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 In the above photo, Fei Fei Dong, guest artist of the Big Spring Symphony, wows the audience Saturday night with her musical talents on the piano. A finalist in the 2013 Van Cliburn competition, the young musician received a standing ovation from the audience. She gave two encore performances for the night. At right, guest conductor John Giordano leads the audience in the national anthem. Giordano is a chairperson of the Van Cliburn Competition Jury and has appeared with the Big Spring Symphony for a number of years. He served as the music director and conductor for the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for 27 years.



## BSFD looks to institute fee system

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Fire Department officials are asking the Big Spring City Council's help in recouping some of their costs for emergency calls.

The council will consider instituting a fee system for certain services rendered by the fire department when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers on East Third Street.



Ferguson

BSFD Chief Craig Ferguson said the department wants to adopt a fee policy similar to that being used in San Angelo and several other Texas communities and bill insurance companies for certain costs.

"Right now, when we go out on a call ... the taxpayers take up the bill," Ferguson said. "What we want to do is bill insurance companies for at least a portion of the fees."

Under the proposed ordinance, BSFD would bill insurance companies for certain expenses incurred during ve-

**What:** Big Spring City Council meeting.

**Where:** Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

hicle fires, vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills or releases and rescue attempts at low water crossings and other rescue services provided by the department.

Ferguson hopes the new policy will help ease the burden on taxpayers.

"In the past, we haven't tried to recover these costs," he said. "Say we respond to an accident and we have to use the jaws of life or bring in extra equipment or personnel. That's an extensive cost to the taxpayers."

Ferguson stressed that only insurance companies would be billed for the services. "The taxpayers will never see a bill," he noted.

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## Candidate filing pace glacial for schools

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Candidates jumping into area school board trustee races increased by zero last week.

Less than one week is left to file an intent to run for a public school or Howard College board seat. Filing ends Friday.

So far, only two races have garnered any competition.

The Howard College board has three at-large trustee seats up for election this

cycle, which has drawn four candidates at this point. Incumbents Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge and Dr. Charles Warren are joined by local business owner Cole Morgan, who seeks his first term on the board. In the District 3 seat, incumbent Adrian Calvio has drawn no challenger.

The only other contested race is in the Big Spring Independent School District. Thomas "T.J." Stewart challenges incumbent Irene Rodriguez in the single member District 1 race. District 3 rep-

resentative Ken McIntosh and District 7 representative Fabian Serrano have not garnered any challenger in their respective race.

Crickets are still chirping at the Coahoma Independent School District administration office. No one has filed for the two at-large positions currently held by Lori Martinez and Patric Robinson.

Only the three incumbents in the Fortsan Independent School District race

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## Governors: 'Obamacare' here to stay

By **KEN THOMAS**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The explosive politics of health care have divided the nation, but America's governors, Republicans and Democrats alike, suggest that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul is here to stay.

While governors from Connecticut to Louisiana sparred Sunday over how best to im-

prove the nation's economy, governors of both parties shared a far more pragmatic outlook on the controversial program known as "Obamacare" as millions of their constituents begin to be covered.

"We're just trying to make the best of a bad situation," said Republican Gov. Terry Branstad of Iowa, who called the health care law "unaffordable and unsustainable" yet something he has to imple-

ment by law. "We're trying to make it work as best we can for the people of Iowa."

As governors gathered in Washington this weekend, Democrats such as Maryland's Martin O'Malley and Connecticut's Dannel Malloy made pitches to raise the minimum wage, while Republicans such as Louisiana's Bobby Jindal and Indiana's Mike Pence called for more freedom from federal regula-

tions, particularly those related to the health insurance overhaul.

But governors from both parties say a full repeal of the law would be complicated at best, if not impossible, as states move forward with implementation and begin covering millions of people — both by expanding Medicaid rolls for lower-income

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## Obituaries

## Betty A. Earl



Betty A. Earl, 79, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 7, 1934, in Beckley, W. Va. She married Samuel Ronald Earl in Beckley, W. Va. and he preceded her in death January 3, 1980.

She moved to Big Spring with her husband, who

was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. Betty retired from J.C. Penney after 18 years in shoe sales.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Earl, Mary Earl and Avis Earl, all of Big Spring; one sister, Emma Bowles of Beckley, W. Va.; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Frank Poindexter, Jack Poindexter, and Wiley Poindexter; and one sister, Eva Poindexter.

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

## Paula M. Martinez



Paula M. Martinez, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 at Parkview Nursing and Rehab. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Victor Lopez officiating. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard L Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 2, 1928, in Casa Piedra, Texas to Juana and Librado Munoz. Coming to Howard County from Lamesa, she was a resident of Big Spring for more than 60 years. She married A.G. Martinez in Big Spring in 1945. He preceded her in death July 30, 2013. She was a homemaker and a very active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and involved with her husband in prison

ministries, Eucharistic ministries, the choir and was a Guadalupana.

She is survived by three daughters, Yolanda Bryant and husband, Ray, and Lupe Pattin Hodges, all of Big Spring and Mary Lopez and Deacon Victor Lopez of Midland; six sons, Jack Martinez and wife, Melanie, of Cape Coral, Fla., Joe Martinez and wife, Debra, of Pecos, Texas, Fidel Martinez and wife, Margie, Adelaido and Martinez, Jr. and Ricky Martinez, all of Big Spring, and David Martinez and wife, Mikki, of Elgin, Texas; two sisters, Natalie Heredia of Midland and Librada Lopez of Big Spring; 32 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by one daughter, Janie Lownes; one granddaughter, Wendy Martinez; five brothers; and two sisters.

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

## Trudy Page

Trudy Page, 46, of Big Spring died Saturday, 22, 2014, in Dallas.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- ALEJANDRO JOSE GUZMAN, 17, of 700 Douglas, was arrested on a charge of theft, less than \$50 — shopping; assault by contact; failed to maintain financial responsibility; and no driver's license, when unlicensed.
- BURLGARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 5900 block of North Service Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 700 block of S. Aylesford St.

