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FISD breaks ground on elementary

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — Officials with the Forsan Independent School District officially turned over ground Monday at the site of the new elementary school.

"This is huge for Forsan ISD. By the time we get done with the construction of the elementary and some of the remodel work of the secondary campus, our facilities will look completely different from what they do right now," said Randy Johnson, superintendent, following the official ground-breaking ceremony which drew a large crowd

and several Howard County officials to the event.

Funding for construction of the new elementary school near the junior/high school campus was a result of a \$23.8 million bond passed in 2013 by voters which also included extensive remodeling of the junior/high school campus.

The current elementary school is in the Elbow community, quite some distance from where the new building will stand.

"It was a result from the consolidation way back in the late 1950s," Johnson said. "We lived with that. Made it

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

At left, Randy Johnson, superintendent of Forsan school district, speaks to a large crowd during Monday's ground breaking ceremony. Members of the Forsan ISD board of trustees pose for a picture at the ground breaking ceremony at the site of district's new elementary school. Pictured from left are Lewis Boeker, board vice president; Chris Olson; Kim Ballard, the wife of former trustee Tim Ballard; Beckie Wash, board secretary; Darren Weaver, Tom Kuykendall, board president; Glen Graves; and Johnson.



Forsan ISD photo

Early voting under way

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Time to vote!
 Early voting for the March state and county primary

elections began today and runs through Feb. 28 at the county courthouse, said Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom.

The primary election will decide party nominees for November's general election. Reflecting statewide trends, the Republican side of the ballot drew the most candidates, while decidedly fewer candidates are vying for Democratic party nominations.

Voters can cast early ballots between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the weekdays. There will be two extended-hour early voting days — polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 and Feb. 27, Bloom said.

Bloom is anticipating a good turnout this year.

"In the last primary election four years ago, we had 2,600 people vote," she said. "I'm hoping for 3,000 voters

this election."

Republican candidates in Howard County races include:

- County Judge — Incumbent Mark J. Barr and Kathryn Wiseman.
- County Commissioner, Precinct 2 — Incumbent Donnie (Don) Baker and Craig Bailey.
- District Clerk — Incumbent Colleen Barton is unopposed.

• County Clerk — Incumbent Donna Wright is unopposed.

• County Treasurer — Incumbent Teresa Thomas is unopposed.

• County Surveyor — Michael McBrayer is unopposed.

• Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 — Dale L. Walker, Linda Calvio and

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State lawsuits become issues in governor's race

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Greg Abbott's job as Texas' top lawyer placed him in the line of fire last week when his likely Democratic opponent called on him to stop defending lawsuits over school funding and

gay marriage.

State Sen. Wendy Davis said the attorney general should settle a lawsuit brought by 600-plus school districts who complain that lawmakers violated the state constitution by boosting standards while slashing per-student spend-

ing. She said Abbott was "defending the indefensible."

Four days later, she criticized Abbott for defending the Texas ban on gay marriage, saying the law violates the U.S Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for homosexuals.

In both cases, she said the attorney general's obligation should be to recognize these injustices and work to rectify them rather than spend millions in taxpayer dollars on litigation. But Davis also

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Coming in March: A fishing trip to remember

Herald Staff Report

Gone fishing.

The Sixth Annual Trout Fishing Contest for area youth will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at Comanche Trail Park.

All area boys and girls ages 17 and under are eligible to join in the competition, which is sponsored by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. A number of door prizes will be awarded beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"Comanche Trail Park Lake has been stocked with nearly 3,000 trout this season," said the contest's founder, Ken McIntosh. "In addition to door prizes, children and youth will have the chance to win featured prizes based on the categories of first fish

caught, largest fish caught, and most caught by 4 p.m."

Popular ways to catch trout include fishing off the bottom with corn, salmon eggs or a variety of power baits, McIntosh said.

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Toka Van



Toka Van, 39, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at her residence. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Jan. 6, 1975, to Betty and Ronald Van in Phoenix, Ariz.

She worked as a restaurant manager, spending most of her life in Big Spring. She was a member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother, Betty Tate of Big

Myrtle (Marie) Kays

Myrtle (Marie) Kays, 83, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Feb. 12, 2014, at her home in Ackerly, Texas. Graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, in Lakeview Cemetery, Marietta, Okla., under the direction of Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Marietta.

Mrs. Kays was born July 4, 1930, in Marietta to Virgil Otis Sharp and Willie Marie (Lewis) Sharp. She married James Franklin Kays in Marietta on March 4, 1950. Marie graduated as valedictorian from Greenville High School in Greenville, Okla. Moving to Hobbs, N.M., in 1963 with her husband and four boys, Marie was a secretary for Commonwealth Theaters, retiring in 1995. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church in Hobbs for 45 years. Mrs. Kays loved the Lord and her family very much.

Marie is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, James Virgil (Jim) and Judy Kays of Ackerly,

Spring; her father, Victor Dominguez Sr. of Phoenix; four children, Devante Lloyd and wife Linsley, Carlos Ross III, Tyree Tauris Ross and Ceshun Montrell Ross, all of Big Spring; brothers, Roy Lee Thomas II of Dallas, Ronald Van Jr. of San Diego, Anthony Dwayne Van of Phoenix, Robert Lee Evans II of Arlington and Anthony Evans of Big Spring; sisters, Shawntay Sherrie Van, Veronica Denise Van and Brittany Nicole Govan, all of Phoenix, Sheena Evans of Austin and Stacey Evans of Bryan; four grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

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

William Homer (Bill) and Belinda Kays of Gardendale, Texas and Jerry Randall and Michelle Kays and David Neal and Chris Kays, all of Hobbs, Pamela (Pam) and Tracey Sherman (whom she loved as a daughter); 12 grandchildren, Shawna Jo (Kays) and Bobby Coleman, Michael and Melody Kays, Alisa (Kays) and Chris Riggins, Bobby and Lorrie Kays, Virgil and Ky Kays, Gary and Samantha Kays, Jonathan Kays, Holly (Kays) and Joseph Lopez and Amanda (Kays) and James Sanders; brother and sister-in-law, Deward and Mary Jo Sharp of Plano, Texas; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, James Franklin Kays, on June 12, 2001; her parents, Virgil and Willie Sharp; as well as a brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Joyce Sharp; sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Kenneth Fomby; sister and brother-in-law, Velma and Joe Hunter and several nieces.

Online guest book: wattsfuneralhome.com

Police blotter

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

- KENNETH MIKEL MCPHERSON, 22, of 710 E. 13th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- JO ANN HIRZEL-FRANKS, 22, of 1805 Alabama, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- MITCHELL ALLAN DUSH, 36, of 3600 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA, 31, of 1704 S. Benton, was arrested Monday on warrants for two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, fail to appear, two counts of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500, assault causes bodily injury, two warrants from another agency and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- CALESTON NASIER SANDERS, 32, of 1800 S. Lancaster, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOSE M. AVINA, 37, of 3210 Auburn, was arrested Monday on warrants from another agency and dog or cat running at large – two counts.
- AUSTIN HEALEY PETERSEN, 34, of 600 W. Interstate Highway 20 No. 208, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOHN SCOTT BRICKER, 39, of 5600 S. Service Rd. Lot 32, was arrested Monday on a warrant for harassment.
- JAYCI OESTREISH, 35, of 509 E. 17th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported at the 4400 block of Gail Highway, the 1600 block of E. 4th St. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 3600 block of Hamilton and the 3200 block of Auburn.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1600 block of Owens.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 16th St. and Main.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- ANTHONY ANDREW RIVAS was booked by HCSO to begin sentence for charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- KATHRYN A. DEAN was booked by BSPD on capias warrant for fail to control speed.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON was booked by BSPD on capias warrants for fail to change address of name/30 days, racing or exhibition of acceleration and failure to appear.

• TIFFANY RAY JUARDO was booked by BSPD on a charge of speeding 75 miles per hour in a 70 miles per hour zone and no driver's license.

• JOHN EDWARD MOSS was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT EARL REED was booked by HCSO on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• KASSAUNDRA DYHAN MUNOZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• TRINITY RENEE TERRAZAS was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

• JOSE CAUCIN CARRILLO was booked by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

• JABREYA VASHAE LOUDERMILL was booked by HCSO on charges of no drivers license, failure to appear – two counts and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

• AMBER RAY ALEXANDER was booked by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass – surety withdrawal.

• ZYON GONZALEZ was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence threat or offensive touch.

• JOHN SCOTT BRICKER was booked by HCSO on a charge of harassment.

