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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
 Along with the recent cold, much of Howard County has been experiencing fog. The forecast calls for a high in the upper 20s today, a low around 15 and a 20 percent chance of snow. Thursday is to be about the same with a 40 percent chance of snow in the morning.

# Symphony Guild fashion show is coming up soon

**Herald Staff Report**

The Big Spring Symphony Guild is planning its Third Annual Fashion Show fundraiser for the Big Spring Symphony.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry.

"Music to My Heart" will include a brunch and a 1920s style fashion show. Tickets for this symphony fundraiser are \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Eulaine McIntosh at 432-264-7671.

"Seating is limited, so make your reservations soon. School-aged children are welcome with an accompany-



ing adult," said McIntosh. "Bring a friend and dress if you like in 1920's attire."

The "Music to my Heart" fashion show will be presented by Midland Community Theater costumer, Karen Graves. Howard College Diplomats will help serve the brunch and residents from around Howard County will model for the event.

For your ticket price, each guest will receive brunch with gourmet tea or coffee, 1920's trivia, table favors and door prizes donated by area

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# Forsan solo, ensemble students receive top ratings

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Several Forsan High School band members earned top ratings on their individual or ensemble efforts Saturday at the University Interscholastic League Solo & Ensemble held at Monahans Junior High School in Monahans, Texas.

"I am so very proud of the

students who found the time to compete and to make themselves a better musician," said Forsan Band Director Jim Rhodes.

Results were:  
**Solos**  
 Students earning Division 1 on a Class 1 Solo were: Nick Wilson, alto saxophone; Brady Mikeska, trumpet; Elizabeth Rhodes, French horn; Dalton Taylor, tuba; and Tay-

lor Morin, snare drum.

Students earning a Division 1 on a Class 2 Solo were: Alex Salazar, flute; Hannah Thompson, flute; Mackenzie Kennedy, Bb clarinet; Ashlie Knox, Bb clarinet; Hannah Minchew, Bb clarinet; Nina Ortiz, Bb clarinet; Bryce Gartman, trumpet; Zachary Long, trumpet; and Mila Wright, trumpet.

Students earning a Division

1 on a Class 3 Solo were: Ashlea Hardin, trombone; and Jacob Valdez, baritone.

**Ensemble**  
 Students earning a Division 1 on a Class 1 Ensemble were: brass sextet, Brady Mikeska, Zachary Long, Elizabeth Rhodes, Travis Ballard, Jacob Valdez, and Dalton Taylor.

Students earning a Division 1 on a Class 2 Ensemble were: clarinet trio, Mackenzie Ken-

nedly, Alyssa Kirkland, and Nina, Ortiz. Trumpet trio, Ashton Beach, Mila Wright, and Blake Rosenbaum.

Gabriel Hewtty earned a Division 2 on his alto saxophone solo and Alicia Heaton earned a Division 2 on her flute solo.

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



# BSHS qualifies 51 students for state contest

**Herald Staff Report**

If solo and ensemble medals were made of pure gold, Big Spring High School band students would be loaded down with bling.

As is, 54 band students attended Region 6 University Scholastic League Solo & Ensemble contest held in Monahans Saturday, haul-

ing back 56 Division 1 medals and qualifying 51 students for state contest to be held in Austin May 24.

Those students who qualified were: Teodora Arguerro, Lili Alvarado, Oscar Alvarado, Caitlin Aaron, Tyler Avant, Josh Baker, Alfonso Bernal, Karla Carrasco, Ryane Colette, Danielle Conner, Nicholas Conner, Bianca

Correa, Helena Davidson, Danielle Davis, Olivia Davis, Alyssa Deanda and Jeri Duenes.

Brittany Gonzales, Derek Gusman, Kaci Hale, Catherine Harris, Jade Jones, Taylor Jones, Toby Kennemur, Kenan Lewis, Dillon Lloyd, Katlin Long, Ryan Lopez, Isaiah Ludington, Joel Martinez, Mariah McIntosh, Garrett

Miller, Joshua Morgan, Katherine Newton, Marcela Norman and Tulsi Patel.

Nathan Permenter, Mikala Phillips, Alex Rivera, Ethan Rocha, Marisella Rodriguez, Donovan Salinas, Ashley Smith, Brandon Soliz, Alexis Sosa, Gabbie Trevino, Molly Walker, Brittany Wilson, Amy Winters, Destiny Zamora and Alejandro Zavala.

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# Howard College to get artsy

**By ANDREIA MEDLIN**  
 Staff Writer

There's lots of fun events on the Howard College itinerary this week. The men's and women's basketball teams are celebrating homecoming Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

To help celebrate the event, the HC Art Club will be painting faces, arms, hands, etc., for a small donation. Proceeds will be used to sponsor student field trips to muse-

ums and galleries in the area. Other club representation such as dance and music are also slated to attend.

A water-media exhibition will be held in the Hall Center for the Arts gallery hallway featuring works by the Caboose Watercolor Society, a local artists group. The show, entitled "Artists and their Journeys," highlights how artists work and find inspiration from other artists. Specifically works by the Old Masters such as Claude

# Coahoma sending half-dozen students to state competition

**Herald Staff Report**

COAHOMA — Six Coahoma High School choir students hit a sweet note this weekend, earning a spot for state competition.

Cameron Crabtree, Caleb Daniels, Richie Ewing, Zach Crabtree, Coley Rinard and Shayla Martin earned Division I ratings on their Class I solos at University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble contest held Saturday at Odessa College. That qualifies them for state competition, which will be held in Pflugerville, Texas, in late May.

Also competing were Aimee Solis, Heather Goodger and Hannah Tucker. All three earned Division I ratings on their Class II solos. Rounding out the group was Jenavee Streigler, who also earned a Division I rating for her Class III solo.

Miller, Joshua Morgan, Katherine Newton, Marcela Norman and Tulsi Patel.

Nathan Permenter, Mikala Phillips, Alex Rivera, Ethan Rocha, Marisella Rodriguez, Donovan Salinas, Ashley Smith, Brandon Soliz, Alexis Sosa, Gabbie Trevino, Molly Walker, Brittany Wilson, Amy Winters, Destiny Zamora and Alejandro Zavala.

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# Obituaries

## Mrs. Georgia Lankford



Mrs. Georgia Lankford, age 93, of Big Spring and formerly of Colorado City, died Sunday evening in a Big Spring care center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at the Westbrook Baptist Church with Dr. Jerry Shields officiating. Burial will follow in the Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lankford was born March 1, 1920, in Loraine to Roy and Beulah Wiley Haggerton and had been a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. She married Troy Lankford on May 24, 1938, in Hermleigh. He

preceded her in death on April 28, 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

She is survived by a daughter, Darlene Pirkle Edwards of Big Spring; grandchildren, Jay and wife Lynn Pirkle, Kevin and wife Elsa Pirkle, Kris and wife Andrea Pirkle, Bradley Scott Mott and Donnie and wife Tiffany Lankford; great-grandchildren, Haley Pirkle, Caleb Pirkle, Hunter Pirkle, Addisen Pirkle, Kanen Pirkle, Troy Pirkle, Kennedy Pirkle, Tayler Stacker, Wm. Doyce Lankford, Heather Mott, Alexis Mott and Ashley Mott; and one great-grandson, Coleman; a nephew, Derwayne Rasco; and a niece, Dolores Jenkins.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Elizabeth Rasco; a son, Doyce Lankford; and a son-in-law, Lacy Edwards.

*Paid obituary*

## Capt. Larry Alan Flenniken



Funeral services for Capt. Larry Alan Flenniken, 46, of Lamesa will be held Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Lamesa Church of Christ with Mark Hackett and Gary Flenniken officiating. Interment will follow in Dawson County Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home.

