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Local man on DPS most wanted list

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

Anthony Lee Evans, who law enforcement agents say has ties to Big Spring, has been placed on the Texas Department of Public Safety Most Wanted Fugitives list.

A cash reward for up to \$7,500 is being offered for information leading to his capture. Tips can be offered anonymously.



Evans

According to the DPS, the 33-year-old Evans is a member of the Bloods gang and has a criminal history dating back to 1999, including arrests for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, burglary of a vehicle and forgery of a financial instrument.

In 2001, Evans was convicted of discharging a firearm at an individual and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was paroled in 2013. On Nov. 6, 2013, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a parole violation for his arrest.

Evans is described as being a 6-foot, 1-inch black male, weighing about 225 pounds. He was born March 9, 1980.

He has tattoos on his neck, chest, back and both arms, and a scar on his upper lip. He may have gold teeth on his front four teeth.

He has gone by several know aliases, including Marchello Williams, Darius Green, Anthony Young and Marchello O'Brian.

His last known address was 700-B East 13th St. in Big Spring. He also has relatives

and friends in the Dallas, Bryan, Midland and Abilene areas.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex

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Courtesy photo

Residents at Marcy House assisted living center enjoyed a Valentine party Tuesday afternoon. The party, sponsored by Martin County Home Health and Tripple C Health Systems, Inc., included activities, decorating cupcakes and cookies, punch, music and was followed by announcing the Marcy House 2014 Valentine Queen and King.

Guild's fundraiser Saturday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
 Managing Editor

A night's stay at the Hotel Settles, jewelry and tickets to theater shows at Howard College, the Midland Community Theater and Big Spring High School are just a few of the prizes Crossroads residents can go home with following a weekend fashion show fundraiser.

Emphasis is on the fashion show, of course, but it's always a bonus to win a prize or two.

The best news is it's not too late to obtain tickets to the Symphony Guild's "Music to My Heart" Valentine Brunch and 20's Fashion Show. The annual event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry. Tickets are \$15 each.

"Each guest will receive brunch with gourmet tea or coffee, 1920's trivia, table favors and door prizes donated by area businesses," said Eulaine McIntosh, Guild spokesperson. "The menu for the "Music to My Heart" brunch will be bacon or ham quiche, cheesy hash browns, mixed fruit, homemade muffins and biscuits, orange juice, and coffee."



McIntosh

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FISD officials debate future of Elbow campus

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — While construction on a \$14 million elementary school proceeds on schedule, Forsan school district officials are searching to solve another facility issue — what to do with the Elbow campus when the new school opens.

"We've doing a lot of talking and planning to figure out how we can use that building for educational purposes," said Randy Johnson, superintendent of Forsan Independent School District, who presented a list of ideas on how to utilize the building to trustees at their monthly meeting Monday.

Unfortunately, Johnson



Johnson

said, those suggestions also needs funds, something the district hasn't been able to secure at this point.

"We loved to have an Ag program out there," Johnson said. "We would love to some other career and technology programs run out of that building, but unless we have buy-in by some other group at this point those ideas don't seem financial feasible.

"We are continuing to work on that," Johnson continued. "I know this is a concern for the trustees and the public. We want to make sure everybody is made aware that we haven't ignored that. What

that future is going to be right now, we don't have any answers."

Johnson stressed that school officials are continuing to research way to continue to use and maintain the long-time Elbow community landmark.

"That's been our hope along to find a use for that, but we are in a critical time to either come up with a way to finance those ideas or start looking at what are we going to do if we can't run a program in there," he said. "How do we handle the finances of maintaining the building and making sure it is not an eyesore, it's not a health hazard. Nobody wants to just abandon it and let it fall down. We are just trying

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Trustees OK new calendar

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — If everything goes as planned, Forsan school students will spend one less day in class come the 2014-2015 school year.

Trustees with the Forsan Independent School District approved a 176-school day calendar at their meeting Monday night tacking on one extra holiday for students only in October.

"The calendar is very similar to this year," said Ran-

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Obituaries

Seferino 'Nino' Guevara



Seferino "Nino" Guevara, 65, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday Feb. 11, 2014, at Senior Care Center of Midland. Vigil service is 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 15, 1948, in Pearsall, Texas, to Minerva and Santos Guevara. He married his wife, Mary, on Aug. 17, 1969, in Stanton, Texas. He was a Korean War U.S. Army veteran and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. He was a resident of Howard County for almost 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Guevara, of Big Spring; two daughters, Rachel Garza and husband, Lupe, of Big Spring and Yvette Martinez and husband, Joe, also of Big Spring; four sisters, Angelita Morales and husband, Fredrico, of Hart, Texas, Ali-

cia Marquez of Stanton, Abby Villa and husband, Clemente, of Stanton and Alma Villa and husband, Ray, of Midland; two brothers, Joe Guevara and wife, Gloria, of San Antonio, Texas, and David Guevara and wife, Tencha, of Monahans, Texas; eight grandchildren, Jacob Garza and wife, Sophia, Isaac Garza and wife, Taylor, Marissa Garza, Jennifer Bender and husband, Calvin, Donna Martinez and husband, Gus, Cynthia Martinez, Allen Martinez and Isabella Martinez; eight great-grandchildren, Liah Garza, Jacob Garza Jr., Hayden Garza, Gabby Bender, Isiah Bender, Miah Bender, Manny Bender and Messiah Martinez.

Serving as pallbearers are Jacob Garza, Isaac Garza, Anthony Guevara, Benny Hernandez, Ray Ray Villa, Fabian Morales, Fred Morales and Miguel Morales. Honorary pallbearers are Jacob Garza, Jr., Hayden Garza and Allen Martinez.

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

Paid obituary

Raymond (Ray) Benard Allison



Ray passed from this world and entered into Heaven on Feb. 11, 2014, at 1:47 a.m. in the line of duty as a paramedic and doing what he loved.

Ray was born Nov. 28, 1961, in Joliet, Ill., to Raymond Burl and Darlene Hartman Allison.

Ray was a member of the ROTC in Odessa and graduated from Sterling High School in 1979. He started working in the oil field at an early age with his father, and worked for John Crane full-time. Ray became a paramedic for Sterling County EMS in 2003. He earned his associates degree in science and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse in 2005. He worked for Dr. McDaniel for 13 years in Big Spring and in Sterling City. He worked as a volunteer for the Sterling County EMS and was on call at the time of his death.

Ray was a devoted husband and father who loved spending time and traveling with his family. He married the love of his life, Elaine Stewart Allison on Oct. 16, 1994.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Burl Allison; sister, Beverly Ann Allison; great-niece, Tana Lee Bowen; brother-in-law, Calvin James Poindexter Sr.; and grandson, Aiden Guynes.

Ray is survived by his wife of 20 years, Lisa Allison; son, Benny Ray Allison and wife Wendy of Gail, Texas; Rayme Denise Allison of Lagovista, Texas, Ginny Lee and husband Luis Rivero of San Angelo, Texas, Heather Foley Higgins and husband Hunter of San Angelo, Texas, Tylor Guynes and wife Katie of Big Spring, Texas; mother, Darlene Hartman Allison of Odessa Texas; sisters, Dorothy Allison Poindexter of Odessa, Texas and Sandra Allison Bowen and husband Mike of Saint Jo, Texas; and brother, James Allison of Big Spring Texas,

Ray had six grandchildren and one on the way: Christian, Katherine, and William Higgins of San Angelo, Texas, Isabella Allison of Gail, Texas, and Noah and Haylie Rivero of San Angelo, Texas; nieces, Terri Poindexter Adams and husband Scott of Forney Texas, and Robbie Parrish of Bedford, Texas; nephews, Michael Bowen and wife Jessika of Saint Jo, Texas, Tyson Allison and wife Kristen of Georgia, Calvin Poindexter Jr. and wife Katrina of Odessa and Randy Parrish and wife PJ of Sterling City, Texas; several great-nieces and nephews and many good friends.


Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Sterling City from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday Feb. 15, 2014, at the First Baptist Church at 10 a.m. with graveside services to follow. A family luncheon will be at the Church of Christ Dinner Hall following the services.

Funeral Services are under the direction of Ross Funeral Home, Sterling City

Paid obituary

J. O. Chapman



J. O. Chapman, 90, of Big Spring, Texas died Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, in a local hospital. A private memorial service for the family will be at a later date.

He was born Oct. 20, 1923, in Knott, Howard County, Texas and married Helen Marcell Weaver April 10, 1943.

Sonny graduated valedictorian from his high school class, then briefly attended Texas Technological College, where he studied classes in animal sciences. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed at Big Spring Bombardier School for the duration of his service. He served an additional six months after the war ended in Rantoul, Ill.

He began a lifetime career at Bollinger's Meat Market and eventually owned and operated his own business, Chapman's Meat Market. The thing he enjoyed most in life was farming; he loved the farm people and farm life and thought that was the

only way to live.