**The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:**

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- SERGIO AZDAR, 29, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for motion to revoke probation—criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- GENARO AGUIRRE, 43, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentenced-driving while intoxicated.
- ISAAC XAVIER MUNOZ, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a Bexar County warrant for and assault causing bodily injury, bond forfeiture.
- JAMES WILSON TUBBS, 35, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, driving while license invalid and on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.
- VICTORIA LEA CASTILLO, 24, was booked on Martin County warrants for Capias/no driver's license; Capias/failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts); and Capias/safety belt system child, pass less 8 49 inch.
- TERRY WAYNE BLIESNER, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for Capias/failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 30 days.
- JILLIAN LOUISE LORD, 30, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MICHAEL SHAE LORD, 34, was booked by the DPS on charges of driving while license invalid w/previous conviction, suspension; possession of drug paraphernalia, and speeding — 85 in a 75 mile per hour zone.

## Guadalupe Rodriguez Sr.

Guadalupe Rodriguez Sr., 68, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

- JOHN (JUAN) LUIZ VALBUENA, 36, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for Capias/parent contributing to non attendance; Capias/urinating in public; and capias/ in park after hours.
- CODY RAY BROWN, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHNNY HERNANDEZ, 26, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license; failure to appear (three counts); failure to maintain financial responsibility; and driving while license invalid.
- PAULA J. BUTLER, 44, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for manufacturing/delivering a controlled package, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams; manufacturing/delivering a controlled package, less than one gram; and manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 20 grams.
- KEITH GLENN GRAHAM, 46, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- JAMES WILSON TUBBS, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- BRITTANY CHRISTIAN, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for forgery governmental/national, money security; theft, no driver's license, display expired registration; and failure to appear (three counts).
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 25, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than or equal to 4 grams but less than 20 grams and on warrants for failure to appear (6 counts); no driver's license (two counts); and violate promise to appear.
- JOSE ALEJANDRO GUZMAN, 18, was booked by the BSPD on charges of theft, less than \$50—shoplifting; assault by contact; and on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.
- EARL HENRY O'NEAL, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

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

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1800 block of

## Marianne Garmaker

Marianne Frances Garmaker, 69, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Bobby Dancer

Bobby Dancer, 66, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Today's Weather

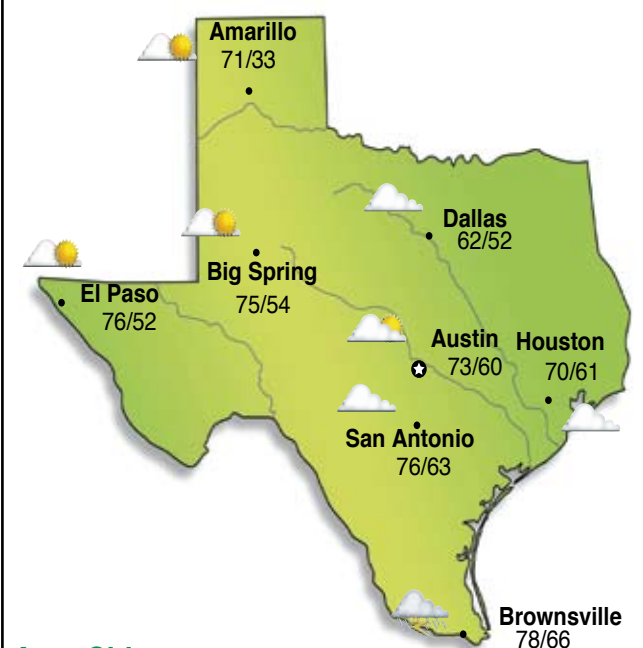
## Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 2/25	Wed 2/26	Thu 2/27	Fri 2/28	Sat 3/1
<b>75/54</b> Cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day.	<b>70/29</b> Afternoon showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 20s.	<b>51/35</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>80/50</b> Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	<b>74/36</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:40 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:41 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:16 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:42 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:43 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	55	pt sunny	Kingsville	77	65	t-storm
Amarillo	71	33	pt sunny	Livingston	71	56	cloudy
Austin	73	60	cloudy	Longview	64	51	cloudy
Beaumont	69	58	cloudy	Lubbock	73	42	pt sunny
Brownsville	78	66	t-storm	Lufkin	71	55	cloudy
Brownwood	70	57	pt sunny	Midland	77	57	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	64	t-storm	Raymondville	78	64	t-storm
Corsicana	63	53	cloudy	Rosenberg	71	61	cloudy
Dallas	62	52	cloudy	San Antonio	76	63	cloudy
Del Rio	81	64	pt sunny	San Marcos	74	60	cloudy
El Paso	76	52	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	50	cloudy
Fort Stockton	80	55	pt sunny	Sweetwater	71	55	pt sunny
Gainesville	58	46	cloudy	Tyler	64	52	cloudy
Greenville	59	48	cloudy	Weatherford	61	49	cloudy
Houston	70	61	cloudy	Wichita Falls	58	46	cloudy

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	40	mst sunny	Minneapolis	15	-6	sn shower
Boston	33	16	pt sunny	New York	35	22	pt sunny
Chicago	22	14	cloudy	Phoenix	79	53	sunny
Dallas	62	52	cloudy	San Francisco	69	48	pt sunny
Denver	59	28	pt sunny	Seattle	45	40	rain
Houston	70	61	cloudy	St. Louis	39	26	pt sunny
Los Angeles	71	51	sunny	Washington, DC	48	29	sunny
Miami	86	67	pt sunny				

Eubanks. Fire was extinguished.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Elgin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA CALL was reported in the area of Highway 176 and Oil Mill Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- FALSE CALL was reported in the 2300 block of Marshal.

