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Wigington officially seated as superintendent

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Reconstitution plans in place for low-performing schools, officials say

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It wasn't all chocolates and roses for Big Spring school superintendent Chris Wigington at the board of trustees meeting Thursday night.

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Wigington received an official nod from Big Spring Independent School District trustees to take over as superintendent receivschools, ing a two-and-ahalf-year contract beginning Feb. 13 and running through June 2016 at a salary of \$140,000 per year.

He was named as the lone finalist for the



served in the district for four years, three of those years as the secondary curriculum director and since August as the interim superintendent. He takes over a low-performing district that is under the watchful eye of the Texas Education Agency.

"The thing I've told all our

position in January and has people is if we are all pulling in the same direction, it's nothing we can't fix," Wigington said. "If we just keep our kids at heart, we can't make the wrong decision."

In other business, Wigington informed trustees that a reconstitution plan for four campuses — Goliad, Marcy Washington and Big Spring Junior High — is already under way.

Reconstitution is a requirement by the TEA for school campuses which have been found low performing for the past two years. The plan requires major overhaul of the campus, including the

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Wanted no more

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Cross a name off the "most wanted" list.

Anthony Lee Evans, who was only recently placed on the Texas Department of Public Safety's Most Wanted Fugitives' List, was a p p r e h e n d e d without incident

Thursday evening, Big Spring police

officials said. Following up on leads, officers with the Big Spring Police Department's Narcotics Unit, U.S. Marshall's Office and



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the DPS' Criminal Investigation Division arrested Evans at around 7 p.m. Thursday at the Park Village Apartments at 1905 Wasson Road.

Evans, 33, was wanted by the state pardons and parole board for parole violation charges, officials said.

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 ar-

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com





Happy Valentines!

Suggs Halmark employees Dora Hernandez, left, and Susan Loper rearrange a Valentine's display in the store, which is located in the Springtown Mall. At right, nothing says I love you like a pink, furry pig. This cute stuffed animal was one of many items on sale for Valentine's Day, an option to the traditional flower arrangement.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

'Shape' provides new perspective on art and its impact on individuals

Herald Staff Report

Is there a line that shouldn't be crossed when it comes to

This age-old question is the subject of "A Shape of Things," a play slated to appear at 8 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 in the Hall Center of the Arts on the Howard College Campus. The play is a combined ef-

fort of the Howard College theater and art departments. "A Shape of Things," written by Neil LaBute, was made into a feature film starring Paul Rudd in 2003. "It is a modern take on the

seduction of Adam and Eve," according to Instructor of Theater/Drama Nathan Jacobs. "It takes place at a fictitious college in anywhere Amer-

ica," Jacobs ex-Jacobs plained. "The main character, Adam Sorenson

played by Wiley McIntosh, is an English literature major at a university who meets Evelyn Ann Thompson, played by Alexis Armstrong, a grad student in art at the local museum where he works.' For her master's thesis, Ev-

cosmetic surgery," said Ja-

cobs. As a result of all the attention and affection, Adam falls in love with Evelyn and subsequently proposes marriage. But everything isn't what it

elyn chooses to transform her

new boyfriend esthetically,

"From that point on, his

life begins to change. She be-

gins to shape him to what she

wants, who his friends are.

She changes his attire; he

starts going to the gym and

even goes so far as to have

based on her own likes.

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Food 2 Kids extends invitation

Food 2 Kids of Big Spring is having an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Method-

ist Church Garrett Hall. Food 2 Kids provides food to elementary age 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. First United Methodist

Chuch is located on the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring.

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Dolly Shober



Dolly Shober, 74, of Big Spring 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, 1939, in San Saba, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She worked at Walmart until her retirement.

She loved spending time with her family, her children and her grandchildren. She also enjoyed working her yard when she was able and was a longtime member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Junior Ringener, 86, of Big



Spring died Wednesday, Feb.12, 2014, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 14, 2014,

at the funeral home.

He was born July 12, 1927, in Lyndale, Texas, and married Virginia Glaspie Jan. 24, 1948, in Courtney, Martin County, Texas.

Junior owned and operated Jiffy Car Wash for 33 years. After retiring, he enjoyed working in his shop and for the last five years had worked as a greeter at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He served in the United States Army during World War II. Junior was a member of College Baptist Church and a former member of the Lions Club.

Obituaries

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; and one sister, Christine Sparks, also of

Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Andrew Shober,

Christopher Yanez Jr., Alicia Herrera, Cody Gar-

rett, Felipe Shober, Laina Garrett and Kalie Gar-

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in

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death by one brother, Thomas Tilley; and one sis-

ter, Frances "Buch" Holt.

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He is survived by his wife, Virginia Ringener of Big Spring; one daughter, Judy Lanell Walker and husband Dale of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Shelly Garrett and husband Kelly of Big Spring; two brothers, Merle Ringener of Big Spring and Dairell Ringener of Fort Worth and three sisters, Jerry Bedell of Big Spring, Lilian Collum of Odessa and Carolyn Williamson pf Jerell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.J. Sr. and Lela Mae Smith Ringener; one son, John Lawrence Ringener; two brothers, W.A. Ringener and J.M. Ringener; and two sisters, Pauline Martin and Anita Johnson.

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

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Rosemarie Speaker:
Rosemarie Speaker, 76, of Mid-



land, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Fe. 12, 2014, in a Midland nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family received friends Thursday, Feb.13, 2014, at the funeral home.

Rosemarie was born May 20, 1937, in Galesburg, Ill., and married Walter Speaker Oct. 12, 1979, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 16, 1999.

She worked at Hall-Bennett Hospital as purchasing agent and had worked has a dental assistant and chiropractic assistant. She loved bowling and doing ceramics.

Rosemarie was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Anita Bustamante



Anita Bustamante, 72, of Big Spring, died Saturday Feb. 8, 2014, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb.15, 2014, at Myers & Smith Funeral

Big Spring to Maria and Gregorio Moreno. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a Jehovah's Witness. She worked as a seamstress for Big Spring Dress

Factory and for Walls Industries. She later worked for Big Spring Independent School District until retiring in 2011.

She is survived by her husband, Jesus Bustamante Sr. of Big Spring; one son, Jesus Bustamante Jr. and wife Jennifer of Oklahoma City; three daughters, JoAnn Williams and husband Timothy of Big Spring, Emma Cooper and husband Craig of Big Spring and Nancy Sanchez and husband Abraham of Abilene; three sisters, Lucy Garcia of Chicago, Ill,, Rosa Marquez of Big Spring and Margarita Ortega of Dallas; seven grandchildren; and one greatgranddaughter.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother, Joe Moreno; and three sisters, Maria Renteria, Emma Haro and Janie Marquez.

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She is survived by three daughters, Christina McCarver and husband Chip of Midland, Kelly Overton and husband Randy and Patty Ditto and husband Joe, all of Coahoma; six grandchildren, Randy Overton and wife Autumn, Sarah Thompson, Michael McCarver, Marc Dale Ditto and wife Amber, Cody Joe Ditto and wife Brandi and Justin Scott Ditto and wife Magali; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Judy Williamson and husband Bill of Big Spring; two brothers, Roy Sloan and wife Marie of Colorado City and Tom Sloan and wife Cee of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Donald and Grace Maurine Price Sloan; one brother, Dick Sloan; and one sister, Sandy Boyer.

The family suggests memorials be made to Star Hospice of Midland.

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Support Groups

FRIDAY

- 7 p.m. The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 She was born Aug. 29, 1941, in p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Deborah Evans



Deborah Evans, 63, of Big Spring, died Sunday Feb. 9, 2014, at San Angelo Community Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor 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. 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

She is survived by her husband, Hilary Payne of Big Spring; two sons, Dennis Hartfield and wife V of Savannah, Texas, 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; and five grandchildren, Ebony Hart-

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

field, Jamal Hartfield, Elliana Hartfield, Alex Mint-

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Lottery

er and Autumn Minter.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were: 04-14-23-33, Bonus: 19.

The winning numbers in Thursday afternoon's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "All or Nothing Evening" game were: 02-03-04-06-08-09-13-17-18-21-22-24

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 05-09-19-22-37.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 4-8-1.

2 pm Big Spring State Park Contact: info@permianbasinevents.com February 15th Symphony Guild Hosts

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possible removal of personnel.

"What we wanted to do is to make sure our teachers understood what we needed and what we expected," Wigington said. "We have great teachers and we want to keep the folks we have. And we are doing everything we can to make sure we are successful and our teachers are successful. Reconstitution is what it is, but we are going to try to keep the folks we have and help them, those teacher who need that.

"We built a matrix that basically

says ... the things that we expect, things we do in the classroom, what we expect the teachers to do in the classroom," Wigington explained. "We go in and if you are doing those things we check them off. Same thing with scores. It's a three-tier plan. If you are doing everything we ask you to do and your (TEKS) scores are good, then we just move on. If you are doing everything we ask you to do and your scores are not good, then we are going to do everything we can to help you. We don't want to run anyone off. That is not what we do. This is about helping our kids and the way to help our kids is to help our teachers.

"If you are not doing what we are asking you to do and the scores are not where they need to be, then it is what it is," Wigington said firmly. "The teachers have been given those plans. They know exactly what is expected of them. They know our expectations. This is nothing we haven't talked about all year."

In other other business trustees, · Approved employment recom-

- mendations and administrative contracts.
- Thanked HEB for delivering 2,000 bottles of water during the time the city of Big Spring placed residents under a boil water notice.
- Ordered school board trustee elections for May 10.
- Recognized high school students who have exceeded in University Interscholastic League competition throughout the year so far including both academic and athletics.

