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Vendors show their wares during the annual Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show. This year's show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Prospectors plan mineral show for Saturday and Sunday here

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Prospectors Club will polish up its annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show Saturday and Sunday in the Howard County Fair Barns. It's the 45th anniversary of the show. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at 10 to 5 Sunday. Admission is free and hourly door prizes will be

awarded. A special prize will be a pear cut blue topaz. Visitors can see lots of stones and other items for sale — a major draw for the show each year. It is also an opportunity to watch and learn about what club members do with the stones. "There will be plenty of displays showing what is actually inside a rock, and how it's worked into jewelry. Sev-

eral people at the show will be working with the stones so people can see the process they go through first hand," said Lola Lamb, longtime Prospector's Club member. Other highlights include the spinning wheel, a popular game with children as well as adults. A concession stand will also be available.

Pay warrants or go to jail: your choice

Annual roundup is Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Jail may be an unwelcome option for some area residents unless they pay off outstanding warrants at the Howard County justice of the peace offices. The JP offices in Big Spring will hold their annual warrant roundup starting Saturday, giving people who have been lax in paying off traffic tickets and other Class C misdemeanors one last chance to avoid jail time for their misdeeds. The warrant roundup runs through March 9, said Precinct 1, Place 1 JP Bennie Green, who noted that both Big Spring justice offices (located on the second floor of the county courthouse) will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Green

this Saturday to accept payments for warrants in lieu of getting arrested. "If people will just contact us by Saturday, they'll be able to pay their fines without getting arrested," Green said. "But they have to pay by Saturday (to avoid possible arrest)." The roundup, a collaborative effort between city and county law enforcement officials, is part of a state-wide effort to help municipalities and other government agencies tackle the growing number of arrest warrants being issued. For more information, contact Green's office at 264-2226 or the Precinct 1, Place 2 JP office at 264-2228.

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



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Legalize pot, says hopeful for top ag post

Herald Staff Report

Running for Agriculture Commissioner of Texas in the March 4 Democratic primary, Kinky Friedman will be holding a farmers meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday at i Think 219, located at 219 Main St. in Big Spring. "I'm running as an old-time Harry Truman blue dog Democrat," Friedman said in a press release. "I'm running to try to give young people in Texas someone in politics they can look up to. Last, but certainly not least, I'm running to end the prohibition on pot and hemp in the great state of Texas.



Friedman

"There would be no culture without agriculture. It is the green thread that runs through all our lives. "As we have seen in Colorado and Washington State, legalizing, taxing and cultivating pot can be the economic engine to fund education, not just talk about it, so perhaps we would no longer rank 50th in the country in high school graduation rates," said Friedman, a musician, author and entrepreneur. "Legalizing pot will lower property taxes as well as reducing other state and local taxes. It will also effectively spay and neuter the Mexican drug cartels; the people of Texas will become the new

See **FRIEDMAN**, Page 3

Texas to sell alcohol at some sports events

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas will begin selling beer and wine at some athletic events, starting Friday at the Texas softball invitational tournament. Texas has long banned alcohol sales at athletic events. New men's athletic director Steve Patterson said the school will sell beer and wine at the final men's and women's basketball games, softball, baseball and the Texas Relays track event. Alcohol sales could expand to football in the fall, although the April 19 spring scrimmage at Royal-Memorial Stadium will not be included. Texas said the athletic department will consult with university police, state officials and the school's concessions contractor to evaluate safety and determine whether alcohol sales will be expanded.

Coahoma ISD to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Dinner, entertainment and tours of the schools' facilities will highlight a celebration of Texas Public School Week in Coahoma ISD. "We welcome the public to come out and enjoy dinner and some entertainment as we celebrate Texas public schools," said Amy Jacobs, superintendent for the Coahoma Independent School

District. The evening of events will be held on Thursday, March 6, and will begin with a pancake supper by the Coahoma Lion's Club which be served in the elementary cafeteria starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per plate and for those ages 3 and under are \$3. The supper will end at 7 p.m. Coahoma Elementary School is located at 400 Ramsey St., Coahoma, See **CISD**, Page 3

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Obituaries

John Wade Moody Jr.



John Wade Moody Jr., 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, in a nursing home in Big Spring, Texas. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014, in the Nalley-Pickle-Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. John Marshall, deacon of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, officiating and Deacon Connie Fowler assisting. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson, Texas.

John was born to John Wade and Myra Lyndell Bruner Moody Sept. 9, 1931, in Jefferson, Texas. He was a graduate of Jefferson High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army from August 1954 to April 1956 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

He was a journalist for 50 years, employed at various newspapers in North and East Texas, including the Marshall News Messenger in Marshall, Texas, a television station in Shreveport, La., and the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. He was known to his friends for his sense of humor, his love of storytelling, his love of chili and his love of making puns.

He is survived by his niece, Lyndel Moody of Big Spring; nephews, John Moody and David Moody, both of Big Spring; his sister-in-law, Katherine Moody of Big Spring, his dear friends including Debra Redfearn, Donna Jeter, Kathy and Zeke Zwernemann, John Whitten, and in the hundreds of stories he wrote about events, places and interesting personalities during his years of service as a community journalist.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, John Wade and Myra Lyndell Moody and his brother, Robert Moody.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church St. Andrews Day Fund, P.O. Box 2949, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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

Paid obituary

Trudy Page



Trudy Page, 46, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, in a Dallas hospital after a long battle with pulmonary hypertension. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Tom Koger officiating.

She was born Jan. 27, 1968, to Minnie and Clifford McAllister in San Angelo. She married Dennis Page April 29, 1983. She was a

Baptist and enjoyed spending time with her family. Some her fondest memories were growing up playing with her sister and brother. She had been a distributor for the Dallas Morning News.

She is survived by husband, Dennis Page of Big Spring; son, DJ Page; and granddaughter, Ceirra Hutchinson, all of Big Spring, her mother, Minnie McAllister of Ballinger; her father, Duane McAllister, and brother, Justin McAllister, both of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Jenny McAllister; and her uncle, Archie Earl Healms; along with her grandmother and grandfather.

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

Paid obituary

Lloyd Hammon

Lloyd Hammon, 88, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 at Lamun LuskSanchez Texas Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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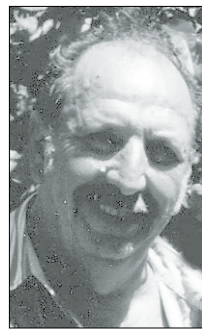
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Viola Elizabeth
(Robinson) Hillger,

Viola Elizabeth (Robinson) Hillger, 85, of Big Spring, formerly of Garden City, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson officiating with burial at The Garden City Cemetery.

She was born July 21, 1928, to Bill and Birdie Mae Robinson and was the oldest of 16 children. She married Glen W. Hillger on Nov. 6, 1946 and they were married for 57 years before he preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 2005. Also preceding her in death are her parents, Bill and Birdie Mae Robinson; one great-grandson, Adam Michael Amos; one brother, Little Bill; and one sisters Mary.

Surviving relatives are three sons, Bert H. Hillger and wife Pauline of Big Spring, Alton L. Hillger of Garden City and Ronald (Ronnie) Hillger and wife Rose of Weatherford, Texas; five grandchildren, Lisa Ann Parks and husband Russell, Twila Michelle Garza and husband Andrew, Dorie Lynn Henry and husband Casey, all of Big Spring, Ronnie G. Hillger and wife Shannon, Dusty Ford and husband Chris, all of Weatherford, Texas; 12 great-grandchildren, Keelie Breann Parks, Ransom Colton Parks, Alexis Nicole Parks, Kiara Michelle Thomas, Malachi Jamal Thomas, Andrew Ryan Garza, Tera DaNiese Henry, Jessica Dawn Henry, Drayklyn DeMarco Henry, Baley Hillger, Colton Hillger, and Weston Ford; one great-great-granddaughter, Layla Marie

William Howard
'Willie' Martin

William Howard "Willie" Martin, 69, of Cleburne, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday Feb. 21, 2014. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 3 p.m.

Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Tom Forbes officiating.

He was born Nov. 30, 1944, to Guadalupe and George Henry Martin Sr. in Poteet, Texas. He worked in the oil-

field and lived in Howard County for a number of years, living in Ackerly and Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Martin of Big Spring; two sons, William Howard Martin Jr. of Lamesa and Craig Martin of Lubbock; one daughter, Cristina Beth Olvero of Lamesa; one sister, Mary Pfaffenberger of Lamesa; one brother, Phillip Martin of Dickens, Texas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Sue Hankins and Annie Alaniz; and one brother, George Henry Martin, Jr.

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

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- NICKOLAS ANTONY SALVATO, 36, of 1011 50th St., Galveston, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA, 31, of 1704 S. Benton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- JOHNNY ALLEN TONN, 59, of 2412 Neill was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

- SAMANTHA BELLE SCHOLES, 30, of 1220 E. 16th St., was arrested

Thursday on warrants for criminal mischief less than \$20,000, impair/interrupt public service, no drivers license when unlicensed and fail to appear.

- JESSIE RAY GONZALES, 32, of 1514 Wood, was arrested Thursday on warrants for speeding, fail to appear – two counts and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 35, of 5109 Longshore Rd., was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE, 51, of 4924 Wasson, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of protective

order – goes to or near residence/employment/school.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson, the 1700 block of E. 15th St. and the 1400 block of E. 6th St.
- THEFT was reported at the 300 block of E. 1st St., the 3200 block

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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82/48 Sunny skies. Near record high temperatures. High 82F.	87/52 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 50s.	70/24 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 20s.	51/31 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	61/37 Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
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Texas At A Glance

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	48	windy	Kingsville	85	64	pt sunny
Amarillo	70	37	sunny	Livingston	70	57	pt sunny
Austin	78	53	pt sunny	Longview	68	52	windy
Beaumont	66	59	cloudy	Lubbock	77	42	windy
Brownsville	82	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	70	59	cloudy
Brownwood	84	49	sunny	Midland	82	52	sunny
Corpus Christi	79	64	pt sunny	Raymondville	83	64	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	48	windy	Rosenberg	72	62	cloudy
Dallas	79	47	pt sunny	San Antonio	79	54	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	53	sunny	San Marcos	79	54	pt sunny
El Paso	77	53	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	71	48	windy
Fort Stockton	85	55	sunny	Sweetwater	81	48	windy
Gainesville	75	42	pt sunny	Tyler	71	52	windy
Greenville	73	45	windy	Weatherford	79	43	pt sunny
Houston	71	62	cloudy	Wichita Falls	77	40	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	55	37	mst sunny	Minneapolis	18	-3	sn shower
Boston	24	9	sunny	New York	23	16	sunny
Chicago	27	22	pt sunny	Phoenix	74	59	rain
Dallas	79	47	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	52	rain
Denver	57	30	mst sunny	Seattle	54	39	pt sunny
Houston	71	62	cloudy	St. Louis	41	31	mixed
Los Angeles	62	52	rain	Washington, DC	32	24	sunny
Miami	80	60	rain				

Take Note

- Holy Trinity Catholic Youth Group is hosting a Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday Feast" on Tuesday in the Father Beasley Hall at 1009 Hearn Street from 6-8 p.m. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10. Price includes drink and dessert. Come and indulge and enjoy great company and music. Door prizes to be given away.
- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today 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. 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 filing fees. 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.