Larry passed away Tuesday Feb. 4, 2014, in Lubbock. He was born Feb. 17, 1967, in Lubbock and adopted by Vernon and Eleene (Ball) Flenniken. He married Vicki Brown Jan. 19, 1996. They were married for 18 years.

Larry graduated from Lamesa High School in 1985

and attended Angelo State University. He graduated from the Police Academy in San Angelo. He earned his master's degree in law enforcement. He began his career in 1995 as a patrol officer for the Lamesa Police Department. Larry served as interim police chief and was currently serving as captain of the Lamesa Police Department.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Flenniken of Lamesa; children, Nathan Noble Flenniken of Corpus Christi, Alexis Dawne McBee of Lamesa and Brenna Cay Lauderdale of Lamesa; parents, Eleene and Vernon Flenniken of Lamesa; sisters, Sharon Brown and husband Lee of Laramie, Wyo., and Glenda Campbell and husband Glen of Wolforth; brothers, Danny Flenniken and wife Malinda of Big Spring and Gary Flenniken and wife Vicki of College Station; and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice. To send condolences online please visit [www.branonfuneralhome.com](http://www.branonfuneralhome.com)

## Clarence Eugene Ruther

Clarence Eugene Ruther, 87, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at

the Tollett All Faith Chapel at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

# Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- THOMAS FRANKLIN DUNNAM, 18, of 410 E. 18th St. was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana greater than or equal to 2 ounces and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- EMMA MARTINEZ, 48, of 1603 Cardinal was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for harassment.
- BRANDON LEON RAMEY, 34, of 1301 Mt. Vernon was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from another agency, expired registration and fail to appear.
- TIMOTHY THOMAS-EFREN GARIBAY, 26, of 1108 Ridgeroad was arrested Tuesday on three warrants from another agency.
- MONICA NICOLE RIVERA, 22, of 2403 E. Marcy was arrested Tuesday on charges of fail to display drivers license and no drivers license when unlicensed.
- CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 31, of 102 Merrick, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- ZABRINA FREEMAN LOZANO, 28, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- ELLAINE DAVIDSON GRIFFIN, 51, of 1007 Oshekosh, Lubbock, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency, theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500, possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 2600 block of Ent.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 16th St. and Goliad.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1300 block of S. Birdwell Ln.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- EMMA MARTINEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- CARL WILLIAM WELLS was booked by HCSO for sentencing on a charge of interfering with public duties of a peace officer.
- ZABRINA LOZANO was booked by HCSO to begin sentence on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15.
- BRANDON LEON RAMEY was booked by BSPD on charges of fail to display court order (occupational license), violate promise to appear, display expired registration and failure to appear.
- JACOB IAN STRAIN was booked by HCSO on a parole violation.
- TIMOTHY THOMAS GARIBAY was booked by BSPD on charges of speeding in a school zone - 36 miles per hour (mph) in a 20 mph zone, fail to maintain financial responsibility and violate promise to appear.
- MONICA NICOLE RIVERA was booked by BSPD on charges of fail to display drivers license and no drivers license.

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

- Tuesday:
- MEDICAL call reported at the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. Service refused.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 700 block of Wila. No transport.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 200 block of Texas Rd. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAUMA call reported at the 100 block of Eckert Rd. One patient transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE fire reported at the 600 block of Tulane. Extinguished.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

| Thu 2/6  | Fri 2/7   | Sat 2/8   | Sun 2/9   | Mon 2/10  |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |   |   |   |   |
| <b>31/24</b><br>Cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Cold. High 31F. | <b>53/32</b><br>Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. | <b>68/23</b><br>Abundant sunshine. High in the upper 60s and lows in the low 20s. | <b>55/33</b><br>Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s. | <b>67/32</b><br>More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 30s. |
| <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:36 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 6:24 PM  | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:35 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 6:25 PM         | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:35 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 6:26 PM                                 | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:34 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 6:27 PM                           | <b>Sunrise:</b> 7:33 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b> 6:28 PM                                     |



## Texas At A Glance



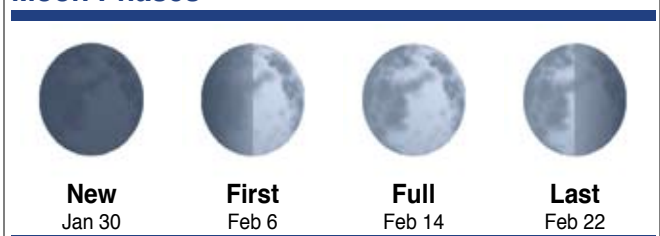
### Area Cities

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene        | 29 | 19 | cloudy    | Kingsville      | 50 | 40 | cloudy    |
| Amarillo       | 20 | 12 | sn shower | Livingston      | 46 | 28 | pt sunny  |
| Austin         | 44 | 32 | pt sunny  | Longview        | 38 | 27 | cloudy    |
| Beaumont       | 45 | 30 | cloudy    | Lubbock         | 24 | 14 | sn shower |
| Brownsville    | 53 | 45 | rain      | Lufkin          | 46 | 28 | pt sunny  |
| Brownwood      | 33 | 25 | pt sunny  | Midland         | 31 | 26 | pt sunny  |
| Corpus Christi | 48 | 40 | cloudy    | Raymondville    | 48 | 40 | rain      |
| Corsicana      | 34 | 25 | cloudy    | Rosenberg       | 47 | 34 | cloudy    |
| Dallas         | 33 | 25 | cloudy    | San Antonio     | 46 | 33 | cloudy    |
| Del Rio        | 46 | 33 | pt sunny  | San Marcos      | 45 | 32 | pt sunny  |
| El Paso        | 52 | 34 | mst sunny | Sulphur Springs | 34 | 24 | cloudy    |
| Fort Stockton  | 40 | 27 | pt sunny  | Sweetwater      | 28 | 20 | cloudy    |
| Gainesville    | 24 | 19 | sn shower | Tyler           | 38 | 28 | cloudy    |
| Greenville     | 30 | 21 | cloudy    | Weatherford     | 28 | 22 | cloudy    |
| Houston        | 47 | 34 | cloudy    | Wichita Falls   | 25 | 18 | sn shower |

### National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City           | Hi | Lo  | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|-----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 49 | 29 | cloudy    | Minneapolis    | 6  | -14 | mst sunny |
| Boston      | 25 | 11 | sunny     | New York       | 30 | 17  | pt sunny  |
| Chicago     | 9  | -4 | mst sunny | Phoenix        | 62 | 45  | pt sunny  |
| Dallas      | 33 | 25 | cloudy    | San Francisco  | 57 | 48  | cloudy    |
| Denver      | 21 | 8  | mst sunny | Seattle        | 33 | 19  | sunny     |
| Houston     | 47 | 34 | cloudy    | St. Louis      | 14 | 2   | pt sunny  |
| Los Angeles | 63 | 46 | mst sunny | Washington, DC | 38 | 29  | pt sunny  |
| Miami       | 82 | 68 | pt sunny  |                |    |     |           |

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

| Thu 2/6  | Fri 2/7  | Sat 2/8  | Sun 2/9  | Mon 2/10 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 4        | 5        | 5        | 5        | 5        |
| Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate |

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

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# Support Groups

- 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.

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These Coahoma High School singers all earned first division ratings and medals at the University Interscholastic League Solo & Ensemble Contest Saturday at Odessa College. Pictured are, back row, Cameron Crabtree, Caleb Daniels, Richie Ewing and Zach Crabtree; middle row, Coley Rinard, Aimee Solis and Heather Goodger; and front row, Jenavee Streigler, Shayla Martin and Hannah Tucker.