Trustees will meet next March

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

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.
- 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.
- 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.

· A certified food handler course will

• 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. For more information, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat 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 and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. For more information, call 432-270-2218.
- 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 Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting," Bodin said. For more information, contact Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

SHAPE

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seems to be, according to Jacobs.

"There's a twist at the end," the actor-turned-director teased, but he did offer a tidbit of what the finale holds.

"We find out there is a different motive, but that's all I can say without ruining the end," he said.

The parts of Jenny and Phillip are played by Megan Hurst and Robert Barraza, respectively. The author's philosophy on art and its boundaries was one deciding factor on the choice for Jacobs. "Where do we draw the line between real life and

art?" he queried. "Art is subjective. One person's art is another person's life. Art is very personal and individual. I like that and I like what that is saying," Jacobs continued. "It's one of the reasons I chose the show." The production is an hour and a half in length

and features a small cast of four, but Nathan hopes

the audience will leave the theater with a new perspective on art and how it impacts the lives of everyone. Despite its short duration and small cast, the production hasn't been without trials.

"There's been lots of challenges," Jacobs said. "It's for an adult audience and contains adult subject matter requiring lots of cuts, but we made sure that the story remained intact."

Because the play is about an artist, paintings were needed for the set to set the tone of the world of Evelyn. To that end, Jacobs enlisted the help of his next door neighbor, Assistant Professor and Head of the HC Art Department Stacy Slaten.

"We were hoping to get some pieces by a working artist," Jacobs explained. "So I thought, why not ask Stacy?" In turn, Slaten recommended one of her students who has been attending her classes for several years. Student Andreia Medlin's work, will be featured as a prominent part of the play's atmosphere, according to Jacobs. "We will hang the paintings from the ceiling, on

set and in the auditorium, hopefully creating the

sense that this is Evelyn's world since she is an art major."

The play will later be taken lock, stock and barrel, to compete in the TCSTA festival in Brenham,

"We're excited about it, it will be the first time for me as a director and for my actors," Jacobs said. "And it's a good chance to share art and rub elbows with other theater people. It's a great learning experience and we get to meet other people working in theater," he said.

Ten to 12 other schools will also participate.

"Most of them are in and around the Houston area," he said. "Howard College will be traveling the furthest." Tickets for the play are \$5 for general admission

and \$3 for anyone with a student ID or anyone who works in the educational field. For more information, call Jacobs at 264-5648 or

Slaten at 264-5115. "I encourage everyone to come," said Jacobs. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Police/Sheriff

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

MORROW, 35, of 8800 S. Service Rd. A, Sand Springs, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on of N. Highway 87 – two charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug free zone and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.

• LAURA LEE SMITH. 51, of 2607 Carol, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related.

• MICHELLE LEE WILLIAMS, 22, of 1304 Lamar Ave., was arrested Wednesdav on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

 KEITH GLENN GRAHAM, 46, of 1002 N. Main No. 13, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated BAC greater

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ETRIA WYLER, 44, of 1002 N. Main No. 13, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ASSAULT was reported at the 1900 block incidents, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard and the 600 block of George.

 THEFT was reported at County Rd. 21, the 2500 block of Dow and the 1700 block of S. Gregg.

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EVANS was booked by USM on charges of parole violation, expired drivers license and fail to appear. • MICHELLE LEE

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 JESSICA ELAINE CARMICHAEL was booked by HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

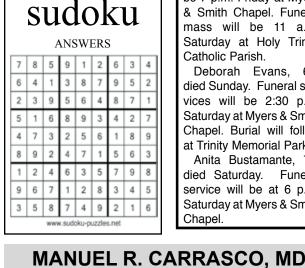
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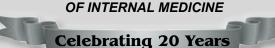
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Daily Prayer

Teach us, oh Lord, to celebrate the life you have given us.

Amen

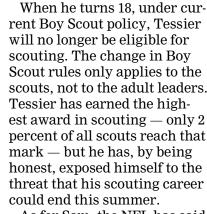
Opinion It should not take courage orientation should be controver—ball player or an Olympic athle sial. ball player or an Olympic athle sial.

has the highest honor," Pascal Tessier's mother, Tracie Felker, told a reporter. "Aug. 5, all of a sudden, he's no longer good enough to be a Boy Scout."

Pascal Tessier is not the first gay Eagle Scout.

He is the first openly gay Eagle Scout, just as Michael Sam, if drafted, would be the first openly gay football player to play in the NFL. What these

young men are doing is standing up. It should not take courage, but it does.



As for Sam, the NFL has said all the right things, but meanwhile, many commentators say his announcement has hurt his prospects in the draft. Sam is an outstanding player, but he isn't the most outstanding — more like a third-round pick, who may fall to the fourth or fifth. Teams don't like controversy, I'm told. I get that. What I don't get is why being honest about one's sexual

No, that's not entirely true. I get it. But it's wrong. And when something is so fundamentally wrong, decent people should not tolerate it.

It is easy to look at the Russians with their official homophobia and condemn them, as they should be condemned. Why are the Olympic Games being held in a country where all are not welcome? Would we send a team to a country that persecuted people based on their race, religion or gender?

It is harder to look in the mir-But the truth is obvious: There

are gay people everywhere, serving in Congress, serving our country, teaching our children, leading our congregations, doing good deeds as Scouts. Their private lives should be

private — which is to say, not a basis for judging them, one way or another; not a basis for deciding whether they can play or lead or serve; and up to them whether to disclose or not.

Gays in America aren't exactly persecuted, but they aren't equal, either. Some keep their lives not only private, but also hidden. They understand, better than I ever will, that going public means facing condemnation, as well as praise; that many people will look at them differently; that some teams may hide under the cloak of "controversy" as if that is an excuse for bigotry.

The tide is heading in one direction. Someday, we will get past all the "firsts." Someday, no one will notice or

care whether a Scout or a foot-

ball player or an Olympic athlete won't take courage to be your-

Change requires a human face. This week, Michael Sam and Pascal Tessier became those human faces for would-be Eagle

Scouters and would-be NFL'ers. My hat is off to these two young men, for their accomplishments and their bravery.

And it's off to Pascal's mother, who clearly is not only a loving mother, but also a wise woman. "I really want the gay youth of America to know that they have a growing swell of support, and they shouldn't feel threatened to be themselves," Felker said. "It's really best for as many people to come out and say 'I'm gay' as can."

There is a wonderful legend that during World War II, when Danish Jews were ordered to wear a yellow star, the king wore one, as well. Danish Queen Margrethe II later explained, "I can imagine that this could have originated from a typical remark by a Copenhagen errand boy on his bicycle: 'If they try to enforce the yellow star here, the king will be the first to wear it!"

I'm not sure what the equivalent would be, but I'm ready to wear it.

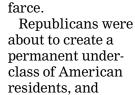
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• BOBBY MCDONALD Say adios to immigration reform

'never thought I would say this, but I'm glad immigration reform is dead for this year. Don't get me wrong: Comprehensive, humane and logical immigration reform

— with a path to undocumented immigrants — is long overdue. But the legislation we were getting this year farce.



that happen.

the typically outmaneuvered Democrats — just to be able to say they did something — were about to cave in and let them do

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Congress was getting ready to allow most undocumented immigrants to stay here legally but without ever enjoying the full rights of citizenship, and even President Barack "Si Se Puede" Obama was getting ready to let

It was disgraceful. Instead of challenging the logic and constitutionality of creating a second class of legal citizens in this country, we heard Obama making excuses for caving in. In recent interviews, the president was leaving the door open for a "reform" package that would have been totally unacceptable legalization without a path to citizenship — a far cry from the changes he promised when he campaigned for president and Latino voters helped put him in the White House.

If it had not been for the extremist Republicans who objected even to second-class citizenship, if they had not been so hung up about granting any form of "amnesty," if they had not pulled House Speaker John Boehner's puppet strings and forced him to squash his desire to move forward, the legislation that would have been passed – and Obama would have signed would have been much more draconian than humanitarian. And it would have delayed real reform for many more years.

And so when Boehner surpris-

ingly announced last week that he didn't see a way forward on immigration reform this year, he was unintentionally doing immigrants a huge favor.

"There's widespread doubt about whether this administration can be trusted to enforce our laws," Boehner said, echoing the talking point and very cheap excuse being used by Republicans nowadays. "And it's going to be difficult to move any imchanges."

eally? So the American people can elect a president, and a group of ideologues in Congress can just say they don't trust him and paralyze the country?

The GOP's latest excuse for putting the breaks on immigration reform is a clear indication of how little respect some Republican leaders have for the will of the American people.

We can elect a president, but if the ideologues don't trust him, they can just thrash the principles of democracy.

In fact, while they could possibly charge Obama with failing to enforce some laws, immigration is a lousy example.

Just to please the Republicans, and to try to get them to negotiate fairly over immigration, Obama has shamefully deported more undocumented immigrants than any other president. If they can't trust him to enforce immigration laws, is there anything with which they can trust the president we've elected? "Why don't we just pack up

and go home?" snapped House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi with appropriate sarcasm. "What we're supposed to do is legislate, and not make up excuses as to why we don't. On NBC this weekend, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called

Boehner's bluff on not being able to trust Obama. "So there's a simple solution," Schumer said. "Let's enact the law this year, but simply not let it actually start till 2017 after President Obama's term is over."

Really? While this may have been a good way to expose Boehner's phony excuses, it also showed that Schumer, known for mostly using immigration to score political points, is willing

to wait another three years to begin bringing undocumented immigrants out of the shadows. Isn't that special?