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of Rickabaugh Dr., the 1600 block of Gregg and the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported at the 4800 block of Wasson.
- HARASSMENT was reported at the 400 block of Washington Boulevard.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 100 block of Whipkey Dr.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- NICKOLAS ANTONY SALVATO was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIELLE LORRAINE VANECEK was booked by HCSO on an order of modified conditions of community supervision.
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- JOHNNY ALLEN TONN was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.
- RAUL TREVINO JR. was booked by Glasscock County on charges of possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram, possession of a dangerous drug and driving while license invalid.
- ANDRES GALARZA was booked by Glasscock County on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.
- SAMANTHA SCHELES was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, impair/interrupt public service, no drivers license when unlicensed and failure to appear.
- JESSIE RAY GONZALES was booked by BSPD on charges of violate promise to appear, over weight group of axles, towed unregistered trailer, speeding 42 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone, violate promise to appear, fail to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- MELVIN WILLIAM BIDDLE was booked by HCSO on a charge of violation of bond/protective order.
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON was booked by BSPD on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 600 block of E. 6th St. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 3000 block of Rickabaugh. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 3200 block of Parkway. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 900 block of S. Abrams. One patient transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of E. 3rd St. One patient transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL call reported at the 700 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.

RUBBISH fire reported at the 3200 block of Cornell. Extinguished.

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FRIEDMAN

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cartel. I have yet to meet a law enforcement officer in Texas who does not believe we are losing the war on drugs. In 2010, according to the Dallas Observer, more than 74,000 non-violent pot arrests occurred in Texas, resulting in the ruin of many young lives at the cost to the taxpayer of \$250 million. It should also be noted that seven times as many African-Americans and Hispanics have been incarcerated as whites. Add to this that Texas has arguably the biggest and best cancer hospital

in the world, d M.D. Anderson in Houston, and no medical marijuana.

"As far as hemp goes, it's really a no-brainer. Cotton requires twice as much water as hemp, yet hemp produces two and a half times the fiber. This is ever more important in these times of deep drought and a major factor in considering our options for water conservation. Hemp returns nutrients to the soil; cotton does not. "Hemp requires no pesticides; 25 percent of all the pesticides in the world go into cotton. Hemp even reduces Co2 in the atmosphere. If you were a farmer, which would you rather

grow? "Prohibition simply doesn't work. Lifting the prohibition on pot is not about long-haired hippies smoking dope; it's about the economy, the environment and water conservation, education, the border, health care, criminal justice (and injustice). It's about the future of this great state."

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Texas. Tours of the three campus facilities will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a talent showcase of students and faculty at 8 p.m. "The showcase will be hosted by some of our board of trustees," Jacobs said. "It's district wide with both faculty and students participating." Entrance to the talent showcase requires a canned food item as part of the district's canned food drive. The talent showcase will be held at the Coahoma High School auditorium.

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Opinion

Alec Baldwin, drama queen

Bad boy-turned-bellyacher Alec Baldwin threw a 5,000-word, seven-page pity party for himself in the entertainment media he says he abhors. Hey, what better way for a Hollywood narcissist to protest the attention-starved shallowness of celebrity life than to wallow in it to the bitter end?

The rage-filled actor's bloated face is on the cover of New York magazine this week next to the headline "I Give Up." Inside, his rambling and nutty "as told to" confessional bids adieu to "public life." Baldwin seethes about, well, everything.

He's mad that countless reporters and photographers dared to cover his toxic little outbursts and violent confrontations over the years, because they ruined his "dreams of running for office at some point in the next five years."

He's mad at gays for calling him out on his gay-bashing statements that he either denies or forgets he made. (Oh, and he throws in a reference to an "F-to-M tranny" just to reassure the "Gay Department of Justice" that they're totally wrong about him.)

He's mad that his fellow New Yorkers don't bow down and kiss his ring like they used to, back in the day when they'd stop him on the corner and heap praise on his charitable activities and work as a "great supporter of the arts."

He's mad at MSNBC for not letting him book actress Debra Winger on his ill-fated, short-lived train wreck of a vanity talk show.

He's mad at liberal doyenne Arianna Huffington for an article in the Huffington Post about pimples.

And he's especially mad, mad, mad about how angry and hateful the rest of America has become. "The heart, the arteries of the country are now clogged with hate. The fuel of American political life is hatred," he fumes. It's all the fault, he fulminates, of "Roger Ailes," "Fox News" and "Breitbart."

Funny guy. These complaints are coming, after all, from the hate-clogged hate-monger who called Andrew Breitbart "a festering boil on the anus of public discourse" for exposing rapes and violence at Occupy Wall Street camps — and who taunted Breitbart's friends after the father of four's tragic death in 2012 by gleefully floating conspiracy theories on Twitter.

Bawling Baldwin can't take it anymore, America, but he sure loves to dish it out.

Remember: Our born-again champion of civility and tolerance is the same rageball who attacked a Starbucks barista he didn't like as a "queen," derided conservative women who identify themselves as "moms," mocked Filipina women as mail-order brides, smeared the entire state of Florida as a "f***ed up parallel universe" and savaged an American Airlines stewardess who told him to put his iPad away before takeoff.

"Last flight (with) American," he sneered. "Where retired

Catholic school gym teachers from the 1950s find jobs as flight attendants."

This abuser of service workers and serial misogynist's laments for a kinder, gentler America ring hollow. But they're not nearly as hollow as his habitual threats to disappear from public life.

Bloviating Baldwin threatened to move to Canada if George W. Bush won a second term, but he never followed through.

He threatened to quit show biz last fall, but he didn't go anywhere.

He's threatened to quit Twitter at least three times, but he always comes back.

Now he's threatening to decamp from the mean streets of Greenwich Village to Los Angeles, that sanctuary of privacy and oasis of compassion and sincerity, where the baristas will be more servile and the photographers will put down their cameras and toss rose petals at his feet.

Babbling Baldwin says he'll never talk to an American publication about his "personal life" ever again. If only it were true. We all know this drama queen ain't going nowhere. He won't leave the spotlight. He's addicted to fame and dependent on infamy. It's all he has left.

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GOP: Viva Las Vegas!

Consider the following cities: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Kansas City, Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas.

In which city would you like to spend four days in June or July engaged in mindless behavior and no meaningful activity, often leading to drunken stupor?

In other words, which city should the Republican National Committee choose for its presidential nominating convention in 2016?

All the cities above have expressed some interest in hosting the convention, and many have already met with Republican officials to make presentations. Las Vegas is said by some to be the front-runner.

Why Las Vegas? First, there is the process of elimination: Dallas, Denver and Kansas City already have hosted conventions.

Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus are located in the crucial swing state of Ohio, but in the public mind, they have one drawback: They are Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus.

Phoenix has an average monthly high temperature in June of — I kid you not — 104 degrees. Plus, if the convention were to be held in Phoenix, John McCain might ramble out onstage and tell everybody to get off his lawn.

Salt Lake City would be an intriguing choice. It is the headquarters of the Mormon church; it hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics; it is known as "The Crossroads of the West;" and it is the industrial banking center of America.

But Salt Lake City's motto is: "We're just like Las Vegas — but without any of the fun."

Which leaves Vegas. Many cities would have trouble accommodating the 50,000 or so poor souls who are forced to go to political conventions. Ve-

gas does not even blink at that number. (Las Vegas is Spanish, by the way, for "Hiya, suckers!") The Consumer Electronics Show, held in Vegas each January, draws 150,000 people, which Vegas handles easily, and it is already building more hotels.

True, Vegas' average high temperature in June is 100 degrees. But the heatstroke you get is a dry heatstroke. Also, Vegas does not have any major league sports teams, which is a big plus because the schedules of major league teams often can interfere with the convention schedule.

Vegas has legal gambling, including more than 195,000 slot machines, or about four slots for each convention attendee. The slots draw people with an almost mystical fascination: "Hey, look, a machine that I can put \$50 into, which, over an hour, will return \$25 to me! Who can pass that up?"

Las Vegas is no longer the Sin City it was, because all of America now sins in similar ways.

So-called riverboat casinos — which are better-designed for sinking like rocks than floating down rivers — Indian casinos, state and national lotteries, bingo games in churches, and neighborhood bookies who will give you (long) odds that the Chicago Cubs will win the World Series this year abound in this country.

So why shouldn't the Republican Party want to go there? I was in Vegas about two weeks ago, and all I saw in the casinos were hundreds of people sitting at slot machines, wearing T-shirts and shorts — slabs of flesh peeking out between the two — while sipping free drinks and smoking.

Yes, you can smoke in Vegas casinos. True, you can't smoke in the casino restaurants, but they will be glad to prepare carryout meals that you can take back to the slot machines with you, so you can eat, smoke, drink and lose money all at the same time.

And when you think about it, is this not the freedom that Republicans promise us?

Do what you want! Nobody

in Vegas is going to tell you not to smoke. Nobody is going to suggest you eat fruits and vegetables instead of pizzas and Chicken McNuggets. And if you want to lose the rent money at the craps tables, hey, that's your business.

What I saw in Vegas were a bunch of older white people seeking enormous wealth. What could be more Republican than that?

Besides, the Republican Party's spiritual icon — Ronald Reagan — played Vegas on Feb. 15, 1954, at the Last Frontier casino. He did a stand-up comedy act featuring a team of chimpanzees. (Reagan's 1951 movie, "Bedtime for Bonzo," had featured a chimp and was a big success.) Reagan would go on to make a dozen more movies after "Bonzo" and also do television. But he longed for something more dignified — such as politics.

And Vegas has something else going for it. Many cities have made fancy presentations to members of the Republican National Committee, but Vegas has an ace in the hole.

"I'm looking for good hotels, access to the convention site, a good convention site and sufficient financial resources," John Ryder, the general counsel of the RNC, told The Washington Post. "Anybody can put together a booth, a hospitality suite and a gift bag. Show me the money."

When I read that, I knew Vegas had this thing wrapped up. It is the American city that is all about the money. It's going to be Las Vegas in 2016, baby.

I'll give you 2-1 odds on it.

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us, dear Lord, to learn from our mistakes, assuming we make one or two.