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# Take note

• Healthy Woman is "Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years" on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. 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 Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

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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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tact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

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Landon Joshua Leal, infant, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Phillip "Filmo" Rose, 30, died Friday, February 14, 2014. Funeral Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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# GOVS

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residents or through state or federal exchanges that offer federal subsidies to those who qualify.

Obama hosted most of the governors for a White House dinner Sunday night, calling for collaboration on the economy, education, climate change and health care in what he hopes will be "a year of action."

Republican opposition to the health care law is the centerpiece of the GOP's political strategy ahead of the midterm elections. And to be sure, not every GOP leader embraced the inevitability of the law's implementation.

"I don't think that it's so deeply entrenched that it can't be repealed," Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said. "But I do think, as we argue for repeal, we have to show folks what you replace it with."

Despite a troubled roll-out, nearly 3.3 million people have signed up through Feb. 1 for health care coverage under the law. The White House reported that 1 million people signed up nationwide for private insurance under the law in January alone. It remains unclear whether the administration will reach its unofficial goal

of 7 million people by the end of March, but it still expects several million enrollees by then.

A recent Associated Press analysis found that sign-ups in six Republican-led states — Florida, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina and Wisconsin — were on pace to match or exceed figures the states had initially projected.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder is among several Republicans who expanded his state's Medicaid laws.

"The whole dialogue on the Affordable Care Act is about people fighting, causing gridlock and a mess, instead of working on something important like wellness," Snyder said, adding that he still has "a lot of issues" with the overhaul. "But it is the law, so I'm trying to work in that context."

Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin, who leads the Democratic Governors Association, said governors spent about half of their private lunch session Saturday discussing the health care law and the tone was much different than in past years.

"Before the election, it felt like a cockfight," Shumlin said, describing the debate over the law during the 2012 campaign. "Down there we were talking about ways we could cooperate."

"There's no doubt in

my mind that the Republicans have accepted that as millions of people sign up for it and finally get the health care they have been dreaming of for their families, nobody's going to take that away," Shumlin said.

Democrats and Republicans alike complained about major problems with the Medicaid eligibility data that they are receiving from federal exchanges. The 36 states in the federal exchange have noted often incomplete data with the Medicaid information they are receiving.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, a Republican who is among his party's most vulnerable incumbents in the fall election, said he's working to expand his state's Medicaid program, but the process had been cumbersome and difficult. He said it still remained unclear, from a fiscal standpoint, if the health care law would be functioning in two years.

"There are a lot more unknowns than there are knowns," Corbett said.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican, said many governors still have concerns about the program, but outright repeal would be "complicated."

Republican campaign officials, meanwhile, plan to make the health care law the overwhelming focus of the coming

midterm elections.

From coast to coast, conservatives are attacking Democrats who supported the overhaul, seizing on problems with the program's website and news that some Americans were forced to change insurers once the law took effect. The conservative group Americans For Prosperity has spent more than \$20 million on anti-Obamacare television ads in several key states since last August.

While the stakes are high for parties battling over control of the House and Senate, there are also 36 elections for governor, most of them for jobs currently held by Republicans. The coming elections also offer prospective 2016 presidential candidates an opportunity to boost their political standing.

GOP senators like Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida have been vocal critics of the health care law. Cruz mounted a 21-hour Senate speech against Obama's health law and

was tied to the partial government shutdown, while Rubio was an early proponent of defunding the health law, although he distanced himself from the shutdown.

New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan, a first-term Democrat up for re-election in November, said her state would soon expand its Medicaid program to cover 50,000 uninsured residents.

"Overall, I'm very disappointed with the early implementation and rollout," she said. "But I think we are making progress."

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trustee election begins April 28 and will continue through Tuesday, May 6. Trustee elections will be held May 10.

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# BSFD

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He hopes the new policy will help the department recoup between \$25,000 and \$40,000 a year.

"That's not a huge amount in the grand scheme of things, but that's a pretty good chunk of money and every little bit helps," Ferguson said.

In other business Tuesday, council members will consider:

- An agreement for asbestos removal consulting for the old parachute building at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.
- Final approval of an ordinance increasing

fines for vehicles parked in the front yard of residences.

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# Hawks, NMJC set for WJCAC showdown

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Okay, let's get this straight. The Howard College Hawks need a win tonight when they take to the Harold Davis Court in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. And, because of tie-breakers within the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race, they need it badly.

The Hawks can go a long way toward clinching a post-

season bid to the Region V tournament with a win over the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds. Despite being tied for the WJCAC lead, the Hawks could find themselves on the outside looking in should they lose tonight, and fall to Western Texas College in their regular season finale on Thursday in Snyder.

Howard College, 23-5 overall. See **HAWKS**, Page 10

### WJCAC Standings

Men		
Team.....	Conf.	Overall
South Plains .....	11-3	24-4
Howard College .....	11-3	23-5
New Mexico JC .....	10-4	22-5
Odessa College .....	10-5	22-6
Western Texas .....	9-5	21-7
Frank Phillips .....	5-9	15-13
Clarendon .....	3-11	8-19
Midland .....	3-12	11-17
NMMI .....	2-12	12-14

## Hawks look to 'grey out' NMJC on Sophomore Night'

Howard College will be celebrating "Sophomore Night" this evening during the HC mens' and womens' basketball games against New Mexico Junior College. As part of the event, the Hawk cheerleaders are asking for fans

to "grey out" the coliseum by wearing a grey shirt to the game.

As part of the "Sophomore Night" activities, the Lady Hawks and Hawks upperclassmen will be recognized between men's and women's games.

# GC girls fall to Hornets in finals

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Garden City Lady Bearkats' quest to reach the Class A state basketball tournament came up a little short on Saturday in Abilene. 32 minutes short, to be exact.

