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Howard County gets wise, man

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

There will be a change at the top of Howard County government next year. County Republican voters denied Mark Barr a third term as county judge in Tuesday's primary election, selecting instead former Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman to be the party's standard-bearer. In another contested county race on the GOP ballot, challenger Craig Bailey handily defeated incumbent Donnie Baker for the Precinct 2 county commissioner nomination. Wiseman and Bailey, who are unopposed in November's general election, will assume their new duties Jan. 1. In a closely-contested race, Wiseman bested Barr by 166 votes — 1,627 to 1,461 — out of more than 3,000 total votes cast. "Well, I'm elated, that's the first thing," Wiseman said Tuesday night. "Number two, I'm really excited about the next four years. We are going to have some big things happen here in Howard County



Bailey



HEARD photo/Steve Reagain
Howard County judge hopeful Kathryn Wiseman texts a message to someone while waiting for results from Tuesday's election. Wiseman took an early lead over incumbent Mark Barr and held on to win the post. She'll have no opponent in November.

with the shale oil boom and I'm excited to be a part of it. See **WISEMAN**, Page 3

Computer woes lead to delays in receiving results

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Call it the Glitch That Tried to Steal the Election. Computer problems turned Election Night in Howard County into a long, arduous affair for Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom and her staff Tuesday. Bloom's crew, which had already anticipated a long day at the office, had that day lengthened by malfunctioning electronic equipment that made it impossible to release a final tally. By the time the problems were cleared and results released at 10:15 p.m., Bloom, her assistants, various political candidates and other interested people assembled at the county courthouse were teetering on the edge of exhaustion. Bloom said a combination of things contributed to Tuesday's problems.



HEARD photo/Steve Reagain
Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom keeps the courthouse crowd informed Tuesday.

"First of all, we had a flash card reader that wasn't working," Bloom said. "Then, at

Seliger squeaks out a victory; Darby has an easier experience

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

In general, Howard County voters went with the flow when it came to statewide races. With few exceptions, county voters followed state

trends in voting during Tuesday's primary election, siding with the eventual winner in almost all contested races.



Seliger

Howard County voters in particular gave incumbent State Senator Kel Seliger some much-needed breathing room in a tight contest with challenger Mike Canon. Seliger, who is unopposed in November's primary election, won a third full term in office by edging the former Midland mayor by a 52 percent-47 percent margin. Voters in Howard County

named Seliger on 61 percent of their ballots. That, plus a generally strong showing by Seliger in the Texas Panhandle, allowed the incumbent to overcome Canon's huge edge in Midland and Ector counties.

Overall totals in the district were 19,896 for Seliger and 15,743 for Canon.

"I'm very pleased with the results," Seliger said early today. "I feel very humble and grateful to the people of this district. I'm particularly pleased with the results in Howard County and I'm looking forward to working with the good people in all 31 counties of the district as we

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Two people jailed on drug charges

Herald Staff Report

Two Big Spring residents are in custody on drug charges as the result of a two-month investigation.

Phillip Mendoza, 62, and Yolanda Mendoza, 63, of 104 NW Eighth St. were arrested on a warrant by the Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Division. The warrant was executed by BSPD and the Howard County Sheriff's Office SWAT team between 5 and 6 a.m. Tuesday at the suspects' residence.

"Inside the residence, narcotics officers located more than an ounce of cocaine and



P. Mendoza Y. Mendoza

approximately \$1,000 in currency believed to be proceeds from the sales of cocaine," said Sgt. Tony Everett, BSPD information director.

Both Mendozas were charged with manufacture/delivery of cocaine, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams in a drug free zone.

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Youth fishing contest postponed

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Call it the one that got away.

Organizers with the Sixth Annual Trout Fishing Contest for area youngsters de-

cidated Tuesday to postpone the tourney because of cold, inclement weather expected this weekend.

"We've decided to postpone it until March 22," said Ken McIntosh, contest founder. "It looks like it is suppose to

be in the 40s and rainy this Saturday, so we are going to put it off for two weeks to try and catch better weather."

In past tournaments, approximately 100 boys and girls ranging from age 17 and younger, their parents and

grandparents have participated in the contest held at Comanche Trail Park Lake.