Amen

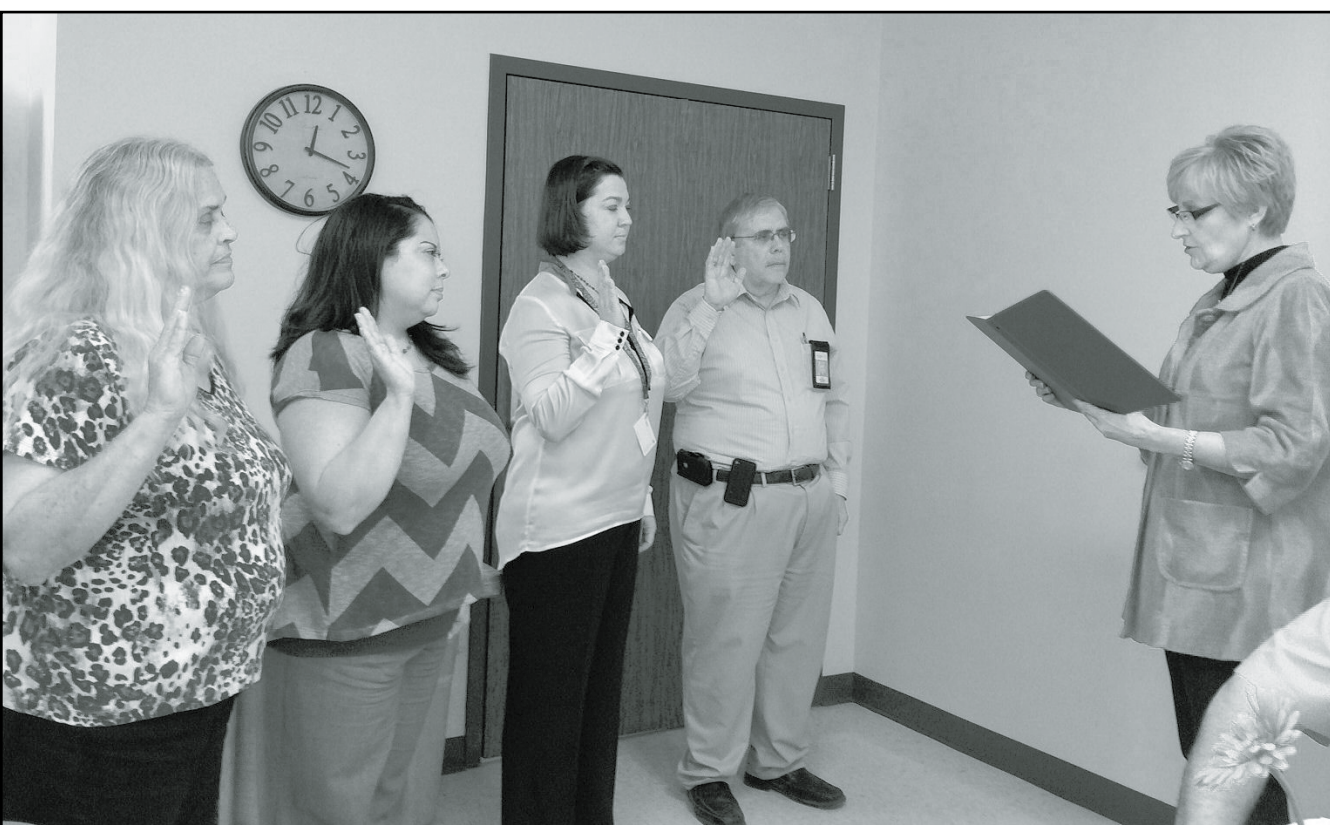


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United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Install new board members for the 2014 year



Courtesy Photo

Kenda Jones, Stacie King, Andrea Barr and Lynn Richardson were sworn in by outgoing President Ann McClarty at a recent United Way board meeting

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County recently installed new board members and swore in the executive board for the 2014 calendar year campaign.

Agency checks were also presented to member agencies at this time, from the current campaign.

The executive board includes President Larry Rodgers, First Vice President Chad Averette, Second Vice President Raul Benavides, Treasurer Linda Adams and Secretary Donna Wright.

New board members include Andrea Barr, Kenda Jones, Stacie King, Lynn Richardson and

Dustin Wylie. The board is comprised of 24 members from different areas of the community.

Board members are currently working on wrapping up the 2014 campaign with their annual golf tournament, scheduled for March 29th and 30th at the Big Spring Country Club.

Tickets are \$25 a piece and can be purchased from any board member or at the United Way office.

To find out more information about the United Way campaign or to donate, call Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201.

Money raised by the The United Way goes to support the follow-

ing agencies, the American Red Cross West Texas Chapter; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CWJC, Spring of Siloam; Casa of West Texas; Council on Aging/Mobile; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain Corp.; Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club; Victim Services; Westside Community Day Care Center; and YMCA of Big Spring.

BSFD Safety Tip

Prevent fires caused by cigarettes

Every year, almost 1,000 smokers and non-smokers are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. The U.S.

Fire Administration is working to help prevent home fire deaths and injuries caused by smoking materials. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable. You can make a difference.

If you smoke or live with someone who smokes, learn the facts. A lit cigarette accidentally dropped onto a chair or bed, or hot cigarette ashes or matches tossed away before they are completely out, can cause a large fire in seconds.

Putting out a cigarette the right way only takes seconds, too. It is up to you to make sure your cigarette is put out, all the way, every time.

One-in-four people killed in home fires is not the smoker whose cigarette caused the fire.

- More than one third were children of the smokers.

- Twenty-five percent were neighbors or friends of the smokers.

Smoking & Home Fire Action Steps

- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out.
- Check for cigarette butts.
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.
- If you smoke, fire-safe cigarettes are better.
- Be alert!



Cassatt String Quartet performs March 16-22

The highly esteemed, New York based Cassatt String Quartet will perform its eighth annual mini-residency, "Cassatt in the Basin!" Sunday, March 16 through Saturday, March 22, 2014.

This residency aims to give "Basin" area students the opportunity to study with artist teachers and develop chamber music audiences of the future.

The Cassatt String Quartet will offer student quartet coachings, master classes (in which the Cassatt String Quartet will hear and critique students performing their pieces, with demonstrations by the quartet of proper communication, interpretation and performance technique), open rehearsals and concert performances.

All teachers and students from ECISD, MISD, Odessa College, Midland College, UTPB and other communities in the Permian Basin are welcome to attend any educational and performance events.

String Seminar on Sunday March 16, [3-5 PM]
at Midland College Allison Fine Arts building (choir room)
Cost is \$ 20/person and free to observe.

Cassatt/student chamber music concert, Saturday, March 22, [12 Noon]
Featured composer – David Crumb
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Event is free and open to the public.

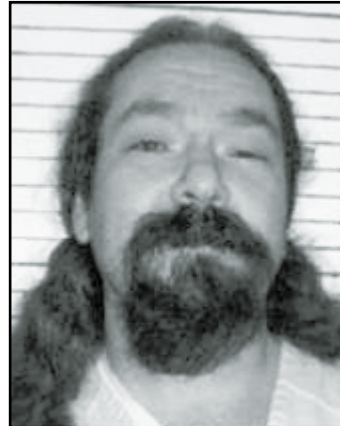
\$10,000 Reward Offered for Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive from El Paso

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Benjamin Dominguez, 47, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a cash reward up to \$10,000 is now being offered for information leading to his capture.

The Barrio Azteca gang member has an extensive criminal past and is wanted for failure to register as a sex offender and a parole violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Dominguez is believed to be a transient, and he has lived in El Paso, Socorro, Texas; Las Cruces, N.M.; and Modesto, Calif. His criminal history includes indecency with a child, assault causing bodily injury, possession of a controlled substance and burglary. Dominguez was previously featured by the U.S. Marshals Service during Operation Guardian, a national initiative that specifically targeted the country's most danger-



Dominguez

ous noncompliant sex offenders.

He is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs approximately 225 pounds. He has been known to use several aliases, and he has numerous tattoos on his arms, left wrist and neck.

For more information and a list of aliases, please see his wanted bulletin at: www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=231.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists – with photos on the DPS website at www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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

There are four different ways to provide anonymous tips

1. Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
 2. Text the letters DPS – followed by your tip – to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
 3. Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.
 4. Submit a Facebook tip at www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).
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News in brief

Ukraine: Russian patrols at airports, calls for Security Council meeting

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian military were blocking a Ukrainian military airport in the Black Sea port of Sevastopol in Crimea near the Russian naval base while unidentified armed men were patrolling another airport serving the regional capital, Ukraine's new Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said on Friday.

No violence was reported, and flights continued to operate at the airport serving Simferopol, the regional capital. It was not immediately clear whether the airport in Sevastopol, owned by the Ukrainian defense ministry, was open but there are no scheduled services to the facility.

The Russian foreign ministry refused to comment while a spokesman for the Russian defense ministry also had no comment.

Avakov wrote in a Facebook post that the Belbek international airport in Sevastopol was blocked by military units of the Russian navy.

"I can only describe this as a military invasion and occupation," Avakov said.

GOP derails Senate Dems' bill boosting vets benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Senate on Thursday derailed Democratic legislation that would have provided \$21 billion for medical, education and job-training benefits for the nation's veterans. The bill fell victim to election-year disputes over spending and fresh penalties against Iran.

Each party covets the allegiance of the country's 22 million veterans and their families, and each party blamed the other for turning the effort into a chess match aimed at forcing politically embarrassing votes.

Republicans used a procedural move to block the bill after Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chided GOP lawmakers about their priorities.

"I personally, I have to say this honestly, have a hard time understanding how anyone could vote for tax breaks for billionaires, for millionaires, for large corporations and then say we don't have the resources to protect our veterans," said Sanders, the measure's chief author.

Democrats noted that more than two dozen veterans groups supported the legislation. But Republicans said they still favor helping veterans while also wanting to be prudent about federal spending.

Sen. Cruz blasts GOP leaders, refuses to endorse fellow Texan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sniping between establishment Republicans and tea partiers resumed Thursday as Texas Sen. Ted Cruz refused to endorse his state's senior senator in

next week's Republican primary.

Sen. John Cornyn, the Senate's second-ranking Republican leader, faces tea party-backed Rep. Steve Stockman in Tuesday's election. Cruz declined to tell reporters how he plans to vote.

"I am not supporting any of the senators from my party or their opponents" in this year's primaries, Cruz said, adding that he might change his mind later.

Cruz, a tea party favorite and potential 2016 presidential candidate, has infuriated fellow Republicans by forcing uncomfortable votes on issues such as the debt, and by raising money for conservative groups trying to defeat veteran Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Cruz's comments are especially notable because he is a vice chairman of the GOP committee tasked with winning Senate elections. He criticized the committee's track record and policy of virtually always backing incumbents.