The Lady Bearkats saw their 2013-14 season come to an end with a loss to the No. 2-ranked Highland Lady Hornets in the Region II-A, Division 2 championship game. Highland's 51-37 win sends the Lady Hornets to the state tournament, which begins on Feb. 27 in Austin.

The loss ends a stellar season for the Garden City girls. The team finishes the season at 31-2. Highland improved to 28-3.

The Lady Hornets will tip off its state tournament appearance on Feb. 28 when they face off against Galveston in the semifinals, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center on the campus of The University of Texas.

Calvert is the Region 4 champion. The Lady Trojans are 24-1 this season.

In the other Class A, Division II semifinal matchup, the perennial state powers Lipan and Nazareth will face off. Lipan, the Region 3 champion, is 36-1 this season, including a win over Strawn on Saturday in Tyler. Nazareth is 34-2.

The Lipan-Nazareth game is scheduled to tip-off at 7 p.m.

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

A Howard College base runner dives back into first on a pick-off attempt by the El Paso Community College pitcher. Howard College won all four games against the Tejanos over the weekend.

# Hawks batter Tejanos in sweep

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks' head coach went into their weekend series with El Paso Community College looking for his team to improve its production at the plate. Quality at-bats mean more offensive production head coach Britt Smith had preached to his team.

The Tejanos probably wish they hadn't listened as well.

Howard College battered the EPCC pitching staff throughout the week-end and swept the Hawks roll to a 4-game sweep on Friday and Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

"Our approach was better at the

plate in this series," said Smith, who saw his team improve to 13-1 for the season. "We didn't chase a lot of pitches, and we didn't have a lot of one-pitch at-bats. That helped us get deeper into counts and score more."

"Overall, I thought we played pretty well," he added.

The Hawks opened the series with a bang. Howard College pounded out a 14-3 win in the first game of a twinbill on Friday.

Jeff Stovall was the beneficiary of the Hawks' offensive assault. He picked up the win.

Howard College won the second game, 11-1.

Right-hander Chris Cano picked up the win in that contest.

The Tejanos turned in a stronger effort in their first game on Sunday afternoon. The Tejanos battled to a 1-1 tie through the first six innings.

Reggie Wilson gave Howard College the win in the bottom of the seventh by slapping a single to right that enabled Brennan Rhodes to score the game-winning run.

The Hawks had a much easier time in Game 4. Howard College picked up two runs in the first inning and then tacked on three more in the second en route to notching an 11-1 win.

Howard College will travel to Plainview on Wednesday to face Wayland Baptist, and then return home on Friday to begin WJCAC play against New Mexico Military Institute.

# Steers walk past Kermit for JV tournament title

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers' junior varsity team used 15 walks and six hits to roll to a 16-0 win over the Kermit Yellow-jackets on Saturday evening and claim the 2014 Big Spring JV Baseball Tournament title.

The Steers, one of two BSHS squads competing in the tournament, finished with a perfect 3-0 record. The Big Spring Gold team, comprised of freshmen players, also played.

"I thought we did real well," said BSHS coach Jeff Lane. "When we had our chances, we hit the ball really

well."

With their three wins, the Steers' JV program boosted its record to 4-0 heading into this weekend's tournament in Lamesa.

The Steers certainly took advantage of the "take what they give you" approach against Kermit early. Big Spring drew seven walks in the bottom of the first inning and raced to a 6-0 cushion. Isaiah Ontiveros notched the Steers' lone hit in the inning, a one-out single to right that plated two runs.

Things got even worse in the second inning for the Yellow-

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Big Spring's D.J. Juarez delivers a pitch to the plate during the first inning of the Steers' 16-0 romp over Kermit on Saturday. Juarez allowed just one hit and struck out seven batters in the contest.

# Galloway, Self to represent Forsan at FCA all-star title

The Forsan High School Buffaloes will be among three Howard County schools represented at the 2014 Big Country Chevy Dealers FCA All-Star Festival in June.

Clayton Galloway will represent the FHS baseball team as part of the North roster, while Kolby Self will play in the football game.

In all, a total of nine area athletes from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan were selected to participate in the all-star football, volleyball, baseball and softball all-star games.

Big Spring High School had six athletes selected,

including three from their state-qualifying volleyball squad. Representing BSHS in the volleyball all-star game will be Kinsey Wash, Morgan Seaton and Kelsie Guinn. All will be playing for the North squad.

BSHS standout Valerie Goodblanket will be representing the Lady Steers in softball, while Chris Lindem and Adam Franco will be representing the BSHS football and baseball programs.

Coahoma standout Kyla Clanton will be her school's lone representative in the all-star weekend. She was named to the South roster in softball.

# Rattlesnake Relays set for Friday

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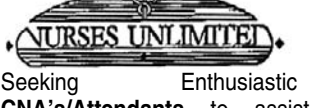
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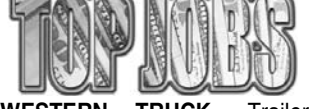
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## Legals

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The probation is numbered P-14254 and is styled "Application To Determine Heirship And For Independent Administration Pursuant To Section 145(E) Of The Texas Probate Code" The petition in this cause was filed on January 30, 2014 in the County Court of Howard County, Texas. This lawsuit is an action to determine heirship and for Letters of Administration. Applicant is BRENDA WASHBURN as Independent Administrator of the Estate of DONALD G. MCCOMMONS.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address:  
Joshua Hamby P.C.  
107 W. 4th  
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**ISSUED AND GIVEN** under my hand and seal of office on **February 14th, 2014**, at 312 Scurry, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.  
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**Stable Moon**