• JOANN HIRZEL was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

• KENNETH MCPHERSON was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• GABRIEL ANTONIO ACOSTA was booked by DPSM on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

• MITCHELL ALAN DUSH was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• JAYCI MAURINE WEBB was booked by HCSO on a parole violation.

• BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram – two counts, fail to identify giving false/fictitious information, assault causes bodily injury, possession of drug paraphernalia – two counts, failure to appear and theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 – two counts.

• CALESTON NASIER SANDERS was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft by check greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500.

• JOSE MANUEL AVINA was booked on charges of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check, issuance of a bad check and two capias warrants for dog or cat running at large.

• AUSTIN HEALEY PETERSEN was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft by check \$20 - \$500.

Oceal McMillan

Oceal McMillan, 92, of Big Spring, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/19	Thu 2/20	Fri 2/21	Sat 2/22	Sun 2/23
85/51 Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds during the afternoon.	63/35 Windy with morning clouds, then afternoon sun.	70/41 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	73/39 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	72/42 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 6:38 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 6:39 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	58	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	64	pt sunny
Amarillo	69	44	cloudy	Livingston	74	60	cloudy
Austin	78	59	pt sunny	Longview	72	61	cloudy
Beaumont	74	61	pt sunny	Lubbock	78	47	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	64	mst sunny	Lufkin	76	62	cloudy
Brownwood	81	59	pt sunny	Midland	85	56	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	78	64	pt sunny	Raymondville	82	62	mst sunny
Corsicana	71	60	cloudy	Rosenberg	74	62	pt sunny
Dallas	74	61	cloudy	San Antonio	80	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	85	57	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	59	pt sunny
El Paso	80	52	windy	Sulphur Springs	74	62	cloudy
Fort Stockton	89	58	pt sunny	Sweetwater	82	55	cloudy
Gainesville	72	57	cloudy	Tyler	72	61	cloudy
Greenville	72	59	cloudy	Weatherford	73	57	cloudy
Houston	74	62	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	75	57	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	53	drizzle	Minneapolis	39	32	cloudy
Boston	43	28	rain	New York	43	31	rain
Chicago	39	33	mst sunny	Phoenix	79	51	pt sunny
Dallas	74	61	cloudy	San Francisco	64	51	cloudy
Denver	60	24	pt sunny	Seattle	47	37	rain
Houston	74	62	pt sunny	St. Louis	53	43	cloudy
Los Angeles	68	50	cloudy	Washington, DC	59	34	rain
Miami	83	69	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 2/19	Thu 2/20	Fri 2/21	Sat 2/22	Sun 2/23
5	6	6	6	5
Moderate	High	High	High	Moderate

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

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Take note

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

- The Big Spring Art Association will have its monthly meeting today 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.

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

- The 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 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting," Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

- Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland

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- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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work. There were some very positive things about that, but it was time to do something different to bring the campuses together. We are very appreciative to the community to allow us to do that."

Monday's ceremony drew a large crowd to the site, were ground work is going on to prepare the area for the foundation. Large, bulky construction vehicles littered the background of the ceremony site and a brisk wind whipped around those who attended, which didn't dampen the excitement flowing in the air.

"It's exciting, and it's historical because there have been no new buildings in a long time," said Tom Kuykendall, board president. "It's a great opportunity to us to help in the education of our kids and do what we can for them to get the right education."

The new building will mark the first new addition to the district in more than 60 years.

Besides the traditional golden shovel to the ground, the ceremony included a small speech by Bill Cregar, retired Elbow Elementary principal and long-time resident of the Forsan community and singing of the national anthem by Hannah Hillger. A Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting was held at the district's new field house following the ground breaking ceremony. Those who attended were offered a tour afterward.

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Robert (Bob) Fitzgibbons.

- Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 — Connie Shaw, Janice Bishop, Linda Halfmann, Phillip Reid and Sally Grant.

Only one Democrat is running for a county position — Carlos A. Leal in the Precinct 1, Place 2 JP race.

In another contest of local interest, San Angelo resident Drew Darby, Republican incumbent for District 72 state representative, is being challenged by Shannon Thoma-

son of Big Spring. District 72 includes Coke, Concho, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling and Tom Green counties.

Statewide posts up for election this year include governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state senator, state representative, comp-

troller of public accounts, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner and three spots on the Texas Supreme Court.

In addition, Voters will elect party nominees for U.S. Senator (currently held by John Cornyn) and District 19 U.S. representative.

For more information on early voting, contact Bloom's office at 264-2273.

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

SUITS

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knows these are winning issues for her, with most Texas parents frustrated by the poor performance of public schools and the growing support for gay marriage in the state.

Abbott insists his job requires him to defend all laws passed by the Legislature, which is controlled by Republicans. The fact that Republican primary voters think state government spends too much on schools and oppose gay marriage is a bonus for his short-term political goals.

Long term, though, it gets complicated.

Abbott has walked a fine line on school funding in his public remarks, refusing to discuss the complex litigation or the judge's ruling last year that the current system violates the state constitution. He has promised to announce ways to improve

schools without spending more money soon.

This opens the door for Davis to group Abbott with the Republican lawmakers who cut the \$5.4 billion in per student spending in 2011, only to restore \$3.4 billion in 2013. Suburban mothers, a critical bloc of swing voters in Texas, are still angry about those cuts.

Davis has called on Abbott to settle the case and clear the way for a special legislative session to fix the school finance system. Abbott has not ruled out a settlement, but one is unlikely until the judge issues his written ruling and Abbott has had a chance to appeal the case to the Texas Supreme Court. An appeal would delay any resolution until after the Nov. 4 general election.

In the gay marriage case, Abbott has also tried to say as little as possible. In response to questions from The Associated Press, Abbott said he opposes same-

sex marriage, but his office has been issuing the same statement from spokeswoman Lauren Bean for several weeks when asked about the lawsuit.

"The attorney general's office will defend the Texas Constitution in this case just as we do in all cases where state laws are challenged in court," Bean said. "The U.S. Supreme Court was clear that states have independent authority to establish their marriage laws. Texans adopted a constitutional amendment defining marriage. We will defend that amendment."

Davis and Abbott both know that gay marriage is an important issue for young voters and making it a big deal in the election could turn them out for Davis.

Abbott is also defending the requirement that voters produce a government-issued photo ID card to vote. Minority groups complain the law makes it more difficult for poor people

to vote, and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the NAACP and the Justice Department have filed a federal lawsuit against it.

Again, Abbott's primary voters support the law, but it gives Davis another issue to rally her party's base. Since her path to victory depends on boosting voter turnout, it's another good issue for her to highlight.

Abbott and his staff say he is required to defend these lawsuits, but that's not entirely true. Abbott can negotiate a settlement in all these cases if he thought it would produce the best outcome for Texans. After federal judges found flaws with political maps drawn by the Legislature, for example, he convinced lawmakers to approve new maps that mirrored those drawn

by the judges because he knew the original maps could not withstand judicial scrutiny.

Davis can use these lawsuits to her advantage. If Abbott defends these laws, she uses that to motivate her voters. If he settles the cases, she

declares victory. Either way,

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"Small Rooster Tail and Super Duper lures work well, too, given the time of day, weather and water conditions," he added.

Sponsors estimate that approximately 100 kids and their parents or grandparents have participated in the contest each year over the past five years.

"Fishing is a great family outing," said McIntosh, who can be reached at 432-517-4821.

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Americans, where have you gone?

Recently, I saw a Photoshopped depiction of Charles Manson next to an unborn baby, and the caption suggested that liberals are more interested in protecting Manson than they are the baby. It got me to thinking.

Yes, it got me to thinking about the absurd positions modern liberals hold, which wouldn't be nearly so disturbing but for the fact that I'm not talking about fringe liberals. I'm talking about mainstream liberals, who control the Democratic Party, the old media, the executive branch of the federal government, the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Supreme Court half the time, the mammoth federal bureaucracy, many state governments, our universities, our national educational establishment and other cultural institutions.

It still may be true that significantly more Americans self-identify as conservatives than as liberals, but liberals are calculating visionaries by nature, and with decades of planning and activism, they've exercised influence wholly disproportional to their numbers. Their Orwellian mindset oozes intolerance for opposing viewpoints, and with their cultural bullying, they've effectively scared many conservatives and other non-liberals into silence.

The America we see today is but a cloudy shadow of the one in which I grew up, and while mocking iconoclasts celebrate that, we're experiencing the fruits of their ruination every day. America will not long survive if people who reject these warped and rebellious attitudes — these ideas that are in wholesale defiance of the biblically based values that launched and sustained this nation — don't start organizing themselves and fighting back.