US officials: Al-Qaida planning comeback in eastern Afghanistan after anticipated U.S. drawdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida's Afghanistan leader is laying the groundwork to relaunch his war-shattered organization once the United States and international forces withdraw from the country, as they have warned they will do without a security agreement from the Afghan government, U.S. officials say.

Farouq al-Qahtani al-Qatari has been cementing local ties and bringing in small numbers of experienced militants to train a new generation of fighters, and U.S. military and intelligence officials say they have stepped up drone and jet missile strikes against him and his followers in the mountainous eastern provinces of Kunar and Nuristan. The objective is to keep him from restarting the large training camps that once drew hundreds of followers before the U.S.-led war began.

The officials say the counterterrorism campaign — a key reason the Obama administration agreed to keep any troops in Afghanistan after 2014 — could be jeopardized by the possibility of a total pullout.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said the number of al-Qaida members in Afghanistan has risen but not much higher than as many as the several hundred or so the U.S. has identified in the past.

Tea party to establishment: We're alive and ready to battle in 2014

WASHINGTON (AP) — The foot soldiers of the tea party movement dismiss the chatter about its demise and stand ready to use their unbending

political force against both President Barack Obama and the Republican establishment this election year.

The Tea Party Patriots, one of the major grass-roots groups, marked the fifth anniversary of the movement Thursday, attracting hundreds of members and plenty of speakers to a Washington celebration in which they directed their animosity at the Washington establishment.

Keli Carender, national grass-roots coordinator, said the strength of the group was reflected in the \$1.2 million and counting that it raised in 10 days.

To the "establishment and permanent political class," Carender said, "we don't need their millions, we've got our own."

Republican primaries this election year will be a crucial test for the movement as the GOP establishment has aggressively challenged tea party-backed candidates in Kentucky, Kansas, Idaho, Mississippi, Michigan and elsewhere.

Republicans blame the tea party for losses in winnable races in 2010 and 2012 that many believe cost the GOP a Senate majority.

Tokyo bitcoin exchange files for bankruptcy

TOKYO (AP) — The Mt. Gox bitcoin exchange in Tokyo filed for bankruptcy protection, acknowledging that a significant amount of the virtual currency had gone missing.

The exchange's CEO Mark Karpeles appeared before Japanese TV news cameras Friday, bowing deeply for several minutes.

He said a weakness in the exchange's systems was behind the massive loss of the virtual currency.

Speaking in Japanese at a Tokyo court, he apologized for the troubles he had caused so many people.

Kyodo News said debts at Mt. Gox totaled more than 6.5 billion yen (\$65 million), surpassing its assets.

GAO report: Scant evidence of growing shortage of airline pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not clear there is a shortage of airline pilots even though regional airlines report difficulty over the past year in finding enough pilots to hire, according to a draft report by a government watchdog obtained by The Associated Press.

The U.S. airline industry will need

to hire 1,900 to 4,500 new pilots annually over the next 10 years due to an expected surge in retirements of pilots reaching age 65 and increased demand for air travel, the Government Accountability Office said. The report, obtained late Thursday, was to be released Friday.

Eleven out of 12 regional airlines failed to meet their hiring targets for entry-level pilots last year, the report said.

However, no major airlines were experiencing problems finding pilots. Some airline officials did express concern that service to some cities might have to be cut back if their regional partners cannot hire enough pilots, the report said.

Major airlines generally pay significantly higher salaries than regional carriers.

The average starting salary for first officers at regional airlines is \$22,400, according to the Air Line Pilots Association.

Exiled Palestinian operative Dahlan seeks new Gaza foothold

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Fueled by millions in Gulf aid dollars that are his to distribute, an exiled Palestinian operative seems to be orchestrating a comeback that could position him as a potential successor to aging Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

In a phone interview from London, Mohammed Dahlan spoke of his aid projects in the Gaza Strip, his closeness to Egypt's military leaders and his conviction that the 79-year-old Abbas has left the Palestinian national cause in tatters.

If staging a successful return, Dahlan, a former Gaza security chief once valued by the West for his pragmatism, could reshuffle a stagnant Palestinian deck. Some caution that Dahlan has made too many enemies in Abbas' Fatah movement and will continue to be ostracized by those planning to compete for the top job in the future.

Dahlan, 52, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he is "not looking for any post" after Abbas retires, but called for new elections and an overhaul of Fatah.

"Abbas will leave only ruins and who would be interested to be a president or vice president on these ruins?" Dahlan said. "What I am interested in is a way out of our political situation, not a political position."

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Spring Creek Fellowship

Thank you to all who came out to support the Benefit for "Smokin' Joe Murphy," local KBYG Radio personality on Feb. 22. Everyone had a great time.

Philip Smethurst, founder and president of Overland Missions, will be speaking at Spring Creek Fellowship Sunday. He will speak at 10:45 worship and at 6 p.m. Overland Missions is dedicated to communicate the Gospel to the neglected and isolated people of the world. In 1999, Philip and his wife Sharon founded Overland and under their guidance, it is currently at work in 14 countries. For more information, go to www.overlandmissions.com.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for our fellowship meal. Adult Bible study, youth, Boy Scouts and children's activities start at 6:15.

We have started a Prayer Shawl Ministry as a part of our Sewing Seeds of Hope crafting ministry. We meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to make a prayer shawl or want to join us in this ministry, come meet with us.

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

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

Our SCF Prayer Team meets every Tuesday from noon to 2 at Spring Town Plaza.

Sunday services include Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. and worship service at 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is 264-7818. Our website is www.aicbig-spring.org. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

Hannah Alsobrooks will present the readings this week.

Our Wednesday night bible study is titled "I am Second" by e3 Partners. Class begins at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. Mid-Week classes are in session for the youth. A light meal is served at 5:30.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Holy Trinity fundraiser

Holy Trinity Catholic Youth Group is hosting a Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday Feast" Tuesday in the Father Beasley Hall at 1009 Hearn Street from 6-8 p.m. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10. Price includes drink and dessert. Come and indulge and enjoy great company and music. Door prizes to be given away.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

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

We are saddened by the loss of longtime member and soprano in the Chancel Choir Betty Earl. She will be sorely missed, but she will be a wonderful addition to the heavenly choir.

The Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be in the chapel Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for March is Helen Glass. Communion servers are Susan Holstedt, Patti and Joe Horton, Danny Kenemur and Don Boling. Ushers for the month are Christine and Don Boling, Nancy Hale and Sarah Salinas. Nancy Hale is in charge of refreshments for "Take Ten" for Sunday.

Lectionary for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17:1-9. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and celebrate communion. The Chancel Choir will present "Lift High the Cross," arranged by Lani Smith as the offertory anthem.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Many exciting things are happening at First Church of the Nazarene. Check it out:

Rehearsals have begun for our Easter cantata, Mercy Came Running. Practices will be on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7. There is plenty of time to come and join us. Contact Amanda Kleeb if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study on Sunday evenings from 4:30-5:30.

MTV is back at 6:30 p.m. for the youth on Wednesdays. Thrive for

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It's almost spring

It has been a long and difficult winter for most of our nation and many of us are longing for spring.

There is nothing gradual about spring in Texas.

One week forecasters issue winter weather advisories for snow, freezing rain and ice. The next week pear, crabapple and dogwoods

explode with blossoms; daffodils bloom; bare limbs put forth buds and the air is filled with the fragrance of cut grass. Spring comes early in Texas. When I lived in Minnesota, March always threw me off balance. Winter let go its grip by degrees, reluctantly withdrawing from the landscape with snowy skirmishes that lasted through April and into the first week of May. But in Texas, it is winter one day, Spring the next, with summer soon to follow.

I like Spring. All that appears dead "springs" to life. It is the harbinger of things to come: the growing season when empty fields sprout with

corn, maize and cotton. Gardens yield their miracles: seed and soil and water and sun produce ripe red tomatoes, yellow squash and fat round watermelons.

When Jesus chose a metaphor to help us anticipate His return, He chose Spring. He said, "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door." As exciting as Spring is with its promise of summer, it cannot compare with what God has in store for us in the age that is to come, when He will establish a new heaven and a new earth.

For many years, I have thought it significant that Jesus chose a "Spring" image to signify the end of the age. Most futurists paint a dismal picture. Bookshelves and movie lists are full of doom and gloom prognostications. Their predictions include alien invasions that wipe out the planet, a catastrophic meteor collision that makes earth unlivable, nuclear holocaust that destroys civilization as we know it, or a gradual erosion of earth's resources.

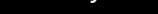
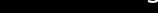
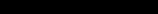
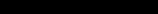
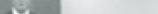
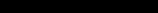
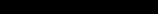
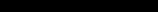
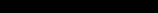
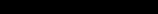
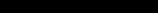
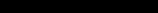
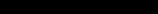
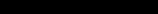
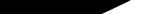
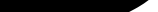
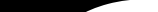
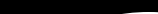
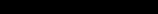
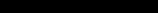
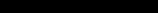
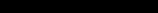
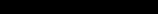
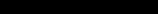
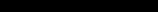
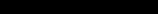
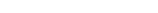
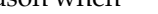
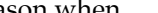
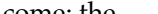
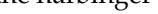
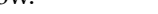
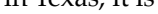
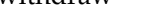
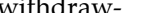
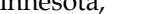
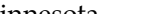
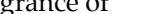
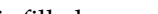
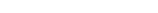
Jesus held no illusions about the reality of our human condition. He plainly taught us that we would have wars and rumors of wars, that we would experience famines and earthquakes. (Mat. 24:6-7). The prophet Isaiah said, "Lift up your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath; for the sky will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not wane." (Isa. 51:6).

Erosion and pollution will likely continue. Men will continue to wage war. Our strong and youthful bodies will yield to disease, crippling injuries and old age. But in the midst of the woods the dogwood blooms. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, God is preparing a new heaven and a new earth. (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1). Everyone who believes in Him will be given new bodies that never grow old and never die. (1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 15). Spring has come! Summer is near!

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BILL TINSLEY



God's blessings just keep on popping up

It all started in Peru. At least some folks think popcorn originated there. Others believe that the American Indians were already enjoying the popular snack when the first English settlers arrived on the eastern coast of North America. Some would imagine friendly Indians handing out bags of popcorn to the weary travelers as they stepped off the May-



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flower.

Regardless of when and how popcorn got here, one thing that historians do agree about is that the popcorn market thrived in the United States during the Great Depression. When other businesses were failing, popcorn sales increased. Selling for five to ten cents per bag, popcorn became popular and affordable when money was scarce. The special variety of corn known for its explosive traits kept popping up on farms across the Midwestern United States. At least six cities in that region vie for the title of "Popcorn Capital of the

World."

During World War II, the popcorn market leaped again. When sugar rations diminished the production of candy, the market dipped to an all time low because many could no longer afford to nurture a sweet tooth. Trading sugar for salt, however, Americans compensated for the lack of candy by increasing their popcorn consumption. They soon tripled their popcorn intake and stabilized the market for generations of popcorn munchers that had not even been born.

