has also thrown her hat into the race for another term.

"Howard College plays an important role in education in Howard County," said Ethridge. "I have dedicated my

entire professional career to education and I am deeply committed to this college and what it can do for the community."

Ethridge is no stranger to Howard County, having graduated from Forsan High School and Howard College. After receiving her bachelor of business administration at Texas Tech University, she completed graduate work at Texas Tech as well as North Texas State University, East Texas State University and Sam Houston State University.

Returning to Howard County, she served the Coahoma Independent School District for 30 years as a secondary school teacher and is a lifetime member of the Texas State Teacher's Association.

She maintains a busy volunteer schedule in the Howard County community by remaining active in the 1941 Study Club, Mary Jane Service Club, Howard county Education Association, Retired Teachers Association, Texas Vocational Office Education Teachers Association and Business Professionals of America. She has previously served as the vice president of the Coahoma Economic Development Board and on the board of directors for the Heritage Museum.

Rounding out the

quartet of incumbent filings, Dr. Freeman will also seek another term for an at-large position. Freeman has been on the board since 2000 and serves as the board chairman.

"Howard College is an important part of our community and our ability to move forward," Freeman said. "I take my role on this board very seriously as I know we have a major impact on the future of our students as well as our businesses and organizations in the community."

Following a three-year stint in the U.S. Army, Freeman received his bachelor of business administration from North Texas State University in Denton, followed by his master's of science from Sul Ross State University in Alpine. He most recently completed his PhD, receiving his doctorate of philosophy-business administration from Kennedy Western University in Santa Anna, Calif.

Having worked as the chairman/founder of both Freecom Inc. and Hywcom Inc., Freeman has been a leader in the industry, receiving numerous patents for his work and serving as di-

rector for the Center for the Energy & Economic Diversification (CEED) for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

He has long been a part of Howard College as he not only served as a faculty member, but was also an integral part of building the Vocational Education Department at Howard College and served as chairman of Industrial Education for five years.

As an active member of the Howard County community, Freeman has worked in his Lions Club and served in various roles on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for several years including 10 years in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club.

Filing will continue through Feb. 29. Packets can be picked up in the college's administrative office, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Early voting for the trustee election begins April 28 and will continue through Tuesday, May 6. Election day is Saturday, May 10. For more information, call 432-264-2273.

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

Silver-Haired Legislature sets area Town Hall

Herald Staff Report

The West Central Texas delegation of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature is hosting a forum to discuss concerns of seniors in West Texas.

The Town Hall meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hunter Welcome Center on the Abilene Christian University campus in Abilene. The meeting offers an opportunity for citizens to identify aging issues and suggest solutions for consideration by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL).

TSHL hosts discussions across the state to collect input from seniors and persons who provide services. These issues and potential solutions will be discussed and prioritized in April when TSHL meets in Austin to prepare a formal report for consideration by the Texas Legislature.

The event is sponsored by the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, the ACU Foundation, ACU Pruettt Gerontology Center, City of Abilene Senior Citizens Division, Abilene Regional Medical Center Senior Circle, Wesley Court, Wisteria Place and the TSHL Foundation.

"Our Town Hall forum offers seniors a chance to be heard — and to bring serious issues to the table", said Chris Kyker, local TSHL representative and former Speaker of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

There is no charge for the event, but reservations are required. Lunch is provided. For reservations, call Jessica Reinert at 672-8544 (Area Agency on Aging) or Linda Rutledge at 428-4935 (ARMC Senior Circle).

FURRS

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"We are always looking for development opportunities," Puig said. "We did our due dili-

gence in studying the Big Spring area ... and we're very excited about this opportunity. We feel like this market is underserved, especially in the restaurant and retail sector."

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really good because it would give us recognition that we really haven't gotten right now. It would be really good for us and get us out more in the public."

A link to the videos and also the chance to vote for your favorite school can be found at classicrock102.net. Click onto contest located in the upper right hand corner of the radio station's website. Then click onto the Foreigner contest.

A direct link to the contest has also been posted to the Big Spring Herald's Facebook page.

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

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Guadalupe "Lupe" Alcantar Ramirez, 82, died Monday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. this morning at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Eddie Dwayne White, 45, died Friday. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Wanda Rudinger, 58, died Sunday. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Addie Oliver, 87, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jacinto Hilario, 77, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sondra "Yogi" Williams, 50, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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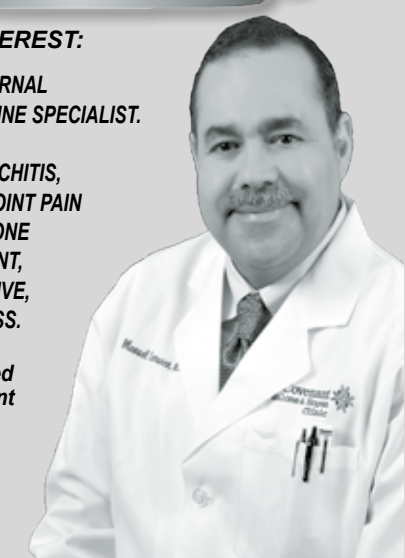
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Part of the progressive agenda is to create hate and envy. One component of that agenda is to attack the large differences between a corporation's chief executive officer's earnings and those of its average worker. CNN-Money published salary comparisons in "Fortune 50 CEO pay vs. our salaries." Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf's annual salary is \$2.8 million. CNN shows that it takes 66 Wells Fargo employees, whose average salary is \$42,400, to match Stumpf's salary. It takes 57 Wal-Mart employees, who earn \$22,100 on average, to match CEO Michael Duke's \$1.3 million. At General Electric, 44 employees earning \$75,300 a year match CEO Jeff Immelt's \$3.3 million salary. For people with little understanding, such differences seem patently unfair. Before touching on the fairness issue, let's look at some high salaries that progressives ignore.