## 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 has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. “The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,” Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

- 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](http://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](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us)

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Elmira Forman, 88, died Friday. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. this morning at West Hwy 80 Church of Christ with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Sondra "Yogi" Williams, 50, died Thursday. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

**sudoku**

ANSWERS

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

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## Odds & Ends

**Man-in-undies statue at Mass. college causes stir**

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) — A lifelike outdoor statue of a man sleepwalking in nothing but his underpants at Wellesley College is causing a stir at the prestigious women’s school from some students who say it’s frightening.

The statue of a man in an eyes closed, zombie-like trance is part of an exhibit by sculptor Tony Matelli at a college museum.

The Boston Globe reports that its placement in a busy area of campus on Monday prompted more than 100 students to sign an online petition to have it removed.

The statue is a “source of apprehension, fear, and triggering thoughts regarding sexual assault” for many, according to the petition started by junior Zoe Magid.

Museum director Lisa Fischman wrote on the school website that the sculpture has succeeded in its goal of provoking discussion.

**Boil or bite, fed panel dismisses \$50M inmate suit**

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — It doesn’t matter whether a former western Pennsylvania county jail inmate had a boil or a spider bite, his injuries — and allegations that he wasn’t given proper medical treatment — aren’t worth \$50 million.

The (Somerset) Daily American says a 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel has refused to reverse a federal judge’s decision to dismiss Ronald Sever’s lawsuit against the Somerset County Jail.

The 50-year-old claimed he suffered fever and terrible pain from a spider bite while an inmate in April 2010, before he was transferred to a Virginia lockup on charges in that state.

U.S. Magistrate Keith Pesto recommended the case be thrown out last year, noting Sever was properly treated for a boil while in jail — but that even if it was a spider bite, it resolved quickly with minimal care.

**Woman gives 3 Illinois waitresses \$5,000 each**

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — Three waitresses at an Illinois restaurant say they could only stare in disbelief when a woman over the weekend handed them each a \$5,000 check.

The owner of the Boone County Family Restaurant in Caledonia, Matt Nebiu, said business was slow Saturday when the customer handed checks to 25-year-old Amy Sabani, 23-year-old Sarah Seckinger and 28-year-old Amber Kariolich.

Sabani told the Rockford Register Star that she first thought her check was for \$500. But on closer inspection she saw its actual value and refused to take it.

Sabani said the woman told the waitresses to use the money for school and “everything else in life.”

Seckinger says a last semester to earn her associate degree in criminal justice was too expensive, but she will now return to school.

### Maine police investigating screams find happy pig

CHINA, Maine (AP) — Police responding to reports of screaming coming from a home in Maine didn’t find a victim of domestic violence as they feared. Instead, they found an amorous pig.

State police say a woman called last week after hearing what she believed to be a fight coming from a neighbor’s home in the town of China. The caller said she heard screaming and thought there was a domestic assault.

The Morning Sentinel reports that four state troopers responded and talked to the neighbor.

The neighbor explained that she raises pigs and the screaming was coming from an overjoyed male pig that had been placed in a pen with five sows in heat.

Police say there was no assault and no disturbance “other than the screaming male pig.”

**Contact the Herald at 263-7331**

**GUILD**

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businesses. A silent auction will also be held. Photos will be available with donations going to the Symphony Guild. Visit our Symphony Guild Facebook page to see photos of the event from last year’s “Dress to a Tea.”

**ART**

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Monet, Edgar Degas, Vincent Van Gogh and Mary Cassatt.

The exhibition features works by Carole Berry, Estelle Howard, Leada Woods, Sue Bagwell, Linda Rupard and Kay Smith, in both watercolor and acrylic, and will be available for view now through March 31 at the Hall Center for

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# Time to realize we have a voice too

There are times when things happen in such a way it seems as if somebody is trying to get through to us with a specific message, and that has been the case for me this past week. It is not impossible for me to believe in some things in life being mere coincidence, such as the time in 1974 when a man was killed while riding a moped in Brazil, and his brother was killed one year later on the same moped, on the same street, by the same taxi driver who was carrying the same passenger.



EDDY PRINCE

Even though some of the supposed coincidences of the assassinations of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy have been disproved, there are many that are simply undeniably interesting. For instance, both presidents were shot in the head, on a Friday in the presence of their wives. Both Fridays preceded a major holiday observed within the week. Both presidents were accompanied by another couple and the male companion of the other couple was wounded by the assassin. Both presidents had a son die during their presidency. Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre; Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald in a Lincoln automobile, made by Ford. After shooting Lincoln, Booth ran from a theatre to a warehouse; after shooting Kennedy, Oswald ran from a warehouse to a theatre. Both their vice presidents and successors were Southern Democrats named Johnson (Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson) who were born in '08, and both Johnsons were succeeded as president in '69 by Republicans whose mothers were named Hannah. It's really kind of hard to argue the reality of coincidence.

However, I am absolutely certain that the vast majority of things in our lives are orchestrated by choices we make and by God's providential guidance, especially in the lives of those who are believers. There are a number of scriptures that people

like me, who accept the Bible as infallible truth, embrace to establish confidence in divine navigation, and several happenings in my life recently enhance that conviction.

Everybody on the planet has been aware of the media firestorm related to Duck Dynasty's Robertson family after patriarch Phil Robertson made some controversial statements in a GQ magazine interview related to homosexuality. He has also been criticized for making comments about life in rural Louisiana before the Civil Rights Movement which some have deemed racist. That's all in addition to the whirlwind of mockery and criticism they have received for being outspoken about their faith in God. I don't personally watch their show but I enthusiastically applaud the fact that they are all willing to take a strong stand for what they believe without regard for the backlash.

Another person who has captured my admiration this week is the actress Scarlett Johansson, who Leah and I watched in the movie, "We Bought a Zoo," just this past week. It was soon after watching the movie I learned she ended an eight-year role as an Oxfam goodwill ambassador after she was criticized for her sponsorship deal with SodaStream, the soft drink manufacturer which has been criticized by groups such as Oxfam for producing its products in an Israeli factory. Despite the criticism from Oxfam, and pressure from a Palestinian-led movement to boycott all Israeli companies, not just those operating in settlements, Ms. Johansson "took a clearly principled stand against those who disguise their classic anti-Semitism under false pretenses," Israel's foreign minister.

Avigdor Lieberman told Yedioth Ahronoth, Israel's most popular newspaper. Even though I can't unilaterally support everything she does in movies, I am proud of the stand she has taken to support Israel.

I personally celebrate the fact that she and Tim Tebow, another celebrity who has drawn brutal criticism for his beliefs, were commercial stars on the biggest stage in the world, the NFL Super Bowl, this past Sun-

day night. Both of them deserve applause for sticking to their convictions and standing up for what they believe is right even at the cost of personal attacks from the liberal media and anti-Christian groups.

At our church, we periodically designate a Sunday evening as Family Movie Night and a couple of weeks ago we watched the movie, "Last Ounce of Courage." It was an outstanding movie, based on a true story of a man who fought tremendous opposition in a small town to stand up for what he believed. I am convinced that the message of being willing to stand up and fight for what we believe is a "here and now" word of exhortation for all of us.

We are blessed to live in a country that allows us the freedom to accept and embrace whatever religious, social or political ideology we choose. There is no question that God-haters, militant anti-American rebels, and other hate-mongering groups have made their voices heard for decades. It is America and, if they are true legal citizens of our great nation, they have that right.

My question is why are there not more people like Scarlett, Tim and Phil, who will defy their critics, and even accept the rejection of the masses if necessary, to make a statement about their convictions and their faith? Why do the loudest, angriest, and most hateful voices so often get the headlines and the spotlight? I say it's time for you and me to realize we have a voice too, and it must be heard loud and clear. If it means we aren't as popular or celebrated as someone else, so be it, but it's time to make it known that we will not compromise our convictions and we will not bow our knee to gods we don't believe in. Our world is a mess and the longer people with genuine faith remain silent, the darker the night is going to become around us.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us, dear Lord, to live our lives serving You.