Just think about the agenda and priorities of Barack Obama, world liberalism's greatest proponent, and the indefensible positions he supports. America, where have you gone? Some liberals have publicly lamented the indefensibility of Obamacare, but have you noticed they aren't doing anything to oppose it? The entire Democratic Party apparatus and the liberal establishment are

enabling everything President Obama is doing, including his lawlessness and abuses of power. It is now clear that until the next election at least, Republicans alone can't stop his power-mad constitutional assaults, so unless liberals or Democrats help stop him, they are de facto conspirators in his calamitous assault on this country.

Here's a short sampling of the Obama/Democratic/liberal agenda and record:

—Opposing laws (voter ID laws) to reduce voter fraud in the name of protecting it and dishonestly and preposterously labeling proponents as racists.

—Stirring up public jealousy, suspicion, distrust, disharmony and discontentment with a dishonest, anti-capitalist crusade against “income inequality” yet denying all responsibility for exacerbating the situation with their own policies and, in the process, making great strides in moving us away from equal opportunity, which guarantees the most prosperity for the most people, and toward the goal of equal outcomes, which always leads to increased poverty and misery.

—Implementing policies that have stagnated the economy since Obama's been in office yet still blaming George W. Bush and everyone and everything but him.

—Destroying the work ethic by demonizing and punishing producers, success and business and glorifying and rewarding dependency, sloth and covetousness.

—Pushing increases in minimum wage and endless extensions of unemployment benefits with a superior air of compassion while wholly ignoring their deleterious effects on jobs and the people they purport to help.

—Sabotaging America's energy independence and prosperity by blocking oil drilling, suffocating fracking of natural gas through onerous, costly regulations, jacking power prices by 70 to 80 percent with the Environmental Protection Agency's new “clean coal rule,” and unleashing the totalitarian, unchecked EPA to wage war against most other reliable domestic energy resources — all the while pretending to be conventional energy's best friend and taking credit for its advances and, without a scintilla of accountability or remorse, wasting billions of dollars on failed green energy projects, which wouldn't reduce global temperatures a

smidgen, even if you believe in man-made global warming.

—Moving the federal debt toward a fiscal crisis (according to the Congressional Budget Office) and denying it's even a problem and blocking entitlement and other spending reform to reverse it.

—Destroying America's health care system while claiming to save it.

—Facilitating the federal funding of abortion through Obamacare while denying it.

—Manufacturing a phony GOP war on women and pitting the genders against each other for political gain.

—Ostracizing and slandering black conservatives, all for daring to stray from the “required” political views.

—Making a mockery of transparency and afflicting the fawning liberal media with abused spouse syndrome.

—Using the presidential bully pulpit to demonize Fox News and conservative talk radio.

—Exploiting school shootings to promote an unconstitutional gun control agenda that would do nothing to address the problem.

—Advocating voting rights for felons.

—Pooh-poohing and undermining American exceptionalism.

—Pushing amnesty for illegals and defaming opponents as racists.

—Federally micromanaging school lunches.

—Egregiously flouting the rule of law and the separation of powers.

—Coddling Iran and bullying Israel.

—Politicizing the U.S. Justice Department to an alarming degree.

—Harnessing the Internal Revenue Service for partisan purposes.

—Intentionally dividing Americans on racial, economic and gender issues.

Americans, where have you gone? When will the frightened conservatives and the Democrats who can't possibly agree with this madness join us in opposing the theft of our great and beloved nation?

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DAILY PRAYER

For the sake of your children, dear Lord, let us pledge not to drink and drive.

Amen

We're losing our third places

A story that captivated New York City: A group of elderly Korean-Americans had been gathering at a McDonald's in Queens for conversation and fellowship. They'd sit there all day long, sometimes sharing a \$1.39 package of fries. The hangout was so popular that friends from other neighborhoods would travel to join them.

The restaurant's management fretted that the old folks were monopolizing precious table space. Other patrons would demand their money back because they had no place to sit and eat their meal.

The restaurant tried several strategies. It put signs at the tables announcing a 20-minute limit. They were ignored, as were direct requests to leave.

Eventually, the restaurant called the police to remove the sitters, angering many in the area's large Korean-American community. They called for a worldwide boycott of McDonald's.

The public opinion on the matter seemed clearly on the side of the restaurant. McDonald's is a business, not a senior center. And many know the feeling of wanting to sit and consume food but not finding a table because others have monopolized them.

But there's no denying that the elderlily need a “third place,” as this McDonald's had become.

“Third place” is a term coined by University of West Florida sociologist Raymond Oldenburg, referring to a social gathering spot other than one's home or place of employment.

A third place is especially important for retirees no longer reporting to an office, factory or shop. But it is also becoming increasingly necessary for telecommuters, who operate at home and need to escape their four walls.

A third place can be a bookstore, a tavern, a coffee shop, a church center. The ideal third place is inexpensive, open to people of all incomes, within walking distance and friendly to conversation.

The etiquette of using third places, however, is tricky, and the elderly aren't the only problematic squatters.

Working stiffers visiting a Starbucks on coffee break often feel miffed when they find all the good seats taken by students lingering over their laptops, dregs drying in their coffee cups.

But what's the solution? Starbucks offers at least the illusion of an unhurried coffeehouse culture. The feeling would change radically if it installed parking-type meters at the tables.

Another third-place dilemma is that such locales may turn into second homes for people with no other place to go — e.g., the unwashed and the mentally disabled. But monitoring this is a balancing act. Third places thrive on being a mix of very different types.

Which brings us back to the elderly Korean-Americans at the McDonald's. They had plenty of

other places to hang out, senior centers, for example. They apparently didn't want to be surrounded by other old people. They wanted a perch from which they could see bustling life in all its variety — and who could blame them for that?

Casinos know how to profit off older people's sense of isolation. For someone with reduced mobility, slot machines may offer a rare outlet for excitement. Casinos draw in these customers with cheap buffet meals and easy wheelchair access. Some send buses to retirement centers.

Sadly, third places seem to be disappearing. Bakeries that provided all-day sitting for leisured neighborhood folk can't afford city rents. Drugstore lunch counters are pretty much gone. And bookshops are closing (a moment of silence for those wonderful cafes in the now-closed Borders bookstores).

Third places are amenities we should be loath to lose. But let's be realistic: If a community wants a McDonald's to serve as an all-day meeting space for its elderly, the community should be open one. Surely, there must be a way to distinguish between lingering and loitering.

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FROMA HARROP

Bird Poop: Giving back to nature

February 2013 confirmed that winter is never dull. The least expected seems to become the norm.

When noticed on caller ID, a number's area code was the same as ours. However, the remainder was unknown.



BEBE McCASLAND

Answering my return call was a resident of Crane, Texas. A large hawk stood beside the edge of his backyard swimming pool. Anticipation of watching it leave in flight turned to concern when the raptor remained motionless.

The man's walking out the back door to get a closer look didn't seem to phase it. With camera in hand, he took the opportunity to capture the presence of the bird of prey since it would not fly.

Since we had a contact in Odessa, he could either deliver it, or have this person meet him halfway. Then I called Juli Marshall.

Not only did she return his call, she told him that as soon as she left work, she would drive the entire distance. Later in the day, she and her father set out on another adventure. In the interim, we received the man's email pictures and confirmed it was a red-tailed hawk.

Supportive of Juli's wildlife efforts, her place of employment, 8th Street Animal Hospital, later x-rayed the raptor. No broken bones were found. The bird, however, was weak, thin, and dehydrated.

For the previous two years, hawks, owls, and falcons had been found in similar physical condition. This bird was no exception with the continuing drought

and lack of food.

Since the red-tail would need extensive R&R, Juli had our permission to house the bird and sustain it. By the fifth day, it was eating well.

With its energy returning after gorging on what must have seemed an endless stream of mice, the hawk seemed eager to return to the sky. In spite of not having a flight cage to determine its readiness, Juli was concerned that it would hurt itself because of its increasing restlessness. So, eight days after receiving it, she decided to try a release.

Previously, when we had picked up raptors from her, we had driven through Andrews and headed north. In the unplowed, open rangeland on our way to Lubbock, we had often seen raptors swooping low over the grasses in pursuit of game. This knowledge had been shared with Juli.

Choosing a similar area where the only sign of humans was endless miles of barbed wire fence, she parked her SUV. Once out of its carrier, her patient didn't hesitate in attempting its return to the wild.

Flying horizontally through the strands of barbed wire, it covered some thirty feet before landing near a yucca. Unable to elevate, the bird did not have the stamina for sustained flight.