Yet, if Republicans were to still come back with a "reform" package that has no path to citizenship, where would Schumer, Pelosi and Obama stand?

Frankly, I hope it doesn't hap-

When Obama told CNN he was encouraged by a GOP proposal that didn't include a path to citizenship, when he said he liked the idea of reform in which "folks aren't being deported; families aren't being separated, he was getting ready to cave on a path to citizenship. Mind you, he pointed out that the GOP plar would create "two categories of people in this country," but he was still signaling that he could

live with it. Instead of telling Republicans that he is tired of their efforts to block immigration reform, and that they give him no choice but to act by executive order — as he has done with other issues Obama hasn't had the guts to stop deportations.

He is tough enough to confront Republicans over other issues but never over this one — even though GOP leaders have repeat edly demonstrated that they will never negotiate about it in good faith. For some inexplicable reason, Obama lacks the internal fortitude to lead when it comes to immigration.

Let's face it: For many who believed Obama could keep his promise to fix our broken and inhumane immigration system, the president has been a huge disappointment.

Perhaps Schumer is partially correct. Perhaps true immigration reform will have to wait un til 2017. But it won't be because Boehner doesn't trust Obama. It will be because the American people will have enough time to get rid of both of them.

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News in brief

Another messy, snowy morning in winter-weary Northeast; many in South still waiting for power

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Commuters face a messy morning of travel a day after a winter storm brought snow and ice to many states, leaving at least 21 dead, including a pregnant woman struck by a mini-plow in New York City whose baby was then born by cesarean section in critical condi-

The next go-round of bad weather began early Friday in some places — just in time to delay tens of thousands of deliveries of Valentine's Day flow-

The sloppy mix of snow and face-stinging sleet grounded more than 6,500 flights nationwide on Thursday and closed schools, businesses and government centers. About 1.2 million utility customers lost power as the storm moved from the South through the Northeast, dropping to about 550,000 outages, mostly in South Carolina and Georgia.

"Every time it snows, it's like, "Oh, not again," said Randal DeIvernois of New Cumberland, Pa., which had about 10 inches of snow by midafternoon Thursday. "I didn't get this much snow when I lived in Colorado."

Record flight cancellations this winter; storms, cost cuts, new regulations strand passengers

NEW YORK (AP) — The relentless snow and ice storms this winter have led to the highest number of flight cancellations in more than 25 years, ac-



Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone: West North South

Pass Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♦ KJ8742 ♥ 643 ♦ KQ ♣ A7

- **♦** KQ9542 ♥ **♦** A83 **♣** KQ74 3. ♠ KQJ1093 ♥ J6 ♦ 5 ♣ AJ62 4. ♠ AJ7652 ♥ J98 ♦ 10 ♣ AQ9
- 1. Three hearts. Partner obviously has a good hand, since he has made two forcing bids, but caution is needed to reach the best contract. Only two bids can be considered —

notrump. Partner's bidding guarantees that he has five or six hearts, so although your heart holding is not particularly robust, it is time to let him know you have some support for that suit. Three hearts is far superior to bidding three notrump with your single diamond stopper.

namely, three hearts and three

2. Five clubs. Hands rise and fall in value, depending on partner's (and sometimes the opponents') bids. Thus, the initial two-heart bid took a lot of wind out of your sails, but the three-club bid has now added signif-

To raise to four clubs at this point would be inadequate. This could all too easily be read merely as a forced response to partner's forcing bid of three clubs. Now that the club fit has been discovered, you have much more than a minimum opening bid, and the best way to indicate this sudden improvement is to jump to five

3. Four spades. Game in spades is

icantly to your hand's original value.

practically certain, as it is difficult to imagine losing four tricks opposite whatever partner has to contribute. Your spades are playable as trump even if partner is void, so showing your club support is unnecessary. 4. Four hearts. This hand, with 12

high-card points, is far more promising for game purposes than IIand No. 1, with its 13 points. The difference is one of fit. In the first hand, you started with a

minimum opening bid, and it pretty much stayed that way throughout. You therefore did nothing more than show a preference for hearts. But here, with better heart and club support, and especially because of your singleton diamond, your hand is no longer in the minimum class. The jump-preference is used to express these additional values in case partner is interested in slam

Tomorrow: A double-barreled endplay. ©2014 King Features Syndicate Inc

cording to an analysis by The Associated Press.

U.S. airlines have canceled more than 75,000 domestic flights since Dec. 1, including roughly 14,000 this week. That's 5.5 percent of the 1.35 million flights scheduled during that period, according to AP calculations based on information provided by flight tracking site FlightAware.

It's the highest total number and highest percent of cancellations since at least the winter of 1987-1988, when the Department of Transportation first started collecting cancellation data. Mother Nature isn't entirely to blame. A mix of

cost-cutting measures and new government regulations has made airlines more likely to cancel flights and leave fliers scrambling to get to their destina-On Thursday, more than 70 percent of flights

were canceled in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Charlotte, N.C. thanks to a winter storm that paralyzed most air traffic along the East Coast. Ice storms this winter have caused major headaches in typically warm cities like Atlanta, Dallas and Houston.

Judge declares ban on same-sex marriage in Virginia unconstitutional

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — In a federal court ruling echoing decisions reached elsewhere in the U.S., Virginia on Thursday became the first state in the South to overturn a voter-approved prohibition of same-sex marriage. U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen issued a

stay of her order while it is appealed, meaning that gay couples in Virginia still will not be able to marry until the case is ultimately resolved. Both sides believe the case won't be settled until the Supreme Court decides to hear it or one like it.

Allen's decision makes Virginia the second state in the South to issue a ruling recognizing the legality of gay marriages.

A judge in Kentucky ruled Wednesday that the state must recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. But that judge did not rule on the constitutionality of same-sex marriages inside the state. Decisions similar to that of the Virginia judge have been issued in in Utah and Oklahoma federal courts.

The office of newly elected Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring took the unusual step of not defending the law because it believes the ban violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. In her ruling, Wright Allen agreed.

Oscar Pistorius says he mourns for girlfriend on 1st anniversary of day he killed her JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Oscar Pistorius, the

celebrated athlete who became a murder suspect, said Friday that he is consumed by grief on the first anniversary of the day that he fatally shot his girlfriend in his home.

The rare statement by the double-amputee runner came ahead of the March 3 start of his trial for the killing of Reeva Steenkamp, shot in her boyfriend's bathroom in the pre-dawn hours of Valentine's Day.

"No words can adequately capture my feelings about the devastating accident that has caused such heartache for everyone who truly loved - and continues to love Reeva," said Pistorius, who told a court last year that he mistook Steenkamp for a dangerous nighttime intruder. Prosecutors allege the track star, who is out on bail, intentionally killed her after an argument. "The pain and sadness — especially for Reeva's

parents, family and friends consumes me with sorrow," Pistorius said.

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"The loss of Reeva and the complete trauma of that day, I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

The statement from

Pistorius, 27, was unusual because his uncle, Arnold, has normally been quoted in statements from his camp, which has sought to shield the runner from intense media and public interest in a case that transfixed many people around the world.

Japanese online retailer Rakuten moves into voice calls with Viber purchase for \$900 million TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Rakuten Inc. is buying

ular Internet phone application, for \$900 million, fortifying the online retailer's social networking The Tokyo-based company said Friday it sees Viber, with 280 million global users, as a key plat-

Cyprus-based Viber Media, which operates a pop-

form as people are moving from TVs and computers to mobile devices to consume and enjoy content. Rakuten, which competes with Amazon.com and Yahoo, has been successful with online shopping

in Japan, where it is the top Internet retailer. But it is eager to expand in scope as well as out-

side Japan.

Comcast merger with Time Warner cable worries, outrages customers LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comcast and Time War-

TV industry when it comes to customer satisfaction. So it didn't take long for customers to vent frustrations online over high prices, spotty service and fears of a monopoly after Comcast announced its \$45 billion purchase of Time Warner Cable. Outrage that these two big cable companies would join hands to form an even more massive entity

ner Cable regularly rank at the bottom of the pay

spurred a cascade of sarcastic tweets and satirical memes: the killer Death Star battle station from "Star Wars," the evil Eye of Sauron from "The Lord of the Rings," and a "South Park" snippet where character Eric Cartman and friends are tormented by cable employees before a logo curiously similar to Time Warner Cable's own. Consumers weren't buying the assertion of Com-

cast CEO Brian Roberts that the combination, which will have 30 million TV and Internet subscribers, would be "pro-consumer and pro-compet-

Using a contorted logic, the two companies are expected to argue to anti-trust regulators that the fact they don't directly compete against each other in many parts of America shows the deal won't reduce competition and therefore should be approved.

But it is that lack of overlap, and lack of choice, which is at the root of customer frustration, according America Customer Satisfaction Index managing director David VanAmburg. Cable companies that purposely don't compete against each other to provide fast Internet or reliable TV service can get away with not fully meeting customer needs in markets where they dominate.

Military food researchers say they're near the holy grail: MRE pizza that lasts 3 years

NATICK, Mass. (AP) — They call it the holy grail of ready-to-eat meals for soldiers — a pizza that can stay on the shelf for up to three years and still remain good to eat.

Soldiers have been asking for pizza since lightweight individual field rations — known as meals ready to eat, or MREs — replaced canned food in 1981 for soldiers in combat zones or areas where field kitchens cannot be set up.

Researchers at a U.S. military lab in Massachusetts are closing in on a recipe that doesn't require any refrigeration or freezing.

"You can basically take the pizza, leave it on the counter, packaged, for three years and it'd still be edible," said Michelle Richardson, a food scientist at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center.