Actually, popcorn is more than a delectable snack; it has enhanced movie watching since the first silent picture appeared on a screen. In an emergency, popcorn might become the staff of life, stuffing hungry mouths and filling growling stomachs. In an emotional crisis, a bag of salty, buttered popcorn has the potential to become a discouraged person's best friend.

So what does the Bible have to say about popcorn? I can honestly say that I have never seen anything about the subject in the Scrip-

ture. However, a man named James, who was probably the brother of Jesus, wrote, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow" (James 1:17 NASB).

Perhaps popcorn really isn't a perfect gift. It certainly isn't God's most important gift to us. However, popcorn

reminds us that God's provisions are adaptable. In changing times, our unchanging God knows what we need. Tweaking His provisions to meet our needs is no problem for an all knowing God. His blessings just keep on popping up.

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college and career seeking young adults with Colter Morgan happens Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the commons area and Prime Time Fellowship the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Looking for a lunch plans? Wednesday at noon bring your lunch for class with Leonard.

You are also welcome to join us for all of our other services and classes:

Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9

Sunday morning children's church at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 in the Sanctuary
Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes at 6:30

Listen to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can hear a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Forsan Baptist Church

We have officially begun a new message series titled "The Grand Design." We will be looking at God's overarching plan for us as His crowning achievement in creation. Our message for this week is from Genesis 26:2-5 and is called "Our Inheritance." Wednesday evenings, we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament. Sunday evenings, we are in a DVD study called "The Story." It is comprised of a video segment and study guide and speaks of how the Bible in all its parts tells God's story. We also frequently have Bible study groups in individual homes, such as the Daniel Plan, which is currently in session on Monday evenings.

We are currently in the planning stages for a revival mutually held with Baker's Chapel AME Church in Big Spring. Dates and details will follow soon.

Youth activities on Wednesday evenings include a meal at 5:30 and classes for all ages beginning at 6. We have Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Answers) Youth, and an adult Bible study.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at

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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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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

NORTH
 ♠ A 8 5
 ♥ A 4 3 2
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ A K Q 3

WEST
 ♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ 8 7 5 4
 ♣ J 8 6

EAST
 ♠ 9
 ♥ K Q J 7 5
 ♦ K Q 10 6 3
 ♣ 7 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 10 7 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ J 2
 ♣ 10 9 5 2

This is a double-dummy problem. The contract is Seven Spades, and West leads the ten of hearts. You are permitted to look at all four hands in attempting to find the solution. How should you play the hand?

It may appear that you must lose a diamond eventually, but obviously the diamond loser can be avoided; if it couldn't, this hand would not be presented here as a problem.

As usual, when you have all the remaining tricks but one, the first thought to pop into your head should be the possibility of a squeeze. For a squeeze to be successful, one opponent or the other must have two (or three) suits to guard. Since you must assume the clubs will break favor-

ably, the two suits one of the defenders will have to guard are hearts and diamonds.

This presupposes that the hearts are divided 5-3 or 6-2, so that only one of the defenders can guard that suit. You therefore win the heart lead with the ace, ruff a heart and play four rounds of trumps to produce this position:

North
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ A
 ♣ A K Q 3

West
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 8 7 5
 ♣ J 8 6

East
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ K Q 10
 ♣ 7 4

South
 ♠ 7
 ♥ J 2
 ♣ 10 9 5 2

Now you cash the A-K-Q of clubs, being careful to drop your 10-9-5, and then lead the three of clubs. East, who is down to a pair of K-Q's, cannot withstand the pressure of the fourth club lead.

If he discards a heart, you next ruff the three of hearts, establishing dummy's four; if he discards a diamond instead, you cash the ace of diamonds before ruffing a heart and score the last trick with the diamond jack. Either way, East is a deceased pigeon.

Tomorrow: The case of the missing knives.

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First Christian Church

This Sunday will feature guest speaker Dan Miracle, substituting for our pastor, Dr. Ken McIntosh, who is attending an evangelism training this weekend. His text for Sunday's message comes from Matthew 6:24-34. Dan regularly teaches the adult Sunday school class for FCC, so many members are looking forward to his message during worship. Our 10:50 a.m. Sunday worship also includes Children's Church and Holy Communion.

On Wednesday, at 6 p.m., we will kick off the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. This special day is a time to contemplate our helplessness in relation to death and our dependence on Christ to save us. Our choir will then meet after the service for its weekly hour of rehearsal. Our choir director is Teresa Archambo, and she would love to add new voices our group.

Thursday, is Church Ministry Night, featuring special guest David Justice, who will be making a presentation on how a church like FCC can use Stream Energy as a fund-raiser to support our ministries and mission in Big Spring. The evening starts at 6 with a light dinner, and following his presentation, we will plan some of our upcoming programs and activities.

Finally, looking ahead, we invite you to take part in the community Lenten Luncheons that have become a tradition in Big Spring. These lunches happen during the season of Lent. They happen Wednesdays at noon, March 12 through April 9. It will be your chance to hear special messages from these five pastors: Rev. Craig Holdstedt, Rev. Mark Lindsey, Rev. Lester Brown, Rev. Cal Calendar and Rev. Carroll Kohl. The first luncheon will happen March 12 at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Classic Worship gathers at 8:30 a.m. and our Generations Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. Both services meet in the Sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. This Sunday, the congregation will be sharing in the Lord's Supper during both services. A nursery is provided at all times. The 10:50 a.m. service can be heard each Sunday morning on KXCS - 105.5 FM.

Sunday, we're also continuing a message series entitled "Christ-like Influencer." Sunday's message is entitled "Christ-like Influencers Give Generously" and is taken from II Corinthians 8:1-9.

During our 10:50 service, Adrian Calvio will sing "Mighty to Save" as the Call to Worship. Our Celebration Choir will also sing "This Is the Day."

In addition to adult classes for all generations, our Patrick Ruiz is currently teaching a youth class that's focused on the fruit of the Spirit.

This Sunday, children in pre-school through second grade will continue the new series, entitled MTI - Make Things Industries. In this series, the preschool and kindergarten class will learn Bible lessons where people worked hard and made things for others. This Sunday's lesson is taken from Exodus, The Golden Calf. This week's main point: "I Will Obey God's Rules." The first and second grade class will be learning Bible lessons about people who started out as unimportant but became great when used by God. This Sunday's lesson is entitled "The Life of Joseph," taken from Genesis 37 and 39-46. This week's main point is "I Will Be Humble."

The Tween Class, children in Grades 3, 4, and 5, will continue the series, "Jesus, The Real Life."

In Children's Church, we will continue studying the series "Knowing Jesus." This Sunday's lesson is entitled "Jesus Prays" and comes from Mark 1:35-39

A nursery is available for children 3 and younger during the Sunday School hour and 10:50 worship service.

Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays, due to allowing an opportunity for children to participate in Communion with their families.

As the congregation gears up for its annual observance Lent, we're also making plans for a Mardi Gras Dance on Tuesday. The dance will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Partee Youth Building. Entertainment will be provided by AC and the Heaters. The dance is free and church members are encouraged to invite their friends.

Wednesday at noon, we'll be having an Ash Wednesday Service. We'll gather first for lunch in Garrett Hall. We begin serving lunch at 11:50 a.m. At 12:15 p.m., we'll move into the Ash Wednesday Service.

This year, First United Methodist Church is participating in the Lenten Lunch Series, beginning Wednesday, March 12. Therefore, we will not be having Wednesday, Noon Bible Study during Lent.

Supper on Wednesday nights is at 5:30 in Garrett Hall. Classes for all ages begin at 6. First United Methodist Church is developing a discipleship process for adults that will be implemented next Fall. However, a group of leaders are testing the curriculum on Wednesday nights.

We also have a group of young parents who are exploring a new study entitled "Parenting with Grace."

EPIC Youth will have a special worship night this Wednesday. Students gather with the church family at 5:30 p.m. for supper before heading over to the youth building at 6.

Lenten Luncheon Series

The Big Spring ecumenical Lenten Luncheon Series begins March 12 and features clergy from five local congregations.

The community luncheons will happen weekly on Wednesdays from March 12 through April 9 starting at noon. Donations to cover the cost of the meals are appreciated. The schedule is as follows:

March 12, the luncheon will happen at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, and will feature the Rev. Craig Holstedt, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, as speaker.

March 19, the luncheon will happen at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, and will feature as speaker the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church.

March 26, the luncheon will happen at First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, and will feature the Rev. Lester Brown from Baker's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

April 2, the luncheon will happen at First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, and will feature the Rev. Cal Calendar, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene.

April 9, the final luncheon in the series will happen at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 1007 Hearn Street, and will feature the Rev. Carroll Kohl, retired Lutheran pastor (Missouri Synod).

Come experience the season of Lent through a simple meal, an inspirational message and ecumenical fellowship with other Christians.

Children's Day Out is open Monday and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm for children from 4 months to pre-K. Call our Church office for more information at 267-6394.

For more information on any activity at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at fumbcs.com or phone the church office.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

The LLL (living longer and loving it) group will meet Tuesday at noon in the church dining room. Come in the east doors, have some lunch, and enjoy some great fellowship; everyone's invited.

Ladies Bible Study is meeting in the conference room each Monday at 9:30 or Wednesday at 5:30. The seven-session study is titled "Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask" by Angela Thomas. Call 267-8223 for childcare.

Sunday morning, join us at 10:50 as we gather to worship, give thanks, and praise God for His unending love and faithfulness. Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new sermon series called "The Big Ten" drawn from Exodus 20. This week's message is titled "Making God Your Number One Priority."

At 9:30, Sunday school classes are available for all ages and life stages. Greeters at each door will assist you in finding your class. Youth and adult classes meet on the second floor, while children's classes meet in the Good News Garage on the first floor. Come early for coffee and doughnuts.

Children grades K-6 are invited to AWANA at 5:30. It's Luau night, so wear anything Hawaiian, and have an amazing time, tropical style.

Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini is leading a special class for graduates titled "Sticky Faith," which meets at 9:30. A class for parents of graduates will begin April 6.

It's time to sign up for Youth Camp; call Jonathan Raffini at 267-8223 for details. Also, a group will be traveling to Fort Worth, Texas, March 14-15, for an evangelism conference for high school students. Contact Jonathan ASAP to sign up.

FBC Mother's Day Out program is going strong and continues to accept applications for substitute teachers. Contact Tracy Boeker at tboeker90@gmail.com or call 267-8223 for more information.

The Mission Center and food pantry will be open Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.. It is located on Lancaster behind HEB.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by activities for children, youth and adults. Go to fbcbigspring.org for detailed information. Join us Wednesday for nachos and burritos.