Hoping to reel in some warm weather, the event has been rescheduled to begin at

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Obituaries

Ruby Leah Black Taroni

October 28, 1928 – March 3, 2014



Ruby Taroni of Lake Jackson, Texas, passed away on Monday morning, March 3, 2014, at Oak Village Healthcare Center in Lake Jackson, Texas, following a brief illness.

Ruby Taroni was born and raised in Guymon, Okla., and survived the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. She married Tony Taroni from Texarkana, Texas, in 1947 and lived in Gurdon, Ark., where her daughter, Toni and son, Tom were born.

In 1961, they moved to Big Spring, Texas, where Ruby owned Big Spring Employment Agency. In 2003, they moved to Newton, Texas, where they lived until relocating to Lake Jackson in 2006.

Ruby was a resident at Lake Jackson Manor Apartments in Lake Jackson, where she was also a member of the Bible Study group and the Red Hat Society. Ruby attended the Second Baptist Church in Lake Jackson.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Tony Taroni. She is survived by her brother, Thomas O. Black of Tulsa, Okla., daughter Toni Stark of Lake Jackson, her son Tom Taroni and daughter-in-law Virginia, also of Lake Jackson, grandchildren Bill Edwards and wife Alissa of Sarasota, Fla., Tami Moreno and husband Joe of Pearland, Texas, Tara Johnson and husband Gabe of Huntsville, Texas, Chelsa Leatherwood and husband Mike of Lake Jackson, Jason Taroni and wife Christy of Allen, Texas; and great-grandchildren Cody McIntyre, Ashton Johnson, Diana Stark, Ashley and Nolan Taroni and Nikolai Leatherwood.

A memorial service will be held for Ruby at the Second Baptist Church on Garland Drive in Lake Jackson at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Interment will be at the Elmhurst Cemetery in Guymon, Okla. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Ruby was a kind and loving person who always had a friendly smile and never complained. She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.

Paid Obituary

LaRue Shanks



LaRue Shanks, 81, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2014, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday March 7, 2014, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ, Big Spring with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born April 26, 1932, in Pyote, Texas, and married Charlie Shanks January 15, 1951 in Knott, Texas.

LaRue was an artist, painting with oils, water colors and pastels. She enjoyed her morning walks at the mall, loved board games and card games and was a very good seamstress. She was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, where she taught Bible class for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Shanks of Big Spring; three daughters, LaShara Nieland and husband, Andy of Abilene, Texas, Diana Armstrong and husband, Larry of Midland, Texas, and Carla Gonzalez and husband, Eugene of Coppell, Texas; one son, Stanley Shanks and wife, Sherry of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Janelle Thomas of Aurora, Colo.; four brothers, Newell Tate of Tarzan, Texas, Truman Tate of LaVeen, Ariz., Roger Tate of Euless, Texas, and Alan Tate of White Salmon, Wash.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents, Alvah Horace Tate and Jessie Westfall Tate; and two brothers, Berwyn Tate and Gary Tate.

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

Paid Obituary

Elizabeth Garcia Jimenez

Elizabeth Garcia Jimenez, 72, died Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jan Shepard

Jan Shepard, 60, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Laura Renee McGee



Laura Renee McGee, 49, of Big Spring, Texas, died Saturday, March 1, 2014, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Earnest Wilson, the Rev. Floyd Green, the Rev. Lester Brown and the Rev. William Vaughn officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 14, 1964, in Big Spring. She attended Big Spring schools and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She worked a number of years at both Wal-Mart and Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center. Renee loved her family and instilled hard work in them. She considered the staff at Wal-Mart and the staff and patients at Parkview to be her second family. She was a member of Baker's Chapel, A.M.E. Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby McGee of Big Spring; two daughters, LeAndra Cross and her husband K. C. Cross of Arlington, Texas, and LaKenya Wrightsil and her fiancé Everett Bills II of Nashville, Tenn.; one son, Keith O'Brian McGee of Abilene, Texas; two grandsons, Kavon Cross and Khmani Cross, both of Arlington; her mother, Anna Green of Big Spring; her father, Nathaniel Green of Big Spring; one brother, Anthony Smith (and Esther) of Big Spring; one sister, Tammi Wilson and her husband Earnest of Mesquite, Texas; two nephews, DeUntrey Parker and his wife Tiffany of Mansfield, Texas, and Delvin Wilson of Mesquite; one niece, LaCyndra Lee and her husband Wayne Lee Jr. of Mesquite; and a host of other relatives.