Since there were no more attempts at flight, she climbed over the fence and slowly approached the red-tail. Easily recapturing it, she walked back to her vehicle. The drive home was worrisome.

After telling me of its lack of flight ability came my response: "That's why we always tell anyone who is releasing a bird to take a net. You never know when you will have to recapture it!" Realizing she wasn't



Courtesy photo

Lack of food and dehydration forced this red-tailed hawk to land beside the edge of a swimming pool in Crane, Texas. Its brown upper parts accent its creamy under parts and streaked belly. Its rufous tail will denote maturity.

alone for such an event, she seemed grateful to know it had happened to other rehabbers.

For another week, Juli continued her efforts in sustaining the hawk. That extra time was beneficial. With her next call, we agreed to meet at the Horseshoe Arena in Midland. The following day we were on our way to Lubbock.

Placed in a mew that allowed the red-tail to exercise, it refused to eat. This behavior was not uncommon due to change in environment. Three days later it was readily eating food placed on an elevated shelf. Four more days passed before it was

ready for the flight cage.

After five days in the flight cage, Gale Barnes made the decision for release. It had taken a month from the time it was discovered until it would finally regain its freedom.

Taking one last glance at the red-tail, her husband, Larry, opened the carrier's gate in a remote area of grasslands and canyons. Bordered by some fields of cotton, this area was rife with prey for the large hawk.

Having daily met the arduous exercise it would take for release, the large female leapt into the air.

With strong wing beats, she flew until out of sight.

Upon learning of the success of his backyard guest, Joe Crawford was relieved. The reality of its not making it had preyed on his mind for weeks. That the hawk had chosen his poolside to rest was memorable.

To those who had offered their expertise, and had sacrificed time and expense, he was grateful. He would never become aware, perhaps, of the volunteers who were just as elated whenever they could give back to nature a single part of the whole.

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

Parent's Corner: All about Valentine's

We have just celebrated Valentine's Day, which is best known for expressing love and giving cards and presents but have you ever wondered about the origin of this day and how a day for celebrating love came to be placed during the middle of February?

The story of Valentine's Day begins during the glory days of the Roman Empire. It seems a love festival was held every February in honor of the god of fertility called the Lupercian Festival.

It was a time to express love and would often be a time for marriage, however when Claudius became Emperor he changed all of that.

Fearing that men would refuse their duty to fight because they would not want to leave their wives behind, he outlawed all marriages.

This new law forced young couples who fell in love and wished to marry to sneak off to see the priest who would secretly marry them. The priest just happened to be the

Catholic Bishop Valentine.

When Claudius found out, he had Valentine arrested and ordered to be put to death. However, while waiting in



jail, or so the story goes, Valentine began exchanging letters with the jailer's daughter and soon found he was in love with her.

The day he was to be beheaded, he wrote her one last note and signed it: "From Your Valentine." Now, whether this second half of the story is true or not is not actually known but it does make for a good tale.

But to continue the story, in 496 A.D.,

Christianity had taken over Rome and Pope Geladius outlawed the pagan Lupercian Festival. He was aware of its popularity so he looked to replace it with something more appropriate and something that would fit into the Christian setting so he set aside a day in

February to honor the martyr St. Valentine.

Valentine's Day became a very popular day for expressing love and giving gifts.

The act of sending cards became popular in the 1700s and by the early 1800s, commercial valentine cards began to appear.

By the 1840s, some of the cards were very ornate and others were so intricate that they had moving parts. Cards

were very expensive and many cost as much as ten dollars, which was extremely expensive at that time.

Up until the late 1800s, all of the mass-produced Valentine's Day cards were made in England or other European countries. In the early 1870s, a 19-year-old American woman named Esther Howland had the idea to begin producing commercial Valentine's Day cards in America.

She started out with three friends and her brother and in assembly line fashion began producing hand-crafted cards which were shipped around the country. By the end

of the decade she was making more than \$100,000 a year.

Around 1900, a new form of Valentine's Day card appeared called the Penny Dreadful. Up until this point, cards were relatively expensive but the Penny Dreadful changed all that.

They were just what the name implied, costing only one cent and so poorly made, with amateurish artwork, uneven coloring and the verses printed on them were often insults or comedy instead of anything to do with love that they were called dreadful.

However their cost kept them popular for

years.

Today Valentine's Day cards are given at the rate of one billion a year, setting it just behind Christmas as the most popular card-sending holiday. So the question today is, did you give your card to the one you love or did you get into trouble?

Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for the Big Spring Independent School District.



DARRELL RYAN

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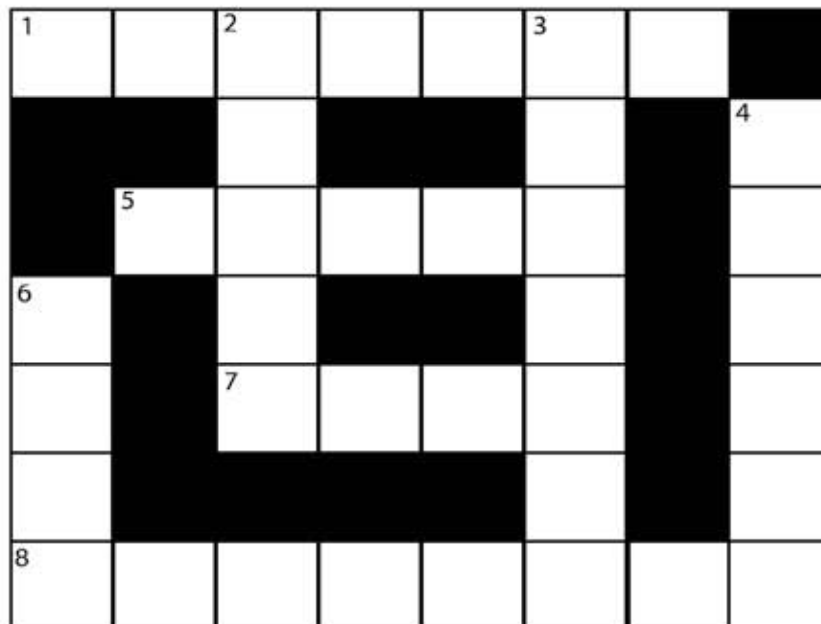


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ANSWER: CARBON MONOXIDE

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Make better
- 5. Takes up space
- 7. Loud noise
- 8. Lumberjack

DOWN

- 2. Measure water
- 3. Person who travels
- 4. Fix
- 6. Securing device

Answers:
Across
1. Improve 5. Bulky 7. Bang 8. Lumberer
Down
2. Plumb 3. Voyager 4. Repair 6. Nail

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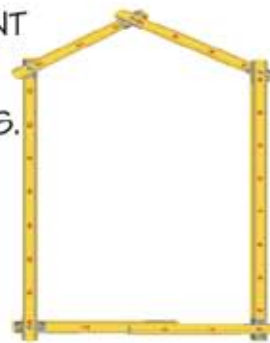
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How they SAY that in...

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- SPANISH:** Reparar
- ITALIAN:** Riparare
- FRENCH:** Réparer
- GERMAN:** Reparieren

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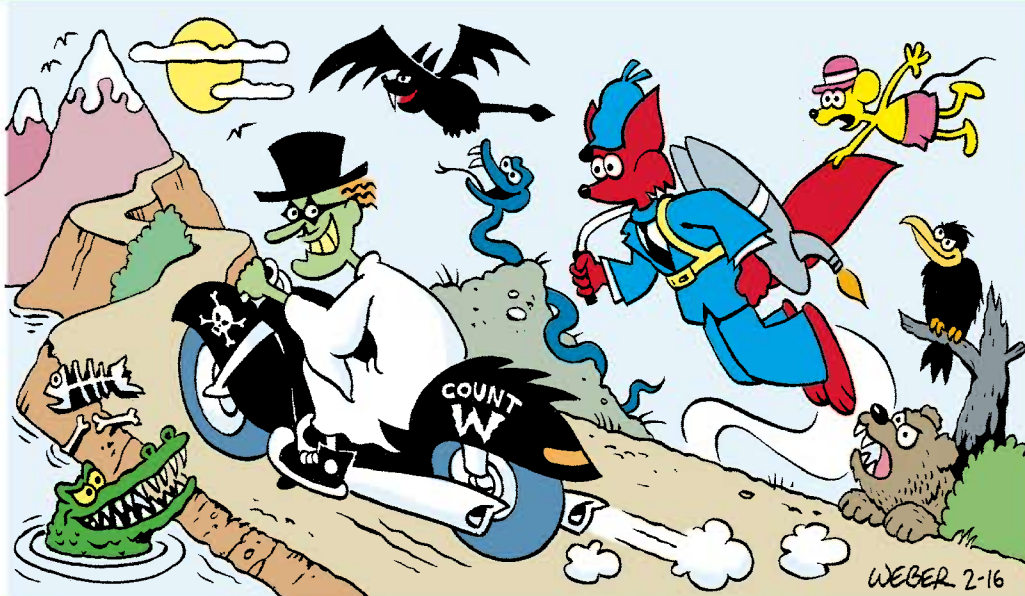
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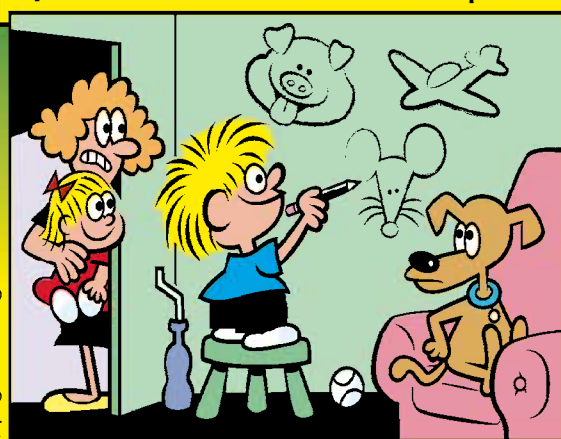
Count Weirdly is racing to Slylock Fox's house to delete incriminating evidence on Slylock's computer. If Weirdly and Slylock travel at the exact same average speed, how will Slylock arrive at his house ten minutes before the count?