Forbes lists the "Highest-Paid Football Players 2013" (<http://tinyurl.com/kw4dv3d>). Drew Brees, quarterback for the Saints, earned \$40 million. If the average Saints organization employee earned \$45,000, it would take almost 900 of them to match Brees' salary. Patriots quarterback Tom Brady earned \$31.3 million, and Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant earns \$23.5 million for playing basketball. It would take the earnings of more than 1,200 workers making \$45,000 a year to match the earnings of Brady and Bryant.

But the "unfair" salaries of sports players pale in comparison with movie stars. According to Forbes' listing of the highest-paid actors (<http://tinyurl.com/k3p8djs>), Robert Downey Jr. earned \$75 million from June 2012 to June 2013. Channing Tatum: \$60 million. Hugh Jackman: \$55 million. Let's suppose the cameraman working with Downey earned \$60,000. It would take the salaries of 1,250 of them to equal his salary. Oprah Winfrey's 2012 salary came to \$165 million, thousands of times what the earnings of people who work for her are.

Though sports and Hollywood personalities earn multiples of CEO salaries, you'll never find leftists and progressives picketing and criticizing them.

Why? The strategy for want-to-be tyrants is to demonize people whose power they want to usurp. That's the typical way tyrants gain power. They give the masses someone to hate. In 18th-century France, it was Maximilien Robespierre's promoting hatred of the aristocracy that led to his acquiring dictatorial power. In the 20th century, the communists gained power by promoting public hatred of the czars and capitalists. In Germany, Adolf Hitler gained power by promoting hatred of Jews and Bolsheviks.

I'm not equating America's progressives and liberals with Robespierre, Josef Stalin and Hitler. I am saying that promoting jealousy, fear and hate is an effective strategy for leftist politicians and their followers to control and micromanage businesses. It's not about the amount of money top executives earn. If

Obama needed to tell us how he was going to pick up Congress by the scruff of its neck and shake some action out of it.

Obama devoted a whole 67 words to gun control, offering no specifics in a speech that was stuffed with specifics on other issues. Then he moved on to the more popular ground of "the men and women of the United States armed forces."

Yes, I was moved when Obama spoke of the incredibly brave and dedicated Army Ranger Cory Remsburg, who "was nearly killed by a massive roadside bomb in Afghanistan. His comrades found him in a canal, facedown, underwater, shrapnel in his brain."

And yes, I teared up watching Remsburg struggle to stand up from his honored seat in the balcony next to the first lady and wave to the audience. Who could not be moved?

The president's point, however, was not that our troops should come home from Afghanistan but that they should stay for another 10 years after fighting there for more than a dozen years already.

"But I will not send our troops into harm's way unless it's truly necessary; nor will I allow our sons and daughters to be mired in open-ended conflicts," he said.

He won't? What is Afghanistan if not an open-ended conflict? The president who once gave us the audacity of hope should at least give us the audacity of truth. And a little fighting spirit of his own.

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Give us the truth, Mr. President

President Barack Obama couldn't give a bad speech if he tried, but he did his best Tuesday night.

Obama sought to rekindle his former relationship with the American people through his fifth State of the Union address. But I think it will take more than a speech. Counseling may be required.

After listening to the entire 65-minute speech and reading all of the nearly 6,900 words of the text, I was filled with the ominous sense that I had seen this movie before and that we all had been there and done that.

The big takeaway, heralded by the press all day, was supposed to be that Obama was going to take his own executive actions and not wait for a paralyzed Congress to pass legislation.

Big deal. It's an old idea — and not that effective. Many presidents have tried it, including Obama. In October 2011, when I interviewed Bill Daley, who was then Obama's chief of staff, Daley said Obama, "based upon frustration," was "going to every agency" and "every department and saying, 'What can you do on your own (without waiting for action by Congress)?"

Doesn't seem to have done the job, does it? Not only is a president's power limited but whatever one president can do by executive action, a succeeding president can undo by executive action.



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DAILY PRAYER

May we look past our differences, dear Lord,
and realize you made each one of us.

Amen

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The term "Blue Moon" has recently been widely accepted to describe the second full moon in a month, but what is the name of the second new moon of the year? Some call it the "Black Moon" and consider it a particularly auspicious time for postulating a new way of being in the months to come. Habits can be overhauled for the better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a fine line between expressing your own individuality and rejecting the group culture of those around you. Put the group culture first and you'll have no trouble finding windows of opportunity to be unique.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like to concentrate on what needs to be done and can't see the point of dwelling on what you've already accomplished. It's necessary to compartmentalize the past, but don't forget it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's only natural to leave the door of your heart open around loved ones. Being so emotionally vulnerable is not

always best for your relationships. To protect your heart's treasures, you must sometimes lock them up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your neighborhood is really only as good as your neighbors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Misinformation will provide a test of your inner guidance system. You are not likely to believe something just because it's what you're asked to believe. You have to feel the truth of things at a bone level.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today, you will have to bend to avoid breaking. Flexibility is not one of your main strengths and yet, you will be willing to do whatever it takes to help your plans bear fruit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have one style of doing things, and someone close to you has a completely different approach. The two styles may clash, and someone will have to back down. If this person is you, you won't be sorry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your love takes work now, and your work takes love. It feels so worthwhile though as today's project will provide you with excitement on par with romantic rapture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You strive to be self-sufficient emotionally, financially and physically. For you, being sure of this is your freedom. It allows you to say "no" and "yes" to whomever you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are now doing the work that once seemed so beyond your capabilities. Backing out was never an option for you, and now you and your crew will benefit from your perseverance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll enjoy the challenge of being a stranger in a new land

for a few hours today, and this experience will teach you something about your confidence, defense mechanisms and social strengths.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Thinking ahead is your talent now. You've witnessed the kinds of difficulties and delays that are caused by a lack of preparation, and you're determined to do everything you can to get ready for what's to come.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 30). You'll deliberately put yourself in opportune situations, and the busyness of the next four months will have the feeling of catching your life on the fly. Snap pictures often or you'll forget what this blur was all about. June brings a calm stretch of self-reflection, though you may have to travel for it.

Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 6, 44, 39 and 20.

SAGITTARIUS SECRET SUPER POWER BREAKDOWN:

The Obvious: As the sign of exploration and expansion, Sagittarius

glides between states of mind and states of countries with equal ease and finds a way to feel perfectly at home just about anywhere Sagittarius happens to land.

The Uncanny: The Sagittarian ability to withstand bugs, critters, oppressive weather and other inconveniences of adventuring is truly remarkable.

The Weird: Sagittarius collects oddball rituals and strange tips, and will often use them to effectively solve the problem at hand. So if you see a Sagittarius smelling a green apple to avoid claustrophobic feelings or rubbing the bridge of the nose to cure insomnia, it's all part of the Sagittarian collection.

The Extremely Useful: Sagittarius has an ear for language and can pick up a foreign tongue in a fraction of the amount of time it takes others to do this.

The Quietly Helpful: Sagittarius quickly learns that each person comes with a unique set of operating instructions and does not expect that anyone else

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Study: Kids' obesity risk starts before school age

(AP) — Those efforts to fight obesity in schools? Think younger. A new study finds that much of a child's "weight fate" is set by age 5, and that nearly half of kids who became obese by the eighth grade were al-

ready overweight when they started kindergarten.

The prevalence of weight problems has long been known — about a third of U.S. kids are overweight or obese. But surprisingly little

is known about which kids will develop obesity, and at what age.

Researchers think there may be a window of opportunity to prevent it, and "we keep pushing our critical window earlier and earlier on," said Solveig Cunningham, a scientist at Emory University. "A lot of the risk of obesity seems to be set, to some extent, really early in life."

She led the new study, which was published in this week's New England Journal of Medicine and paid for by the federal government.

It tracked a nationwide sample of more than 7,700 children through grade school. When they started kindergarten,

12 percent were obese and 15 percent were overweight. By eighth grade, 21 percent were obese and 17 percent were overweight.

Besides how common obesity was at various ages, researchers focused on the 6,807 children who were not obese when the study started, at kindergarten entry. Here are some things they found:

WHO BECAME OBES: Between ages 5 and 14, nearly 12 percent of children developed obesity — 10 percent of girls and nearly 14 percent of boys.

Nearly half of kids who started kindergarten overweight became obese teens. Overweight 5-year-olds were four times as likely as normal-weight children to become obese (32 percent versus 8 percent).

GRADE LEVELS: Most of the shift occurred in the younger grades. During the kindergarten year, about 5 percent of kids who had not been obese at the start became that way

by the end. The greatest increase in the prevalence of obesity was between first and third grades; it changed little from ages 11 to 14.

RACE: From kindergarten through eighth grade, the prevalence of obesity increased by 65 percent among whites, 50 percent among Hispanics, almost 120 percent among blacks and more than 40 percent among others — Asians, Pacific Islanders and Native Americans and mixed-race children.

By eighth grade, 17 percent of black children had become obese, compared to 14 percent of Hispanics and 10 percent of whites and children of other races.

INCOME: Obesity was least common among children from the wealthiest families and most prevalent among kids in the next-to-lowest income category. The highest rate of children developing obesity during the study years was among middle-income families.

BIRTHWEIGHT: At

all ages, obesity was more common among children who weighed a lot at birth — roughly 9 pounds or more. About 36 percent of kids who became obese during grade school had been large at birth.

The study's findings do not mean that it's too late for schools to act, but their best tactic may be to focus on kids who are overweight and try to encourage exercise and healthy eating, Cunningham said.

The work also shows the need for parents, doctors, preschools and even day care centers to be involved, said Dr. Stephen Daniels, a University of Colorado pediatrician and a spokesman for the American Heart Association.

Parents who are concerned about a child's weight should talk with their child's doctor, because it may be hard to tell what is normal at various ages and appearances can be misleading. In children, obesity and overweight are defined by how a child ranks on growth charts that compare them to other kids the same age and gender. Kids at or above the 85th percentile are considered overweight, and obese at the 95th percentile or above.

No child should be placed on a diet without a doctor's advice, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises. To help keep kids healthy, balance the calories a child gets from food and beverages with how much exercise he or she gets to allow enough for normal growth — some weight gain is normal, the CDC says.

"You can change your fate by things that you do early in life," with more exercise and eating a healthy diet, Daniels said. "Once it occurs, obesity is really hard to treat. So the idea is we should really work hard to prevent it."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

East Lets the Cat Out of the Bag

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 8
♥ K J 4
♦ K Q 9 8 3
♣ 9

WEST
♠ —
♥ 9 8 6
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A K Q 10 7 6 3

EAST
♠ K J 10 3
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 6 5 4 2
♥ A 10 5
♦ A J
♣ J 8 5

The bidding:
West North East South
3♣ Dble Pass 4♠
Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — king of clubs.