These are the last days of Mercury's retrograde, so if you can hold off on signing contracts until Friday, you'll be on the brighter side of this aspect. But don't wait until Monday. By then you'll have two other retrograde planets to contend with. For now, the stabilizing Capricorn moon will be a safety strap to hold onto when things get bumpy.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You can't change the way you reacted to negative situations of the past, but imagining new and better reactions will change the way you approach future events.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Someone who has made a mistake will apologize. In accepting the apology, you will see this person in a more flattering light than you did before, proving that "sorry" can be a word for the strong.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are through wishing, wanting and dreaming. You're ready to act on your goal. Start by listing the actions you need to take in order to make this happen.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You may feel that people are testing you and wonder when you agreed to take such tests. You still have the choice. Walking away is a courageous option.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your cosmic gift is greater self-awareness. This is best put to use in private, quiet moments. When it's time to be social, don't let the wave of self-conscious energy dampen the power of your personality.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today's slice of happiness comes by way of simple economics: If you save your money and then spend what's left, you'll be rich. If you spend your money and save what's left, you'll cause financial trouble.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your need for a quiet space to do highly focused work is at odds with another person's noisy, social style. A compromise will be necessary, but don't give up too much, or you'll grow to resent the deal.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those who think they are too small to make a difference are likely to complain. You are bigger than the problem, so instead of griping about it,

you'll just handle it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once you agree to do something, part of your mind will be preoccupied with searching for a loophole. That's natural, but it's not helpful to your efforts. Remind yourself of the reasons why you've chosen your path.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In-the-know types are all too eager to impart their knowledge to you. If information is true and works well, those who teach it should be living it, too. Are they?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not trying to be anyone; you're just being you. And yet, the situation calls for action that you're not used to. You are going to have to grow and stretch a bit to accommodate this one.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a long-term, no-luck conservative plan you could start implementing now for a better financial future. Then, whatever good fortune you encounter will be like icing on your freedom cake.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 24). Your actions will not only be inspired through March; they also will be organized

and expertly executed. You'll earn an award in April for a game well played. May brings the start of an exciting team effort. Legal matters are settled in June. Travels in July and October will invigorate your personal life. Capricorn and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 15, 17, 2 and 10.

**MERCURY RETROGRADE Rx:** This Mercury retrograde is almost over. If you've come this far relatively unscathed, it would be a shame to be snagged by some kind of misunderstanding this late in the game. Steer clear with these communication tips.

1. Talk to people, not at them. Since most communication happens with your body and tone of voice, how you say things will make a bigger impact than what you say. Make sure to establish a connection before you deliver your message, and you'll be more likely to be heard, understood and followed.

2. Make each communication unique. Don't you hate talking to robots on the telephone? Everyone does. It's so much easier to speak with someone who can concentrate on you specifically, instead of on people in general. No one is "people." Since each

person in the world is different and unique, avoid cookie-cutter messaging.

3. Get to the point. Listening, if it's done well, is hard work. That's why the good listeners are few and far between. If you're lucky enough to be talking to one, don't tax the relationship. Successful communicators cut out the superfluous and the irrelevant.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** As Tom Haverford on "Parks and Recreation," Aziz Ansari is a busy man about town, much like he is in real life, as he simultaneously juggles his career as a standup comedian, actor and foodie. In his newly released comedy special "Dangerously Delicious," this Pisces riffs on his fears of adulthood. Born under a sensitive Cancer moon, he is keenly aware of his feelings on most topics.

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

HOLIDAY  
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**Annie's Mailbox****Dear Annie:**

My son recently said something that embarrassed me and kept me awake most of the night.

My wife and I were at his home for dinner, along with my daughter and several others. We were talking about TV, and my son mentioned a show where a guy does all kinds of things to save money. He said to my daughter, "If you think your daddy is cheap, you should see this guy." I said nothing at the time because I didn't want to spoil the occasion. But evidently, he and my daughter both think I am cheap.

Annie, I put both of them through college, and so they don't owe any money. I worked three jobs so my son could attend a prestigious university out East. They have never wanted for anything.

It's been three months, and I'm still hurting. Any advice? -- *Disappointed Dad*

**Dear Dad:** No one wants to be thought of as cheap, especially by his own children. But we don't think your son or daughter intended to be hurtful. What you consider sensibly frugal, they undoubtedly recall as you saying "no" to their innumerable requests for toys, gifts, vacations, etc., and how pleased you were when you saved a penny here and there. But please don't let this fester, as it

could damage your relationship with your children. Talk to your son and tell him how much his comment hurt you. We hope he'll be more aware of your feelings in the future.

**Dear Annie:** I have been a widow for three years. My husband was my first love, and we were married for 36 years.

I have now met a man who seems similar to my late husband. I really like "Don," but I worry that he only wants a caregiver. When we first met, I asked whether he had any health issues, and he said no. But after our second date, he started saying our relationship wasn't moving fast enough. After a month, Don ended up in the hospital with a mild heart attack, for which he needed a stent. A week later, he was back in the hospital.

I think Don lied to me about his health and is looking for someone to be a nursemaid. I like him, but I'm not willing to put forth that kind of effort for a man who has lied to me. I don't mean to sound callous, but I don't want to take care of a stranger. It is different when you have loved someone for a while, as opposed to walking into a relationship with someone who already has health problems.

Am I doing the right thing by breaking it off, or should I go along and see what is ahead for us? I really am confused. -- *Don't Want To Be Saddled So Soon*

**Dear Don't:** Heart attacks are generally unexpected, so unless Don was aware that he had heart

problems, he may not have been lying about his health. And over time, health problems are more likely to arise in any relationship.

However, we are more concerned that Don seems to be rushing things. You should never feel pressured to move faster than what makes you comfortable. If you enjoy Don's company, there's no reason not to continue seeing him, but make it clear that you are in no hurry. If he wants a caregiver, he should look elsewhere.

**Dear Annie:** I read the responses to "I Need Nice Clothes, Too," about large-size clothing selections. My complaint is about petite sizes for mature women. There is no selection at all. It's as if we are being discriminated against because we are short.