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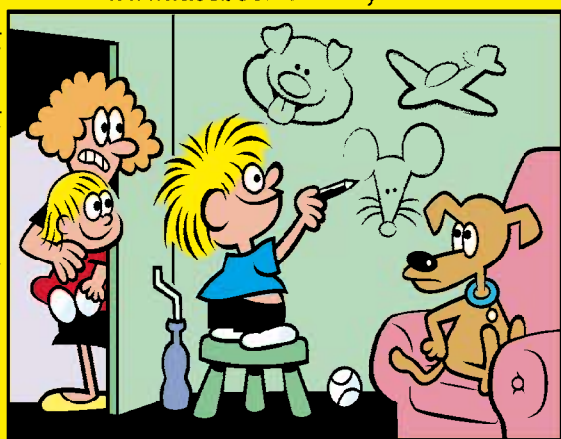
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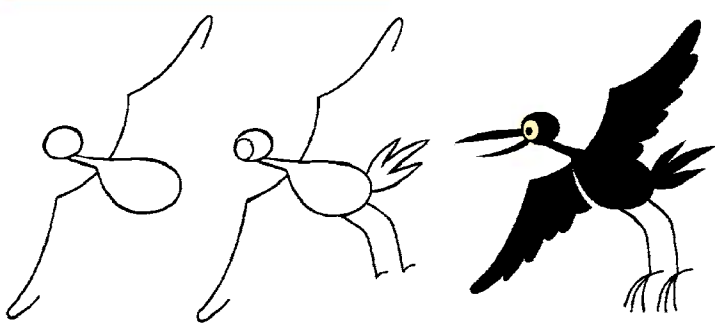
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- 2) YEOTCMROLC
- 3) ANUMTOIN

Answer -- 1) Alligator 2) Motorcycle 3) Mountain

Steers begin playoffs today against Pecos

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School Steers will officially kick off the most important part of their 2013-14 basketball season tonight. The postseason.

And it couldn't have come at a better time for Big Spring.

After finishing off its regular season with a pair of meaningless losses to Sweetwater and Snyder, Big Spring will amp up its attack this afternoon when they square off against the Pecos Eagles

in the bi-district round of the boys' Class 3A playoffs. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Permian High School gymnasium in Odessa.

Big Spring, which finished the regular season as 13-15, enters the game as the No. 3 seed from the District 4-3A race. The Steers finished behind Abilene Wylie and Monahans in the district standings. Pecos, 19-11, is the second-place representative from District 3-3A.

In Pecos, the Steers will be facing a team celebrating its first postseason appearance in 24 years. The Eagles' last trip to the state basketball playoffs came in 1990.

Pecos almost advanced to the postseason in 1995 but lost a district playoff game to Big Spring.

The Eagles, who are coached by Sammy Soliz, are led into the contest by forward Fabien Tarin and guard Beto Alaniz. Tarin scored 11 points in a 5 minute span in Pecos' recent

54-42 win over Anthony. Alaniz is the team's top outside threat.

A win over the Steers tonight would also be a historic win for the Pecos basketball program, marking the first time the team has reached 20 wins in a season since 1989.

Getting win No. 20 will be anything but easy against a BSHS team that is capable of dominating the game from inside the paint and from the perimeter.

The Steers, who proved

they can win key matchups earlier this year with a win over state-ranked Monahans, enter the postseason with one of the better 1-2-3 punches in the region with posts Ty Sealy and Tyler Bryan and guard Tyler Wigington. Sealy and Bryan give Big Spring a huge presence in the inside. Both enter the playoffs among the area's leaders in rebounding.

Wigington, along with Charles Green and Tavaris Walker, give the Steers plenty of punch from the outside.

Joseph buries OC with late trey

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Odessa College Wranglers entered Monday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference showdown with rival Howard College in a good position. They were led by the nation's top scorer in point guard Josh Gray, and they had home court advantage.

What they didn't have was "Pepe," or, when the smoke finally cleared, was much of a prayer for making the postseason.

After Gray had pushed in a layup with 6.6 seconds left to give the Wranglers a 76-75 lead, Joseph delivered the biggest shot of his HC career by pulling up from just across midcourt and drained a buzzer-beating 40-foot three-point bomb that floored Odessa College faster than a Mike Tyson right hand. Joseph's long-range three-pointer gave the Hawks a thrilling 78-76 victory in front of a large crowd in the OC gym.

"We needed a big road win like this," said Raines. "I'm so proud of our guys. They came through when they had to."

Especially in the final 6.6 seconds. After Gray had scored to give the Wranglers a lead, Raines said he expected OC to come hard at Joseph on the ensuing inbounds pass. With that in mind, Raines decided to send Jalin Barnes running down the court on the inbounds attempt, and then passed the ball into Eric Weary Jr.

"They expected Pepe to get the ball on the inbounds," said Raines, whose team improved to 22-5 for the season. "We got Jalin running off and they went with him, so we went to Eric and he had the presence of mind to find him (Joseph) as he came across mid-court."

Two strides across midcourt, Joseph pulled up and fired a three-point shot that stunned the Wranglers.

Joseph's success didn't surprise Raines. It's what big-time players do, he noted.

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File photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College sophomore David Joseph puts up a shot during a recent Hawks' game. Joseph lifted Howard College to a thrilling 78-76 win over rival Odessa College on Monday by sinking a 40-foot three-point shot at the buzzer. With the win, the Hawks moved to 21-5 for the season and remained tied with South Plains for the top spot in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

Odessa outlasts Lady Hawks

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Odessa College Lady Hawks showed Monday's showdown with the Howard College Hawks figuring they should have an easy win. They were, after all, playing at home and facing a Howard College team that was ranked in the lower half of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

How wrong were they.

The Lady Hawks entered a 16-6 wrangle in the first 10 minutes of the second half to escape with a tough 53-45 come-from-behind victory over the Lady Hawks. Howard College, which struggled to find its outside game, held a 17-16 lead midway through the first half, and entered the half with the score tied.

"I thought at halftime we were in good shape," said HC head coach Earl Diddle. "But we came out and sputtered a little at the start of the second. I think, at time, we played well enough to win."

The Lady Hawks certainly made believers of Odessa College in the first half. The Lady Hawks stood toe-to-toe with the Lady Wranglers, who entered the game in second place in the WJAC standings behind New Mexico Junior College.

The Lady Hawks controlled the game early in the first half. After OC had battled to a 4-2, Bailey Wipff put Howard College on top by draining a three-pointer from the win. Her shot - the

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Forsan to face Morton in bi-district playoff

The Forsan High School Buffaloes will kick off their 2014 postseason run this evening when they face Morton in the bi-district round of the Class A playoffs.

The Buffaloes enter tonight's game with an 18-7 record. They are the District 6-A second-place team. Morton is the District 5-A third-place seed.

The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Post High School gymnasium.



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BS hoopsters honored ...

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees recognized the members of the Big Spring Lady Steers' basketball team for its accomplishments on Feb. 13. The Lady Steers finished the 2013-14 season with a 19-12 record and advanced to the area round of the state playoffs.