How a player fares in bridge over the long haul depends primarily on how many mistakes he or she makes. The luck factor is certainly important in the short term, but in the long run, it is the mistake factor that determines how well or how poorly a player does.

Part of attempting to play error-free bridge is to know how to take advantage of an opponent's mistake. For example, take this hand where East doubles four spades on the bidding shown. It is a dreadful double

for two reasons. First, East has no good reason to think he can beat the contract on the basis of the bidding he has heard. Second, the double is bad because it warns declarer that the trumps are stacked against him and gives him a chance to shape his play accordingly.

West led a club and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed with dummy's eight, led a low heart and successfully finessed the ten. He next cashed the A-J of diamonds and A-K of hearts, scrupulously avoiding any trump leads because he knew East had all the trumps.

South then crushed dummy's king of diamonds, discarding a club, and continued with the queen. East, now down to four trumps and the queen of hearts, ruffed with the ten and exited with the queen of hearts, ruffed by declarer with dummy's nine.

The nine-of-diamonds lead then compelled East to ruff with the jack and return a spade from the K-3 into dummy's A-Q. As a result, South made four spades doubled.

Without the double, declarer would almost surely have led a trump early in the play and gone down one. The outcome thus exemplifies the importance of the mistake factor in bridge. Here, East made a critical one when he doubled, and South, with a faultless performance, made him pay for it.

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Elbow Elementary academic team named District Champs



Courtesy photo
Forsan Elementary at Elbow is the University Interscholastic League Academic Contest District 5-A/South Zone champions. There were 26 teams in grades kindergarten through fifth grade in the competition. Forsan earned a total of 577.05 points. Second place went to Sundown, with 435.6 points. Third place was Plains, with 332.75 points.

Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

This week, all elementary schools are hosting their spelling bee contests.

Goliad will have their spelling bee Friday at 8:30 a.m. Winners will be announced next week.

Also, Goliad will kick off their Jump Rope for Heart fundraising campaign on Friday. This is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. If you would like to donate, please contact the school at 264-4111.

Tutorials for elementary and junior high students are being held daily for preparation for STAAR tests. If your

child is scheduled for tutorials, please make sure they are there daily. At home, encourage your child to work on their reading by having them read aloud to you or to a sibling. Also, as you watch television together, you can ask questions about the setting, characters, and during commercials, have them predict what they think will happen next. You can also have them summarize the show after it is over. Working on basic facts — addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division will help your child on the more complex math problems they are required to do.

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Moss Elementary Student/Teacher of Month



Courtesy photo
Moss Elementary Star Student of the Month for January, X'Zavier Knox, pictured left, top. X'Zavier is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Melton's class. He has exemplified good character, respect, excellent behavior, observes the rules, and has great attendance. Way to go X'Zavier!

Moss Elementary teacher Amy Leggett (pictured standing in the middle) is Teacher of the Month for January. She possesses many characteristics and attributes of an outstanding teacher. She is a very kind and caring individual who puts others first. She exercises classroom leadership and is very dedicated to her students and provides well-organized daily lessons. Amy was selected by her peers at Moss.

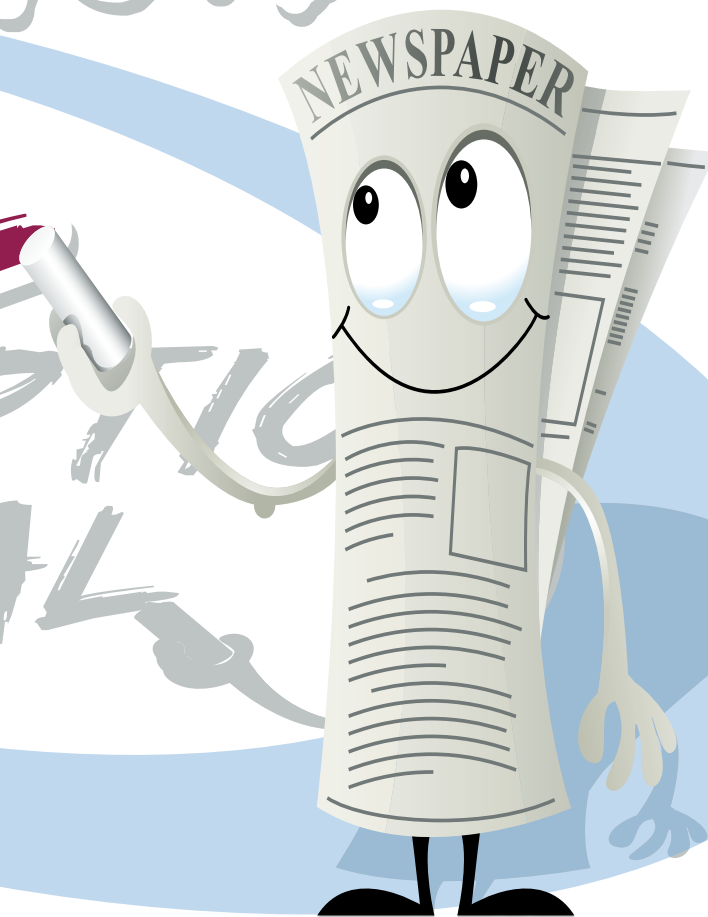
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News in brief

House GOP leaders to outline broad immigration principles, focus on legalization

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders plan to outline broad immigration principles, including legalization for the 11 million immigrants living here illegally, to the GOP rank and file as they look to revive long-stalled efforts to overhaul the nation's immigration system.