We like to dress fashionably. We wear coats, pajamas, slacks and dresses, but few stores carry petite sizes, and fewer still have clothing suitable for anyone over 12. I'm sure it's the same problem for tall women. -- *Warren, Ohio*

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

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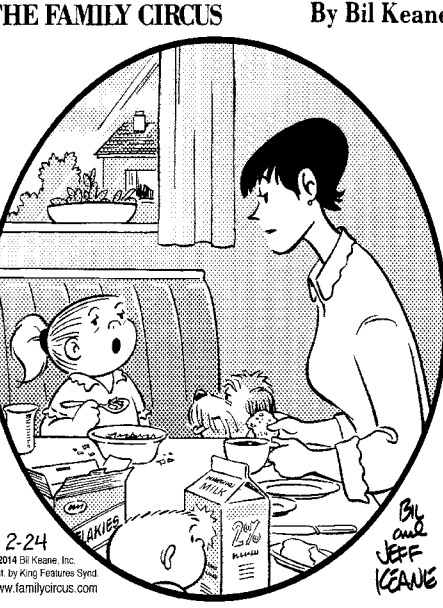
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



"If you need more money, you should become a pro baseball player, Dad."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

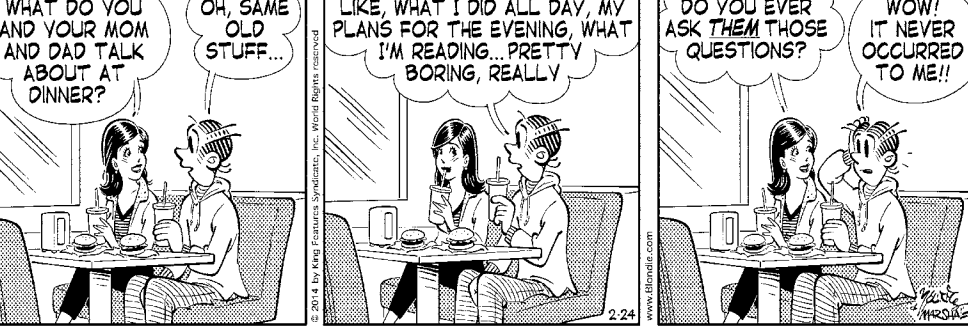


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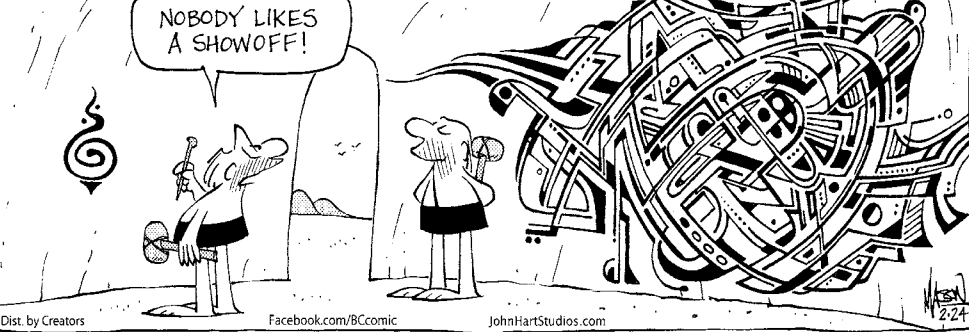
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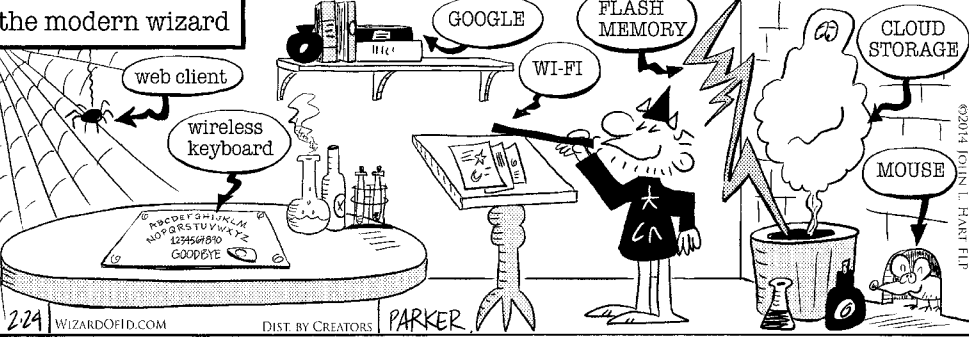
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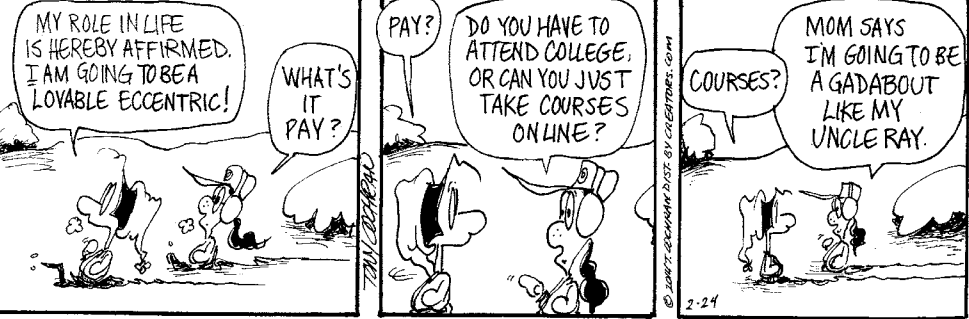
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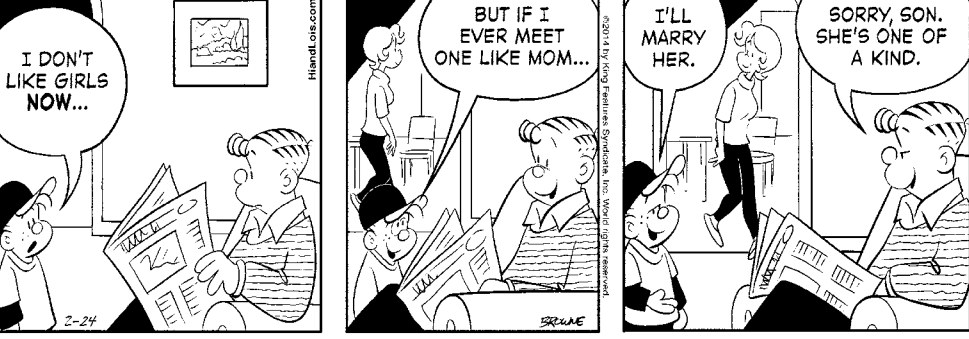
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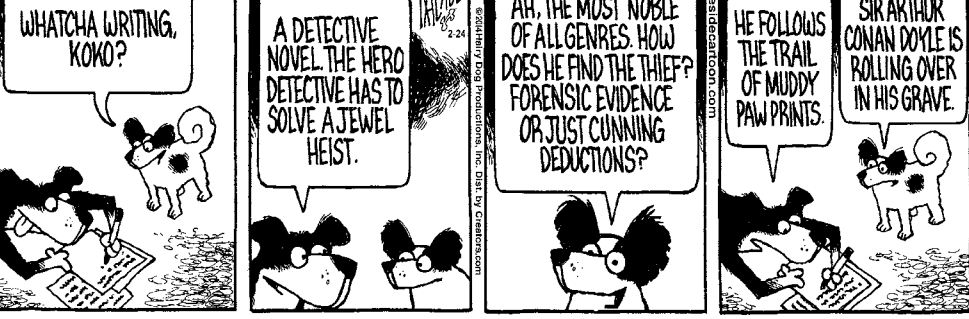
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**THE OTHER COAST**