Amen

# Woody Allen's war on women

The real "war on women" isn't happening in Washington; it is happening in Hollywood and New York or wherever men such as Woody Allen and Roman Polanski sit in a director's chair and are feted as great artists and hence great men. As Elizabeth Taylor once said, "success is a great deodorant."

Over the weekend, Allen's adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow, 28, wrote an open letter that appeared on The New York Times' website. She repeated a charge she made in 1993 when she was 7, that her adoptive father "sexually assaulted" her.

Allen always has denied the charge. After an investigation, authorities did not prosecute Allen. John Leventhal, a doctor who headed the investigation, said the daughter's accusation had a "rehearsed quality," perhaps caused by the coaching of her adoptive mother, Mia Farrow. (Farrow recently had learned that Allen had begun an affair with her 19-year-old adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Farrow Previn.) As The New York Times reported at the time, Leventhal also said there was no "firm evidence" the actress had coached her child. Prosecutor Frank Maco told

the press he believed that Allen had molested his daughter, but Maco chose not to press charges to protect a child from the trauma of a trial.

Over the years, I've figured — and I still do — that Allen deserved the benefit of the doubt. When a man takes up with his girlfriend's teenage daughter, an act of such raw betrayal just might incite a wronged mother to instill in her daughter the belief that she has been violated.

I also stopped paying to see Allen's films at theaters because of what I knew to be true. At the age of 55, Allen began an affair with his girlfriend's 19-year-old daughter.

I realized that the lovable mensch in his movies was in fact a devious, exploitative creep who cynically promoted the idea of 40-somethings dating high-school girls in his 1979 film, "Manhattan."

But after years of watching Hollywood salute Allen's genius, I wavered. It's not as if I want to conduct a litmus test on an entertainer's morality, I told myself. Whose work would be left to watch?

So last week, I was drawn to a piece in The Daily Beast, "The Woody Allen Allegations: Not So Fast," by documentary-maker Robert B. Weide. Essentially, Weide, a friend and colleague of Woody's, argued that though maybe (maybe not) it was "creepy" that Allen took up with the young Previn, who is now

his wife, readers shouldn't necessarily believe Dylan Farrow's allegations. To believe the girl's story, wrote Weide, you must believe that the brainy director abused his daughter in a manner so flagrant as to invite detection.

Oh, and by the way, Weide added, Mia Farrow testified on behalf of Polanski, despite his admission to having sex with a 13-year-old in 1977, so she's a hypocrite.

I want to thank Dylan Farrow for writing about how hard it was for her to live with the fact that most people find "it easier to accept the ambiguity, to say, 'who can say what happened,' to pretend that nothing was wrong."

I still don't know what happened between the filmmaker and the little girl. But I do know I don't like the way Allen has used women. Ditto Polanski, whose career took off with the 1974 film "Chinatown," about a corrupt dirty old man whose success allowed him to sexually abuse a terrified teenager.

And I don't have to live in Chinatown.

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# News In Brief

## State begins presenting school finance evidence

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state is set to begin presenting evidence in the second phase of Texas' sweeping school finance trial.

Attorney General Greg Abbott's office plans to call just three witnesses, starting Wednesday. Closing arguments are Friday.

More than 600 school districts statewide have sued, claiming the way Texas funds public education is unconstitutional after the Legislature cut \$5.4 billion in classroom funding in 2011.

State District Judge John Dietz ruled more than a year ago, finding that funding was inadequate and unfairly distributed.

But last summer, lawmakers restored more than \$3.4 billion to schools while loosening high school graduation requirements.

Dietz has reconvened the case to hear if the Legislature's actions might alert his decision.

He will eventually issue a final ruling. It should be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

## Sheriff baffled by killing of Houston-area family

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators are baffled by the fatal shootings last week of a "quiet family" of four, including two young boys, at their suburban Houston home.

Authorities have not yet determined a motive for the slayings nor identified any suspects, Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said Tuesday. All four victims, including the boys aged 7 and 9, were shot in the head.

The names of the victims have not been released

as authorities tried to contact relatives of the family. Authorities said the husband and wife were naturalized U.S. citizens who had emigrated from China. They did not say when the family arrived in the United States.

Garcia said deputies went to the family's Cypress home last Thursday after the husband's co-workers became concerned when he hadn't shown up for work for several days. Deputies found the back door open and inside discovered a "horrific crime scene," Garcia said.

Harris County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Felipe Rivera said the victims were found in their bedrooms. He declined to give other details of the crime scene, only saying they had not been tied up and that no weapons were found at the home.

"We have no other information that will speak to a motive, as to why this occurred," Garcia said. "From all indications, they were a quiet family, they were the average family. ... I am bothered by the loss of life of two children."

Autopsies done by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences have ruled the deaths as homicide. Garcia said authorities don't know the type of weapon used in the killings.

## A&M applicants mistakenly told they were accepted

KINGSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of acceptance notifications were mistakenly sent to students who actually had been denied admission to the Kingsville campus of Texas A&M University.

Thousands of emails were sent last week to applicants telling them of their acceptance to the school southwest of Corpus Christi. But included in the mass email were about 500 whose applications had been rejected.

KIII-TV in Corpus Christi reported that a

follow-up email was sent about three hours later telling the applicants of the error.

An A&M University System spokesman said Tuesday that human error was the reason for the false notifications and said the university has implemented more advanced security measures to avoid a similar mistake in the future.

A&M-Kingsville President Steve Tallant has issued an apology.

## Texas AG asks court to rethink cyberstalking law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has asked the state's top criminal appeals court to rethink striking down a state law that banned sexually explicit online chatting between adults and minors.

Abbott's request to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has sparked a legal turf war with Lisa McMinn, the state prosecuting attorney, the Austin American-Statesman reported. McMinn has asked the appeals court to pay no heed to Abbott's request, the newspaper reported.

The all-Republican court voted 9-0 in October to strike down the 2005 law as a free-speech violation, in a case arising from a challenge by a Harris County man indicted under the law. Abbott argued his office hadn't been notified that a state law was being challenged as unconstitutional, denying him the opportunity to defend it.

McMinn told the court that only local prosecutors and her office may represent the state in appeals involving criminal cases. Abbott represents Texas in civil court matters and cannot intervene in an ongoing criminal case unless requested by a local prosecutor, she said.

## State to oversee troubled school district

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The state has appointed two conservators to oversee a South Texas school district mired in a federal public corruption probe that's ensnared the mayor and the former school board president.

The Monitor reports the conservators appointed by the Texas Education Agency will begin work next week at the Progreso school district. They will have broad power over the board and administrators.

Three members of a family have been indicted on corruption charges — Progreso Mayor Omar Vela, his brother ex-board President Michael Vela and their father, Jose Guadalupe Vela Jr., who formerly managed the district's transportation and maintenance. An architect also has been indicted for allegedly paying bribes to secure contracts for construction projects.

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## News in brief

### Health law geography lesson: Just 4 percent of US counties are home to half the uninsured

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uninsured Americans are still procrastinating about President Barack Obama's health care law. With less than 60 days left to enroll, can the administration find the millions of customers needed to sustain new insurance markets?

Geography could hold the answer, according to a study conducted for The Associated Press. It found the uninsured aren't scattered around the country willy-nilly; half live in just 116 of the nation's 3,143 counties. That means an outreach campaign targeted to select areas can pay off big.

The pattern also holds true for the younger uninsured, the health care overhaul's most coveted demographic. The study found that half the uninsured people ages 19-39 live in 108 counties. Their premiums are needed to offset the cost of insuring older adults, who are more likely to be nursing chronic ailments.