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U.S. sees more delay likely in finalizing security agreement with Afghanistan

WASHINGTON(AP)-The Obama administration has quietly stopped demanding that Afghan President Hamid Karzai finalize a stalled security pact within weeks, opening up the possibility that a decision on keeping U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan after this year might not be made until after Karzai's successor is elected this spring. While U.S. officials say

they still strongly prefer that the agreement be signed quickly, they did not rule out the possibility of waiting to see if a new Afghan leader might be easier to work with. Pushing off the decision on keeping troops in Afghanistan comes with increased risks and complications.

News in brief

Abilene mom given 30 years in daughter's death

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A West Texas woman was sentenced to 30 years in prison Thursday for the starvation death of her 22-month-old daughter, who was found dead in her crib inside a squalid home while her father was on an Air Force deploy-

Tiffany Klapheke could have gotten life in prison after being found guilty Wednesday of injury to a child by malnutrition and dehydration in the 2012 death of her daughter, Tamryn. The 23-year-old Klapheke did not tes-

tify at trial, but she has said her now ex-husband's deployment left her too stressed to care for the couple's three

"I really wasn't a good mom the past few days," she told an Abilene police detective on Aug. 26, 2012, the day police found Tamryn dead at the family home. "I've been honest even though it makes me look horrible."

A video of the interview was played at her trial.

"I don't want you to take them away because I was lazy," Klapheke told the detective.

Investigators told the jury about the stench of urine and feces that prevailed in the Klapheke home when they arrived. Prosecutors alleged that Klapheke's two older daughters were not being fed.

According to the Abilene Reporter-News, prosecutor Joel Wilks said in his closing argument that Klapheke "turned her back," adding: "She shuts the door and she leaves. She leaves that child in pain."

Texan charged with abuse over burped, injured son SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South

Texas man has been charged with child abuse after he allegedly caused a brain injury to his then-2-month-old son while burping the baby.

Ryan Schwope of Alamo Heights has been charged with causing serious bodily injury to a child. Online Bexar County jail records don't list attorney information for Schwope, who was released Thursday on \$25,000 bond.

An arrest affidavit says Schwope told Alamo Heights police that he might have slapped the baby too hard while burping him. Police say the incident happened in November as Schwope watched the baby overnight, for the first time by himself, while the mother worked. The suspect's 3-yearold son was also home. Doctors say the baby suffered brain

injury and had a seizure.

Further details on the infant weren't

immediately available.

Brush-eating goats could help Texas firefighters

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — Some hungry goats have been put on two months of fire-prevention duty in South Texas.

City officials in Victoria are renting the barnyard animals as part of an experiment for the goats to eat dry, flammable brush at Riverside Park.

Fire prevention officials at the Texas A&M Forest Service are monitoring the project involving more than two dozen goats trucked each day to the park. The animals eat their way through sometimes poisonous scrub that's closed parts of Riverside Park

Goat owners Terry and Susan Hatfield get \$1,200 a week for the project that began Monday. The Hatfields run a petting zoo in Port Lavaca.

Councilman Tom Halepaska, who backs the program, says the goats can easily make their way along the steep banks of the river.

Ex-Victoria trainer gets 15 years for student sex

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — An exathletic trainer for a South Texas district has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for having sex with a student at her home and in a school parking

Jurors in Victoria late Thursday sentenced 33-year-old Jesse Earl Holmes in the case involving a 15-yearold girl.

The Victoria Advocate reports Holmes on Tuesday pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual assault of a child.

Holmes was hired by the Victoria Independent School District in 2010. Investigators say he was an athletic trainer at Victoria East High School when he had sex with the girl in the fall of 2012, plus sent sexually explicit texts to several students.

Dozen immigrants in stolen SUV caught

FLATONIA, Texas (AP) — A stolen SUV chase in Central Texas has led to a dozen people who were crammed in the vehicle facing immigration or human smuggling charges.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office says a deputy and a Texas trooper on Thursday pursued the SUV on Interstate 10 near Flatonia, about 80 miles east of San Antonio. Sheriff Keith Korenek says the driver refused to stop until the SUV ran out of roadway atop

Flatonia police helped arrest the dozen individuals who tried to run.

Investigators detained the driver on human trafficking and evading arrest charges. The other 11 people were turned over to federal immigration agents in the Houston area.

Authorities did not immediately provide additional information on the immigrants or say a possible destination.

Human remains found at retention pond

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators will try to identify skeletal remains discovered at a Houston-area retention pond.

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Authorities say some people walking nearby found the remains Thursday night in the pond in northwest Harris County.

The remains are so decomposed that authorities could not immediately determine the gender or age of

Further details weren't immediately available.

Body in Texas believed to be missing Colo. woman

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police say they believe a body found in suburban San Antonio is that of a Colorado woman missing nearly four weeks. The San Antonio Express-News

reports Garden Ridge police believe the body found Thursday is that of 33-year-old Leanne Bearden. Police say Bearden's ID and jewelry

were found with the body. Few other details were released.

An autopsy was planned.

Bearden and her husband, Josh, are from the Denver area and had been staying at his parents' home in Garden Ridge. She was last seen Jan. 17 when she left her in-laws' home for a walk. The body was found in a wooded area less than a mile from where she was last seen.

The couple had been traveling the world for the past two years.

Police: iPod links rape suspect to other attacks

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say a 27-year-old man they've linked to attacks on three women may have been involved in as many as 10 more as-Jesus Madrid-Dubon is being held

on two counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of aggravated kidnapping. He was arrested last week in con-

nection with the rape at gunpoint of a 16-year-old girl.

Deputy Police Chief Gil Garza said Thursday that police have located an iPod at the home of Madrid-Dubon's mother that contains videos of attacks on about 10 women.

One of those women reported a rape to Dallas police in August.

Madrid-Dubon is being held on \$200,000 bail. Jail records say he declined an attorney.

Texas woman admits to obtaining records

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Federal prosecutors say a North Texas woman who worked as a translator for U.S. forces in Afghanistan has admitted she illegally obtained classified military records. Thirty-nine-year-old Farida Yusufi

pleaded guilty Thursday to federal charges that include theft of government records. Prosecutors say FBI agents in March

searched her McKinney home, north of Dallas, and found classified documents she obtained while embedded with U.S. forces. She admits in court documents to

taking a leave schedule and weapons assignment roster for a military unit with which she was embedded in Afghanistan. She's also accused of making false

statements to FBI agents investigat-

A message left with her Seattle attorney, Charles Swift, was not immediately returned.

Court revives transgender widow's legal fight

HOUSTON (AP) - A Texas appeals court on Thursday overturned a judge's ruling that had voided the marriage of a transgender widow whose firefighter husband died battling a blaze.

The 13th Texas Court of Appeals sent the case of Nikki Araguz back to the lower court, saying "there is a genuine issue of material fact regarding (Araguz's) sex and whether the marriage was a same sex marriage."

In 2011, state District Judge Randy Clapp in Wharton County ruled that the marriage between Nikki Araguz and her husband Thomas Araguz was "void as a matter of law."

Thomas Araguz's mother and his first wife had challenged the marriage's validity, arguing the fallen firefighter's estate should go to his two sons because Nikki Araguz was born a man and Texas does not recognize same-sex marriage.

Nikki Araguz, 38, had argued in court she had done everything medically and legally possible to show she is female and was legally married under Texas law.

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Church News

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse invites you to worship services at 2 Sunday afternoon. Come and be a part of this growing congregation as they praise and thank God for all He is doing in, and through, the deaf community in our area. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For additional information, call FBC at 267-8223 and someone will be able to give you contact information for Pastor

First Baptist Church

Are you in need of a do-over? God tells us in Revelation 21:5 that He is making all things new. Make Sunday a new beginning, and join us for worship services at 10:50. Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the message series "Three in One," focusing on God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

At 9:30, the New Beginnings class invites you to get acquainted with First Baptist Church, as Pastor Lindsey directs the group in answering the questions: 'Who am I?

What do we believe? How do we operate? and How do I fit in? Everyone is welcome to participate, whether you are new to the church, a long time member, or a seeker who is interested in the church.

Also meeting at 9:30 are Sunday school classes for all ages and life stages. Greeters at each door will assist you in finding your group; come early for coffee and fellowship.

All area children are invited at 5:30 for AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed), which is an exciting time of playing games, singing songs, learning scripture, and hearing a Bible lesson. This week is Tower Night, where we will learn about the Tower of Babel, and game time will use marshmallows and raw spaghetti in very unusual ways. Don't miss the fun.

At 6, we gather for evening worship in the chapel, while Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini leads the teens in worship in the second floor Youth department.

In preparation for graduation, a special six-week class titled "Sticky Faith" is offered for students and parents. The students' class begins Feb. 23 at 9:30 and the parents' class will start April 6. The teachings are designed to include everyday ideas to build lasting faith in your kids. There is a retreat planned for junior high students Feb. 28-March 1 in Dallas. Contact Jonathan Raffini at 267-8223 for detailed information.

All area women are invited to a Bible Study beginning Feb. 24 at 9:30 in the conference room. The seven-session study is titled "Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask" by Angela Thomas. Contact the church at 267-8223 if you will need childcare.

Upward Basketball continues Saturday; go to fbcbigspring.org for schedule details. An end of season ceremony is planned for Feb. 22 which will feature Captain Escape.

In the Mother's Day Out program,

applications are being accepted for substitute teachers. Contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or 267-8223 for additional information.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5-6, followed by activities for children, youth, and adults. Come in the east doors and join us for poppy seed chicken Feb. 19.