If you have questions about God and His place in your life, stop by the church or call 267-8223, and someone will be happy to listen, pray with you and talk with you about Jesus Christ, who loves you very much.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at FBC.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to worship with them Sunday afternoon at 2. This growing congregation is led by Pastor Jim Walterhouse.

Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. Call 267-8223 if you need more information or Pastor Walterhouse's contact information.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday for our upcoming series entitled "Intentional Living: Becoming A Better You." For the month of March we will focus on the power of the gospel message and its direct impact on our individual lives.

Also, save the date for the 2014 spring revival: "Unity in the Body," March 26-29 at 7 nightly. Wednesday, March 26 will be the revival opening with a "Night of Worship." Join with us as we praise, worship and pray for "Unity in the Body" in our surrounding communities.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ.

We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children's church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

We are located at 706 East 12th St For office hours or more information, contact us at 264-0015; or find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org

In the News

Mormons: People don't get own planets in afterlife

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon Church is pushing back against the notion that members of the faith are taught they'll get their own planet in the afterlife, a misconception popularized in pop culture most recently by the Broadway show "The Book of Mormon."

A newly-posted article affirms the faith's belief that humans can become like God in eternity, but says the "cartoonish image of people receiving their own planets" is not how members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints envision it.

"While few Latter-day Saints would identify with caricatures of having their own planet, most would agree that the awe inspired by creation hints at our creative potential in the eternities," the article says.

The expectation of exaltation is more figurative and ambiguous than boiling it down to living on one planet, it says.

"Church members imagine exaltation less through images of what they will get and more through the relationships they have now and how those relationships might be purified and elevated," the article says.

The 3,500-word article is part of a series of recent online pieces posted on the church website that explain, expand or clarify on some of the more sensitive gospel topics.

The series of postings have been applauded by religious scholars who say the church is finally acknowledging some of the most controversial or sensitive parts of its history and doctrine that it once sidestepped.

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LaVega ends Wylie's season

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Waco LaVega ended thequest for a state championship on Thursday afternoon by grinding out a 66-53 victory in the Class 3A semifinals at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

With the loss, Wylie ended its season at 30-6. The Lady Bulldogs had advanced to the state tournament after edging past Monahans, Greenwood, Big Spring, Sweetwater and Snyder for the District 4-3A crown.

LaVega got off to a quick start against Wylie. They reeled off a 21-8 run in the first eight minutes and never looked back.

LaVega tacked on a 17-8 spree in the second and carried a commanding 38-16 lead into the half.

Wylie battled back in the second half. Sparked by a 22-point third quarter, the Lady Bulldogs battled back to within 13 at the final buzzer with a 37-28 second-half effort.

Peyton Sanders led Wylie in scoring, netting 15 points in 31 minutes of play. Brittany Brewer added 14 more.

With the win over Wylie, LaVega improved to 33-0 and advanced to the Class 3A state championship game to face Argyle, which downed Geronimo Navarro, 64-37, in the other semifinal game.

The Class 3A state title game will be played at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

In Class 4A action, former Big Spring rival Canyon advanced to the title game with a 41-22 win over Georgetown.

Canyon, now 32-4, will face North McKinney.

The Class 4A state title game is scheduled to tip off at 8:30 p.m.

In Class A, Division I play, the Plains Lady Indians moved into the finals by taking a 56-39 win over Santo. In the other semifinal game, Weimar defeated Kerens, 56-36.

BSYBL tourney starts tomorrow

Postseason action for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League will get underway tomorrow morning at the Big Spring YMCA.

Seven teams will be vying for the title in the First-Second grade boys' division. Games start at 11 a.m.. The finals will be held at 4 p.m. The girls' playoff bracket starts at 8 a.m.

Playoff games in the 3rd-4th grade and 5th-6th grade divisions will also be held.

The championship games will be held in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

BSLL sign-ups are complete

The registration period for the 2014 season for the Big Spring Little League season complete. The league is no longer taking registration for the upcoming season.

An article in Thursday's edition said the league was accepting registration through March. However, the league's final sign-up date was Feb. 22.

The league will begin in season in a few weeks.

Heartbreak & Hope

Hawks back into playoffs despite loss to Westerners

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

SNYDER - Hollywood scriptwriters couldn't have put more twists and turns - and college - into the Howard College men's basketball team's season finale that the Western Texas College Westerners on Thursday evening in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Western Texas left the Hawks stunned in front of a small crowd by reeling off a 70-66 come-from-behind victory in what almost everyone believed was a "must-win" situation for Howard College's postseason hopes. The loss dropped the Hawks into a tie with Western Texas and Odessa College for fourth in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings. A tie was as good as a knockout punch for Howard, as WTC and Odessa both held tie-breaker advantages.

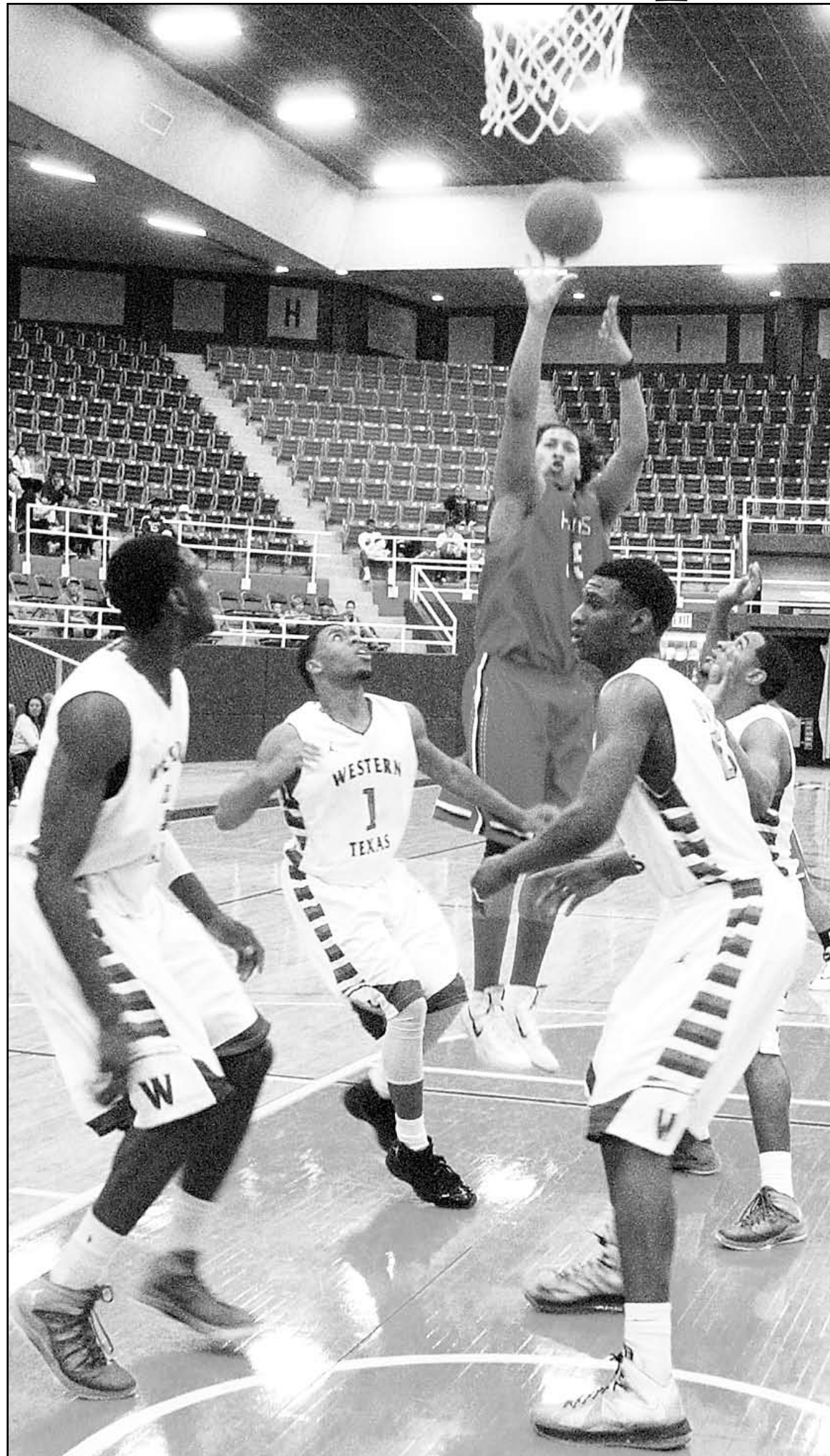
Only, they didn't. Odessa College lost its regular season finale in Levelland to South Plains on Thursday. That loss, combined with the Westerners' win over Howard College lifted Western Texas to third in the WJCAC standings and, surprisingly, eliminated the Wranglers.

In essence, the Hawks lost their second game in a row for the first time this season ... but walked off the court as one of the biggest winners as they backed into the berth in the Region V Basketball Tournament, which tips off on Wednesday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

On the bright side ... backing in is still getting in.

Getting in was anything but easy for the Hawks. Western Texas reeled off a 5-0 run in the final 46 seconds - including a game-winning

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Howard College's Demeco Blue shoots over the top of three Western Texas defenders for a basket during the second half of the Hawks' 70-66 loss on Thursday in Snyder. Despite the loss, Howard will advance to the Region V tournament on Wednesday.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Howard set to open Region V tourney with MCCC

The Howard College McLennan County Community College Highlanders. The game will begin at 5 p.m. in the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Howard College will enter the contest as the WJCAC's No. 4 seed. McLennan County is the No. 1 seed from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

McLennan County rolled through the NTJAC schedule this season. The High-

landers were 10-2 in conference play, including a 68058 win over Collin County on Wednesday. For the season, the Highlanders are 27-3 and

ranked seventh in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll.

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Region V Men's Basketball Tournament

The following is a look at the first round of the Region V men's basketball tournament set for March 5 at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

- Game 1: Temple (N2) vs. Western Texas (W3), noon
- Game 2: Hill College (N3) vs. New Mexico JC (W2), 2 p.m.
- Game 3: McLennan County (N1) vs. Howard College (W4), 5 p.m.
- Game 4: Collin County (N4) vs. South Plains (W1), 7 p.m.



Howard College's Jericka Photo/Tommy Wells during the second half of the Lady Hawks' season-ending 59-49 win over Western Texas on Thursday.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Lady Hawks close out season with 59-49 victory over WTC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

SNYDER - Sarah Stinnett could finally breathe a sigh of relief on Thursday evening. After enduring a long and trying season, she got to cap her career with the Howard College Lady Hawks with a win.

Stinnett and Bailey Wipff each poured in 17 points and LaTanya McMaryion added nine as the Howard College women nailed down a 59-49 victory over rival Western Texas in the regular season finale at

the Scurry County Coliseum.