Survivors include his wife, Helen Marcell Weaver Chapman of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Robbie and Jim Walker of Levelland, Texas; one son and daughter-in-law, Olan Marcellous and Marie Chapman; five grandchildren, Michelle Chapman and husband, Jon Pruitt, of Fairfield, Conn, David Cory Walker and wife, Jennifer, of Boulder, Colo., Jennifer Paige Hurst and husband, Jerred, of Lubbock, Texas, Laurie Jackson Allen and husband, Trenton, of Aspen, Colo., and Amanda Walling of Basalt, Colo.; four great-grandchildren, Hallie Anne and Luke Haynes Pruitt of Fairfield, Conn., Noah James and Ella Grace Hurst of Lubbock; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvie Franklin and Nona Myrtle Bronaugh Chapman; two brothers, Ardis and Maurice Chapman; and two sisters, Maureen Ringener and Evelyn Turner.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Lester Adams, Sr.



Lester Adams Sr., 84, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jim Binnix, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 31, 1929, in Big Spring and married Joyce Wilmuth May 31, 1950, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Feb. 8, 2007.

Lester was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict. He worked for Big Spring Gin for 43 years, retiring as superintendent in 1992.

He had been a member of Phillips Memorial Baptist Church for 28 years and also served as a deacon. He had been a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and was currently a member of Midway Baptist Church.


Survivors include two sons, Don Adams and wife, Melissa, of Big Spring and Joel L. Adams and wife, Kathy, of Duncanville, Texas; three daughters, Cindy Grizzard and husband, Jim, of Grand Prairie, Texas, Shirley Harrison of Arlington, Texas, and Brandy Griffin of Hurst, Texas; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Hazel Stephens Adams.

The family suggests memorials to Gideons International, P. O. Box 133, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0133.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Dolly Shober



Dolly Shober, 74, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday Feb. 9, 2014, at her residence. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

She was born to Daun and Joe Ramirez Sept. 24, 1938, in San Saba, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She worked at Walmart until her retirement.

She is survived by one son, John Shober of Big Spring; two daughters, Josie Shober of Big Spring and Daun Garrett and husband, Chesley, also of Big Spring; two brothers, Joe Ramirez and wife, Gail, of Vidor, Texas and Frank "JR" Mayhew of San Angelo, Texas; and one sister, Christine Sparks of Big Spring; and seven grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Tilley, and one sister, Frances "Buch" Holt.

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

Junior Ringener

Junior Ringener, 86, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, at a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Rosemarie Speaker

Rosemarie Speaker, 76, of Big Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at a Midland nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police/Fire/EMS

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

- ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO, 23, of 1900 Martin Luther King Boulevard No. 613, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failed to control speed, fail to appear, assault by contact and fail to use safety seat system - child less than age 8 or less than 4'9" tall.

- DAVID YOUNG, 76, of 711 Abrams was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for theft of service greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$50.

- RUNAWAY reported at the 2600 block of Langely.

- THEFT was reported at the 1900 block of N. Highway 87, the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, the 500 block of Birdwell, the 2100

block of Scurry and the 200 block of Jefferson.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 400 block of NW 11th Pl.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 900 block of E. 16th St.

- TELEPHONE HARASSMENT was reported at the 800 block of W. FM 700.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- RIGOBERTO VASQUEZ was booked by HCSO on charges of evading arrest with vehicle, evading arrest/detention and pos-

session of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

- ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO was booked by BSPD on capias warrants for fail to control speed, violate promise to appear, assault physical contact, safety seat system - child less than age 8 or less than 4' 9" tall.

- DAVID YOUNG was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of service greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500.

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

Friday:
• MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of E. FM 700.

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Deborah Evans



Deborah Evans, 63, of Big Spring, Texas, died Sunday Feb. 9, 2014, at San Angelo Community Hospital. Funeral services will be Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. William T. Vaughn officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born to Dorothy and Jasper McGruder in Boston, Mass., Oct. 1, 1950. She lived in Big Spring for more than 45 years, coming from San Antonio, Texas. She worked for the Big Spring Herald as advertising manager until retiring because of a medical disability. She was a member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Hilary Payne, of Big Spring; two sons, Dennis Hartfield and wife V of Savannah, Texas, and Vincent Payne of Tempe, Ariz.; one daughter, Dawn Hartfield and husband, Alex, of Big Spring; two brothers, Kenneth McGruder and David McGruder, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Jacqueline Wilson of Chicago, Ill., and Beverly Easley of Dallas, Texas; and five grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother, Richard McGruder.

Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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One in jail, three sought following 15-mile chase

Herald Staff Report

A high-speed chase that covered 15 miles and involved law enforcement officers from several agencies resulted in one man being arrested and three others still at large.

At approximately 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Howard County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to Stallings Road and the south service road of Interstate 20 in reference to a disturbance between the occupants of two vehicles. Soon afterward, deputies located one of the vehicles and initiated a traffic stop. However, the vehicle refused to stop, HCSO information states.

The chase that followed involved officers with HCSO, Big Spring Police Department, Glasscock County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety, as

well as tracking dogs supplied by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The suspects' vehicle eventually crashed on Hamby Road near Highway 461 in Glasscock County. Four suspects inside the vehicle then fled on foot.

Shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday, one of the suspects, identified as Rigoberto Vasquez, 18, was located and taken into custody. HCSO was still working to identify the three other suspects as of Wednesday afternoon.

A search of the vehicle recovered two firearms and a quantity of controlled substance. The vehicle, drugs and weapons were seized as evidence in the investigation.

Vasquez was jailed on charges of evading arrest or detention in a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

CALENDAR

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dy Johnson, superintendent for Forsan ISD. "The only difference is Oct 13, Columbus Day."

"We are trying to work on our math and science scores," Johnson explained. "We felt like that was a good time to do some staff training specially targeting those areas. We wanted to get the first part of the year over with ... to wait to get into the routine of school, so teachers can get focus on looking at vertical alignment

between grade levels in math and science."

The schedule is still tentative, Johnson added, until the Texas Education Agency approves waivers to allow the district to cut class instruction time from the state mandated 180-day calendar.

"We (Forsan ISD) have traditionally gone to school for 177 days but in order to do that we have to have a waiver from the state," Johnson said. "Anything less than 180 days calls for that waiver from the state. We use those three days for staff training in the summer time. We really like that

because it keeps teachers in the classroom more during the school year. They are getting most of their training in the summer time. We've also reduced the number of substitute teachers we have to use during the school year. So we apply for a waiver to go down to 177 days in school and a second waiver to take off on Oct. 13."

The Forsan ISD school calendar for 2014-2015 is as follows: Aug. 25, school begins; Sept 1, Labor Day, no classes for students and teachers; Oct. 13, Columbus Day, student holiday, staff training day; Nov. 26-28, classes suspended for the

Thanksgiving holiday; Dec. 22-Jan. 2, Christmas break.

Teacher in-service will be held on Jan. 5 with students returning Jan. 6 for second semester classes. The first scheduled bad weather make day is Feb 16, President's Day. Spring break holiday is scheduled March 16-20. Good Friday holiday is April 3 and the second bad weather holiday is set for May 25, Memorial Day. Last day of classes is May 29 with a teacher in-service day on May 30.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

ELBOW

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to figure out how to move forward with it. "Our promise to the folks during the bond election was we would give a thorough investigation of educational uses of that building

before we turn to something else," Johnson continued. "We are in the middle of that process."

As for the construction of the new elementary school, trustees received a short update from both the construction company and architects of the project's current standing. Ground

work began last week as the area was scrapped to remove brush and trees.

"We will go out to bid for the second phase sometime next week and those should be due back on March 6," Johnson said. "They board will probably review those bids in their next meeting in March."

The project is part of the a \$23 million bond. A ground breaking ceremony for the new campus is set for 4 p.m. Monday.

Trustees also:
• Elected Lewis Boeker as the new board vice president.
• Swore in Darren Weaver as a trustee.
• Ordered trustee elec-

tions for May.

• Renewed administrative contracts.
• Approved financial reports.
• Approved adoption of 2009 International Building Code and 2006 IECC Energy Code.

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GUILD

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The fashion show will be presented by Karen Graves, Midland Community Theater costumer. Howard College Diplomats will help serve brunch and residents from around Howard

County will model for the event.

Emcee will be Bruce Schooler, Big Spring Symphony board member, incoming president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and co-owner of Red Barn Photography.

A silent auction, featuring the aforementioned prizes as well as gifts from a number of area merchants, will also be held. Monies raised will go to the Symphony Guild, an arm of the Big Spring Symphony Association. Guild programs include education, fundraising, service and scholarships.

tioned prizes as well as gifts from a number of area merchants, will also be held. Monies raised will go to the Symphony Guild, an arm of the Big Spring Symphony Association. Guild programs include education, fundraising, service and scholarships.

The symphony orchestra holds about five concerts each year, the next of which is at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, featuring guest Conductor John Giordano and Fei-Foi Dong, pianist.

For more information on Saturday's fundraiser or to make reserva-

tions, contact McIntosh at 432-264-7671.

"School-aged children are welcome with an accompanying adult. Bring a friend and dress if you like in 1920's attire," said McIntosh.

Tickets can be obtained from any Guild member.