Stop by the church or call 267-8223 and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you and talk with you about Jesus Christ who is the King of New Beginnings. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you.

First Presbyterian

The Children's Choir meets at 4:20 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Lectionary Bible Study, led by the Rev. Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets in the library at 5:17, and the Chancel Choir meets for practice at 6 p.m.

Ushers for February are Bob Bennett, Buddy Cochrane, Ellen Austin and Jenn Patterson. Liturgist for the month is Danny Kennemur. Susan Wilson is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for Sunday.

The meetings for the entire congregation and for small group leaders with Anne Philbrick of the New Beginnings program have been rescheduled for Feb. 26 and 27, giving our members another month to get them on their calendars. We hope to see everyone at the Wednesday meeting to learn how we can set our church on a new beginning.

February 16 and 23, the Service Committee is having its annual hygiene drive, asking for toiletries and health care products to give to those

Lectionary for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Deuteeronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir will offer "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee," by Jody W. Lindh.

If you cannot attend worship, listen to KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for the service, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

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Do we really want to shoot the groundhog?

he word is out. Threats are being made against Punxsutawney Phil. Some disgruntled sun wor-

shipers are talking about groundhog stew, roasted rodent loin, and groundhog burgers. Poor Phil doesn't have a chance.



WHEAT

It seems that a sizable vigilante group is blaming Phil for the cold weather that has swept across the nation this winter. Whether Phil actually caused the bad weather or just predicted its prolonged presence doesn't seem to matter. Phil is getting the blame for frozen pipes, icy windshields, power outages, and all kinds of aches and

Sadly, Punxsutawney Phil hasn't done anything wrong. All the whiskered rodent did was come out of his hole in the ground to see if his shadow followed him. Now he is being accused of causing six more weeks of unbearably cold weather.

Actually, Phil's troubles are more of a reflection of human nature

than groundhog meteorology. We all need somebody or something to blame when things don't seem to be working out for us. We seem to think inconvenience, discomfort, or botched plans justifies mistreatment of the innocent i.e. Punxsutawney Phil. Perhaps all of Phil's

woes are symbolic of a larger problem - mankind's tendency to complain. We complain about the weather whether it is hot or cold. We complain about the food that we have to eat, the clothes that we have to wear, the water that we drink, and the air that we breathe. We complain about our neighbors, our relatives, and people that we don't even know. We complain about this and that, these and those, what we have or don't have, and anything else that comes to mind.

If we ever get past Punxsutawney Phil's unpopular weather forecast, we might do well to heed the words of the apostle Paul. He wrote, "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11-13 NASB).

Perhaps we don't need to point our trigger fingers at the groundhog. Maybe we don't even need to complain about the weather. It might be better if we just joined the apostle Paul in learning how to be content in all circumstances.

Bonnie Wheat is a minister's wife and an author. She can be contacted at brwheat@ suddenlink.net

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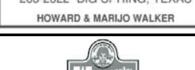
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esus is universally respected. Even the followers of Islam claim him as a prophet. And

millions who have no use for the church still like Jesus. But the question remains, "Was Jesus right?" "Did he know what he was talking about?" It is difficult to reconcile Islam's claim that



TINSLEY

Jesus was a prophet with the clear statements that he made regarding himself: "He that has seen me has seen the Father." "I and the Father are One." "All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on Earth." "No one comes to the Father but by me." Jesus clearly claimed to be more than a mere prophet or a great teacher. It is also difficult to recon-

cile the attitude and actions of professing Christians with Jesus' words and instructions. When I was eighteen, I worked in a warehouse that shipped products to stores where they would be sold. I worked with older workers who, like me, worked for minimum wage. Some of my co-workers, who were professing Christians, heard that I planned to become a "preacher." They tried to be nice and encouraging. They told me it was a good thing for me to become

a preacher, but reminded me that those things "don't work here."

I interpreted their comments to mean that they believed in Jesus but the teachings of Jesus were out of touch with the real world. They were like many Christians I have encountered over the years. Dallas Willard calls them "vampire Christians." They want a little of Jesus' blood, just enough to forgive their sins and assure they are going to heaven, but they don't think Jesus knew what he was talking about when it comes to everyday life.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Clearly, He thought he knew what he was talking about, and he expected that anyone who placed their faith in him would do everything they could to obey him. It was apparently inconceivable to Jesus that

someone could think they loved him, and, at the same time, ignore or disobey his instructions.

Either Jesus was the smartest person who ever lived and knew better than anyone else how life should be lived on this earth, or he was a delusional pretender who has misguided millions for more than two thousand years. If Jesus' instructions for living will not work in the courtroom, the schools. the factory and the family, neither will they work to get us to heaven.

Our personal conclusion about whether we believe Jesus was right will not be reflected in what we profess about who He is, but in what we do when we are going about our day to day activities at work, at school and at home.

Are we bringing our lives into alignment with his life and teaching? Do we act like Jesus acted? Do we forgive

like Jesus forgave? Are we truthful and faithful like Jesus was truthful and faithful? Do we love like Jesus

Following Jesus' instructions has nothing to do with earning our way to heaven. It has every thing to do with loving Jesus and living a meaningful life. If you want to know what Jesus expects, you can find his instructions in Matthew chapters 5-7.

Jesus told us how to know whether He was right or not. He said, "If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32. Amplified Bible).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. *Visit www.tinsleycenter.com.* Email bill@tinsleycenter.

CHURCH NEWS

Spring Creek Fellowship

The "Spring of Faith" cooking team from Spring Creek Fellowship will have a benefit for "Smokin'Joe Murphy." local KBYG radio personality, on Saturday, Feb. 22 from noon to 6. They will serve a burger, fries, dessert and a drink for \$8 a plate. All proceeds will go toward helping with medical expenses from a recent illness. There will be tables, chairs and music for your enjoyment. This event will be held at the KBYG studios just inside Comanche Trail Park at 2801 Wasson Drive. If you would like to make a donation or for more information, contact the church office.

Our newly reorganized food teams are ready to provide wonderful meals for us this week. The meal starts at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Adult Bible Study, Youth, Boy Scouts and children's activities start at 6:15. Hope to see you there.

Our "Sewing Seeds of Hope" crafting ministry has started a Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learn-

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The West Vir-

ginia House Natural Resource Committee has ap-

proved a bill prohibiting ownership of dangerous

wild animals after ensuring it allows for snake

Division of Natural Resources Wildlife Chief

Curtis Taylor assured committee members

Wednesday that the bill would not limit the practice of religious snake handling. He says there

are currently DNR regulations on the number

of rattlesnakes and copperheads individuals can

The bill would create a dangerous wild animal

board to develop a list of dangerous animals, pro-

hibit their possession, and issue permits for ani-

mals already owned. Owners with permits would

need to provide proof of at least \$300,000 in liabil-

The legislation exempts zoos, circuses and vet-

The bill has been passed to the House Judiciary

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ing how to make a prayer shawl or want to join us in this ministry, come meet with us.

We will be hosting a Men's Conference at Circle 6 Lodge in Stanton the weekend of April 26. For more details, contact Lloyd Wells.

"Between The Lines" Women's' Ministry will be hosting a yard sale from 8 a.m. until 2 on April 26. If you have donations, contact the church office.

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

"Free Indeed" is collecting sleeping bags, socks, toboggans, scarves and gloves for the homeless. Bring them the church or contact the church office

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon to 2 at Spring Town Plaza. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch and join us in prayer.

Service times are Sunday — 9:15 a.m. Sunday school; 10:15, Holy Grounds Cafe; 10:45, worship service; Wednesday — 5:30 p.m., fellowship meal; 6:15, Bible study and youth/children's activities. We also have a number of activites throughout

the week. If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

Eastside Baptist Church

Eastside Baptist is having game and snack night at 6:30 this evening. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fun.

The Senior Adult Class held a soup and salad luncheon today. There was a lot of food. We are having a church camp planning meeting

at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome. Church times are: Sundays — Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; morning

praise and worship, 10:45; afternoon praise and worship, 1:45; and Marcy House ministry, 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays — Bible study and Kids Klub, 7 p.m. If you need a ride, call us at 267-1915. We are lo-

cated at 1108 E. Sixth, at the corner of Sixth and Eastside Baptist wishes everyone a happy Valen-

Penguin India yanks book after outcry

NEW DELHI (AP) — Under pressure from a small Hindu nationalist group, Penguin India publishing house has yanked all copies of an American scholar's narrative history Hinduism from sale in India and ordered them destroyed.

The group Shiksha Bachao Andolan Samiti, or the Save Education Movement, had objected to religious historian Wendy Doniger's 2009 book, "The Hindus: An Alternative History" for describing mythological texts as fictional and, thus, hurting "the religious feelings of millions of Hindus," according to a lawsuit filed against Penguin India.

A leader of the group filed the lawsuit in 2010 against the Indian publishing house as well as the New York-based arm Penguin Group Inc. On Monday, Penguin India

said that, as part of a case settlement, it was ordering all Indian sales of the book to cease and all copies to be pulped.

By Thursday, bookstores in the capital New Delhi were refusing to sell any cop-

The action

stunned writers and intellectuals in India, with many wondering how one of the world's oldest publishing houses had given in to demands by

right-wing nationalists. Some worried it was a sign of growing intolerance of dissent in India, with the country's main Hindu nationalist party, the Bharatiya Janata Party led by Narendra Modi, campaigning year's elections.

"You have not only caved in, you have humiliated yourself abjectly

> before a fly-byfit by signing settlement,' novelist and rights activist Arundhati Roy wrote in a letter to the publisher

printed Thursday in the Times of India.