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**This Date In History**

Today is Monday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2014. There are 310 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 24, 1864, according to the National Park Service, the first Union prisoners arrived at the Confederates' Andersonville prison camp in Georgia. During its 14 months of existence, the overcrowded camp ended up holding some 45,000 men, more than four times its intended capacity; nearly 13,000 prisoners perished from

disease, starvation or exposure. On this date: In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.) In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes. In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the Plan de Iguala, their declaration of independence from Spain. In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted

dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate. In 1912, the American Jewish women's organization Hadassah was founded in New York City. In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

Answer to previous puzzle

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OUTSWIM	MURANIUM
ACETONE	NOCANDO
THRONES	TROTTER

**Newsday Crossword**

**THE OUTER LIMITS** by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Spherical map
- 6 Over hill and \_
- 10 Throat-clearing sound
- 14 Black bird
- 15 Totally wreck
- 16 Used a loom
- 17 Keep from happening
- 18 Just slightly
- 19 Help with, as a crime
- 20 Degree of uncertainty
- 23 Campsite bed
- 24 Assist
- 25 War horse
- 28 Any of 52 in a deck
- 30 School-kid transportation
- 33 Acme
- 34 School grad
- 36 Look angrily (at)
- 38 Advantage in a contest
- 41 Leap aboard
- 42 \_\_\_ dish (potato or rice)
- 43 Matured
- 44 U-turn from WSW
- 45 Farm at a prom
- 47 Stared open-mouthed
- 49 Wooden pin
- 50 Cake of soap
- 51 Hard-to-classify item
- 59 Sheet of glass
- 60 Uncluttered
- 61 Twangy, as speech
- 62 Preschool basics

- 63 Copenhagen citizen
- 64 Out of whack
- 65 Sandwich breads
- 66 Pub beverages
- 67 Sight or smell
- DOWN**
- 1 Metric weight
- 2 Volcanic flow
- 3 Above
- 4 Icy Arctic hazard
- 5 Tempt
- 6 Unwanted breeze
- 7 Garage occupant
- 8 Untruthful one
- 9 Make beloved
- 10 Emmy or Oscar
- 11 Vagabond
- 12 "... happily \_\_\_ after"
- 13 Was introduced to
- 21 Give a head signal to
- 22 Mountain chain
- 25 Cereal utensil
- 26 City near Phoenix
- 27 Trade show, for short
- 28 Adorable child
- 29 In the center of
- 30 Sheriff's shield
- 31 Strongly recommended
- 32 Watermelon discard
- 33 Have sore muscles
- 35 Shopper's itemized sheet
- 37 Jump
- 39 Finished up
- 40 Meat avoider
- 46 Meeting schedule
- 48 Sports stadiums
- 49 Use a steam iron on
- 50 Mosquito stings
- 51 Infant
- 52 A single time
- 53 Genuine
- 54 Highway part
- 55 Showed up
- 56 Z \_\_\_ "zebra"
- 57 Talk back to
- 58 "So what \_\_\_ is new?"
- 59 Golfer's goal

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**HAWKS**

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all, will try and make sure that scenario doesn't come into play tonight against a talented Thunderbirds program. New Mexico Junior College is currently third in the WJCAC standings with a 10-4 record. For the season, the Thunderbirds are 22-5.

NMJC also comes with plenty of confidence. Earlier this season, the Thunderbirds defeated South Plains College, and netted a 76-68 victory over the Hawks in Jan. 23 in Hobbs, N.M.

A loss tonight to the Thunderbirds would be epic for the Hawks. Currently, the HC men sit in a tie for first in the conference race with South Plains, but a loss could drop them into a tie for fourth with either Odessa College or Western Texas.

That isn't where the Hawks want to find themselves. Should they end the season with

back-to-back losses and in a tie with Odessa or Western Texas for the final postseason berth, the Hawks would be eliminated. Odessa College and Western Texas own tie-breaker advantages by virtue of wins over South Plains this season.

The Hawks can alleviate those concerns tonight with a win.