POLICE

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• MEDICAL call reported at the 800 block of W. 14th St. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Saturday:
• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at the 1100 block of Gregg. Two patients transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of Lamesa Highway. One patient transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA reported at the 2000 block of S. Gregg. No transport.

• MEDICAL call re-

ported at the 1800 block of Mittel.

• TRAUMA reported at the 3600 block of Connally. No transport.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One patient transported to SMMC.

• GRASS FIRE reported at the 1600 block of Jennings. Extinguished.

Sunday:
• MEDICAL call reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700. One patient transported to SMMC.

Monday:
• MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Parkway.

• MEDICAL call reported at he 1400 block of Wood. One patient transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA call reported at the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1100 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

Tuesday:
• PUBLIC SERVICE at the 600 block of NW 7th St. No transport.

• TRAUMA reported at the 2300 block of Wasson. One patient transported to SMMC.

• PUBLIC SERVICE at the 4600 block of Aspen. Service refused.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 4200 block of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA reported at

the 3700 block of Wright. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 3300 block of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC.

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

• MEDICAL call reported at the 900 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1600 block of E. 11th Pl. One patient transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Simler. One patient transported to SMMC.

Take note

• American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the post home, 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be available from 11 until 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$10 each. Everyone is welcome.

• Food 2 Kids of Big Spring is having an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 18 at Garrett Hall located at the First United Methodist Church Big Spring. Food 2 Kids provides food to elementary aged students who do not receive enough food from the school provided lunch on Friday until they return to school Monday morning. This invitation is extended to groups and churches who would like to get involved.

• The Big Spring Art Association will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the basement at the Howard County Library. Anyone interested in art is welcome.

• The Northside Community Center will not be offering the Parent Education Program (PEP) until further notice. For

more information, call (432) 263-2673 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• A certified food handler course will be offered at Dora Roberts Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$200 per person. For more information, call 264-2303.

• Healthy Woman is "Celebrating 50 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 Dufor at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Howard College Student Union Building cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 apiece.

WANTED

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offenders. There are several ways to provide anonymous tips:

• Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

• Text the letters DPS — followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

• Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

• Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10most-wanted> by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

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Anita Bustamante, 72, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us realize, oh Lord, that there are always those who need help more than we do.

Amen

Still one nation under God

We used to characterize the Soviet Union as a godless, evil empire. Like many societies based on communism or socialism, the Soviets saw fit to minimize the importance of God and, in many cases, wreaked unimaginable persecution on religious people.

Why is faith in God anathema to such states? It's because they need to remove any authority other than themselves as the arbiter of right and wrong.

Interestingly, last year Russian President Vladimir Putin criticized Euro-Atlantic countries, including the United States, of becoming godless and moving away from Christian values. Some may bristle at such an accusation, but when you consider that many Americans are hesitant even to mention God or Jesus in public, there may be some validity to his claim. We also casually have tossed out many of the principles espoused in the Bible and have concluded that there's no authority greater than man himself.

The separation clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is inappropriately applied to a host of situations that involve religion. By reinterpreting the law to mean separation of God and state, as opposed to the original intent of keeping the church from having undue influence over state affairs and keeping government from ruling the church, secular progressives have succeeded de facto in redefining part of the Constitution. Such success, however, can only be lasting if “we the people” continue to yield our values and beliefs in order to get along.

A number of years ago, some lawyers approached me to advise that we could not hang our “Think

Big” banners in public schools. They claimed the “G” stood for God, and this would be tantamount to government endorsement of religion, which would be contrary to the First Amendment. I countered that the First Amendment also forbids government suppression of religious expression and suggested we pursue this argument at the U.S. Supreme Court.

This may have seemed like a bold and reckless statement, but it wasn't. I knew I would be going to the Supreme Court the next week to receive the Jefferson award and figured I would bring up this issue while I was there. And I did.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said we were nowhere near violating the First Amendment and that of course we could put up our banners in a public school without constitutional infringement. In this case, I did not back down in the face of bogus accusations, and we prevailed.

We all must have the courage to fight for our beliefs, just as our predecessors fought for our future.

While there is no question that our Judeo-Christian values have taken a hit in recent years, we have not yet reached the point of a totally godless government that sets itself up as the supreme authority and giver of rights. As a nation, we must decide definitively whether we believe in God and godly principles. We must decide whether we revere the Bible and what it means when our elected officials take their oaths of office with one hand upon it. If we do nothing, we allow by default the elimination of God as a central figure in our culture.

As secular progressives try to remove all vestiges of God from our society, let us remember the godly principles of loving our fellow man, caring about our neighborhoods, developing our God-given talents to the utmost so that we become valuable to the people around us, and maintaining high principles that govern our lives.



BEN CARSON

Campaigns battle journalists

I have rarely met a political operative who believes that journalism is actually on the level.

They do not believe that journalism is agenda-free or that a journalist's only agenda is to report the truth without “fear or favor.”

Journalists claim to have standards, but the political operative is hard-pressed to see what those standards might be. The only real standard seems to be to wallow in scandal and controversy. The slightest bobble, misstatement or evidence of human failing by a politician is pounced upon by the journalist with the same glee as a cat has pouncing upon a mouse.

To the operative, reporters are trouble, and the best solution to this trouble is to keep the candidates as far away from the press as possible except for scripted moments, such as speeches, and unavoidable moments that can be prepared for (i.e., rehearsed), such as debates.

There is a problem with this, however, as we look forward — and you are looking forward, aren't you? — to the presidential campaigns of 2016, which will begin this year. (Hillary Clinton told ABC's Barbara Walters that she “will look carefully at what” she thinks she “can do and make that decision” in 2014.)

Today anybody with access to the Internet can be a journalist. And keeping a candidate away from credentialed reporters does not solve as many problems as it used to.

What really got candidates in trouble in the most recent two presidential campaigns? Comments made by candidates who assumed no reporters were in the room.

The only big mistake Barack Obama made in his 2008 campaign was telling a crowd at what he thought was a private \$1,000-per-person fundraiser in San Francisco that when small-town voters “get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who

aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.”

The campaign had kept reporters away from the event, but Mayhill Fowler, an Obama supporter and donor, had gotten a ticket and captured Obama's remarks on her digital recorder. Aside from being an Obama partisan — Fowler had contributed the maximum \$2,300 to Obama's campaign — Fowler viewed herself as a “citizen journalist” who wrote a blog for a website published by The Huffington Post.

Fowler knew that Obama might be damaged if his remarks got out, which is why she sat on her story for days. But after talking to a number of people, including her editor, she decided to publish Obama's comments.

The results were explosive. Clinton attacked Obama, saying she had grown up in a “churchgoing family” and “the people of faith” she knows “don't ‘cling to’ religion because they're bitter.”

Clinton also told crowds that her father taught her to shoot when she was young.

“Americans who believe in the Second Amendment believe it's a constitutional right,” Clinton said. “Americans who believe in God believe it's a matter of personal faith.”

Obama, in a rare moment of understatement, responded: “I didn't say it as well as I should have.”

The Obama campaign was furious with Fowler, saying she had attended a donor-only, closed press event and then had betrayed the campaign by acting like a journalist.

“We had a fundamental misunderstanding of my priorities,” Fowler would later say. “Mine were as a reporter, not as a supporter. They thought I would put the role of supporter first.”

“I'm 61,” she said in another interview. “I can't believe I would be one of the people who's changing the world of media.”

But she was. Typically, reporters are forbidden by their employers to contribute to political campaigns, but Fowler didn't view herself as operating under such conventional rules.

The campaign operatives had no

Our Judeo-Christian values led this nation to the pinnacle of the world in record time. If we embrace them, they will keep us there.

While we Americans are giving a cold shoulder to our religious heritage, the Russians are warming to religion. The Russians seem to be gaining prestige and influence throughout the world as we are losing ours. I wonder whether there is a correlation.

There are many well-documented stories about God's intervention on behalf of our country during the War of Independence, but one of my favorites involves the Constitutional Convention in 1787. The delegates could not reach consensus on how the Constitution should be written, and the rancor threatened to destroy the fledgling union.

Benjamin Franklin, who was 81 years old, stood before the entire assembly and reminded them of their frequent prayers during the war against Great Britain. At his suggestion, they knelt and prayed — and then went on to put together a 16-page document known as the Constitution of the United States, one of the most admired documents in history. From that point forward, congressional sessions were started with prayer.

Second Chronicles 7:14 says, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sins and will heal their land.”

These instructions are clear, and secular progressives will shun them. They may control much of the media, but we should not allow them to control our beliefs.

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defense for this except to screen audiences even more carefully than they already did or advise the candidates to say nothing that had not been preapproved. Which they already did. A lot.

But even that doesn't work in a world where everyone is a citizen journalist.

In May 2012, Mitt Romney held a \$50,000-per-plate off-the-record fundraiser at a private home in Boca Raton, Fla., where he delivered what became known as his “47 percent” remarks.

He said: “There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right? There are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it. ... My job is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives.”

A bartender at the event surreptitiously recorded Romney. The video was obtained and published by David Corn of Mother Jones.