Roy, best known for her Booker-prize winning novel "God of Small Things," is also published by Penguin, though she suggested she may rethink the relationship.

"You owe us, your writers an explanation at the very least," she wrote, saying the pub-

aggressively for this lisher's decision "affects us all."

An editorial in The Hindu newspaper excoriated Penguin India, saying that in allowing itself "to be browbeaten into submission by a little-known outfit that saw no contradiction in its own sweeping slander of the author ... is a comment on the illiberincrementally taking India in its

Doniger is not the first author to be silenced in India. In 2011, the state of Gujarat banned Joseph Lelyveld's biography on pacifist freedom fighter Mohandas K. Gandhi, after reviews suggested Gandhi had a homosexual relation-

The same year, the Indian government banned American writer and broadcaster Barsamian.

Universities navigate boycott against Israel

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) A growing international boycott of Israeli schools and universities over the nation's settlement activities is placing the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in an awkward position.

UT President Bill Powers has denounced the boycott as an attack on academic freedom. Meanwhile, the university is contributing \$15,000 to an annual conference of the Native American Indigenous Studies Association, which supports the boycott, the

Wednesday. Texas A&M is co-sponsoring the May 29-31 conference in Austin. It has remained silent on the boycott as it considestablishing a

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branch campus in Nazareth, Israel's largest city with an Arab

majority. A&M is committed to academic freedom and freedom of expression, including "the right of any organization to go through procedures with its membership to make a statement on behalf of that organization," said Karan Watson, A&M provost and executive VP.

The Palestinian-led movement in favor of boycott, divestment and sanctions was launched in 2005. Some activists have called for a binational state in all of the Holy Land while others support a two-state solution.

"We do not dissociate from organizations with which we disagree," Randy Diehl, dean of UT's College of Liberal Arts, said.

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Howard soars back to WJCAC lead

Weary, Epps propel HC to easy win over Frank Phillips College

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Following the Howard College Hawks' practice session on Wednesday, head coach Scott Raines didn't act like a coach whose team had won 20 games and was fighting for a berth in the Western Junior College Conference. Athletic To be sure, he wasn't not happy at his team's effort. The proverbial dog house was getting crowded, he admitted.

Fortunately, there aren't as many catching his ire today, especially freshman guard Torrian Epps and sophomore Eric Weary Jr. The two turned in sensational shooting performances on Thursday and powered the Howard College Hawks to an easy - and convincing - 81-57 victory over Frank Phillips in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. As a team, the Hawks recovered from a slow start to shoot 65 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes of the game and floored FPC early.

"To be honest, I wasn't very happy about 2-3 minutes into the game," said Raines. "We took a time out and the guys responded. Overall, I couldn't be happier with their effort."

Raines also couldn't be happier with the result of the win. The Hawks' victory, combined with Clarendon College's stunning 105-94 upset of No. 5-ranked South Plains, vaulted the Hawks into a tie for the Western Junior

ence lead. Both teams head into their final four games of the regular season with 9-3 records. The news didn't start

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out so well for Raines and the Hawks, however. Howard College struggled to get into a rhythm early into the game. A fact that enabled Frank Phillips to hit a pair of quick baskets and grab a 4-2 lead just 2:49 into the contest.

"I wasn't too happy 2-3 minutes in," he said. "I called a time out to talk to the team. They guys responded."

After being held to just a single basket in the initial 4:23 of the game, sophomore point guard David Joseph sparked the HC offense at the 15:37 mark by driving the baseline for a layup. He tacked on the ensuing free throw opportunity to give the Hawks their first lead, at 5-4.

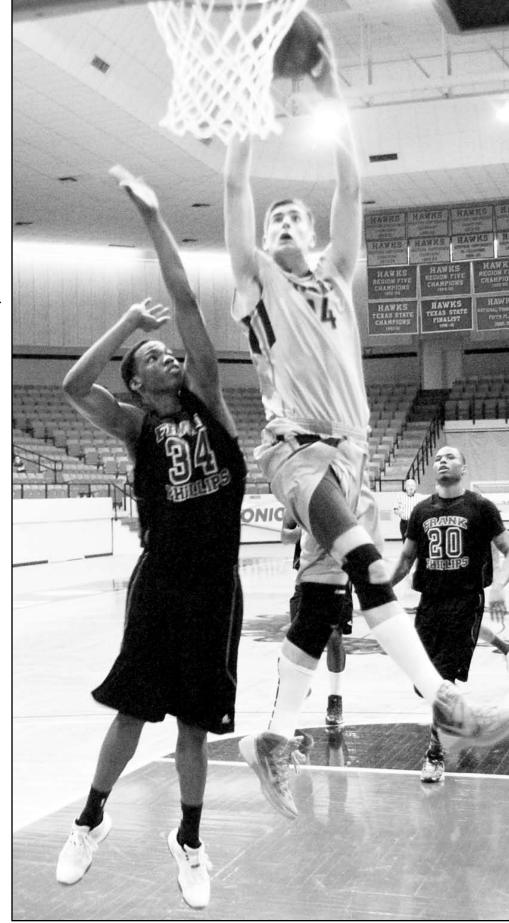
It was a lead Howard would never relinquish.

Joseph's basket keyed a 10-2 run by the Hawks over the next 3 minutes that staked Howard College to a 12-6 lead.

Epps capped the HC run at the 13:28 mark by draining a three-pointer from the corner.

Epps was far from through torturing the FPC defense. After the Plainsmen had halted the HC run with a shot by Stan Whittaker, Epps reeled off back-to-back buckets in a 22-second first half.

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span that increase the Howard College freshman Niels Bunschoten prepares to dunk a ball over Hawks' lead to 16-8 at Frank Phillips' Ngqabutho Sigogo in the closing minutes of the Hawks' the 10:56 mark of the 81-57 victory on Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The win vaulted the Hawks to 21-5 and into a tie for first in the WJCAC standings with South

Hawks control their own destiny

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

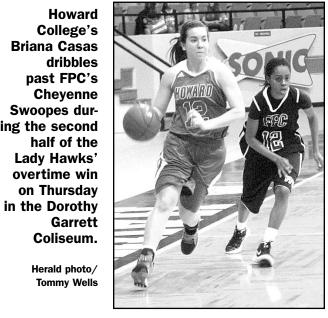
The Howard College men's basketball team is right where head coach Raines wants them. They're in control of their own postseason fate heading into the final two weeks of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference

With their win over Frank Phillips on Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the Hawks moved to 9-3 in conference play and into a tie with South Plains for the WJCAC lead.

"We're looking forward to the next two weeks," said Raines, whose team is 21-5 overall. "Obviously, we have some tough games left, and with three of them being on the road it isn't going to be easy, but we control our own destiny. If we do what we are capable of, it'll be hard to keep us out (of the Region V Basketball Tournament)."

The Hawks' final four games is a Murderer's Row marathon. Of their final four opponents, two (Odessa College and New Mexico Junior College) have been ranked nationally and one other (Western Texas) recently upset No.5-ranked South Plains.

The Hawks' biggest challenge will likely come Monday when they travel to Odessa. The Wranglers are one of the league's top offensive squads, averaging better than 80 points a night. See WJCAC, Page 11A



Lady Hawks end slump

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Sarah Stinnett has rebounded plenty of basketballs during the season for the Howard College Lady Hawks. None, however, were quite as important as the one she grabbed with 1:19 left in overtime on Thursday night in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

With the game tied at Frank Phillips College. 54-54 in overtime, Stinnett pulled are bound out of the air and raced to the other end of the floor before dishing the ball to freshman Bailey Wipff, who was immediately fouled.

Wipff turned the rebound and foul into a pair of free throws and, even more importantly, a wild 57-54 come-frombehind victory over

With the win, the Lady Hawks snapped a threegame losing streak, and moved to within a game of fifth-place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference stand-

"That was a huge win for us," said HC head coach Earl Diddle. "The way we came back and finished. I'm really proud of the team and the refusal to quit."

Howard College outscored Frank Phillips by a 5-2 clip in the extra frame to claim the win. It was more than

just a win for the Lady Hawks. "After the losses we've

had, it was a good for us to win this," said Stinnett, the lone sophomore on the HC roster. "It was do-or-die for us."

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Christoval, Sudan play Area game at 'The Dorothy'

High School basketball playoff fans will get another treat this evening when Sudan and Christival square off in a Class A Area playoff bout at the Dorothy Garrett Coli-

The two teams are scheduled to begin playing at 8 p.m., following the Howard Lady Hawks' non-conference against Southwest Texas Junior College.

The game marks the third postseason game HC has hosted. Several more playoff games are pending.



Next step ... Shawntee Lacy and the Big Spring High School Lady Steers will continue their playoff run tonight when they face Levelland in the Area round. The game will be played in Post, starting at 8 p.m.

Big Spring lands 4 on TSWA All-State squad

The Big Spring High a defensive back, whole School Steers placed four players on the 63rd Annual Collin Street Bakery/Texas **Sports** Writers Association's Class 3A All-State Football Team, which was released this morning. Among the players named to the squad were Shaiem Menefield, Devin Roberson, Tate Kennedy and Tobyn Tannehill.

Menefield and Roberson earned the highest praise on the postseason

squad. Menefield, a 6-foot, 160-pound senior, was

named to the second-

team all-state squad as

team selection as a defensive back and an honorable mention pick as a wide receiver. Roberson recently signed to play next fall

Roberson was a third-

at Tarleton State University. Kennedy, a 6-foot-4,

175-pound senior, was also named to the honorable mention team as a receiver. A junior, Tannehill

was an honorable mention pick at quarterback. The four selections

helped Big Spring advance deep into the Class 3A playoffs this season.