With the HealthCare.gov website working more smoothly, the Obama administration is using the geography of the uninsured to write a playbook for its closing sign-up campaign. Open enrollment for subsidized private insurance ends March 31 for people who don't have health care through their jobs.

"Our efforts are aimed at making sure we can raise awareness in areas with the largest concentration of uninsured people," said Julie Bataille, communications director for the rollout at the federal Health and Human Services Department.

### States hope steps to rein in government surveillance will prompt federal changes

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Angry over revelations of National Security Agency surveillance and frustrated with what they consider outdated digital privacy laws, state lawmakers around the nation are proposing bills to curtail the powers of law enforcement to monitor and track citizens.

Their efforts in at least 14 states are a direct message to the federal government: If you don't take action to strengthen privacy, we will.

"We need to stand up and protect our liberty," said Republican Missouri state Sen. Rob Schaaf, author of a digital privacy bill.

Police groups, however, say the moves will in some cases hinder efforts to deter or solve crimes. "It would cripple law enforcement's ability to do investigations," said Bart Johnson, executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Proponents say the measures will overhaul the definition of digital privacy and help increase oversight of specific surveillance tools that law enforcement agencies have been using in the states that critics say mirrors federal surveillance technology.

### UN accuses Vatican of adopting policies that allowed priests to rape children

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A U.N. human rights committee denounced the Vatican on Wednesday for adopting policies that allowed priests to rape and molest tens of thousands of children over decades, and urged it to open its files on the pedophiles and the churchmen who concealed their crimes.

In a devastating report, the U.N. committee also severely criticized the Holy See for its attitudes toward homosexuality, contraception and abortion and said it should review its policies to ensure children's rights and their access to health care are guaranteed.

On sex abuse, "the committee is gravely concerned that the Holy See has not acknowledged the extent of the crimes committed, has not taken the

necessary measures to address cases of child sexual abuse and to protect children, and has adopted policies and practices which have led to the continuation of the abuse by, and the impunity of, the perpetrators," the report said.

It called for the sex abuse commission that Pope Francis announced in December to conduct an independent investigation of all cases of priestly abuse and the way the Catholic hierarchy has responded over time, and urged the Holy See establish clear rules for the mandatory reporting of abuse to police.

### In rare case, woman set for execution in Texas for torture slaying of mentally impaired man

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A woman convicted of torturing and killing a mentally impaired man she lured to Texas with the promise of marriage was scheduled to be executed Wednesday in a rare case of a female death-row inmate.

If 59-year-old Suzanne Basso is lethally injected as scheduled, the New York native would be only the 14th woman executed in the U.S. since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976. By comparison, almost 1,400 men have been put to death.

Texas, the nation's busiest death-penalty state, has executed four women and 505 men.

Basso was sentenced to death for the 1998 slaying of 59-year-old Louis "Buddy" Musso, whose battered and lacerated body, washed with bleach and scoured with a wire brush, was found in a ditch outside Houston. Prosecutors said Basso had made herself the beneficiary of Musso's insurance policies and took over his Social Security benefits after luring him from New Jersey.

### Navy says at least 30 sailors implicated in alleged cheating on naval nuclear reactor tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a new twist to a widening tale of ethical lapses in the military, the Navy is investigating cheating allegations against about one-fifth of its trainers at a school for naval nuclear power reactor operators.

It is the second exam-cheating scandal to hit the military this year, on top of a series of disclosures in recent months of ethical lapses at all ranks in the military as it transitions from more than a decade of war-fighting.

Unlike an Air Force cheating probe that has implicated nearly 100 officers responsible for land-based nuclear missiles that stand ready for short-notice launch, those implicated in the Navy investigation have no responsibility for nuclear weapons.

The Air Force probe is centered on Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., but could spread to its two other nuclear missile bases in North Dakota and Wyoming. Dozens of officers at Malmstrom have been linked to cheating on a monthly test of their proficiency in handling "emergency war orders" for potential launch of nuclear missiles.

### Microsoft sticks with safe choice as CEO at critical juncture demanding dramatic changes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After compiling a list of more than 100 CEO candidates, Microsoft settled on Satya Nadella a home-grown leader who joined the software maker in the early 1990s. That's back when Google's founders were teenagers and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was in elementary school.

Tuesday's hiring of Nadella as Microsoft's CEO after a five-month search is a safe move that's likely to be greeted with sighs of relief around the company's Redmond, Wash. headquarters, industry analysts say. But the methodical, almost predictable decision is likely to reinforce perceptions that Microsoft Corp. is a plodding company reluctant to take risks as it competes against younger rivals who relish going out on a limb.

While Google founder and CEO Larry Page boasts about his company taking "moon shots" and Zuckerberg promises to "move fast and break things," Microsoft has fallen behind the technological curve after underestimating the importance of Internet search more than a decade ago and reacting too slowly to the rise of mobile devices during the past seven years. Meanwhile, the sales of personal computers running on Microsoft's Windows software are shrinking.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Score One for the Defense

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Nobody rings a bell to let you know when a crucial point in the play has been reached. You're expected to recognize such situations when they arise; if you don't, a golden opportunity might pass you by. Furthermore, there is the added risk that an irate partner might have a few choice words for you when the deal is over.

Consider this case where West is defending against four spades. He cashes the K-A-Q of clubs, East fol-

lowing suit to the first club and then discarding a low heart and a low diamond on the next two clubs. What should West play next?

Actually, there is only one correct play — another club! This allows East to trump with the jack, which in turn causes South to lose a trump trick and go down one.

Not many players would continue with a club at trick four. This is because such a play is contrary to standard procedure, which holds that one should avoid making a play that permits declarer to ruff in one hand and discard from the other. But this generally wise rule has its exceptions, just as any other general rule has its exceptions.

In the present case, it should not be difficult for West to work out, given South's opening bid and dummy's hand, that there is no chance of stopping the contract unless his side can score a trump trick. His best prospect, therefore, is to hope that East has the jack, queen or king of spades.

Accordingly, West leads a fourth round of clubs in the hope that East will be able to play one of those three cards on the trick. If East has none of them, the contract cannot be defeated, and West will at least get an A for effort.

Tomorrow: It's easy when you know how.

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## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



### Sweet Career Moves

Meet four candy makers who gave up conventional jobs to pursue their passions for creating chocolate confections.

AmericanProfile

## Sudoku Answer on Page 3

# sudoku

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

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## Win over Rangers give Steers playoff bid

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Ian Ritchey took a deep breath after watching his team grind out a 56-49 victory over the Midland Greenwood Rangers on Tuesday night in front of a huge crowd in the Steer Gym and took it for what it was. It wasn't a masterpiece, but it was win.

It was a huge win that gave Big Spring its ultimate goal - a berth in the Class 3A state playoffs.