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other House GOP leaders will measure the willingness of party members to tackle immigration in a midterm election year when they unveil the principles Thursday at the GOP caucus' annual retreat in Cambridge, Md.

"We're going to outline our standards, principles of immigration reform and have a conversation with our members, and once that conversation's over we'll have a better feel for what members have in mind," Boehner told reporters this week.

Boehner faces strong opposition from several conservatives who fear that legislation will lead to citizenship for people who broke U.S. immigration laws, are suspicious of President Barack Obama and his enforcement of any law and are reluctant to give the president a long-sought legislative victory.

Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, delivered a 30-page package to all 232 House Republicans on Wednesday that offered a point-by-point rebuttal to the expected principles.

Syria has deliberately razed entire neighborhoods, international rights group says

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian government used controlled explosives and bulldozers to raze thousands of residential buildings, in some cases entire neighborhoods, in a campaign that appeared designed to punish civilians sympathetic to the opposition or to cause disproportionate harm to them, an international human rights group said Thursday.

The demolitions took place between July 2012 and July 2013 in seven pro-opposition districts in and around the capital, Damascus, and the central city of Hama, according to a 38-page report by Human Rights Watch. The New York-based group said the deliberate destruction violated international law, and called for an immediate end to the practice.

"Wiping entire neighborhoods off the map is not a legitimate tactic of war," said Ole Solvang, emergencies researcher for HRW. "These unlawful demolitions are the latest additions to a long list of crimes committed by the Syrian government."

Human Rights Watch said many of the demol-

ished buildings were apartment blocks, and that thousands of families have lost their homes because of the destruction.

It said government officials and media have described the demolitions as part of urban planning or an effort to remove illegally constructed buildings. But Human Rights Watch said its investigation determined that military forces supervised the demolitions, which in each instance targeted areas that had recently been hit by fighting and were widely understood to be pro-opposition.

Modest snowfall creates chaos in Atlanta, drivers warned to avoid overnight travel

ATLANTA (AP) — The snow and sleet have stopped falling and traffic was moving again around Atlanta following a crippling storm — but transportation and rescue officials said that didn't mean it was safe yet to drive, especially after the sun goes down.

Officials from the Georgia Department of Transportation said Wednesday night that they were concerned with sub-freezing overnight lows potentially leading to layers of black ice coating roads that might appear to be safe.

Temperatures were expected to drop to about 15 degrees overnight in the Atlanta area, according to National Weather Service forecasters. Although it was supposed to be in the high 30s Thursday, it is forecast to dip below freezing again before rising into the 50s on Friday.

"Whatever little leeway that we've gained with melting and slushiness is gonna refreeze," Georgia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Karlene Barron said of local road conditions. She added that the department was especially concerned with semi-trucks jackknifing and leading to additional traffic jams.

Heeding the warnings, school districts and state and local governments stretching from northwest to coastal Georgia announced that offices and classrooms would remain closed Thursday.

Thai government, weakened by protests, forced to beg for access to its own offices

BANGKOK (AP) — The protest leader, a monk in flowing orange robes, sat sternly at the head of a long hardwood table, his newfound authority in this patch of Bangkok plain for all to see.

Before him, three high-level Thai officials were begging permission to get back to work — in offices across the street his anti-government demonstrators had shut them out of two weeks earlier. Tens of thousands of passport applications were piling up,

they said. Bankruptcy declarations needed tending to. One official was desperate to access environmental databases.

Speaking on behalf of the group, Bangkok's deputy police chief, Maj. Gen. Adul Narongsak, pressed his palms together in a traditional sign of respect, and smiled meekly. "We are begging for your mercy," he said.

The monk, Luang Pu Buddha Issara, pursed his lips and gave a blunt reply: "Lord Buddha once taught that effects only come from causes. And right now, the cause (of the problem) is this government."

It was an extraordinarily humbling moment for Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's embattled administration, which took power following a landslide election two and a half years ago. That vote was seen as a major rebuke to the elite establishment that applauded the overthrow of her brother Thaksin Shinawatra in a 2006 army coup.

Gaza's 2nd feature film revisits familiar theme of fighting Israeli occupation

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Gaza's tiny movie industry may struggle with amateur actors and power outages, but at least it has a winning formula of which the producers never seem to tire: the heroics, from a Palestinian perspective, of those fighting Israeli occupation.

"Losing Schalit" will be the second feature-length film made in the blockaded territory since 2009. It's the first of a planned three-part series about the 2006 capture of Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit by gunmen allied with the Islamic militant Hamas movement. It's currently in production and parts two and three will depict Schalit's time in captivity and his 2011 swap for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

Like the first Gaza film, about a senior militant commander, it received financing from the Hamas government. The Schalit capture and eventual prisoner swap are seen by Hamas as a triumph in its long-running confrontation with Israel, and helped boost the movement's support in Gaza.

Writer-director Majed Jundiye, who also made the territory's first full-length feature "Emad Akel" — a 2009 film about the Hamas military wing commander of the same name — said his work is intentionally political. "I'm working to establish a movie industry of resistance in Gaza, to reflect the Palestinian story with Palestinian actors," he said.

Jundiye, 47, studied film in Germany in the 1980s and 1990s and said his teachers included director Volker Schlöndorff, a prominent member of the New German Cinema. After his return to Gaza in 1996, Jundiye made documentaries and acted in a soap opera on Palestine TV.

Justin Bieber turns self in on assault charge in Toronto, second arrest in a week

TORONTO (AP) — Justin Bieber was charged with assault for allegedly hitting a Toronto limousine driver several times in the back of the head last month, just hours after his attorney entered a separate not guilty plea in Florida to drunken-driving and other charges.