Big Spring Little League sign-ups are set for Feb. 22

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

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

Parents must provide a valid birth certificate at registration.

Golf scramble set for Feb. 22-23

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

Entry fee is \$100 per player plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome on Saturday and Sunday. A 1 p.m. shot-

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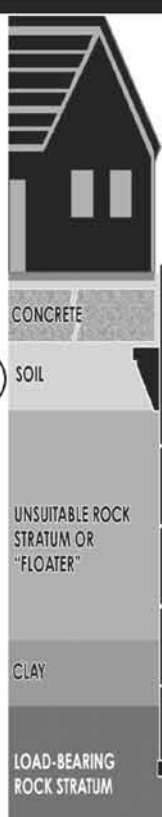
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Here Comes the Pisces Sun

The sun waves goodbye to the "tomorrow land" of Aquarius to navigate the complex ocean that is Pisces. This journey of the fish will take us through a variety of conditions and tides. Remember that the ocean is mighty and fighting it will only tire you out. Swim with the current, and it will take you far.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you like your work quite a bit, increased responsibility and longer hours will bring more enjoyment to your life. Before you take on anything new, consider how much you are enjoying what you already do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An informal approach to a formal situation will prove a mistake and could be taken as a sign of disrespect. Whereas, a formal approach to an informal situation will be seen as an interesting stylistic choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Start by choosing your focus. Family, work, relationships or finance are all favored focuses, but you have to choose only one. That's the right number to get settled into a groove and move quickly forward.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Holding too many negative thoughts in your mind

is like too much water in a boat: It will sink you. Start bailing out some of the less than buoyant ideas and replacing them with hope. Hope floats!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends make bad situations bearable and good situations even better. Whether your plan is for work or play, you stand to make it better by getting friends in on the action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're changing, and your social needs will change right along with the transformation. No matter how many friends you already have, it's worthwhile to seek good company.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Since you can't discover who you are while living out someone else's idea of who you need to be, you will spend the day doing your own thing. Listen for the little voice inside that tells you what that "thing" is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Strangers will find you intriguing, attractive and perhaps even "cool." You may decide to make it difficult for them to get to know you, and this strategy will serve to make them even more eager to do so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Consider reading about a famous person who has had similar ambitions to your own. You'll learn much from the triumphs and errors of public personalities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your appreciation for and care of nature is a highly attractive quality. A lover of animals, they will

gravitate to you now, and you could even find yourself taking responsibility for a stray.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who assume they are doing you a favor by instructing you will get a surprise. You don't like to be told what to do unless you asked for the advice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Money is a form of communication, and those dollars and cents will need no translation today. Everyone will be on the same page about how much things are worth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 18). Love enters your world bringing gifts. March is the time to put money down on property or hire the help that will allow you to take on different work. April brings the perfect partner for your project. May communication will forward financial interests, and a long-awaited purchase finally will be possible. Aries and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 14, 38 and 49.

PISCES SUN RULES FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH: The Pisces sun can have a precarious effect on emotional well-being. On the one hand, the increased powers of compassion and empathy available in her rays inspire many to help others. On the other hand, just like doctors who put themselves at risk by working with sick people, those who want to help will do so most effectively when they

first take care of themselves with precautionary measures. Think of the following ideas as self-preservation -- the emotional equivalent of hand sanitizer, scrubs and masks.

1. You cannot change another person. Offer your assistance without the expectation that the other person will change.

2. You are not defined by what you do for others.

3. Realize that each person is responsible for his or her own journey, including you.

4. No one needs to be perfect in order to be worthy of compassion.

5. Don't be so quick to sacrifice your own needs for the needs of others. There is usually a way to take care of others without neglecting yourself. Endeavor to find it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Born on the cusp of Aquarius and Pisces, movie star John Travolta has the energy of both signs streaming through his astrological chart. The sun was in intelligent, offbeat Aquarius on the day he was born, though communication planet Mercury and Venus, guardian of the heart, were both in artistic, intuitive Pisces. Travolta will soon star as John Gotti Sr. in an upcoming crime drama.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My sister's husband sexually assaulted my 18-year-old daughter while she slept on their sofa. We kept this a secret for three years, and then it finally came out. When my sister heard, she decided to protect her children from the truth about their father by "divorcing" my family so we would not reveal the secret. She claimed her husband was "blacked-out drunk" and therefore not responsible for the assault. Because there was no intent (presumably), he wasn't at fault.



KATHY MITCHELL
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children's birthday parties. They never tell us when my sister is at their home. They celebrate holidays with her family before visiting us.

My kids and I are completely torn up over all of this and so deeply wounded, not only by the loss of my sister's family, but also by the lack of support from the rest of them. I don't understand how my parents and my other siblings could possibly support her

decision. Are we wrong to feel betrayed and abandoned? We are about ready to wash our hands of the lot of them, although it isn't what we want.

My parents and siblings have told me that this is the "new normal" and that my family should be grateful for the times they see us instead of focusing on the times when we aren't included. It feels as if we are being punished because my daughter's assault was "not that bad" and she wasn't willing to shove it under the rug for the rest of her life. -- *Open for Input*

Dear Open: We understand that your parents and siblings don't want to lose contact with your sister by openly supporting you. They know she would cut all of them off. Instead, this is the

accommodation they have made in order to have a relationship with everyone. The real problem is that your sister and her husband refuse to address the assault, never apologized or tried to make amends, and blamed you and your daughter for bringing it up. We also don't know whether her husband has ever dealt with his drinking, which is no excuse for attacking another person.

You will not get the support you deserve from your family. Either accept what they offer or don't. But please make sure your daughter is dealing with this in a healthy way. Contact RAINN (rainn.org) for information and help.

Dear Annie: My in-laws, whom I adore, do not have soap in their bathrooms. My husband and I take

soap when we go to visit, but that doesn't change the fact that no one else washes their hands after using the restroom. They then proceed to prepare meals that we are supposed to eat. We have tried sending decorative soap dispensers and asking "Where's the soap?" but nothing changes. -- *Clean Freak*

Dear Clean: Everyone should wash with soap and water after using the bathroom and especially before preparing food. It helps prevent the spread of germs, some of which can be quite harmful. Have you asked your in-laws why they don't wash properly? If nothing changes, send them this letter and tell them that Annie says they need to use soap before someone gets sick, fer cryin' out loud.

Dear Annie: Kudos to "Tapped Out" for complaining about checkout line panhandling. It's happening nearly everywhere. Why should I have to deal with solicitors when I just want to buy a hamburger? Management may think it makes their companies look good, but it causes me to go elsewhere until the campaign is over. -- *Already Give 15 Percent to Charity*

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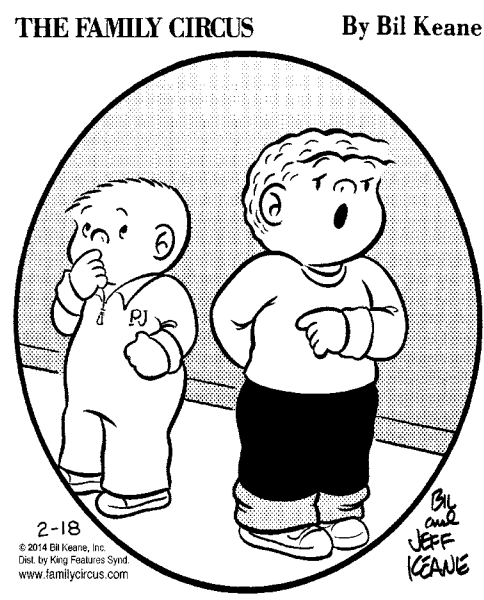
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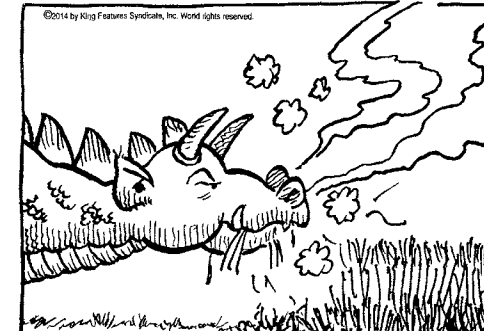
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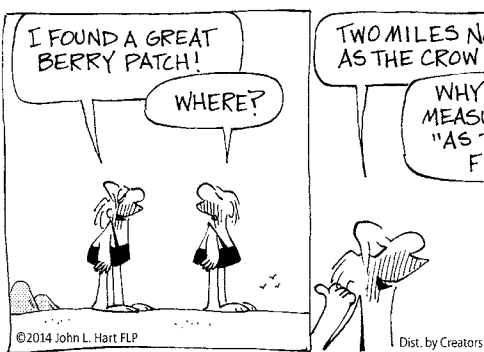
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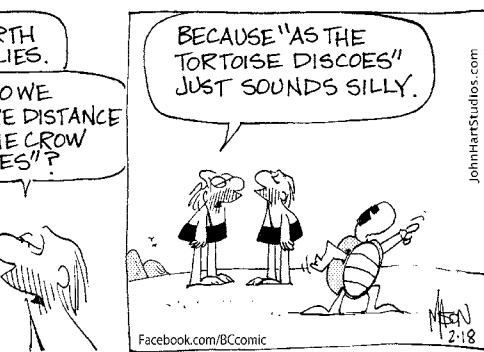