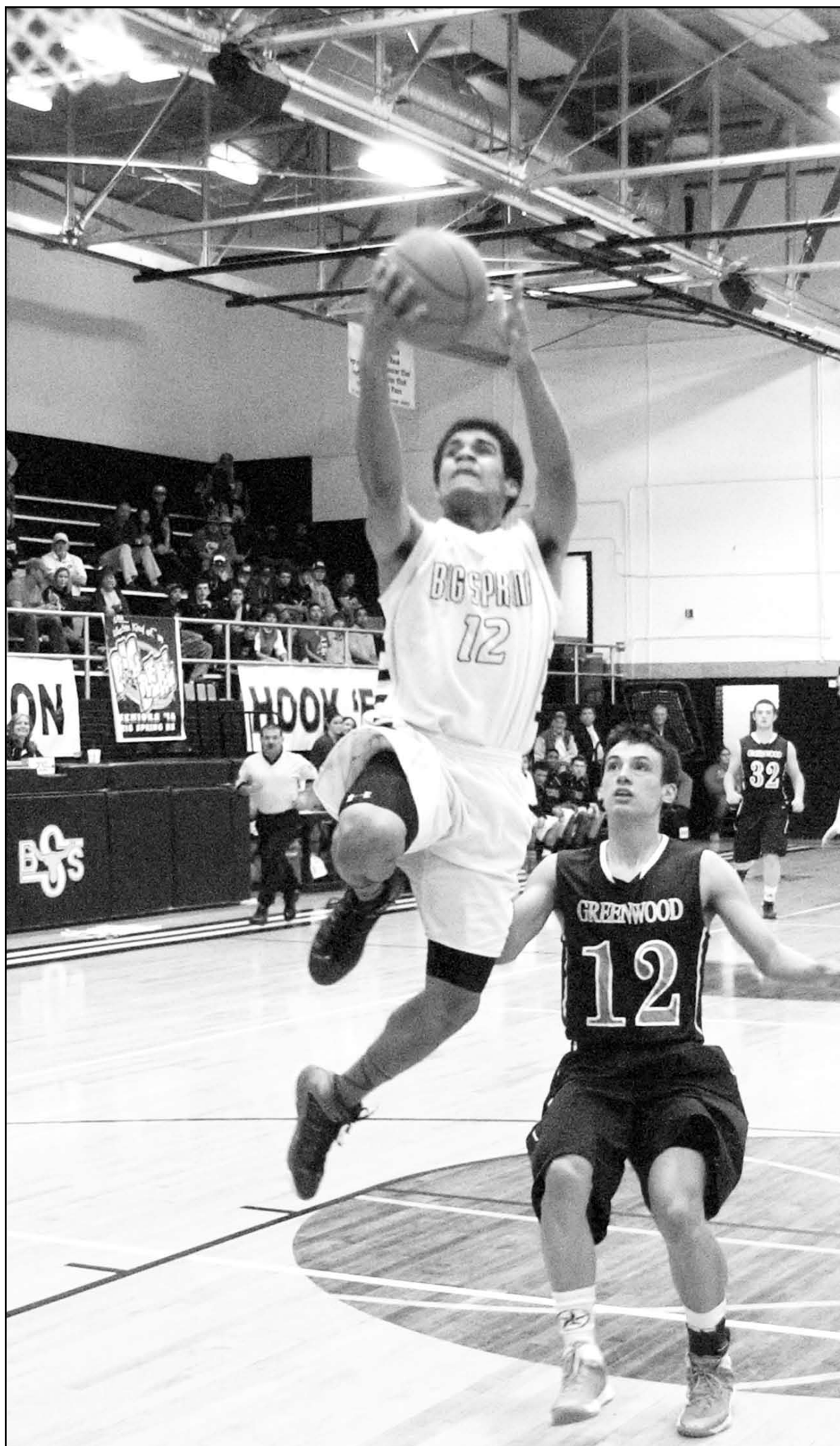
"We didn't play that great but it was good enough," said Ritchey. We struggled coming out of the gate, but we played good on the defensive end and that kept us in the game. We weren't as patient as I would have like, but we regroup at the half."

"It wasn't pretty, but we'll take it," he added.

The win may have been less than beautiful for the Steers, but it was magical for a loud and rowdy Steer Nation. The victory, combined with Wylie's win, guaranteed Big Spring at least the No. 4 playoff seed when the postseason begins in two weeks. The Steers own a two-game lead over Greenwood in District 4-3A standings with two games remaining in the regular season.

The win was also sweet in one other measure for Big Spring fans as it spoiled the return of former BSHS head coach Cliff Thompson to the Steer Gym. Thompson, who drew a technical foul in the second period, was Big Spring's head coach last season, but left at the end of the year to take the reins at Greenwood.

Ty Sealy and Charles Green provided the early excitement for the Steers. Sealy opened the scoring by driving the baseline and pushing home a reverse layup. Seconds later, See **STEERS**, Page 14



Big Spring guard Charles Green soars into the air for a basket after stealing a pass in the first quarter of the Steers' 56-49 win over the Midland Greenwood Rangers on Tuesday in the Steer Gym. The win guaranteed Big Spring at least the No. 4 playoff seed with two games left in the regular season.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

## Fannin's double-double helps Forsan rip Tahoka

Kade Fannin turned in a personal-best performance and the Forsan defense put the clamps on Tahoka in the second half on Tuesday and powered the Buffaloes to a 69-54 win over the Tahoka Bulldogs in a key District 6-A, Div. I, showdown.

With the win, Forsan moved to 16-6 for the season and, more importantly, moved closer to securing a berth in the Class A playoffs with a 6-2 district mark.

Tahoka held its own early in the game. The Bulldogs matched the Buffs almost shot for shot in the first two quarters of play and went into the

half trailing by just two, at 34-32.

That was as close as they would get.

Fannin and the Buff offense shifted into a higher gear in the third. Forsan blew the game open in the first eight minutes of the second half with a 24-point spree.

Tahoka managed just 10 points in the third and trailed at the start of the fourth quarter by 58-42.

Fannin provided much of the spark for the Buffaloes against Tahoka. He finished the contest with career highs in scoring, with 31 points, and rebounding, with 21.

## LL baseball sign-up dates are scheduled

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on 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 from 5:30

p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

The registration fee is \$85 per child and will provide a full uniform.

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Big Spring's K.D. Davenport flies past a Greenwood defender for a lay-up during the Steers' 76-67 junior varsity victory on Tuesday afternoon in the Steer Gym. The boys' win highlighted a sweep by BSHS of the JV games as the Lady Steers' JV won, 38-35.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

## Turnovers doom BS to 47-36 loss to G'wood

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head coach Mike Warren wasn't disappointed following the Lady Steers' 47-36 loss to the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes. In fact, he was just the opposite even though the loss dropped his squad into a play-in situation as far as the Class 3A playoffs are concerned.

"I thought we played well defensively," said Warren. "We crawled back into the game and came within four with about 5 minutes left, then we turned the ball over a few times and that hurt us, but I thought we played well against them."

"They're the No. 2 team in our district and we just proved we could play with them, so that has got to be a confidence builder for us," he added.

Big Spring will need its confidence more than ever now. With the loss, the Lady Steers finished in a tie with Sweetwater for fourth in the District 4-3A standings. The two teams are scheduled to determine the district's final playoff qualifier by staging a "play-in" game on Friday - marking the second straight season Big Spring and Sweetwater will face. See **GIRLS**, Page 13

## BSHS to face Sweetwater for No. 4 seed

For the Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Sweetwater Lady Mustangs Friday will be a case of deja vu, again.

Big Spring and Sweetwater will meet in a "play-in" game for the second straight season to determine the fourth. See **PLAY-IN**, Page 13

## Region I-4A swim meet set to start

The Big Spring High School Steers will be joining other swim teams from throughout the region in participating in the Region I-4A Swimming & Diving Championships tomorrow. The meet is scheduled to run through Saturday in Andrews.

Myles Jones, Trinidad Ramirez, Nathan Jimenez and Izzak Zamora will represent Big Spring at the regional meet. The foursome qualified for the meet in both the 200-yard Medley and the 400-yard Freestyle Relay events.

Jimenez and Zamora are seniors.

## HC women's game cancelled

The Howard College Lady Hawks' game with the Ranger College Lady Rangers on Tuesday was cancelled due to cold temperatures and poor field conditions.

Howard College, 3-1 overall, will travel to Ranger on Feb. 12.