Lady Hawks to host SWT this afternoon

The Howard College Lady Hawks will return to action this afternoon when they host Southwest Texas Junior College in a non-conference game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m.

WOMEN

Continued from Page 10A The Lady Hawks, who had entered the game having lost six of their last seven outings, didn't look as if they would be celebrating early. Howard College struggled to get its offense in gear in the first half. The team made just eight baskets from the field in the first 20 minutes.

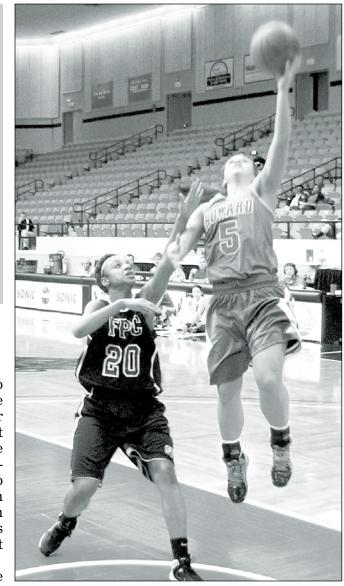
Erisha Tallev led the Lady Hawks' scoring efforts in the first half with four points.

Frank Phillips College held a commanding 32-19 lead at the half.

Howard College answered the buzzer for the second half with a renewed energy. The Ladv Hawks outscored FPC by a 11-7 clip in the first 10 minutes of the frame and pulled to within 39-30.

Stinnett and freshman Gabby Gonzales added fuel to the HC run moments. With the Lady Plainsmen holding a 42-34 cushion, Stinnett came away with a steal and rifled a pass to Gonzales on the wing, who pushed in a three-pointer that cut the FPC lead to five. at 42-37.

Three minutes later, Gonzales knocked down



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Sophomore Sarah Stinnett goes up for two of her game-high 15 points in the Lady Hawks' 57-54 overtime win over Frank Phillips College.

a 25-foot three-point attempt pulled Howard College to within 44-40 with 5:40 left. The Lady Plainsmen

answered back. The FPC women scored back-toback shots from there and rebuilt their lead to eight before Stinnett and Jade Jones took the wind out of their sails. The two highlighted a 7-0 run over the next two minutes that moved the Lady Hawks to within

Frank Phillips answered again. The Lady Plainsmen posted a 5-2 run late and held a 52-49 lead with 28 seconds left in regulation.

Wipff spoiled Frank Phillips' hopes of an HC collapse just 7 seconds later by pulling up from the top of the key and draining a three-point shot that sent the game into OT tied at 52-52.

As a team, Howard College outscored FPC by a 33-20 margin in the second half.

Stinnett finished the game as the Lady Hawks' top scorer, netting 15 points in 42 minutes of play. Wipff and Gonzales both finished with nine points.

Jericka Smith and Talley led the HC defensive push with seven rebounds.

HAWKS

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The three baskets were the first of five straight shots Epps made from the field in the first half. Overall, Epps scored 12 of his game-high 20 points in the frame.

It was an effort that wasn't lost on Raines. "I kind of got after him

yesterday," he said. "I told him, and a few other players, we needed a little more from them. They responded to our conversation well." Weary didn't make

life any easier for the Plainsmen from there. Dressed in teal shoes with sparking red laces, the 6-foot-5 sophomore touched Frank Phillips for 10 points in the ensuing seven minutes of play and spearheaded a 22-10 spree that left the Plainsmen trailing 38-19 and with one foot in the

Darius Johnson closed out the Hawks' first-half domination with an offensive rebound in the closing seconds and sent

Howard College into the half up 40-23.

Just how dominating were the Hawks in the first 20 minutes? Consider this: Howard College hit 17 of their 26 shot from the field in the half (65.4 percent) and collected 15 assists.

The Hawks continued to press its lead in the early minutes of the second half. After Weary had opened the half with a basket, Joseph knocked down a pair of free throws to cap a 4-0 start that stretched the HC lead to 21 points, at 44-23, with just 59 seconds having expired off the clock.

Weary finished the game with 18 points. He also added seven rebounds

There was still plenty of spark left in the HC tank. Epps drained his third trey of the contest minutes later to drive the Hawks lead to 26, at 52-26. Less than a minute later, Johnson brought the crowd to its feet with back-to-back threepointers that boosted

Howard College's lead to a staggering 31 points, at 60-29.

Johnson was one of three HC players to reach double digits in scoring. He finished the game with 13 points on a night in which he went 7-for-10 from the field, and 2-for-2 from the free throw line.

Freshman Niels Bunschoten delivered the final blow for the Hawks in the final minutes of the game. The 6-foot-9 forward slammed home a dunk on a break that put the final nail in the Plainsmen's coffin.

Howard College closed out the contest by outscoring Frank Phillips by a 41-34 margin in the second half.

Joseph and Travis Charles just missed double figures. Joseph finished with nine points and six assists. Charles had eight points and a team-high nine boards.

As a team, the Hawks collected 26 total assists in the contest, including a season-high eight by Jalin Barnes.

WJCAC

Continued from Page 10A OC is 9-4 in WJCAC play, and 21-5.

After facing Odessa, the team will travel to Roswell, New Mexico, on Feb. 20 to face New Mexico Military Institute. NMMI figures to be the Hawks' easiest game down the stretch as they are 2-10 in conference play.

NMMI is 12-12 overall. Raines' squad will make their final home appearance of the season on Feb. 24 when they face New Mexico Junior College, NMJC is currently tied with Odessa College for third

Standings

WJCAC

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South Plains 9-3	3 22-4
Howard 9-3	3 21-5
NMJC9-4	21-5
Odessa 9-4	21-5
W. Texas 8-5	20-7
Frank Phillips 4-8	
Clarendon 3-9	8-17
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in the conference standings, at 9-4.

New Mexico, ranked No. 17 in the latest NJ-CAA poll, defeated Howard College in their only previous game this sea-

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Feb. 27 with a trip to Snyder to play Western Texas College. WTC is 8-5 in conference play, including a win over South Plains.

"We know it is going to be hard, but it is supposed to be," said Raines. "But we can determine our fate, and that is all you can ask. We're excited about these next few games."

Only the top four teams in the WJCAC standings will advance to the Region V Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be held on March 5-8 in Lub-

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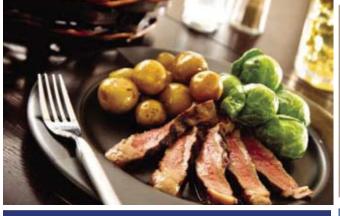
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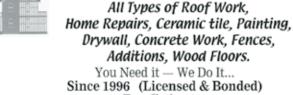
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Along with love go hope and luck. The people you extend your heart to will get your best wishes and intentions. These are more than thoughts in the air. They can be felt. They have power. TAURUS (April 20-May

20). You like the kind of love that makes you feel puffed up and invincible, and yet you'll find that the very best kind of love is the kind that humbles you and makes you want to be a better person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Cupid's aim is illogical, but no matter -the heart has its own logic. You can't direct the trajectory of your heart any more than you can improve the archery skills of a small baby with wings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You tell yourself many things, and most of them you believe. But someone else shows you sweetness today that

Tomorrow's Horoscope

trumps any nice thing you've said to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are reasons for why you are attracted to a certain person. There is no such thing as skindeep beauty. The muscles beneath are activated by emotions, thoughts and the vearnings of a heart. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). The best gift you will give is a gift to someone who will never be able to repay you. The second best gift is to a loved one who is inclined to make you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can think and act independently -- that much has been proved. It's a tribute to your love that you'd rather not. Things are much more fun when the two of you make decisions together these days. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). The French author Andre Maurois said, "In literature, as in love, we are astounded by what is chosen by others." That will be half of the fun today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe it's the lazy way, or maybe it's the fearless, honest and direct way -- the jury is still out. But the way that appeals to you most now is to simply say "I love you."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone you love makes you laugh. They do it unexpectedly and yet consistently. You'll try to return the favor today and succeed with flying colors. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You may not be entirely sure of what you're getting into, but you are surely getting into it. As artist, writer and creativity champion Lynda Barry observed, "Love is an exploding cigar we willingly smoke."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One Kenny Rogers song suggests that "love will turn you around, turn you around." And that is the country music interpretation that will sum up your experience on this day of hearts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Feb. 14). You'll grow in authority this year and use your power to make sales, point people in the right direction and make good decisions in your own right. The next three weeks bring a financial high. May brings good news for your family. Old friends and special visits are featured in June. You'll hit a goalpost in August. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 22, 38 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE **FORECAST:** ARIES:

Wearing the right clothes for your situation sets a tone before you even say a word or do a thing. TAURUS: Your pure desire to serve others instead of yourself makes you ultra-attractive. **GEMINI:** Snuggling is romantic to a point. You appreciate the one who understands your spatial needs. CANCER: Your passionate feelings will be focused in a positive way. LEO: You will call the shots under this moon and are likely to find the right balance between spontaneity and thoughtfulness. VIRGO: The love you really feel will be apparent in the way you talk. LIBRA: Details are important to you now, and your love

life fits right in with the aesthetic you find most pleasing. SCORPIO: You have stellar ideas, and success depends on your ability to execute them at the right time. Don't rush! SAGITTARIUS: Names will mean something to you, and when your name goes well with another person's, this adds to the chemistry of the match. CAPRICORN: You show your love by opening doors for another, and if you're a man, you'll do this both literally and figuratively. AQUARIUS: The care you take with your health is a gift to you as much as to others. PISCES: People will follow you, and you will strongly influence the evening.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Leo moon fully reflecting the glory of the Aquarius sun is a fortuitous omen for relationships involving these signs. These zodiac opposites don't always agree, but they complement each other beautifully under these skies and will fall into step, assisting each other in fleshing out a full potential of talents and abilities. There's a strong romantic link here. These two inspire each other.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear **Readers:** Happy Valentine's Day to one and all, along with our special good wishes to the veterans in VA hospitals around the country. And our particular thanks to those

have taken the MARCY SUGAR time to send valentines, visit the vets

and volunteer at VA facilities.