Again, the remarks were explosive. To some, they represented the remarks of an uncaring fat cat. Romney denied that but was forced to reply: “Well, um, it's not elegantly stated; let me put it that way.”

When, after the campaign, Dan Balz asked Romney about his remarks for Balz's book “Collision 2012,” Romney denied making the last part of the statement, even though it had been captured on videotape.

“Actually, I didn't say that,” Romney told Balz. “That's how it began to be perceived, and so I had to ultimately respond to the perception, because perception is reality.”

And in a world where perception is reality and everyone, including donors and bartenders, is a shaper of perception, what's a poor campaign operative to do?

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ROGER SIMON



Celebrating the Chinese New Year 2014 the year of the Horse



Courtesy photos

Parent volunteer, Traci Kendrick, in honor of her son, Toryn, celebrated the Chinese New Year in Mrs. Patti Adam's class recently. Tracy provided hats, art activities and refreshments for the whole class.

Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

Big Spring High School, along with Howard College, will proudly host seniors and their parents for a night of information regarding financial aid on Tuesday Feb. 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. A presentation will be held by Howard College and then time will be given for parents and students to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



MELISSA MILLER

Any senior who is considering attending college in the fall needs to

complete this application. Students may not qualify for federal aid, but most scholarships require that a student have a FAFSA on file with the college of attendance. You may bring your income tax if complete. For those who have not completed their taxes, please bring social security numbers for both parent and student. You are required to link your FAFSA with the IRS site, so this is essential.

Goliad Elementary

Goliad PTA held their first Valentine's Dance last Friday. The event was a huge success, with many students and parents in attendance.

Melissa Miller is an educational diagnostician at Big Spring High School.

Coahoma Jr High choir students earn medals at Region 6 contest



Courtesy photo

Three Coahoma singers earned Division I ratings and medals at Region 6 Junior High Solo & Ensemble contest Saturday, Feb. 8, in Midland, Texas. They are pictured from left, Julia Mashburn, seventh grader; Raegan Deel, eighth grader; and Brynn Workman, 8th grader.



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Howard College and SWCID students clean up the ceramics studio which is just one part of learning the process of creating ceramics and running an art studio.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 6

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Look Before You Leap

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 6 2
♥ K Q 10 9 4
♦ J 9 8
♣ 7 6 5

WEST

♠ J 7 4 3
♥ 6
♦ K 10 7 5 4
♣ J 9 2

EAST

♠ Q 10 8 5
♥ A 7 5 3 2
♦ 3
♣ Q 10 3

SOUTH

♠ A K 9
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ A K 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3 NT	

* transfer to hearts

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

Bridge is admittedly not an easy game, but the sad fact is that the overwhelming majority of mistakes made occur on relatively easy hands, rather than on the difficult ones.

Consider this deal where South was in three notrump and West led a diamond. Declarer won the trick with dummy's eight, played a heart to his jack, which held, and continued with another heart, taken by East's ace.

East shifted to a spade, won by

the king, and declarer returned a low diamond from his A-Q-6 toward the J-9, hoping to get to dummy and cash three heart tricks. But West went up with the king and returned a spade, and South finished down one, scoring only eight tricks — two spades, a heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

Declarer could have assured the contract against any lie of the opposing cards had he not fallen asleep at the switch. All he had to do was to win the opening lead with the queen of diamonds rather than with dummy's eight.

Now after East takes the second heart lead with the ace, there is nothing the defense can do to stop the contract. Let's say East shifts to a spade as before. South wins and leads the two of diamonds, taken by West with the king. West leads another spade, but school is out. Declarer takes the spade, leads the diamond six to dummy's jack, cashes three hearts and winds up making five notrump!

While it might seem wasteful to win the first diamond with the queen after dummy's eight holds the trick, it is unquestionably the correct play. If instead you impulsively let the eight win the first trick and then start thinking about what to do next, you discover why the easiest hands are sometimes the toughest.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.



Opinion

Big Spring High School
Journalism Department

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that will not work

Behind every success, there are multiple failures behind it. Ronald Reagan failed to gain presidency in 1968 and 1976. Albert Einstein could not speak until he was four years old. He later won the Nobel Prize in physics.

Harland David Sanders, the famous KFC "Colonel," couldn't sell his chicken. More than 1,000 restaurants rejected him. But then one did, and today there are KFC restaurants bearing his image all over the world. Marilyn Monroe's first contract with Columbia Pictures expired because they told her she wasn't pretty or talented enough to be an actress. Monroe is now one of the most iconic actresses and sex symbols of all time.

Vincent Van Gogh only sold one painting in his entire life, to a friend. Today, his works are priceless. The road to success is paved with failures, but it only gets in the way if it is seen as a blockade.

Failure in itself is something that has been debated for hundreds of years, and there still are many questions regarding what the line is between failure and success.

For some people, such as Danielle Davis, a freshman at Big Spring High School, failing is, "when you don't work your hardest and you get an F, it's not getting the grades you want."

While others, such as Leah Burton, a sophomore at BSBS, believe that failing, "it's not at least reaching the goal you set for yourself." Despite its many definitions, one thing binds them all together, and that is, "Failure is not an option," as said by NASA flight controller Jerry C. Bostick during the mission to bring the damaged Apollo 13 back to Earth.

Society today is based around the ideal that any failure at all means that there can never be any growth or success from that failure.

Under this paradigm, everyone is a failure, which is puzzling since some of the greatest innovations started with the greatest failures.

Thomas Edison was recorded to 'fail' one thousand times before he successfully created the light bulb that revolutionized the way we view the night. The untold truth about this history lesson is that Edison never knew that he would succeed, and if he were in our world today he would be a laughing stock for trying something that has already failed one thousand times.

As Chris Hardwick once said, "No human ever became interesting by not failing. The more you fail and recover and improve, the better you are as a person. Ever meet someone who's always had everything work out for them with zero struggle?"

However, everybody cannot be Thomas Edison since many lack something that was key to his success: motivation and the willingness to act on that motivation.

As Caleb Chandler, a sophomore at BSBS, pointed out that many students fail academically because, "they spend half their time sitting on their phone in the middle of class, they continuously talk and then they blame the teacher for not teaching them."

This lack of interest in success is the root of all failure, because without a foundation, whatever is built will eventually crumble. This disinterest stems from "the fear of failure," as an article from INC.com suggests. It is this

fear of failure or ridicule of not doing something to the perfect standard of society that causes people to turn away from challenges, give up too early, or not try at all and eventually leading to failure.

But failure isn't something to be feared and avoided, because that is impossible.

As Aron Rios, senior at BSBS said, "you're going to fail at some point, the time when you are at failure the most is when you don't put in enough time to try to achieve something." Rather than blindly running from failure in hopes of avoiding it, it should be seen as a lesson to learn and grow from, because no will knows when trying one more try will result in success unless they risk failure.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill failed the sixth grade and lost every role for public office he ran for until he became the British prime minister at the age of 62.

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Importance of reading

Literate people read more fiction. To me, fiction has two uses. First of all, it's a gateway drug to reading. They want to know what happens next, to turn the page, the need to keep going because something bad is happening and you have to know how it's going to end.

Reading forces you to learn new words you never knew, to think new thoughts, and to keep going, to discover that reading is pleasurable and once you figure that out, you're on the road to reading anything and everything. Reading is the key. There were things said, a few years ago, about the idea that we were living in a post-literate world, but those days are long gone. Words are more important now than ever, we navigate the world with words, and as the world slips onto the web, we need to follow, to communicate and to understand what we are reading. People who cannot comprehend one another cannot exchange ideas and cannot communicate.

The simplest way to ensure we raise literate children in the younger generations is to teach them to read and show them that reading can be fun. Meaning, finding them books they enjoy and giving them access to books instead of letting them surf the web and play video games all day. It's okay to have fun on the Internet and use your thumbs to play games, but only to a certain point. Adults can easily destroy a child's want to read by stopping them to read what they'll like, or by giving them dull books that'll cause them to lose interest. Children need to read anything they enjoy. It can help move them up, step by step, into literacy.

Secondly, fiction builds empathy. When you watch TV or a movie, you see the things happening to other people and sometimes get drawn into their world. With reading you get in more touch with the characters in the book, feel certain things, and visit places and worlds you never knew about. You put your self in the character's shoes and become them. You feel what they're going through and began to understand the book more.

Fiction can show you a different world. It can take you places you've never been. Once you visit those other worlds you can never be fully content with reality. Reading teaches you so many things, but not everyone knows that. If they would just pick up a book they think they'll like and get to reading.

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Should busy, stressed-out kids have to do chores?

By LISA A. FLAM

Associated Press

It's the dirty work of home life: dusting the shelves, mopping the floors and doing the laundry, load after load. Yet asking kids to help has gotten harder for some parents, caught up in the blur of today's competitive, time-pressed, child-focused world.

"Parents feel very conflicted about getting their kids involved in housework," says child psychologist Eileen Kennedy-Moore, who sees a wide range of what kids are asked to do and how strongly the completion of chores is enforced.

Parents feel resentful if their kids don't help, she says, yet many worry about adding housework to their children's burden, already so heavy with school, sports and other activities that many don't get enough sleep.