The baby-faced 19-year-old turned himself in to a Toronto police station Wednesday evening, arriving amid a crush of media and screaming fans. He was charged with one count of assault and is scheduled to appear in court in Toronto on March 10.

Police allege Bieber was one of six people who were picked up by a limousine from a nightclub in the early morning hours of Dec. 30, and there was an altercation while en route to a hotel.

Police said during the altercation one of the passengers hit the limo driver in the back of the head several times.

"The driver stopped the limousine, exited the vehicle and called police," a statement said. "The man who struck him left the scene before police arrived."

Democrats, Republicans trying to influence campaigns for secretary of state

WASHINGTON (AP) — Campaigns for secretary of state, often relegated to the back burner of American politics, are drawing increasing attention from Democratic and Republican groups that hope to influence how elections are overseen in a number of presidential battleground states.

Democratic strategists who have advised the presidential campaigns of Barack Obama and Bill Clinton were launching a political action committee called iVote on Thursday, vowing to back Democrats running for secretary of state in Iowa, Colorado, Nevada and Ohio.

A Republican super PAC called SOS for SOS has outlined plans to spend up to \$10 million this year to bolster GOP secretary of state campaigns in at least eight states.

"For too long I think we've been on the defensive on these issues," said Jeremy Bird, a founder of iVote and a former Obama campaign national field director. "We're fighting for people to be able to vote, to have easier access to voting and easier opportunities for voter registration."

Republicans currently control 28 of the 50 state elections offices, some of which are part of the lieutenant governor's office, according to the National Association of Secretaries of State. Among the states that elect their top elections official, Republicans control 23 of the 39 offices.



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Hawks, Chaps renew rivalry tonight

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Howard College men's head basketball coach Scott Raines can look at the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings and see the Midland College Chaparrals are a .500 team for the year.

What he doesn't see is a team that will come into the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and roll over. In fact, he figures he'll see something quite different.

Rivalries tend to bring out the best in teams, he says.

Howard College will get the chance to see what the Chaparrals will bring to the table tonight when the two teams clash in a key WJCAC battle.

"They're playing with some confidence right now," said Raines, who saw his team move to within a game of the conference lead with a win over Western Texas at home on Monday. "I expect they will come in here with some confidence and wanting to make some noise. This is a big rivalry game for both teams."

Howard College enters the

WJCAC Standings

Women			Men		
Team	Overall	Conf.	Team	Overall	Conf.
NMJC	6-1	15-5	South Plains	7-1	20-2
Odessa	5-1	15-5	Howard	6-2	18-4
So. Plains	5-2	11-9	Odessa	5-2	17-3
Frank Phillips	4-2	16-3	W. Texas	5-3	17-5
Midland	2-4	12-9	NMJC	5-3	17-4
Howard	2-5	11-11	Frank Phillips	3-4	13-8
Clarendon	1-5	9-10	Midland	2-5	10-10
W. Texas	1-6	6-12	NMMI	1-7	11-9
			Clarendon	0-7	5-15

game with an 18-4 record, including a 6-2 mark in conference play. The Hawks trail South Plains for the confer-

ence lead by a single game following the Texans' 76-56 loss to Odessa on Monday.

The Chaparrals have strug-

gled to find consistency this season. Midland College enters the game with a 10-10 record, including losses in their last two outings. Overall, the Chaps are 2-5 in WJ-CAC play.

Midland College has also struggled on the road, going winless in seven games.

The Chaps will be led into tonight's game by Demetric Austin, who leads the team in scoring (19.7 points per game) and rebounds (9.6 per game). Freshman Darren Williams leads the team in steals and See **MIDLAND**, Page 13

Hawks open season at No. 9

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks have become accustomed to being ranked among the best in junior college baseball. Well, they should feel right at home this season.

Howard College enters the 2014 season ranked No. 9 in the preseason polls, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association web site. The online poll ranks the top 10 teams based on voting by junior college coaches from throughout the United States.

The Hawks will be led into the 2014 season by the return of pitcher Blake Smith. The Manhattan, Kansas, product posted a 4-1 record with seven saves a year ago. He finished last season by fanning 23 batters in 26 innings of work.

Centerfielder Reggie Wilson will also be a key contributor for the Hawks this season. Wilson sat out last season after transferring. He helped lead San Jacinto College to the NJCAA World Series in 2012. Central Alabam is the top-ranked team in the country. The Trojans bring back five starters from last year's team that went 43-14.

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Big Spring standout Valerie Goodblanket (front row, center) signed a collegiate Letter of Intent at Howard College on Wednesday afternoon in the high school foyer. Attending the ceremony were (front row, left to right) Goodblanket's mother, Dolores, her sister, Macey and her father, Scott, as well as (back row) HC softball coach Kelly Raines and Big Spring High School head coach John Sparks,

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Goodblanket signs with Lady Hawks

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The way Valerie Goodblanket sees it, both she and the Howard College Lady Hawks got a good deal on Wednesday. She got to stay close to her roots, and the Lady Hawks got a good player.

Goodblanket officially signed on the dotted line on Wednesday afternoon, agreeing to play next season with the Lady Hawks' softball program. The Big Spring High School senior signed her Letter of Intent in a special ceremony in front of her family and

friends in the BSHS foyer.

"I feel really good about this," said Goodblanket. "I'm excited about getting the chance to play at Howard College. It's right down the road from home, and I have a good relationship with Coach (Kelly) Raines."