Bless each and every one of you.

KATHY MITCHELL

readers who

Dear Annie: Thirty years ago, my husband's sister-in-law made a pass at him. They worked at the same place, so when he turned her down, she made his life a living hell. He ended up quitting the job, and we left town. She and my brother-in-law are divorced now, but we see her occasionally at family gatherings.

This woman has been hospitalized twice for breakdowns. Most of the family is cordial to her, knowing that a lot of what she did in the past was due to her illness. When her meds are working and she is feeling stable, she reaches out to those she has hurt to make amends. She reached out to my husband, tearfully admitting that she knows she is the reason we left, and has asked for forgiveness.

She now thinks everything is just fine. The problem is, she has never reached out to me to apologize for the way she upended my life. She doesn't know my

husband told me what happened. Even after all these years, I have a hard time smiling and pretending everything is hunky-dory.

I have forgiven her, but forgetting is something else, and every time I see her, the old anger comes back. My husband agrees that nothing would be gained by bringing these things up again. Any suggestions for moving past this in a positive way? --Wronged but Silent in Wisconsin

Dear Wronged: You haven't actually forgiven her, because her presence still makes you angry. If you believe an apology from her would make a difference, you should calmly let her know. But if you don't think it matters one way or the other, please consider talking this through with a professional who can help you let go of the past completely.

Dear Annie: We have 5-year-old twins. We enrolled them in a swimming class last year. Our son had a bad experience and didn't want to continue. Our daughter, however, loved it and is doing great. After a couple of months, our son decided to return to classes. (We think he was jealous of his sister's achievement.) Naturally, he is a level behind her. He now cries and wants to be on her level.

We think it would be unfair to hold our daughter back for a while so her brother can catch up. However, if we do hold her back, we can enroll them in semi-private lessons together, saving money as well as transportation time. It also

solves the problem of our son's jealousy. Should we do it? --Swimmers Parents

Dear Parents: As a general rule, it is never a good idea to force kids to accomplish anything at the same speed, moving them forward and back so one isn't jealous of the other. This is a recipe for a lifetime of craziness and resentment. If you wish to put both children in the same class because vou want to save money and time. that is a different issue and certainly justifiable. If the lessons are semi-private, your daughter should be able to move ahead at her own speed, which is not the same as holding her back.

Dear Annie: I believe you overlooked something in your response to "Getting This Off My

The writer stated that he is positive his wife got pregnant intentionally. It takes two! Even if she "assures" him that it is a "safe" time of the month, that's no guarantee. Other precautions should be taken. It's a shared responsibility -- *Albany*, *N.Y.*

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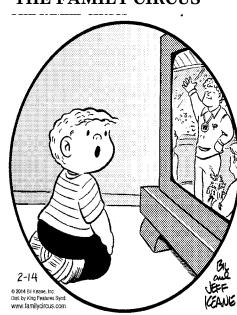
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"WHICH DID YOU WANT ME TO DO? TELL THE TRUTH, OR TELL MARGARET I LIKE HER?"

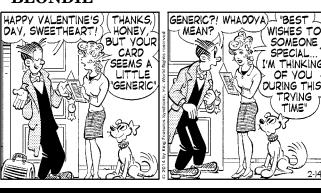
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"Shouldn't they be givin' out HEART-shaped medals today?"



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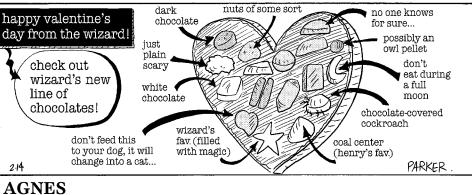




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WIZARD OF ID









This Date In History Today is Friday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2014.

There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 14, 1924, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. of New York was formally renamed International **Business Machines** Corp., or IBM. On this date: In 1014, Henry II was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in Rome by Pope Benedict VIII. In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France. In 1859, Oregon was

admitted to the Union as the 33rd state. In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London. In 1903, the Department

of Commerce and Labor

was established. (It was

divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.) In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation. In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang

In 1963, Federico Fellini's art-house

time.

short-story horror

65 Saw publication

66 Bank-statement

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70 Road warning

2 Airline with no

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5 Reason for a

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In 1949, Israel's Knesset

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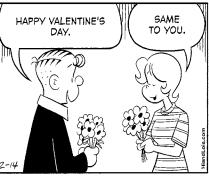
classic " $8\neg\Omega$ " was first released in Italy. In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1984, 6-year-old Stormie Jones became the world's first heartliver transplant recipient at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (she lived until Nov. 1990).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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SNUFFY SMITH





BEETLE BAILEY





Newsday Crossword

- 1 Don't stand firm 5 Quaint
- 11 Source of some fossils
- samples
- astronaut
- 20 City of Syria 21 Highly regarded
- rumors 25 Countless
- 33 Chaotic scenes
- 34 Retro cap
- cage" poet
- of fiction
- captain
- 45 Diminutive
- 47 Brick-shaped
- confection
- 49 Sound of Music
- backdrop
- award
- bands

ACROSS

- affirmation
- 14 African succulent 68 It may be **15** Easternmost
- national park 16 What a swatch
- 17 Apollo 13
- 19 Lit-class reading
- 23 Unflattering
- 26 Small and sprightly
- 29 Stipulations 32 Urban rumbler
- 36 Be inattentive
- 39 "Nor iron bars a
- 42 Santa __ winds 43 British mariner
- 44 '80s Davis Cup
- ending
- 48 Penetrate
- 51 Cable TV sports
- 53 Certain game sticks 58 Bejeweled
- 62 Horner's last words

VIPS FOR TODAY by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

heat!"

35 Common

37 Longing

contraction

38 Look sharply

40 Quit stalling

48 Grand-scale

49 By itself

41 ID-badge holders

46 Night-sch. class

- www.stanxwords.com 34 "Turn up the 7 High praise
- 8 Midmonth day 9 Cheery tune 10 Noah Webster
- alma mater 11 "Father of the American
- Cartoon" 12 "The Age of
- Anxiety" poet 13 Thin and fragile
- 18 Quick trip
- 22 Green-egg layer 1 Mexicali's region 24 Unavailable 26 College
- cofounder 3 Gold rush center Cornell
 - 27 Pork cut 28 Center of
 - attention **30** Treacherous 31 Big bore

32 Drone, e.g.

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- 50 Miller lead role 52 Ranch beast 54 Blacken, in a way
 - 55 Incumbent on 56 Blondie kid
 - **57** Permissive
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 - 64 Boomerang shape

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Valentine's Day

Gift Finder

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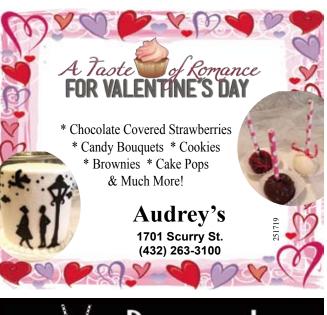










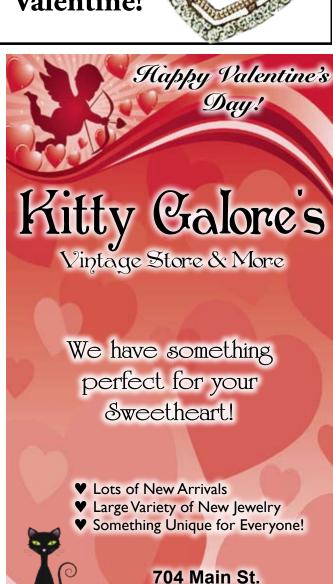




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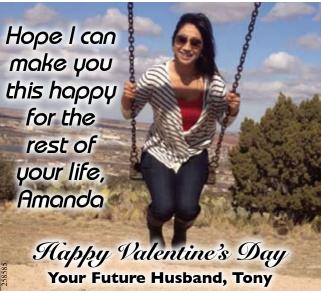




Big Spring



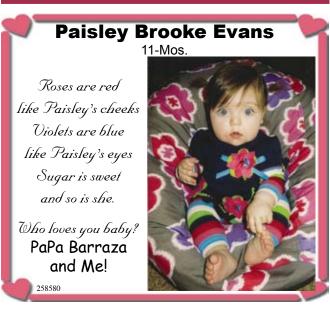
Heartfelt Valentine's Day Greetings



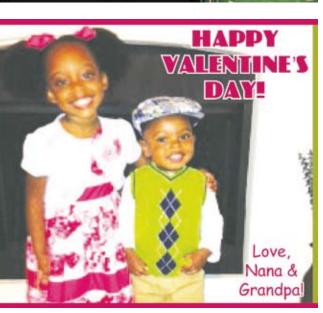












Denise,
Every breath I take, every beat of my heart I think of you. You are the love of my life. A wonderful mother, a loving companion to share life with. I look forward to each day and growing old with you. It was said best in the song in our wedding over 24 years ago.
You are the love of my life, you're my lady.

Forever,
Robert