"It's another thing on the to-do list, and it seems less important than making sure they did their homework or get to soccer practice," said Kennedy-Moore, a co-author of "Smart Parenting for Smart Kids" (Jossey-Bass, 2011).

Miriam Arond, director of the Good Housekeeping Research Institute, notes a change over the last two decades, with parents now feeling "tremendous pressure" to enrich their children, hiring tutors before they fall behind, just for a leg up. And with many parents working, and kids busy after school, family time is more precious.

Yet kids should still be expected to pitch in, experts say. Through chores, children gain a feeling of competence as they learn skills that will carry into adulthood, and they benefit by making a contribu-

tion to their family.

"It's very important to counter a sense of entitlement," says Arond.

"It's important emotionally because it gives children the sense that they can do something, that they're part of the family, that we're all in this together," she says. "Emotionally, parents don't realize that it is very strengthening for a child. It helps them feel secure, they have a role, they feel rooted.

Sometimes parents feel apologetic about giving children chores."

Not first lady Michelle Obama, who has talked about her daughters having to make their own White House beds.

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ANSWERS

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3	2	6	4	9	5	1	7	8
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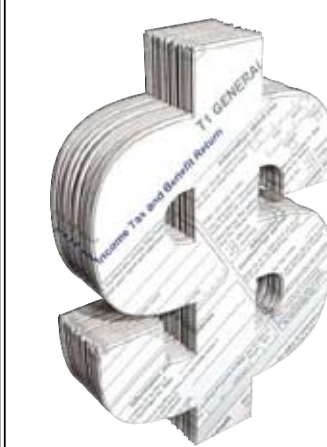
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Steers, Buffs set to open playoff runs

Big Spring enters playoffs as No. 3 seed from 4-3A

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Although Big Spring High School head coach Ian Ritchey isn't thrilled at losing a game at any point in the season, the Steers' first-year head coach wasn't overly concerned with his team's loss on Friday in their regular-season finale

against Snyder. The game, in essence, meant nothing as Big Spring had already locked up the No. 3 playoff seed in the District 4-3A race.

The Steers will ramp up their intensity level this week as they prepare to begin their postseason run with a bi-district



File photo
Tyler Evans and the Forsan Buffaloes will face Springlake-Earth or Morton in the first round.

Forsan in 'wait and see' mode for bi-district matchup

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes know only one thing about the Class A, Division I state playoffs. They are going to be in it.

After that, head coach Gary Huckabee said his team isn't really sure about much else. The

who, what and when of their bi-district round matchup will all be decided Friday when Morton and Springlake-Earth meet in a district playoff to determine the No. 3 seed in the District 5-A standings.

"We'll just have to wait and see," said Huckabee. See **FORSAN**, Page 15A

Hawks to host Frank Phillips

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

For the Howard College Hawks, the quest for a berth in the Region V Basketball Tournament comes down to the simple concept. Win more games than Western Texas College and New Mexico Junior College over the next month.

The Howard College Hawks can take a huge step toward securing a berth in the regional tonight against the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen. A win would send the Hawks into the final four-game stretch of the season with a slim lead over NMJC and WTC.

The Hawks, powered by the play of sophomore point guard David "Pepe" Joseph, Travis Charles and Jalin Barnes, enter tonight's game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum sitting in third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with an 8-3 record. NMJC is one-half game back with an 8-4 mark. Western Texas is currently fifth at 7-5.

Only the top four teams in the WJCAC standings will advance to the regional tournament.

Howard College, 20-5 overall, will be facing a Plainsmen team fighting desperately to keep its playoff hopes alive. FPC has struggled in conference play. Frank Phillips, 14-11 overall, is 4-7 in WJCAC play. A loss to the Hawks would leave the Plainsmen three games behind NMJC in the race for the No. 4 seed.

The Howard College women will be looking to snap a two-game slide against the FPC Lady Plainsmen tonight, starting at 5:45 p.m.

The Lady Hawks enter the game at 11-14 overall, and 2-9 in WJCAC play). Frank Phillips is 16-7 and 4-6.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Ira's Kohl Rich (13) and Rilee Dunn (2) accept the bi-district championship trophy from Howard College's Shana Brasel on Wednesday evening. Ira claimed a 50-48 victory in front of a large crowd.

Lady Bulldogs edge past Sterling City, 50-48

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Ira High School Lady Bulldogs added some precious metal to their trophy case on Wednesday night by grabbing a thrilling 40-48 win over the Sterling City Lady Eagles in a Class A bi-district playoff game played in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The win was anything but easy.

Ira built a six-point lead midway through the fourth quarter, but was forced to withstand a late rally by Sterling City to escape with the

win. The Lady Eagles' had a chance to win the game at the buzzer, but Ashlynn Kilpatrick's last-second three-point attempt fell just short.

With the win, Ira will advance to the Area round of the Region II playoffs to face Cross Plains.

Sterling City got off to a quick start against Ira. Led by five first-quarter points from Brittany Rauch, the SCHS girls battled their way to an early 16-12 lead.

Allie Claxton helped Ira stay close in the opening minutes. She led the IHS offensive attack with a pair of three-

pointers.

Priscilla De Luna helped Ira rally back in the second. The IHS senior scored seven of her 11 points in the second and spearheaded a 16-7 run that sent the Lady Bulldogs into the half holding a 26-22 lead.

Rauch helped Sterling City answer back in the third. She pushed eight of her game-high 21 points in the first eight minutes of the second half and enabled the Lady Eagles to move to within one, at 39-38 heading into the fourth quarter.

Rilee Dunn also finished with 11 for Ira.



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Ira's Priscilla De Luna drives past a Sterling City defender during the fourth quarter of the Lady Bulldogs' bi-district playoff game in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Grady sets playoff schedules

The Grady High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will see plenty of action over the next few days.

The Grady Lady Cats will begin their playoff run on Friday evening when they face Sierra Blanca. The game will be played in Monahans.

The GHS boys will play Shamrock in a practice game on Saturday, starting at 3 p.m., in the Canyon High School gym.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Echo room ...

A total of eight fans packed into the Eagles' Nest at Pecos High School on Tuesday to watch the Big Spring Lady Steers defeat Fabens in the first-round of the Class 3A playoffs.

Big Spring JV softball tournament gets started

Softball enthusiasts can take heart. The 2014 high school season is under way.

The Big Spring Lady Steers' junior varsity kicked off its annual tournament earlier today with pool play. In all, 15 teams from through West Texas will be playing in the event, which will run through Saturday at Steer Park.

Today's games will be pool play. Greenwood, Forsan, Snyder, Colo-

rado City and Andrews will be in Pool A. Pool B is comprised of Lamesa, Big Spring, Tahoka, Odessa High and Levelland. Midland Lee, Coahoma, Wylie, Monahan and Lakeview are in Pool C.

On Friday, all three local teams will be in action. Forsan will play Lamesa at noon, while Coahoma faces Presidio at noon. The Big Spring junior varsity will play Levelland at 2 p.m.

Heat rally past Duke for 23-22 win

In the closest game of the year, the Heat held on for a 23-22 nail-biting victory over Duke in Big Spring Youth Basketball League's fifth/sixth grade division on Saturday.

Javarious Ford came out hot and scored all six points for the Heat in the first quarter. The Heat held a slim 6-3 lead after one.

Both teams had two buckets apiece in the second quarter and the Heat went to the locker room ahead 10-7.

Duke took the second half, outscoring the Heat by a 15-13 clip but fell a point short.

Ford led the Heat with 13 points, while Xavian Plunkett and Amarion Perez added four each. C.J. Enriquez paced Duke with eight points as Jared Marquez added five and Fredrick Ausbie pushed in four.



Courtesy photo

C.J. Enriquez throws up a shot between two Heat defenders during Duke's game in the Big Spring Youth Basketball League on Saturday. The Heat rallied for a 23-22 win.

Bulls 32, Lakers 11

The Bulls came away with a huge win in Week 3 by taking a 32-11 decision over the Lakers.

The Bulls were led by their guards, Isaac Murillo, who scored 15 points, and Ka'Triel Davenport, who poured in 12. Jordan Voight had five after starting the scoring with a three-point bomb.

The Lakers were led by Deqourian Gordon with

six points, while Isaiah Clemons and Jalen Hutcherson had a bucket apiece.

Thunder 27, So Fresh 7

In a game the Thunder had control of from start to finish, Eden Hernandez poured in 10 points while Louis Aguirre and Jimmy McDaniel had five and four, respectfully.

So Fresh was led by Cameron Williams, who controlled the boards and chipped in five points.

Bulldogs 23, Bearkats 20

In a game that was tied 12-12 at the half, the Bearkats came out and outscored the Bulldogs 7-1 in the third period. Then Jonathan Schneider took over under the basket and the Bull-

dogs came roaring back in the fourth quarter to claim the win.

Schneider did the dirty work in the paint and ended up with 13 points while his brother, Zack Schneider, added six from the outside.

The Bearkats were paced by Hunter McMillan with 10 points. Dakota Roberts chipped in five.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Keishawn Broussard puts up a shot during the Big Spring Steers' junior varsity win over Snyder on Tuesday.