Goodblanket has starred for the Big Spring Lady Steers during her varsity career. She and the rest of the Lady Steers' softball program are scheduled to begin their 2014 preseason on today with a scrimmage against Colorado City.

Goodblanket is a product of the Big

Spring softball community. Born in Odessa, she was raised her entire life in Big Spring, playing in the local youth softball leagues before joining BSHS head coach John Sparks' Lady Steers program.

Goodblanket won't have to wait long to get acquainted with the team she will be playing for next season. The Lady Hawks will begin their 2014 season on Feb. 4 when they play Ranger College in a doubleheader at Foundation Field.

Coahoma captures C-City title

The Coahoma Bulldogs' boys won the Colorado City Powerlifting Meet this past Saturday.

During the meet, Callum Hurst, Trenton Crenshaw, Joe Melendez, and Rudy Brito all placed first in their weight classes. Zak Walton was second, Andrew Martinez was third, Britton Heath and Jamen Sanchez were fourth, and Taylon Kincaid and Phillip Bacon were fifth.

On the girl's side, Megan Hurst, Sara Melendez, and Hannah Hobdy all placed fourth in their weight classes.

Coahoma will be hosting its annual powerlifting meet on Feb. 8, beginning at 9 a.m.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes will be among a bevy of high school teams returning to action tomorrow. Forsan travels to Seagraves for a key District 6-A matchup.

Polson, Lucas power Grady to rout of Wellman-Union

Taylor Polson and Beau Lucas both scored into double-digits on Tuesday and helped spur the Grady Wildcats to an impressive 60-17 rout of the Wellman-Union Wildcats in a District 6-A, Div. II, matchup.

Overall, Grady netted points from eight different players.

Ranked No. 17 in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches'

poll, the Wildcats all but cemented the win in the first eight minutes of play. Grady reeled off a 22-8 run in the first quarter and was never threatened.

Grady blew the game open in the second. The team posted a 16-0 run in the stanza and took a commanding 38-8 lead in the half.

The Wildcats closed out the game with a 22-9

run in the second half.

With the win, Grady improved its season record to 16-4, and moved to 10-0 in district play.

Polson finished as the Wildcats' top scorer, netting 11 points in limited playing time. Lucas chipped in 10, while Cameron Seiffert, E.J. Rodriguez and Aaron Perez all added eight.

Grady will travel to Loop on Friday.

Steers' JV team falls to Wylie, 56-31

The Big Spring High School Steers' junior varsity basketball team suffered a tough loss on Tuesday in Abilene, falling to Wylie by a 56-31 margin.

Despite the loss, the

Steers picked up outstanding performances from several players, including Will Green and Israel Oguin. Oguin led all BSHS scorers against Wylie by throwing in 15 points. Green chipped

in six.

The Steers, along with the BSHS varsity teams, will return to action on Friday when they host Monahans in the Steers Gym. Games will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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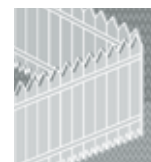
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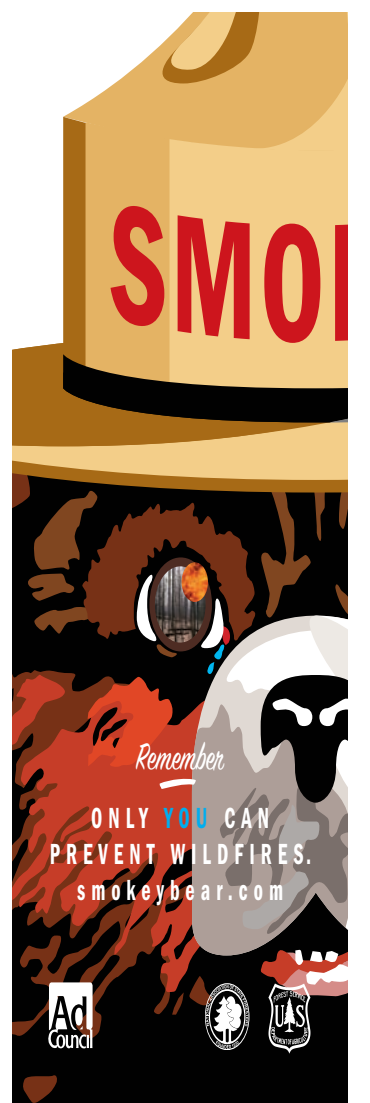
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5:PM	News ABC	Casa Notic.	Two Men	News CBS	Noticias Noticiero	News News	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Yohan House	Charlie Rose	Riflemen Riflemen	Saint Hoods	Brothers, André Benjamin	Cops Cops	Castle (DVS)	106 & Park: Top 10	Jessie Austin	Around Pardon	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Mentir Para Vivir	Big Bang	News Ent	Caso Cer-rado	News News	Seinfeld	Rik	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Saint Hoods		Cops	NBA Tip-Off	Game	ANT Farm	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
7:PM	The Taste	Por Siempre	American Idol	Big Bang	La Impostora (SS)	Newswest	Fam. Guy	Zola Lev.	Parks	Gilligan	The Fighters	Movie: I Am Legend, Dash Mihok	Cops	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Knicks	Movie: Black Dynamite, Tommy Davidson	Jessie Good	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
8:PM	Shark Tank	Lo Que la Vida	Rake	Crazy	La Reina del Sur	SNL Sports Special	Fam. Guy	1st Fruits	Mile	Gilligan	The Fighters	Heroes	Cops	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Warriors	Wizards of Waverly Place	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	
9:PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Noticias	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	Twi. Zone	The Fighters	Movie: Batman Begins, Liam Neeson	Cops	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Warriors	Scandal	ANT Farm	Olbermann	SportsCenter
10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno	Conan	McGee	Justice	Charlie Rose	Twi. Zone	The Fighters	Movie: Batman Begins, Liam Neeson	Cops	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Warriors	Scandal	ANT Farm	Olbermann	SportsCenter
11:PM	Nightline	Familia-Suerte	How I Met	Ferguson	La Reina del Sur	Jimmy Fallon	Holmes	Called	World	T. Smiley	The Un-touchables	Movie: National Lampoon's Animal House	Jail	Inside the NBA	Movie: Feel the Noise, Victor Rasuk	Shake It	NFL Live	SportsCenter
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Today is Thursday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2014. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1964, the United States launched Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that crash-landed on the moon, but failed to send back images.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for treason.