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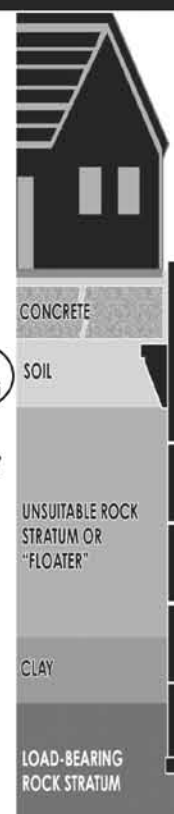
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your astral gift of the day is clear vision that helps you define your purpose so precisely that others can easily see it, understand it and know how they can help you with it.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll stop working when the work is done and not a moment sooner or later than that. This is the secret to your success — an amazingly simple key, and yet few will do as you do.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The cleverest of people are usually not trying to be clever at all; rather, they are trying to solve a problem. Your problem today will have to do with lightening the mood.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Because you feel positive, loving and kind, you'll radiate the good vibes that have people gravitating toward you whether you want them to or not.

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take the time to figure out what you really want to do. Once you know this, you'll feel better about everything else in your life. All will fall into place. Your conviction is something to admire, and admire it they will.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Hype and passion are not the same things, though they are often confused. Passion is about inner desire, not exterior motive. Hype tends to follow the money.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People whose lives are stressful sometimes use up all of their self-control in keeping it together. That doesn't make them bad people. Those who are not as loving and patient as you may have good reasons.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When love is strong in you, as it is right now, you can forgive, and it's not that big of a deal to do so, even if you have to forgive the same action over and over before the other person finally gets it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your preferences are different from what some people seem to think you ought to prefer, and that's how you know they are true. Your heart doesn't take a vote and move on consensus. It does what it does.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A Russian proverb says: "Don't buy the house; buy the

neighborhood." You won't be purchasing either today, and yet the saying applies to something you'll buy that will align you with a particular group of people.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). People say that the best things require work and are not produced in haste. However, sometimes what's fast and easy is the glorious reward for all the laborious and failed efforts that came before.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 5). You don't have to have magical powers to spin straw into gold this year. Make the right deal, and do the work using the appropriate tools for the job. You may doubt yourself in March, but rush forward anyway and claim your riches. May and September will be the most romantic months. Family grows in June. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 1, 22, 8 and 17.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm trying to be more positive in the new year. January was pretty good, but now I think I've used up all of the positive vibes in my arsenal. I don't know why I even made this stupid resolution, because I'm not positive by nature. In fact, I'm a pretty negative person, and I don't see what's wrong with that except that my wife tells me I'm no fun to be around. I'm a Leo with a Virgo moon. Any tricks for becoming a sunnier person like her?"

Sometimes people mistake a vigilant personality type for

being negative. Just because you're a realist and often see what could go wrong in a situation doesn't make you negative per se. Virgo moon people are conscientious, and they put safety first. Also, they are independent and can easily see the reasons not to get connected and involved with people. These aren't negative qualities; they are tools of preservation, and I'll bet you also apply them to keeping your wife from harm and inconvenience. My advice is to be more positive about your negativity. Your opinions are valid. As for being more fun, just add humor. From W.C. Fields to Louis CK, comedy is filled with funny "negative" people.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo reached a 400-goal milestone for club and country last month. The footballer was born when the sun and Mercury were in Aquarius, favoring lightning-quick reflexes and natural grace. His Venus and Mars in Aries shows a warrior spirit and a fiercely competitive nature. His Leo moon lends charisma and showmanship.

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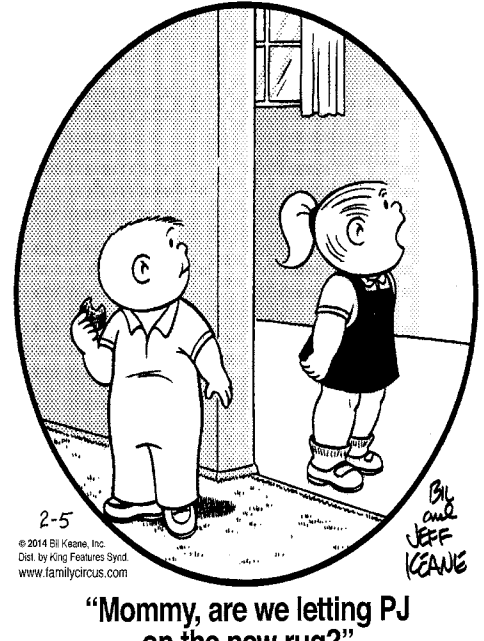
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| 8:PM  | Mod Fam Super          | Lo Que la Vida        |                     | Criminal Minds     | La Reina del Sur      | Law & Order: SVU    | Big Bang Big Bang        | Light of the Southwest | NOVA (DVS)          | Heroes F Troop       | Survivorman            | Cops Castle                         | (:01) Castle           | Movie: Hot Boyz, Jeff Speakman               | Phineas and Ferb       | College Basketball: Stanford at California. | NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Los Angeles Clippers. |   |
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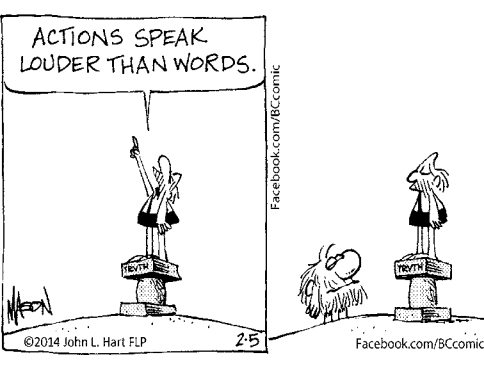
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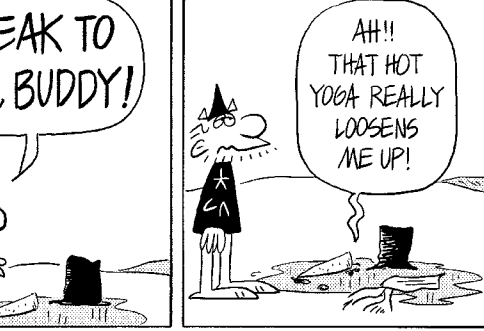
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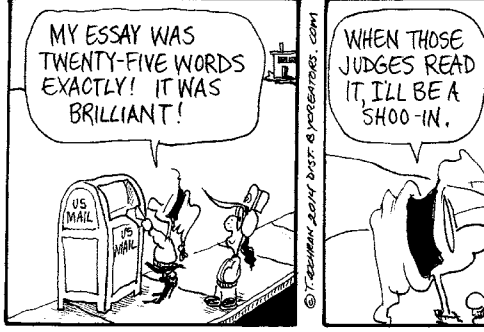
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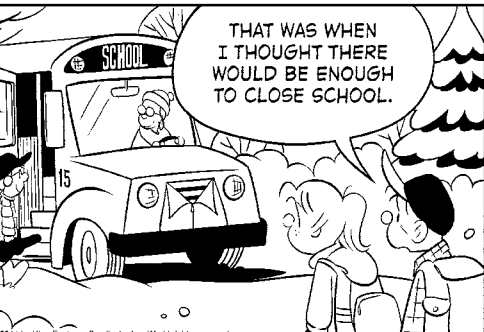
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**This Date In History**

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**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

On this date:

In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1811, George, the Prince of Wales, was named Prince Regent due to the mental illness of his father, Britain's King George III.

In 1914, "Beat Generation" author William S. Burroughs was born in St. Louis.

In 1919, movie studio

United Artists was incorporated by Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, D.W. Griffith and Charles Chaplin.

In 1922, the first edition of Reader's Digest was published.

In 1940, Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label.

In 1953, Walt Disney's animated feature "Peter Pan" was first released.