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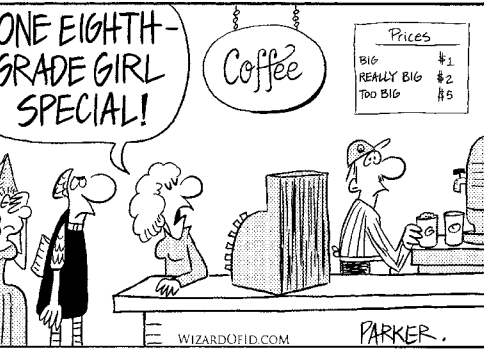
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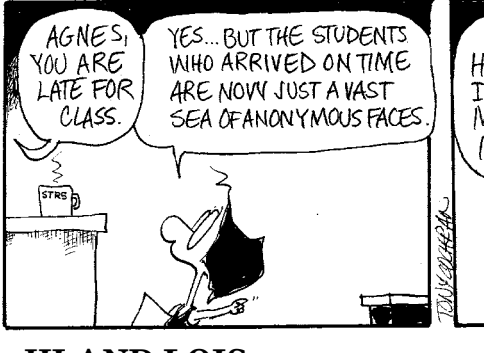
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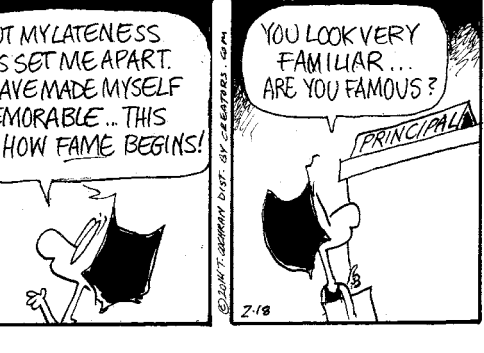
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2014. There are 316 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 18, 1564, artist Michelangelo Buonarroti died in Rome, just weeks before his 89th birthday. On this date: In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala. In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

In 1913, Mexican President Francisco I. Madero and Vice President Jose Maria Pino Suarez were arrested during a military coup (both were shot to death on Feb. 22). In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. In 1939, the Golden Gate International Exposition opened on Treasure Island in San Francisco. In 1943, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the wife of the Chinese leader, addressed mem-

bers of the Senate and then the House, becoming the first Chinese national to address both houses of the U.S. Congress. In 1953, "Bwana Devil," the movie that heralded the 3D fad of the 1950s, had its New York opening. In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 10 Shade trees
- 14 Decorate
- 15 Worker safety org.
- 16 Chair or bench
- 17 Entire range
- 18 Unwanted email
- 19 Dress of India
- 20 Not optional
- 22 "... happily _ after"
- 23 Paving goo
- 24 Spine-tingling quality
- 26 Egyptian snake
- 29 Taxi
- 31 Pretzel topping
- 32 Have ambitious goals
- 35 Easy to lift
- 39 Tiny amount
- 40 Get to one's feet
- 43 Healing plant
- 44 Place to park
- 46 Like grapes that don't crunch
- 48 Sunrise direction
- 51 Lincoln nickname
- 52 Butterfly catcher
- 53 Bottle cap that unscrews
- 57 FedEx competitor
- 59 Fishing poles
- 60 Not optional
- 65 Tiny amount
- 66 Sound of distress
- 67 Scoundrel
- 68 Put up with
- 69 Place for a water lily
- 70 Oklahoma city
- 71 Feeling tense
- 72 Stick around
- 73 Take the wheel
- 9 Photo taker
- 10 Not optional
- 11 Exit the premises
- 12 Female horses
- 13 Mixes with a stick
- 21 Most Jordanians
- 25 Unwell
- 26 24-hr. cash dispensers
- 27 Pack and send
- 28 Bread with a pocket
- 30 Took the bait
- 33 Not optional
- 34 Auto fuel
- 36 Secluded valley
- 37 Fire-hydrant attachment
- 38 Try out
- 41 Teachers' union: Abbr.
- 42 Fix, as software
- 45 Gobble up
- 47 Exits the premises
- 49 Treads heavily
- 50 In addition
- 53 Sioux or Navajo
- 54 Courted
- 55 Luggage attachment
- 56 First course of action
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Chicago hearing set on football union bid

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal agency is scheduled to begin witness testimony on whether to approve a bid by Northwestern University football players who are trying to unionize.

Three days of hearings before the National Labor Relations Board start Tuesday in Chicago. Among the key witnesses will be Wildcats' outgoing senior quarterback Kain Colter.

This first bid by college athletes to form a union is being

closely watched as something that could change the landscape of collegiate football. If it succeeds, the expectation is that other teams nationwide will follow suit.

The pivotal question for the agency to answer is whether college football players qualify as employees. Wildcats' players say they do and Northwestern says they don't.

If they can be considered employees under U.S. law, they have a right to unionize.

Tina Maze wins rainy Olympic giant slalom

KRASNAYA POLY-ANA, Russia (AP) — Tina Maze skied through rain and snow to win Olympic gold, and then swam through slush to celebrate.

In tough conditions on the slopes above Sochi, Maze won her second gold medal of the 2014 Games on Tuesday by leading the giant slalom from start to finish.

Wearing bib No. 1, the Slovene skied cautiously and cleanly through the gates to finish 0.07 seconds ahead of Anna Fenninger of Austria.

Maze celebrated by bel-

ly-flopping onto the wet snow and pretending to swim the breaststroke.

"Didn't you feel like in (a) swimming pool? We are all wet, so I said, 'Why not?'" Maze said. "It's been a great day for me."

Defending champion Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany was third, trailing 0.27 behind Maze's two-run time of 2 minutes, 36.87 seconds.

American teenager Mikaela Shiffrin placed fifth in her Olympic debut, missing a medal by just 0.23 seconds.

"Next Olympics I go to,

I'm sure as heck not getting fifth," said Shiffrin, who will start as the favorite in the slalom on Friday.

The 30-year-old Maze added giant slalom gold in the rain to the tie for victory in a sunbathed downhill last week. She also won giant slalom silver at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Maze led the first run by 0.52 seconds. Jessica Lindell-Vikarby of Sweden had been in second place, but she faded down to place seventh.

Maze began the second run with a 0.85-second advantage over Fenninger, the super-G winner, but gave much of it away in a cautious run down the steep and slushy final slope.

"Not easy day, as we see the weather is playing (games), but I love it when it's working out fine," Maze said. "I don't care if it's raining, if it's sunny or whatever. The slope was really good."

After Maze crossed the line, a further 44 lower-ranked skiers still had their second run. They included pop-classical violinist Vanessa-Mae, who raced for Thailand as Vanessa Vanakorn. She was the slowest of 74 first-run finishers, then slowest again in the afternoon by more than seven seconds.

She ended up 50.10 seconds behind Maze.

One absentee in the original 90-racer lineup was Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany, who skipped her weakest

Winter Olympic Medals Count At Sochi, Russia

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USA.....	5	4		10
Netherlands.....	5	5	7	17
Norway.....	6	3	7	16
Canada.....	4	8	4	16
Germany.....	8	3	3	14
Austria.....	2	6	1	9
Sweden.....	2	5	2	9
Switzerland.....	5	2	1	8
France.....	3	1	4	8
Belarus.....	5	0	1	6
China.....	3	2	1	6
Slovenia.....	2	1	3	6
Czech Rep.....	1	3	2	6
Japan.....	1	3	2	6
Italy.....	0	2	4	6
Poland.....	4	0	0	4
S. Korea.....	2	1	1	4
Australia.....	0	2	1	3
Latvia.....	0	1	2	3
Britain.....	1	0	1	2
Finland.....	0	2	0	2
Slovakia.....	1	0	0	1
Croatia.....	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan.....	0	0	1	1
Ukraine.....	0	0	1	1

event because of a cold and breathing problems.