JV Steers caps season with win over Snyder

The Big Spring High School Steers' junior varsity team found the perfect way to close out its 2013-14 season on Tuesday. They beat rival Snyder.

With the win, the Steers capped off a successful season in which they posted a 17-5 record.

Israel Oquin and Will Green led the Steers' of-

fensive attack against Snyder. Oquin pumped in in a game-high 12 points, while Green scored 11.

K.J. Davenport also played well for the Steers on the offensive end. He finished the game with nine points.

Green finished the contest as the Steers' top rebounder.

BSCC set 4-person golf scramble for next weekend

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.

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FEB 28	*NMMI	BIG SPRING
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MAR 8	*WESTERN TEXAS	BIG SPRING
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MAR 29	*MIDLAND COLLEGE	BIG SPRING
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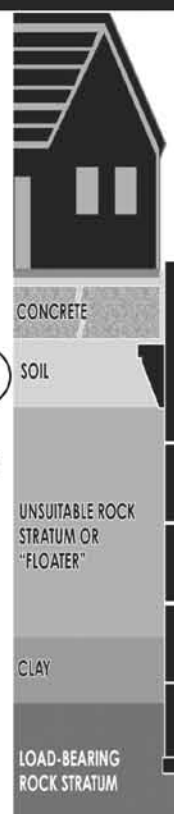
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Worldview Review

Some say acceptance is the road to heaven, and so there is no point in imagining things to be other than they are. Others get through life by imagining. Still others change the world by imagining. There is no wrong opinion on the matter. But whatever you believe, you'll be asked to defend it as Mercury has us reviewing our worldview.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The hype around Valentine's Day is something you're not entirely fine with, and yet if you don't do a bit of planning now, you're likely to regret it. It will take you less than an hour to get this together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Who needs your attention? Who deserves it? These may be two different people, and today you'll have to choose between them. You'll do the honorable thing, as long as you take the time to consider what that is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's your day to generate ideas, brainstorm and participate in other people's ideas -- not to the point of making promises, but just to the point of feeling kinship.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Retain hours of your life by casting the right person for the job. What takes one experienced person but a few minutes

Tomorrow's Horoscope

will take a newbie days, if not weeks and months.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Days of doing nothing at all are extremely valuable, especially during a Mercury retrograde such as this. Such days are a luxury to most people. If you are lucky enough to have this luxury, you'll feel the value of it today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The current cosmic backdrop highlights the dichotomies of your personality. You are becoming kinder and gentler, though you will fight ferociously for the circumstances that allow you to be that way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll meet with people. A good close is the sign of a good meeting. Recap the information that has come to light, and confirm the agreements that have been made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Dysfunction within a group may be the norm. Each person has their strengths and weaknesses, and those do not always mesh well in a group setting. Luckily, minimizing dysfunction is a talent of yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make sure you know what people really want before you give your opinion. Most people who ask for feedback are actually seeking attention and praise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Is there someone who stands to lose if your venture is successful? If so, this is best rooted out and dealt with immediately so it doesn't foul you up when you're closer to victory.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be

interacting in a group. It will benefit you to address certain members privately first. Ask about issues that might possibly arise and address them preemptively.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Complaining is useless. You'd rather spend your time finding ways to make things better. However, it may feel necessary to note problems privately to yourself so you can address them in an organized way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13). Your energy is high, and you'll lead your friends and family in events and activities they will never forget. There are many career opportunities to explore over the next eight weeks, but you will make a firm decision and be completely involved in one endeavor by the end of April. Promises will be exchanged in May. Pisces and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 14, 37, 3 and 40.

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL: HOW TO LOVE... LIBRA: Showing this sign affection means being there -- and there and there, too. Frequent if not constant togetherness is not only tolerated by Libra; it's preferred. SCORPIO: For this water sign, love is deep and wide and thus hard to convey through logic. Songs, poetry, stories, pictures and anything that moves the heart will be well received.

SAGITTARIUS: Doing something new and unique -- something you've only done with Sagittarius -- shows this sign how important you think he or she is.

CAPRICORN: Loving a Capricorn means letting all of the key people in your life know how you feel about that Capricorn. Honor, respect and affection (within reason) shown in group settings are important to Capricorn. **AQUARIUS:** Aquarius is a giver, but when it's time to let Aquarius know that you care, don't hold back, because this sign is a good receiver, too, and enjoys lots of interesting and surprising gifts of all kinds. **PISCES:** Take pictures on your dates with Pisces, and remember the details of your time together. Pisces loves to share memories. Watching old videos and going through pictures of your relationship is one of Pisces favorite ways to bond.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius Robbie Williams, who is among the bestselling music artists worldwide, recently released a follow-up swing album entitled "Swings Both Ways," featuring original songs and covers from some of his favorite fellow artists. This pop star was born when the moon was swinging in sensual Scorpio. With Venus and Mars in earth signs, excellent rhythm is a talent from the stars.

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Annie's Mailbox

to lie in bed, smoke and drink vodka. And that's my problem.

I have been meeting his requests for alcohol, but I feel guilty about it. I don't want to contribute to his death by facilitating his drinking, but I fear that depriving him only condemns him to an even more protracted demise.



KATHY MITCHELL
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refuses to be hospitalized or return to rehab, because he will not be allowed to smoke or drink, and he wants to die at home.

If Jim is to recover, he needs to stop drinking, eat well and exercise, and it would be such a long and arduous road that he does not believe he can do it. Am I right to make him comfortable? Is this compassion or wrongdoing? -- *His Friend*

Dear Friend: We're going to side with compassion, but please know what you are getting into. While Jim may tell you he is not suicidal, he is doing exactly that by a slower route. You cannot force him to choose life, but

you don't want to be overcome with guilt and remorse, either. (And frankly, drinking and smoking in bed is a fire waiting to happen.)

Dear Annie: Every gathering of my husband's family means my mother-in-law has to control the day, the conversation, everything. It sucks the life out of me. Not once does she listen to anyone else or ask how they are. She never inquires whether I'm OK. There is never a sincere two-sided conversation. Somehow, everything reverts back to her and her need for attention. She does not get along with (SET ITAL) her (END ITAL) in-laws and refuses to visit them. My father-in-law sees his side of the family on his own.

All I can say to every person considering marriage is: Open your eyes. If I had recognized this pattern earlier, as much as I love my husband, I wouldn't have married into this family. - *Glad the Holidays Are Over*

Dear Glad: We understand that she is difficult, but we feel sorry for your mother-in-law. She has no idea how to make friends or get people to like her. She must be a terribly unhappy person.

Dear Annie: You were

dead wrong in your response to "N.," who asked about helping his mother financially once her money runs out. He is under no obligation to support his mother after Mom blew through all of the money her husband left. This child has worked hard his whole life and owes his mother nothing. I would not pay that lady a dime. Mom chose to spend stupidly, and so now she has to live with that. He needs to just tell her, "Sorry, Mom, I am not a bank!" -- *Cathy in Michigan*

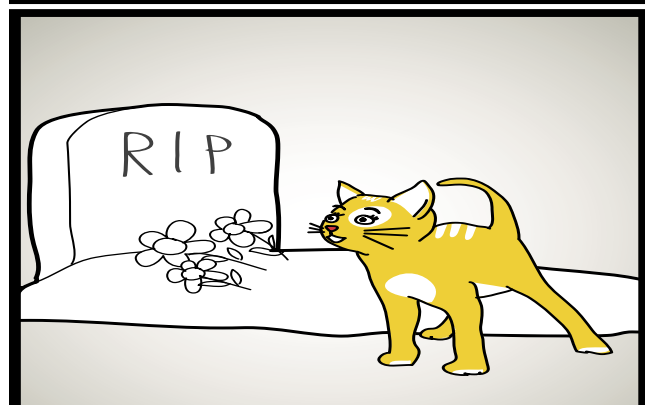
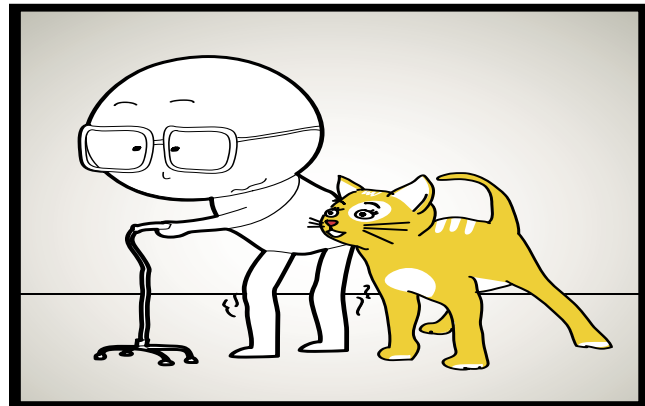
Dear Cathy: "N." did not ask whether to give money to Mom, only that he wanted to provide for her, within reason. Setting up a limited monthly allowance (and no additional funds) would work and would be a kindness.