In 1967, "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for U.S. Army Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire took effect.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that all but a

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**Newsday Crossword**

**CENTER PIECE** by David W. Cromer  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Light touches
  - 5 Fuzzy green fruit
  - 9 Pretty good grade
  - 14 Perched on
  - 15 Teheran's country
  - 16 Justice Kagan
  - 17 Crowd sound
  - 18 Lean slightly
  - 19 Clear-thinking
  - 20 Long shot in poker
  - 23 Brief argument
  - 24 Geographic area
  - 25 Remnants
  - 28 Knitted blanket
  - 33 Seven Dwarfs leader
  - 36 Novelist Joyce Carol
  - 39 Rate of walking
  - 40 Police-department division
  - 44 Extremely
  - 45 Star in Orion
  - 46 Allow
  - 47 In dreamland
  - 50 Shun socially
  - 52 Let off steam
  - 55 Onetime photo giant
  - 59 Decorator's specialty
  - 64 Decorate
  - 65 ER picture
  - 66 Source of shade
  - 67 Special influence
  - 68 Ending for leather
  - 69 Folklore monster
- DOWN**
- 1 Left Bank locale
  - 2 Make amends
  - 3 Breakfast serving
  - 4 Pixie
  - 5 High-flying toy
  - 6 Part of the eye
  - 7 Ballroom dance
  - 8 Opening statement
  - 9 Ideology
  - 10 Stop up
  - 11 Walesa of Poland
  - 12 Condo apartment
  - 13 Long-faced
  - 21 Charitable one
  - 22 Santa \_\_, CA
  - 26 Football great
  - 27 Walk of Fame depiction
  - 29 College student's stat.
  - 30 Greet with acclaim
  - 31 Land measure
  - 32 Cozy home
  - 33 Opera star
  - 34 Bills not in ATMs
  - 35 Shortcut key
  - 37 Yale student
  - 38 Droops
  - 41 Storm center
  - 42 Swampy ground
  - 43 Lucky break
  - 48 Happenings
  - 49 According to
  - 51 Ben Franklin's birthplace
  - 53 Turned down
  - 54 Rich cake
  - 56 Solemn song
  - 57 New \_\_ (modern spiritualists)
  - 58 Parts of trousers
  - 59 How some sit by
  - 60 Cozy corner
  - 61 "That's a fact"
  - 62 Evaluate
  - 63 Turned pink or purple, perhaps
  - 64 Be decisive

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**GIRLS**

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water will meet in a one-game district play-off to determine the No. 4 seed.

"It's the same situation we were in last year," said Warren. "Hopefully, we can take the confidence we got from this game and go in knowing if we play hard and put the ball in the basket, we can win."

Turnovers hampered the BSHS offense all night. The Lady Steers committed 21 turnovers in the contest, including

**DISTRICT 4-3A STANDINGS**

**GIRLS**

|                 |       |          |
|-----------------|-------|----------|
| Team.....       | Year  | District |
| x-Wylie.....    | 25-5  | 10-0     |
| x-Greenwood.... | 11-17 | 7-3      |
| Snyder.....     | 13-12 | 5-5      |
| Big Spring..... | 17-10 | 4-6      |
| Sweetwater..... | 9-13  | 4-6      |
| Monahans.....   | 4-14  | 0-10     |

**Friday's games:** Abilene Wylie at Snyder; Monahans at Greenwood; Big Spring at Sweetwater.

on their first four possessions of the fourth.

The Lady Steers, now 17-10 overall, used a stifling defensive effort from Diamonique Mayes and Dyrshae Vanderbilt and stood toe-to-toe with

er in district."

Sweetwater and Big Spring fell into a tie for fourth in the district race with losses on Tuesday. Big Spring dropped a 47-36 decision to Greenwood, while Sweetwater lost to Abilene Wylie.

The game will give Big Spring a chance to avenge last season's loss to Sweetwater in a "play-in" showdown. Sweetwater won that game by 1-point margin.

the Rangerettes for much of the game.

Big Spring, sparked by a pair of clutch second-quarter three-pointers by Vanderbilt, battled its way to 29-29 tie at the end of the third quarter.

The wheels came off the BSHS wagon from there. Greenwood used four straight turnovers to reel off a 9-0 run and build a 38-29 advantage with just over 4:30 to play in the game.

Julianna Rodriguez helped the Lady Steers stop the bleeding from there. She followed up a basket by teammate Jackie Castillo with a three-pointer from the wing that pulled Big Spring to within 38-34 with 3:22 left.

That was as close as the Lady Steers could get.

Greenwood closed out the contest from there by scoring a 9-2 run in the final 3:02 of play.

Despite the loss, Mayes and Vanderbilt both enjoyed solid outings for the BSHS squad. Vanderbilt finished with 10 points, while Mayes added nine.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Diamonique Mayes fights for a loose ball during the fourth quarter against Greenwood on Tuesday. The BSHS girls will face Sweetwater in a 'play-in' game on Friday in Colorado City to determine the No. 4 playoff berth for District 4-3A. Both teams finished the season tied for fourth in the district standings.

**PLAY-IN**

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from District 4-3A on Friday. The two teams will tip-off the district playoff game at 8 p.m. in the Colorado High School gym in Colorado City.

"It should be a barn-burner," said BSHS head coach Mike Warren. "We split our two games against each oth-

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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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## STEERS

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Green intercepted an errant Greenwood pass at midcourt and raced the distance for an uncontested layup.

The senior turned the trick again less than 30 seconds later, turning a second steal into a 6-0 run.

Greenwood battled its way back, however. After a Tyler Wigington three-pointer had boosted Big Spring to a 9-4 lead, the Rangers went on a 6-1 run over the final 3 minutes of the period and knotted the score at 10-10 at the end of the first quarter.

Greenwood continued to keep the game close in the second. The Rangers, thanks to a couple of BSHS turnovers, battled to a 17-17 draw before they managed to hit a small run. The Rangers outscored Big Spring by a 4-3 margin in the last 1:53 of the second period and took a shaky 21-20 lead into the half.

The Steers righted their ship at the half. Big Spring opened the second half with an offensive explosion, grinding out 15 points in the ensuing eight minutes to take the lead.

## DISTRICT 4-3A STANDINGS

### BOYS

| Team       | Year  | District |
|------------|-------|----------|
| Wylie      | 23-3  | 8-0      |
| Monahans   | 24-5  | 6-2      |
| Big Spring | 13-12 | 5-3      |
| Greenwood  | 6-18  | 3-5      |
| Sweetwater | 13-7  | 2-6      |
| Snyder     | 1-13  | 0-8      |

**Friday's games:** Abilene Wylie at Snyder; Monahans at Greenwood; Big Spring at Sweetwater.

Tyler Bryan ignited the BSHS onslaught midway through the third when he drove into the paint and banked in a short 8-footer off the glass that gave the Steers a 30-27 advantage.

After Greenwood had cut the BSHS lead to one, at 30-29, Tavaris Walker dropped in a three-pointer from the right wing that highlighted a 15-13 third-quarter run and sent the Steers into the fourth quarter nursing a 35-34 edge.

The Steers upped their offensive game even more in the fourth. Big Spring outscored Greenwood by a 21-15 clip in the final frame.

Sealy led the Steers' late run by throwing in eight of his game-high 19 points in the fourth, including four from the free throw line.

As a whole, Green-



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

**Big Spring's Ty Sealey drives the baseline for a basket during the Steers' win over Greenwood on Tuesday in the Steer Gym. The Steers won, 56-49.**

wood and Big Spring attempted 53 shots from the charity stripe in the foul-marred contest. The Rangers 18 of their

21 attempts, while Big Spring notched just 18 of 32 tries - 12 of those coming in the Steers' crucial fourth-quarter run.

Bryan and Green both joined Sealy in double-digits offensively. Both scored finished the contest with 13 points.

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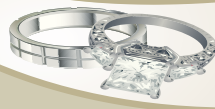


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