Hoefl-Riesch, the super-combined champion and super-G silver medalist, went to the course to warm up Tuesday. She is expected to defend her slalom title on Friday and challenge for a record-equaling fourth career Olympic gold in women's Alpine skiing.

Julia Mancuso, GS champion at the 2006 Turin Olympics, skied out midway down the last slope in her final event.

"That's a wrap for me here in Sochi. It's been inspiring! Thanks for all the support and Love! #GoUSA!!! Now I get to celebrate my Bronze!!!" Mancusowrote on her Twitter account.



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Swimmers honored ...

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees recognized members of the Big Spring Steers' football team on Feb. 13. The Steers' football team made a deep run into the Class 3A state playoffs this season.

WOMEN

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one trey by the HC women in the game – gave the Lady Hawks a 5-4 advantage with 16:05 left. Erisha Talley followed minutes later with a short jumper off the glass that upped the Lady Hawks' lead to 7-4.

Odessa College rallied back. The Lady Wranglers posted a 6-3 run over the next two minutes knotted the score at 10-10 with 12:18 to play in the half.

The Lady Hawks continued to push OC. Briana Casas, Nancy Warioba and Wipff all knocked down clutch shots in the

WJCAC Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
New Mexico.....	11-1	20-5
Odessa.....	10-2	20-6
South Plains.....	8-3	14-10
Midland.....	7-5	17-10
Frank Phillips.....	4-8	16-9
Howard.....	3-9	12-15
Clarendon.....	3-9	11-14
Western Texas.....	1-10	6-16

following moments and helped the Howard College battle its way to a 19-18 lead at the 5:42 mark of the period.

Howard College entered the half with the score knotted at 25-25.

Wipff led the HC women in the first half. She poured in seven of her

team-high 11 points in the initial 20 minutes. Jade Jones, Warioba and Casas all added four.

The Lady Hawks' fortunes took a turn for the worse at the start of the second half, however. Odessa College opened the half with a 16-6 run that gave the Lady Wranglers a 10-point lead, at 41-31.

The Lady Hawks never recovered from there.

Howard College struggled throughout the game to get its shots to

fall. The team hit just 21 of their 66 shots from inside the paint, and made just one of 15 attempts from three-point land, including an 0-for-9 streak in the second half.

Jericka Smith was the Lady Hawks' second-leading scorer with eight points. Jones, Warioba and Talley all finished the game with six points for HC.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks fell to 13-15 for the season and slipped to 3-9 in WJCAC action.



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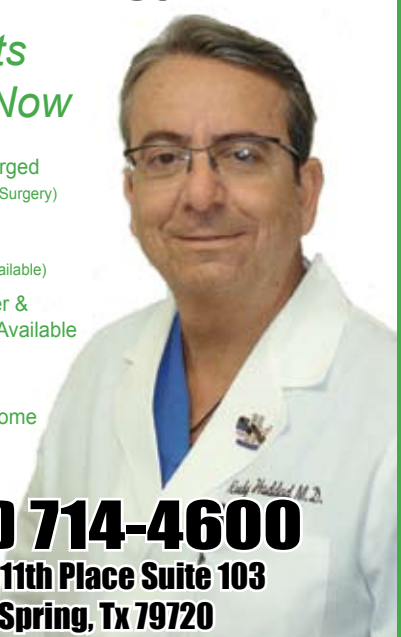
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WJCAC

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 "He just played out of his mind in the two Odessa games," said Raines.
 Gray didn't do too badly himself.
 The nation's leading scorer, he gave the Wranglers plenty of opportunities down the stretch to scratch out a win.
 With the Hawks holding a 66-65 lead with less than 5 minutes left in the second half, Gray sparked the OC offense with a three-pointer that put the Wranglers up 68-66. He tacked on a dunk off a Howard College turnover that pushed the OC lead to three, at 72-69, with 4:03 left.
 Fortunately for the Hawks, Joseph was equal to the task. After the Hawks had pulled to within 74-72, Joseph silenced the crowd with a three-point from the top of the key that gave Howard College a 75-74 lead with 37 seconds left in regulation.
 That shot forced OC to call a timeout and draw up a shot they hoped would net them a narrow win.
 It almost did.
 The Wranglers came out of the timeout, in-bounded the ball quickly and watched as Gray raced to the hoop for the go-ahead shot.
 "They kind of in-bounded the ball before we were ready," said Raines. "Give them credit, they in-bounded it and caught us napping."
 Joseph put Odessa College to sleep for good seconds later with his game-winning 40-foot shot.
 Travis Charles supplied much of the

Hawks' offensive attack early in the game. The HC standout pumped in six of his team-high 24 points in the first eight minutes of play and helped Howard College grab the upper hand early in the first half.
 The Hawks, after falling behind 4-2, reeled off a 27-20 run over the ensuing 14 minutes of play and built a 5-point lead, at 29-24, when Demeco Blue pushed in a shot from the paint with 4:28 left in the half.
 Odessa College rallied back, however. Demetrius Thomas and Gray wrapped a pair of three-point shots around a basket by Charles to cut the HC lead to one, at 31-30, with 3:07 left.
 The Wranglers closed out the first half with a 7-2 run and took a 37-33 lead into the half.
 Odessa's Kevin Scott staked the Wranglers to a 5-point lead early in the second half with a trey. His shot gave the Wranglers a 48-43 cushion at the 16:30 mark.
 It was a short-lived lead. The Hawks posted a 6-0 run later in the frame - netting back-to-back-to-back shots from Joseph, Lis Shoshi and Blue and grabbed a 61-60 lead with just under 10 minutes to play.
 Blue finished the contest as the third HC player in double figures. He posted 16 points, going 7-of-9 from the field in 21 minutes off the bench.
 Charles and Shoshi just missed double-double outings. In addition to his 24 points, Charles collected nine rebounds and helped the Hawks outpace OC on the boards by a 39-29 clip.
 Shoshi, who missed the final minutes of the game after being injured in a collision, finished with eight points and 10

WJCAC Standings

Men

Team	Conf.	Overall
South Plains	10-3	23-4
Howard College	10-3	22-5
New Mexico JC	10-4	22-5
Odessa College	9-5	21-6
West Texas	8-5	20-7
Frank Phillips	8-5	15-12
Clarendon	3-10	8-18
Midland	3-11	11-16
NMMI	2-11	12-13

rebounds.
 With the win, the Hawks improved to 10-3 in WJCAC action and remained tied with South Plains for the conference's top spot.

New Mexico Junior College on Thursday.



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BSHS runners honored ...

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees recognized the members of the Big Spring Lady Steers' cross country team for its accomplishments on Feb. 13. The Lady Steers cross country team captured the district championships this past season.

Sudoku Answer on Page 5

sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It All Adds Up

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

- NORTH**
 ♠ J 6 2
 ♥ Q 10 9 3
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ A K
- WEST**
 ♠ A K 9 4 3
 ♥ K J 7
 ♦ J 5 2
 ♣ Q 5
- EAST**
 ♠ 7 5
 ♥ 6 5 4
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ J 10 8 3 2
- SOUTH**
 ♠ Q 10 8
 ♥ A 8 2
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ 9 7 6 4

The bidding:
 West North East South
 1♠ Dble Pass 1 NT
 Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — four of spades.

As the play progresses and each defender follows or fails to follow suit, declarer is gradually able to develop an accurate picture of the opponents' hands. In fact, early in the play of many hands, declarer can place virtually every key card held by each defender.

Consider this deal where South is in three notrump and West, who opened the bidding with one spade, leads the four of spades. By assuming that West has made a normal fourth-best lead, it is obvious that he

was dealt at most five spades (with the deuce in dummy, the three is the only spade lower than the four that West can have).

South wins the spade with the eight and sees only seven cashable tricks. He plays the A-Q-K of diamonds and, when everyone follows suit, cashes dummy's fourth diamond, East discarding a club, West a heart and South a spade.

Now only one trick away from his goal, declarer cashes the A-K of clubs, West following suit with the 5-Q. It is here that South should pause and take stock of what he has learned about the opposing hands thus far.

He starts by assigning the king of hearts to West, who could scarcely have an opening bid without it. South also knows that West started with five spades and three diamonds, and that he probably had only two clubs — partly because of the fall of West's queen, and partly because East would not have discarded a club earlier unless he had five of them.

South can therefore reasonably conclude that West must have started with three hearts, one of which he has already discarded. So at trick eight, South leads a spade from dummy! This allows West to cash four spade tricks, but he must then lead a heart from his K-J, allowing dummy's queen and declarer's ace to score the game-going tricks.

Tomorrow: A delicate defensive play.

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