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Dear Annie: I have a 75-year-old friend who was brutally beaten by an intruder. "Jim" allowed the stranger to enter his home when he claimed he needed to use the telephone. Jim suffered broken bones and a head trauma and spent time in a rehab facility. He still hasn't fully recovered and is mostly confined to bed.

Jim has no close family. He abandoned his wife 38 years ago, and his daughter met him for the first time in October. She is his next of kin, and when Jim was in a coma, she had to make some tough decisions about his care. She is not able to be involved as much now because she lives far away. I'm in touch with her often, so she is aware of her father's condition and says he is capable of making informed decisions. The police concur.

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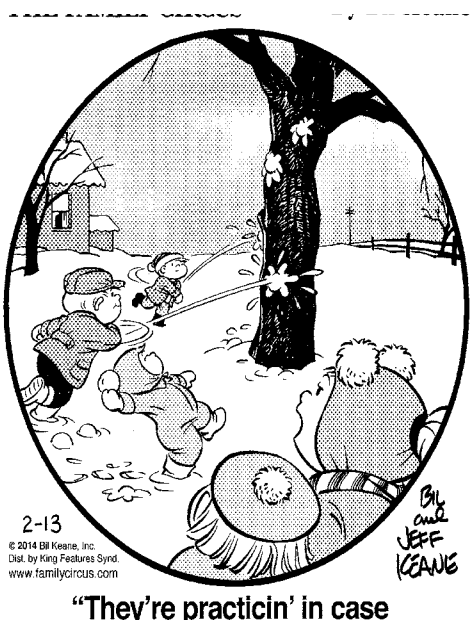


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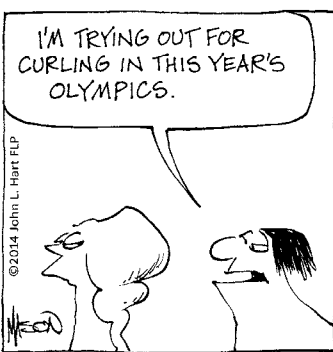
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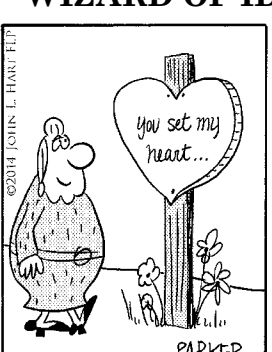
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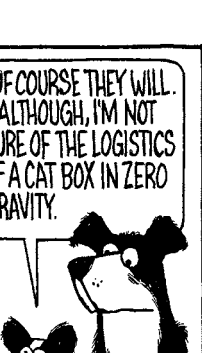
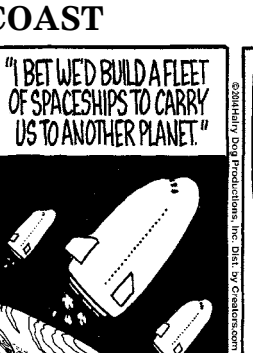
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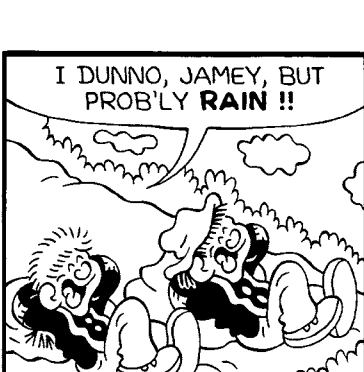
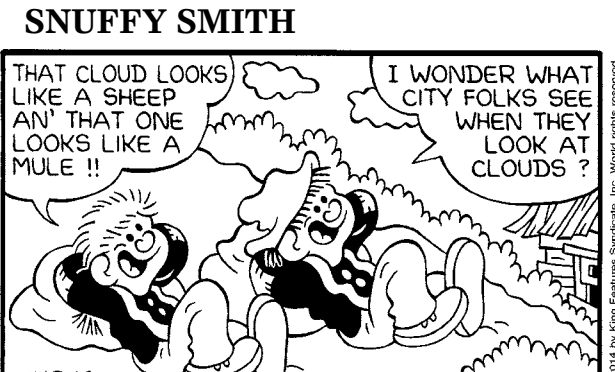
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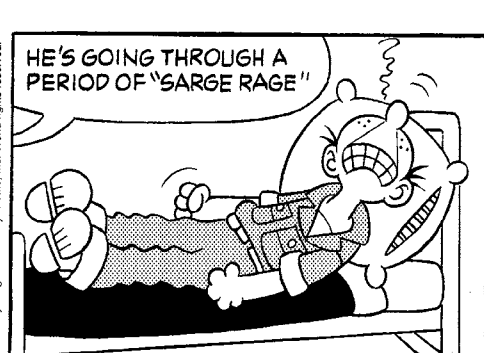
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2014. There are 321 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York to protect the copyrights of creators and ensure compensation for public performances of their works. On this date: In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of

the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots. In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland. In 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.) In 1939, Justice Louis D. Brandeis retired from the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was succeeded by William O. Douglas.) In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was officially established. In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

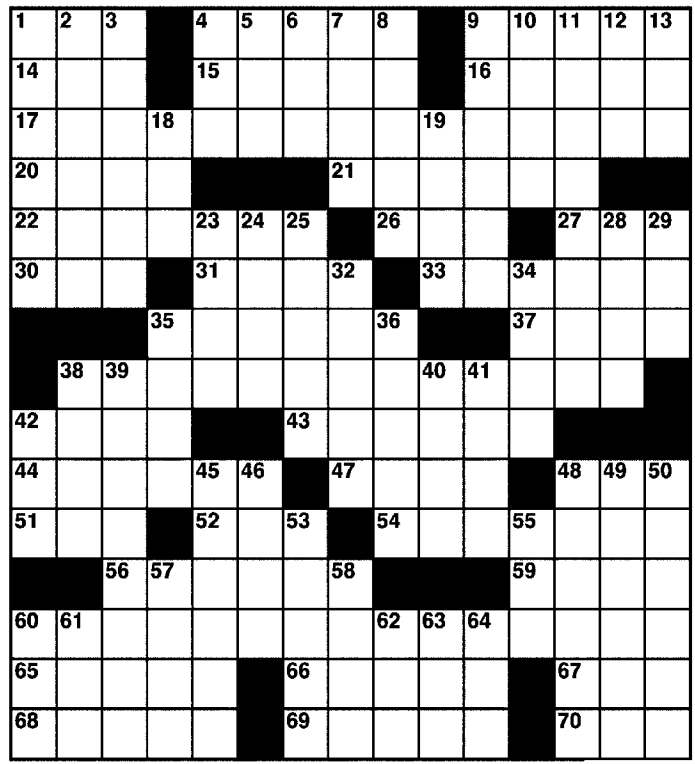
In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union. In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, N.Y. In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko (chehr-NY-EN'-koh) was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov. In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with the words BARB, PAWN, MTWTF, IDEA, ECHO, RHINO, ROAM, ERIE, SUITE, DRIBBLEGLASS, SERIES, SIM, LAB, TOOT, DIVIDE, OWLS, FARE, TITLE, SHOOT, FROM, THE, HIP, AISLE, STIR, WEBS, GREENS, STAB, ERR, TOM, PUSHES, PASS, JUDGMENT, AZTEC, DECO, UNDO, TOWEL, OSLO, SCOW, MOORE, STAR, HEWS.

Newsday Crossword

OFF THE GROUND by Bruce R. Sutphin Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS: 1 That sailboat, 4 Stubborn ones, 9 Tourney rounds, 14 Courteney of Friends, 15 Island near Venezuela, 16 Wipe clean, 17 Emulating rail riders, 20 Diary, 21 Naval clerks, 22 The Heat actress, 26 Turn bad, 27 One of Pooh's pals, 30 Hosp. facilities, 31 Wood fastener, 33 Committed a hoops infraction, 35 Big name in water scooters, 37 Moral misdeeds, 38 Fluttering, 42 Bistro name starter, 43 Designated, 44 Check cashers, 47 Skillful, 48 INSIDE (store sign), 51 Leather tool, 52 PD notice, 54 More stylish, 56 Debate topics, 59 Arches National Park locale, 60 Providing road service, perhaps, 65 Shaq's surname, 66 Light on one's feet, 67 Homer's neighbor, 68 On edge, 69 Tennis pro, 70 JFK predecessor, 11 Mississippi's state flower, 12 It means "sort of", 13 Ready to go, 18 Tire-pressure no., 19 Car top, 23 Process portion, 24 Break off, 25 42 Down work, 28 Didn't stay, 29 Mormons, in brief, 32 In good shape, 34 Did something with, 35 Shoe salesperson's question, 36 Folklore fiends, 38 Pygmalion writer, 39 Pie fruit, 40 Radio switch, 41 Software prototype, 42 Tax pro, 45 With little effort, 46 Created, as cotton candy, 48 Show up to, 49 Got misty, 50 Literary alter ego, 53 Got going, 55 Same old thing, 57 Minor run-in, 58 Extensive tale, 60 Scribble (down), 61 French article, 62 Job estimate, 63 Boxing great, 64 Word before caddy or bag.