In 1862, the ironclad USS Monitor was launched from the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint, N.Y., during the Civil War.

In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio

what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1974, President Richard Nixon delivered what would be his last State of the Union address; Nixon pledged to rein in rising prices without the "harsh medicine of recession" and establish a national health care plan that every American could afford.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city's first modern subway.

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"WHAT HAPPENED?"

"BEETLE THREW HIS VOICE AND I THREW BEETLE!"

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- "Chocolate" dog

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- Boléro composer
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- DC VIP
- Toot one's own horn
- Reserved and rational
- Display stand
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- Bob Cratchit's job
- Alternating turns on racecourses
- Sharp and stimulating
- Nerve-cell part
- Made a move
- Mimics a mouse
- Some kinfolk
- Impressive assemblage
- One-celled creatures
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- "Oh, sure"
- Red Muppet
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Howard College freshman Lis Shoshi looks for a place to pass during the Hawks' win over Western Texas on Monday. Shoshi and the HC men will face rival Midland College tonight.

16th-ranked Grady rips Wellman

Kristen Blocker and Faith Hunt both pumped in 12 points on Tuesday and helped the Grady High School Lady Wildcats move one step closer to the District 6-A, Div. II, championship with a 64-30 rout of Wellman-Union.

With the win, the Lady Wildcats improved to 17-6 for the season and, more importantly, moved to 12-0 in dis-

trict. Grady, ranked No. 16 in the latest Class A poll, dominated Wellman-Union early in the contest. The Lady Wildcats outscored Wellman-Union by a 34-12 run in the first two quarters.

They sealed the win with an 18-2 run in the third. Grady held a 52-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Lupita Jimenez also

posted double-digit numbers for Grady, finishing with 11 points. Brittney Garza and Jenny Fields

added nine and seven, respectively.

Grady will travel to Loop tomorrow.

BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 22-23

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 4-person golf scramble on Feb. 22-23.

Entry fee is \$100 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome on Saturday and Sunday.

A 1 p.m. shotgun start will be held on both days.

Entry includes 1

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The field will be flighted by the first round score. The number of flights determined by the number of entries.

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CGA to hold 4-man scramble

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Feb. 16 as part of its membership drive.

Entry fee into the "build your own team"

event is \$35 per player. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 apiece.

Players should sign-up prior to 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be held at 10 a.m.

MIDLAND

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assists. A win over Midland would be huge for the Hawks, who are ranked No. 22 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll. Not only would a win keep Howard College in second in the WJCAC standings, it would also leave them within striking distance of No. 1-ranked South Plains.

South Plains will visit the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Feb. 6.

The Howard College women enter tonight's game within reach of fifth place in the women's standings.

The Lady Hawks come into the contest on a high note. The HC women snapped a three-game losing streak on Monday with an impressive win over Western Texas. With the win, the Lady Hawks improved to .500 for the season, at 11-11, and moved to 2-5 in WJCAC action.

Midland College enters their showdown with HC having lost three straight games, including a 71-65 setback to South Plains last week. The Lady Chaps are 2-4

in conference play.

Overall, Midland College is 12-9.

The Lady Chaps are capable of scoring in bunches. The team has three players, including Mary Savoy, averaging better than 10 points per game.

A 6-foot guard, Savoy leads the team offensively, averaging 14 points per outing. Catherine Kruschke, a 6-foot center, and Diamalises Rivera also average double figures, hitting 13.2 and 10.4 points per game.

Ellyn Avery, a product of Grady High School, is the Lady Chaps' top three-point threat. The 5-foot-10 guard has knocked down a team-high 32 treys this season, including five against Tohono O'odham Community College in November.

Howard College is led by Bailey Wipff, Sarah Stinnett and Gabby Gonzales. Wipff leads the team in scoring with 14.8 points per game. Stinnett and Gonzales net 11.1 and 9.1 points per game, respectively.

The HC women will lead off tonight's action against Midland College, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

NJCAA Preseason Baseball Poll

No. Team	Ret. starters	Last yr.
1. Central Alabama	5	43-14
2. Connors St. (OK)	5	53-11
3. Grayson (TX)	6	40-18
4. Palm Beach (FL)	3	42-21
5. Navarro JC (TX)	3	40-16
6. Central Arizona	6	43-15
7. Chipola (FL)	5	40-20
8. IowaWestern	4	45-15
9. Howard Coll.	2	37-23
10. Cochise CC (AZ)	2	52-19

POLL

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ranked No.2. The Oklahoma college also brings back five starters for a team that went 53-11 a year ago.

Grayson County (Tex.), Palm Beach (Fla.)

and Navarro Junior College (Tex.) rounded out the top five spots in the poll.

Howard College, which posted a 37-23 record in 2013, will begin its season at home against Wayland Baptist tomorrow, beginning at noon at Jack Barber Field.



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