With the win, the Lady Hawks snapped a two-game losing streak and finished their season at 13-16. The Lady Hawks went 4-10 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Stinnett and Wipff didn't waste any time in helping Howard College get off to a quick start against Western Texas. The two combined for 21 of the Lady Hawks' first 30 points in the initial 20 minutes of play.

After Wipff had opened the game with a pair of

free throws, Stinnett put the Hawks on top to stay by reeling off five straight points.

The two also both contributed clutch three later in the half. Stinnett sank her second trey of the half midway through the frame while helping HC race to a double-digit lead.

Wipff closed out the first half of play by pulling up from the wing and draining a three-pointer that staked the Hawks to a 30-18 halftime lead.

Wipff finished the first half with 10 points.

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MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale: 709 Abram St. Saturday 7:00-? Clothes, furniture, dishes, comforter sets (twins) and lots of misc.

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Garage Sales

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who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool to disseminate information about floodplains and facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 3/17/2014 by the City of Coahoma at P.O. Box 420, 122 N. First Street, Coahoma, TX 79511 (432)394-4287. Attention: Tammy Griffith, City Secretary, during regular business hours. Comments may also be submitted via email to juliem@grantworks.net #8189 February 28, 2014

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The End of Mercury Retrograde

Three cheers for the end of this Mercury retrograde! Unfortunately, the celebration will be brief, as tomorrow begins the retrograde of Mars, followed by Saturn's backward journey, which starts Sunday. Use the brief window of clarity provided on this eve of the new moon to make the kind of short-term plans that will add up to long-term success.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your choice of projects will be a draw. You'll join forces to build something cool, and you'll forge a lasting bond in the process. But first you have to determine what "cool" means to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you wonder whether your schedule can bear any new friendships, but can you ever have too many friends? The only downside is that you'll soon have to throw bigger parties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The entire problem is not yours to solve. In fact, there's a big part of it that you can't do anything

about. But if you control the part of it that is yours, something magical will happen to the rest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you have to bail on the sequence of events you laid out for yourself, don't sweat it too much. There was something flawed in the plan that you couldn't have known about. Plan B will be better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Normally, you would need to pace yourself to get to a triumphant end of such a busy day, but this morning you'll handle all that needs doing in one enthusiastic spree.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why wait until you have huge gains to declare a personal victory? Shouldn't small wins count, too? Anyhow, your mood is more attractive when you go easy on yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a sweet balance to strike between alone time and together time. If you get too much of either, it will warp your perspective. Toggle between the two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not much of a gambler, but if you're going to take a risk, you want the payoff to be big. Not cakewalk big, more

like lottery-style big. Maybe the odds aren't in your favor, but the game is more fun that way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your style is firm, direct and assertive but not aggressive. You'll employ your best manners and a good deal of tact, and in the end, you'll get your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's someone who owes you, and this is a great time to collect. The transaction will be convenient for all involved. Also, if there's someone you owe, you can settle it fast this afternoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In some relationships, forgiveness isn't an act that happens once or twice. It's a constant state -- an attitude almost. Anyway, life gets easier for you when you become very good at it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll dip a toe into the glamorous life and find it much to your liking. Now, how can you keep this style flowing through your life on a regular basis?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). Love is the theme in this new chapter, and the next four weeks of romance set the

tone. In March, you'll contribute to a circle of people you admire. In April, a situation you thought was hopeless improves to the point of being an amazing gift in your life. Family supports your June move. You earn applause in July. Capricorn and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 24, 44, 30 and 15.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: What could be lovelier than a walk in the park with someone you love? Such an activity will bring luck to the relationship. **TAURUS:** It's not hard for you to remember details about someone you're truly interested in. **GEMINI:** It's more fun to get in shape when you're doing it with someone you love. **CANCER:** Hearing about someone else's relationship troubles will make you grateful for your current status. **LEO:** You are generous, but you don't want to share absolutely everything, and your love should respect that. **VIRGO:** Don't compare yourself to anyone. Happiness is keeping your eyes on your own paper. **LIBRA:** You have to admit that chasing romance is sometimes preferable to catching it. **SCORPIO:** Dating and canoeing work better when one person is

designated to steer. **SAGITTARIUS:** A friend has been a witness to your love life, and there's value in hearing the recap. **CAPRICORN:** Looking attractive and feeling attractive don't always happen at the same time, but they will for you this weekend! **AQUARIUS:** You'll be kissed. **PISCES:** Making friends with another couple will help your relationship.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Pisces new moon highlights relationships between water signs. Can two Pisces find lasting love? Of course -- and usually they create an entire world around their relationship, including pet names, shared songs, favorite places, secret codes and exclusive adventures just for the two of them. Maintaining strong friendships outside of the relationship will be a success key.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My husband and I are arguing about his desire to work from home. He has an office job that he can accomplish remotely, and by working at home, it saves him a 30-minute commute each way. Those are all great arguments. However, I don't want him working from home. I have to admit that the big reason is simply because I want him to get out of the house more. He rarely leaves unless it's with the kids and me. Does that make me a terrible wife? I work a part-time job, also with a 30-minute commute, that allows me

to be home in time for the kids' school bus. In addition, I take the occasional phone meeting from home, but of course, now I have to take those calls in the bedroom, as my husband is occupying the home office.

I've tried to compromise and suggested he work from home two days a week, but he wants at least four. I feel like we are on top of each other all the time and that he is becoming more of a hermit. This has turned into a major argument. -- *Please Help*

Dear Please: It's true that for some people, working from home is detrimental. You never get out of your pajamas, and so you avoid other people and rarely leave the house. But that argument may not fly with your husband, who can respond that it's his personal choice. The better argument is that you are on top of each other, which leads to annoyance and then resentment and can

damage your relationship.

Your husband is not going to give up the opportunity to work from home, and so it's best if you both reach some accommodation. How about three days a week? Would he vacate the home office when you need it for business phone calls? Is there another space in the house that could be set aside as your personal office? Would you work longer hours if he met the school bus and took care of the kids? Ask your husband to cooperate with you to find a solution you both can live with.

Dear Annie: Can you tell me what is the proper etiquette for graduation announcements? A relative is graduating from a military academy and wants to put a note in her announcement as to where she is registered for gifts. Is this appropriate? -- *Aunt*

Dear Aunt: No. The only time registry information should appear is with baby and

wedding shower invitations, where gifts are expected. Otherwise, it is wrong to send out notices inferring that the recipient is obligated for a gift. It would be better if the graduate lets a close friend and/or family member know her preferences and they can transmit that information to anyone who inquires.

Dear Annie: I have followed the many outraged responses regarding adult children who have cut elderly parents out of their lives, so let me give another view.

My mother is 86 and possessed of her faculties. She can live alone and unassisted. Both of my sisters cut her out of their lives years ago. Why? Because Mom has a cruel mouth and is bigoted, gratuitously insulting, highly opinionated and very vocal about what she thinks of you and everyone else.

Mom complained that she has been shunned because of her age, and I

told her it is because she is unpleasant and impossible, and that she should get counseling. She responded with a well-chosen two-word obscenity. So I'm done.

I have tried with great patience to keep Mom in my life, but she is so difficult that I, too, have finally thrown in the towel. I don't need the stress that she creates. Please let your readers know that the behavior of some adult children may be abundantly justified. -- *Finished in Chicago*

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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"HOW COME I NEVER GET ANY CREDIT FOR THE STUFF I DON'T BREAK?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Oh good, only 28 days! This year summer gets here one day quicker."

HAGAR

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HELGA WILL WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M HOME SO LATE... BUT IF I TELL HER A LIE... MY HORNS WILL FALL OFF!

YOU GUYS KNOW ME WAY TOO WELL!!

BC

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I MADE MEATLESS STEW! SMELLS PRETTY GOOD. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THE FLAVOR RIGHT. YOU SHOULD ASK A VEGAN. HOW CAN I TELL IF SOMEONE IS VEGAN? TALK TO HIM FOR 15 SECONDS.

WIZARD OF ID

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IN THE FUTURE, OUR DAILY LIVES WILL BE VIEWED BY MILLIONS ON THE INTERNET. WOW. THAT'S A LOT OF PRESSURE. REMIND ME TO CLOSE MY BLINDS FROM NOW ON.

BLONDIE

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WANNA GO FOR A WALK? WANNA GO FOR A WALK? WANNA GO FOR A WALK? FOR THE FOURTH TIME, YES!

AGNES

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WHAT ARE THOSE? I FOUND MY DAD'S OLD X-RAY SPECS! I THINK I'M SEEING THROUGH THINGS!

HI AND LOIS

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SOMEDAY I'LL MEET THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS. UNTIL THEN, I'LL DREAM ABOUT THE GIRLS IN THESE LINGERIE ADS.

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2014. There are 306 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 28, 2013, Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate shaped by struggles to move the Catholic Church past sex abuse scandals and to reawaken Christianity in an indifferent world. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.)

On this date: In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others. In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized. In 1911, President William Howard Taft nominated William H. Lewis to be the first black Assistant Attorney General of the United States. In 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth were attacked by Japanese forces during

the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight. In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA. In 1974, the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ELPASO	SOY	FLAT
COLD	SPELL	SOAVE
ONEA	EVIL	ERROR
LEDS	NEMO	AMANA

THE OTHER COAST

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LASSIE, GO GET HELP. GOOD GIRL! BARK! OH, PUH-LEASE! EVERY 'LASSIE' EPISODE IS THE SAME. TIMMY GETS TRAPPED IN A CAVE. LASSIE GETS HELP. TIMMY IS SAVED. THE END. NOT THIS EPISODE. IT'S THE DIRECTOR'S CUT. WHAT'S THE DIRECTOR'S CUT? LASSIE HITCHES A RIDE TO LA, WHERE SHE BECOMES AN OUTDOOR CATALOG DOG, AND TIMMY GETS EATEN BY RATS. LASSIE? THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE CAVE...

SNUFFY SMITH

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JUGHAID HASTA STAY AFTER SCHOOL, MIZ SMIF !! JUGHAID HASTA GO HOME AN' DO CHORES, MIZ PRUNELLY !! I'M GOIN' OUT-- LEMME KNOW WHO WINS !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

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SARGE, CAN I BORROW \$20 TO TAKE BUX TO A MOVIE? OH, I GUESS SO. AND CAN I BORROW \$20 FOR GAS? GOOD GOLLY! WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED? CAN I BORROW YOUR JEEP?