FORSAN

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whose team will enter the postseason as the No. 2 team from District 6-A. "We know we will play one or the other, but as for when and where we aren't sure yet."

One thing Huckabee is sure of is that his team will be able to compete with either Morton or Springlake-Earth. Both teams, he said, are very similar to squads the Buffaloes faced in district.

"I think we match up well with both of them," he said. "It'll be a good game, but they are teams we can match up with." Springlake-Earth and Morton are slated to play at 6 p.m. on Friday in



File photo
Forsan's J.T. Breyman comes away with a steal during a recent game. Breyman and the Buffs will play Kermit in a practice game on Saturday.

Muleshoe to determine Forsan's first-round opponent.

While the Buffaloes aren't sure where or when they will play their bi-district game, they do know where the playoff road begins ... in

Kermit. Forsan, which finished the regular season at 17-6, will play Kermit in a practice game on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:45 p.m. in the KHS gymnasium.



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What are the facts?

Turmoil in the Middle East. There is upheaval in the Middle East. Governments shift, and the future of this vital area is up in the air. In those dire circumstances, it is a tremendous comfort to our country that Israel, a beacon of Western values, is its stalwart and unshakable ally.

Unreliable "allies." Egypt, a long-term "ally" of our country, is the beneficiary of billions of dollars of American aid. Its dictator, Hosni Mubarak has been dethroned. As of now, it is unclear who and what will be Egypt's new government. It is widely assumed, however, that it may be the Muslim Brotherhood. Far from being a religious organization, as its name would imply, it is dominated by fanatical radicals, ardent antagonists of the West, obsessed anti-Semites, and sworn enemies of the State of Israel. If the Muslim Brotherhood would indeed come to power, a bloody war, more violent than anything that has come before, is likely to ensue.

Saudi Arabia, a tyrannical kingdom, is another important "ally" of the U.S. It is the most important source of petroleum, the lifeblood of the industrial world. It is, however, totally unreliable and hostile to all the values for which the United States stands. The precedent of Iran cannot fail to be on the minds of our government. The Shah of Iran was a staunch ally of the U.S. We lavished billions of dollars and huge quantities of our most advanced weapons on him. But, virtually from one day to the next, the mullahs and the ayatollahs - fanatical enemies of our country, of Israel, and of anything Western - came to power. Instead of friends and allies, Iran's theocratic government became the most virulent enemy of the United States. Could something like that happen in Saudi Arabia? It is not at all unlikely!

Other U.S. allies in the region - Jordan, the "new" Iraq, and the Gulf emirates - are even weaker and less reliable hosts to lean on. Libya, which once, under King Idris, hosted the Wheeler Air Base, became an enemy of the U.S.

under the late, loathsome Khaddafi - and probably still is. Turkey, once a strong ally, has cast its lot with Iran.

A stalwart partner. Israel, in contrast, presents a totally different picture. Israel's reliability, capability, credibility and stability, are enormous and irreplaceable assets for our country. Many prominent military people and elected representatives have recognized this. Gen. John Keegan, a former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, determined that Israel's contribution to U.S. intelligence was "equal to five CIA's."

"What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner..."

Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said that "The intelligence received from Israel exceeds the intelligence received from all NATO countries combined. The huge quantities of Soviet military hardware that were transferred by Israel to the USA tilted the global balance of power in favor of our country."

In 1981, Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor. While at first condemned by virtually the whole world - sad to say, including the United States - it saved our country a nuclear confrontation with Iraq. At the present time, US soldiers in Iraq and in Afghanistan benefit from Israel's experience in combating Improvised Explosive Devices, car bombs and suicide bombers. Israel is the most advanced battle-tested laboratory for U.S. military systems. The F-16 jet fighter, for instance, includes over 600 Israeli-designed modifications, which saved billions of dollars and years of research and development.

But there is more: Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbors, its outstanding military installations, the air- and sea-lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel.

Israel does receive substantial benefits from the United States - a yearly contribution of \$3 billion - all of it in military assistance, no economic assistance at all. The majority of this contribution must be spent in the US, generating thousands of jobs in our defense industries.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier. If it were not for Israel, thousands of American troops would have to be stationed in the Middle East, at a cost of billions of dollars a year. In contrast to the unreliable friendship of Muslim countries, the friendship and support of Israel are unshakable because they are based on shared values, love of peace and democracy. What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner, especially at a time when in this strategic area turmoil, upheaval and revolution are the order of the day. Yes, Israel is indeed America's most steadfast friend, a most important strategic asset and most reliable ally.

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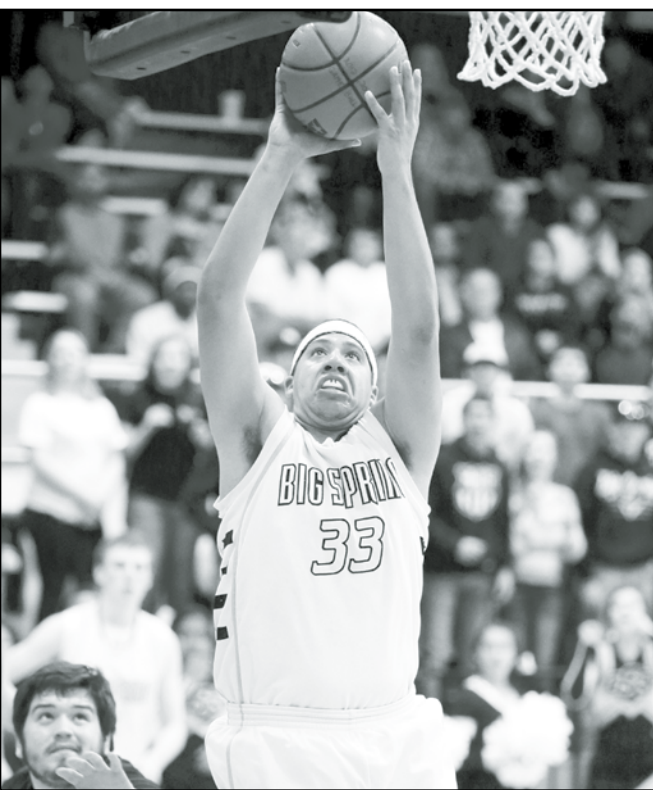


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Ty Sealey, along with teammate Tyler Bryan, will lead the Steers into Tuesday's bi-district playoff against Pecos.

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. at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

STEERS

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showdown against the Pecos Eagles on Tuesday. The game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Permian High School in Odessa.

Big Spring enters the matchup at 12-13 for the season. The Steers clinched the No. 3 playoff seed two weeks ago with a win over state-ranked Monahans.

Big Spring, despite losing its final two games of the season, heads into the postseason with a team capable of domi-

nating an opponent on both ends of the court. Tyler Bryan, Ty Sealey and Tyler Wigington give Big Spring three players capable of scoring more than 20 points a game.

Against Monahans, Wigington reeled off a career-high 36 points.

Bryan and Sealey are among the district leaders in rebounding. Sealey averaged better than 10 points and 10 boards during district play.

Pecos comes into the contest as the runner-up from District 3-3A. Fabens won the 3-3A title.

Midland Greenwood, the District 4-3A fourth-place seed, will also be in action on Tuesday.

The Rangers will play Fabens at 7:30 p.m. in Fort Stockton.



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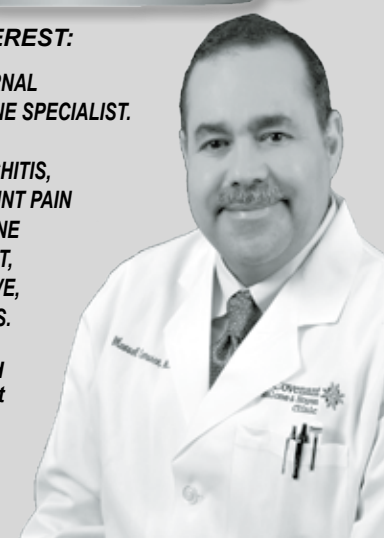
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK!!

What is the best Valentine's gift you have received in the past?

Traci Myrick I had four dachshunds and my husband bought me a card and put their paws in paint and let them sign my card.

Allie L Trevino Every year my children make me handmade gifts from the heart

Jessie Payen When All my kids 5 all gave me roses. had a table full of roses! what a happy V day!

Ernest Rodriguez Spending my first Valentine with my wife, we got married on Feb 11, 1984.

Denise Harris McComb Oliver my 4 legged baby
Dondee Zamora-Vela On February 13, 2005 we were blessed with a tiny 3 pound bald headed little girl named Celestina!!!!

Mandy Castaneda Cantu The best Valentine I ever received was a beautiful red heart shaped card from my Kindergartener that read "Happy Valentines day Mom I lov you ebryday" He melted my heart!

Guadalupe Ramirez Castellano A brand new dodge ram metallic blue had 24 miles on it. I loved that truck. A gift from my daddy who passed away years later

Ruth Privett A red convertible

Samantha Lowrance A full day at the spa at Chrysalis in Midland

Jennifer Yanez THE CARDS MY KIDDOS MAKE MEAT SCHOOL

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