The Howard College

**WJCAC Standings**

**Women**

Team	Conf.	Overall
x-NMJC	11-1	20-5
x-Odessa	11-2	21-6
x-South Plains	9-3	15-10
x-Midland	7-6	17-11
Frank Phillips	4-9	16-10
Clarendon	4-9	12-14
Howard	3-9	12-15
W. Texas	1-11	6-17

women will lead off tonight's action, begin-

ning at 5:45 p.m. with a matchup against conference-leading NMJC.

The Lady Thunderbirds, 20-5 overall, can clinch the WJCAC title with a win this afternoon. NMJC is currently 11-1 in conference play, and enters the game holding a 1-game lead over Odessa.

NMJC, Odessa, South Plains and Midland College have already

secured berths in the upcoming Region V women's tournament.

Howard College comes

into the game at 12-15 for the season, and at 3-9 in conference play.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

**Big Spring's Riley Henson slides into third base during the first inning of the Steers' 16-0 win over Kermit in the BSHS JV Tournament.**

**STATE**

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The Class A, Division II state championship game will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 1.

The Class A, Division I bracket features Plains (28-3) facing Santo (24-8), and Weimar (33-4) facing Kerens. The finals will be at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Locals fans will still have plenty of reason to tune into the Class 3A state tournament. Big Spring Lady Steers' rival Abilene Wylie is one of four teams to qualify.

Wylie, the District 4-3A champion, is scheduled to begin its state title run against Waco LaVega on Feb. 27, starting at 3 p.m.

Big Spring, under the direction of head coach Mike Warren, finished fourth in the District 4-3A race behind Wylie, Midland Greenwood and Snyder. The Lady Steers advanced to the second round of the Class 3A playoffs, and finished the season with a 19-11 record.

Wylie enters the game with a 30-5 record. LaVega is 33-0.

The Wylie-LaVega winner will advance to Saturday's championship game to face either Argyle (35-1) or Geronimo Navarro (33.7). The finals will be played at 10 a.m.

**JV**

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After D.J. Juarez and Garrett Wigington had drawn walks to start the inning, Ethan Rocha greeted a KHS reliever with a two-run single to left. He raced home moments later on an infield hit by Bryson Burt.

Burt, Victor Pantigao, Ontiveros, Juarez and Wigington all added

runs later in the second and helped the Steers balloon their lead to 16-0.

While the BSHS offense was putting up runs, Juarez was dominating the Kermit hitters off the mound. He allowed just one hit - a lead-off single in the first inning that was later erased on a double play - while striking out 13 batters he faced.

The Steers rolled into their game against Kermit with plenty of momentum. Big Spring had defeated Lamesa and Presidio on Friday.

The Steers' Gold team began Saturday's third day of the round-robin event with an offensive explosion. Big Spring scored 14 runs in the first inning and rolled to an easy 21-4 romp over Lamesa.

The Gold squad lost both of its first-round games on Thursday, falling to Roby and Monahan.

**Sudoku Answer on Page 3**

**sudoku**

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

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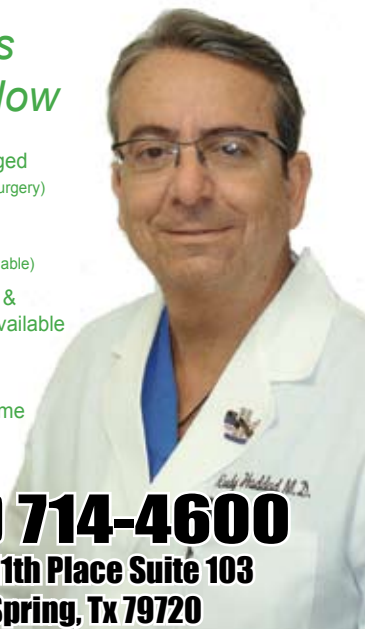
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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Famous Hand**

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	—		
♥	A K 2		
♦	A K J 8 6 2		
♣	9 8 5 4		

WEST			
♠	Q 8 6 5		
♥	Q 9 6		
♦	Q 7 3		
♣	A J 2		

EAST			
♠	J 10 7 4		
♥	J 10 8 5 3		
♦	5		
♣	Q 10 3		

SOUTH			
♠	A K 9 3 2		
♥	7 4		
♦	10 9 4		
♣	K 7 6		

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠  
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♦  
Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — six of hearts.

France won the 1992 World Team Olympiad, defeating the United States in a 96-deal final. Today's deal provided the French with a substantial pickup in the match.

When France's Alain Levy and Herve Mouiel held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown, and West led a heart. No doubt many declarers would have taken the first heart and played the A-K of diamonds without giving the matter much thought. But when the diamond queen failed to fall and the club ace later proved to be offside,

they would have gone down, unable to reach the A-K of spades in the closed hand.

However, this was the final of the world championship, and Mouiel, as would be expected, spotted the virtually sure way to make nine tricks. After taking the first heart in dummy, he led the diamond deuce to his ten. This lost to West's queen, but the diamond nine was established as an entry to the closed hand, and there was no way the defenders could stop South from scoring five diamonds, two hearts and two spades for a total of nine tricks.

At the other table, the U.S. North-South pair of Michael Rosenberg and Seymon Deutsch reached five diamonds. Rosenberg, North, won the opening heart lead and played the A-K of trumps. He then cashed his other high heart and ruffed a heart in dummy. Next came the A-K of spades, declarer discarding two clubs, followed by a spade ruff. Rosenberg then exited with a diamond to West's queen.

Had West started with precisely a 3-3-3-4 pattern, he would have been forced to return a club at this point, allowing dummy's king to score the game-going trick. As it was, though, West was able to exit with his last spade. Rosenberg had no choice but to ruff and lead a club to the king, and when West produced the ace, the contract was down one, giving the French a 12-IMP gain on the deal.

Tomorrow: Merrily we roll along.  
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