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Use a pail, perhaps
 - 5 Book insert
 - 11 Big ox
 - 14 Afterthought start
 - 15 Agitates
 - 16 Troop assistance grp.
 - 17 Young lady using eHarmony.com?
 - 19 It may end a fight
 - 20 Daytime show
 - 21 Stuck
 - 23 Court org.
 - 25 Rips up
 - 26 Least prepared
 - 30 Flummoxing
 - 33 Put down
 - 34 Reddish-brown
 - 35 Powerfully played, to Puccini
 - 38 Biblical passage
 - 39 Conversation piece
 - 40 Monopoly corner
 - 41 Ivy Leaguer
 - 42 How some hors d'oeuvres are served
 - 43 Prime minister before Yitzhak
 - 44 Honey ingredient
 - 46 Avoid radar detection
 - 47 Jewish casserole
 - 49 Manager's special
 - 51 "Gotta go now!"
 - 54 First-founded US capital
 - 59 Datebook abbr.
 - 60 Successful selection in Concentration?
 - 62 Eminent interval
 - 63 Cruise officer

- DOWN**
- 1 Soother
 - 2 Others: Lat.
 - 3 Lacks being
 - 4 Trickster of Norse myth
 - 5 Physicist Rutherford
 - 6 British synonymist
 - 7 Zombie ingredient
 - 8 The way it sits
 - 9 Makeup, for one
 - 10 Ancient Near East empire
 - 11 Camper's mishap?
 - 12 FAQ part
 - 13 Ham and eggs
 - 18 Sign on a locked door
 - 22 What boys will be
 - 24 Devoted fans
 - 26 Be worthy
 - 27 Explorer Tasman
 - 28 Notary's maintenance task?
 - 29 Winter hrs. in OH
 - 31 Vinegar, essentially
 - 32 Chaotic place
 - 34 Onetime Hemingway home
 - 36 Generic dog
 - 37 Scratch or dent
 - 39 Piece of the action
 - 40 Exultation
 - 42 Workshop grippers
 - 43 Astronaut of '62 and '98
 - 45 Marine predator
 - 46 Natural aptitudes
 - 47 Toys seen in parks
 - 48 About-face
 - 50 Visibly terrified
 - 52 Without much give
 - 53 French 101 verb
 - 55 Nine-to-fiver's cry
 - 56 Common rhyme scheme
 - 57 Respond to a bluff, maybe
 - 58 Past couples
 - 61 CBS franchise

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HAWKS

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shot by WTC's Justin Roberson with 6 seconds left - to claim a tough victory. The Westerners had trailed by more than 10 earlier in the contest. The Hawks looked as if they would punch their own ticket to the post-season late in the game. After Eric Weary had converted a steal into a layup that knotted the game at 63-63 with 2:06 left in regulation, sophomore forward Demeco Blue gave the Hawks the upper hand. He took a pass from Jalin Barnes and knocked down a 6-foot jumper from the baseline that handed the Hawks a lead. Blue tacked on the ensuing foul shot to put Howard College up 66-65 with 56 seconds left in the frame. Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Westerners had an answer. Devonta Walker posted a layup and converted a free throw opportunity just 10 seconds later to ignite WTC's game-winning run. Howard College, which finishes the regular season at 23-7, controlled the tempo early in the matchup. The Hawks picked up shots from Lis Shosho, Weary and Travis Charles in the first 3:36 and raced to a quick 7-2 lead. Charles and Weary tacked on additional baskets moments later to stretch the HC lead to 12-4. Weary, despite the loss, starred for the Hawks. He turned in a double-double effort with 10 points and a team-high 10 rebounds. WTC managed to hit stride from there. The

WJCAC Standings

Men		
Team	Conf.	Overall
xy-South Plains	13-3	26-4
x-NMJC	12-4	24-5
x-West. Texas	11-5	23-7
x-Howard	11-5	23-7
Odessa	10-6	22-7
Frank Phillips	5-11	15-15
NMMI	4-12	14-14
Midland	3-13	11-18
Clarendon	3-13	8-21

Westerners answered Howard's quick start with an 12-1 run in the ensuing two minutes and grabbed a stunning 16-12 lead with 13:31 left in the first half.

The Hawks had a run of their own in store later. After the Westerners had extended their lead to 26-22, David Joseph put the HC offense on his shoulders. The sophomore point guard pushed in seven unanswered points in a 2 minute span and staked the Hawks to a 29-26 lead with 5:04 left.

Western Texas closed out the first half with the momentum. The Easterners weathered Joseph's heroics and then pounded out an 11-7 spree in the final 4 minutes of the frame and took a 37-33 lead into the break.

Joseph and Charles led the HC onslaught in the first half. Both pushed in seven points in the first

20 minutes of play. Weary added six.

The Westerners, who scored eight points off turnovers in the first half, benefited from the Hawks' shooting struggles in the first half. Howard made just 14 of their first 32 shots from the field, inking 0-for-5 from three-point land.

Western Texas didn't get to enjoy the lead for long. The Hawks battled their way back in the first 10 minutes of the second half. Barnes pushed in a right-handed layup at the 9:40 mark of the frame to cap a 19-15 run by the Hawks that left Howard College holding a 53-52 lead.

WTC roared back. The Westerners scored eight of the next 14 points and held a slim 61-60 lead with 3:21 left.

Torrian Epps breathed new life in the Hawks' hopes just 21 seconds later. The freshman guard took a pass from Blue in the corner and drilled a three-point shot that put Howard up by two, at 63-61, with 3 minutes left on the game clock.

Epps, one of four HC players to hit double figures offensively, finished the game with 10 points. Barnes finished with 10 for the Hawks.

Joseph led all HC scorers with 16.

Western Texas an-

swered the challenge. The Westerners scored a 9-3 run over the final 2:06 to claim the victory.

Roberson and Walker led the WTC win. Both pitched in a game-high 21 points in the contest.

With the win, WTC improved to 11-5 in conference play and moved to 23-7 for the season.

TOURNEY

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The Hawks back into the postseason tournament. Howard College lost its second straight game on Thursday, falling to Western Texas by a 70-66 margin.

Overall, HC is 23-6.

By virtue of its win over the Hawks, Western Texas drew the No. 3

seed in the WJCAC and will face Temple in the first round. That game will begin at noon.

WJCAC champion South Plains will face off against Collin County in the 7 p.m. matchup. Collin County was the fourth-place team in the NTJACAC race.

New Mexico Junior College will face Hill College in the first round, starting at 2 p.m.

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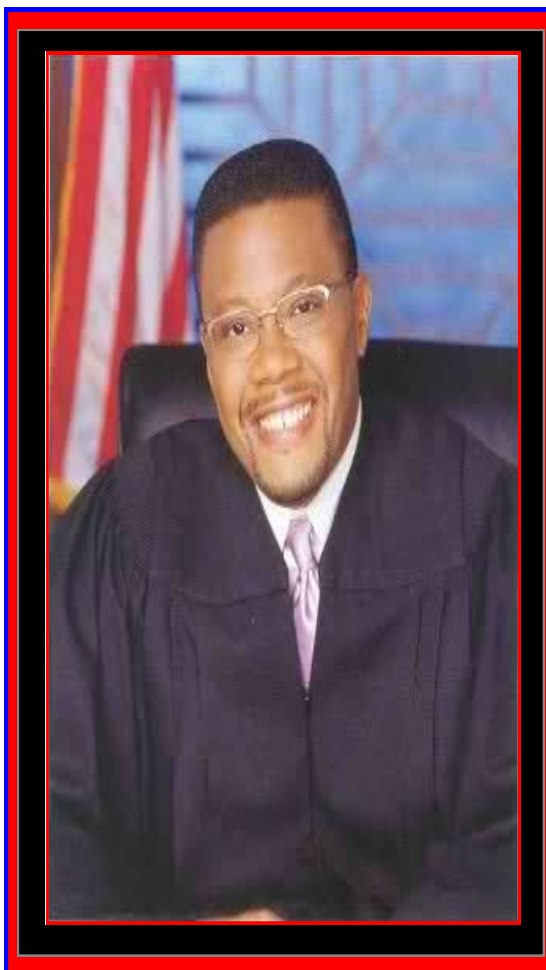
General Public: \$50
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When: March 6, 2014
Time: 6 p.m.

Where: MCM Grande Hotel & Fun Dome
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Dinner Will Be Served
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WOMEN

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Briana Casas also played a key role in the Lady Hawks' first-half success against a WTC lineup that included 6-foot-6 center Ilze Teilane. Casas grabbed five of her team-high nine rebounds in the initial 20 minutes.

As a team, HC out-rebounded the Lady Westerners by a 19-12 clip in the first half.

Gabby Gonzales got into the long-range shooting act at the start of the second. The freshman guard pulled up in front of the Lady Hawks' bench and drained a three-pointer that stretched the HC lead to 33-18.

WJCAC Standings

Men		
Team	Conf.	Overall
xy-NMJC	13-1	22-5
x-Odessa	11-3	21-7
x-South Plains	10-4	16-11
x-Midland	8-6	18-11
Frank Phillips	5-9	17-10
Clarendon	4-10	12-15
Howard College	4-10	13-16
Western Texas	1-13	6-19

The Lady Westerners managed to patch the holes in their ship from there. Western Texas reeled off a 12-2 run over the next 4 minutes prompting Lady Hawks' head coach Earl Diddle to call a quick time out. During the break, Diddle called for his team to step up and deliver the knockout punch.

Wipff and Stinnett got the message. Less than 2

minutes after the break, Wipff sparked an 8-2 run with her third trey of the contest. It was a short that enabled the Lady Hawks to race to a 15-point advantage, at 47-32.

Stinnett followed Wipff's trey with a three-pointer of her own, and then looked on as Nancy Warioba pushed home a shot that completed the HC spree.

Stinnett scored six of her 17 points in the second half. She also finished the game with seven rebounds and a team-high 4 steals.

Corisha Williams led all WTC scorers with 10 points.

With the loss, Western Texas slipped to 6-19 for the season, and fell to 1-13 in WJCAC play.

Lady Hawks win 3 at Weatherford Classic

The Howard College Lady Hawks posted a 3-1 record at the Weatherford Classic softball tournament. The event was held on Feb. 21-22 in Weatherford.

Howard College, now

13-4 overall, opened the tournament with a easy 11-0 win over Weatherford College. The game was called after five innings due to the run rule.

After dropping a 2-0 decision to Trinity Val-

ley in the second round, the Lady Hawks closed out the tournament with back-to-back wins over Northeast Texas (7-1) and Hill College (9-1).

HC travels to Temple on Saturday.



Attention kids of Howard County!!

Are you interested in photography? Do you love taking pictures? If you are 8 and in the 3rd grade through 18 years old, come join us on March 3rd at 5:15pm at the G.C. Broughton Ag Complex located on the Howard College campus.

2411 Echols Drive . For any questions please contact Melissa Deeter at (432)264-2236 or email at melissa.deeter@ag.tamu.edu When you come please bring your camera and the owner's manual.



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