Pallbearers will be Anthony Smith, Kenneth Moten, Chris Minter, Henry Roach, Richard Green, Carl Green, and DeVante Lloyd.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

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

- ERICK AYALA SANCHEZ, 33, of 309 W. Main, was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving while intoxicated BAC greater than or equal to 0.15 and failed to yield right of way.
- LETICIA KAY CANTU, 38, of 5318 Opal Ln., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- ROBBIE JAMES DELINE, 30, of 2604 Chanute, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for burglary of a vehicle.
- PHILLIP MENDOZA, 62, of 104 NW 8th St., was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams in a drug free zone.
- YOLANDA DELEON MENDOZA, 63, of 104 NW 8th St. was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams in a drug free zone.
- STACY LYNN PENDLETON, 38, of 1800 S. Lancaster was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for sex offenders duty to register with previous conviction – two counts.
- TIFFANY LYNN ELDER, 32, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency and on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ABEL SILVA, 36, of 1602 Vines Ave., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.
- DANA DENISE REID, 43, of 1304 Lamar was arrested Wednesday on a charge of noise.
- JAMIE ELISHA CASTILLO, 30, of 600 W. 18th St., was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated and two counts of dog or cat running at large.
- HIT AND RUN was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported at the 2000 block of Gregg, the 600 block of S. Main, the 200 block of W. FM 700, the 1700 block of S. Lancaster and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported was reported at the 2400 block of S. Gregg.
- DISTURBANCE reported at the 400 block of Dallas.

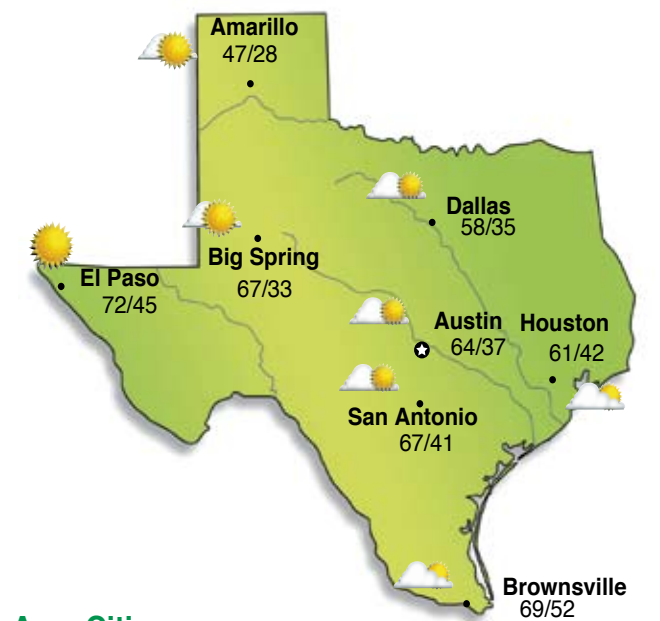
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/5	Thu 3/6	Fri 3/7	Sat 3/8	Sun 3/9
67/33 A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 67F.	75/43 Mostly sunny. High in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	81/41 Times of sun and clouds. High in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s.	53/34 Occasional showers possible. High in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	63/36 Occasional showers possible. High in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	33	pt sunny	Kingsville	69	46	pt sunny
Amarillo	47	28	mst sunny	Livingston	62	37	cloudy
Austin	64	37	pt sunny	Longview	57	35	cloudy
Beaumont	61	42	cloudy	Lubbock	60	27	pt sunny
Brownsville	69	52	cloudy	Lufkin	63	39	cloudy
Brownwood	67	36	pt sunny	Midland	65	37	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	65	46	pt sunny	Raymondville	69	50	pt sunny
Corsicana	56	35	pt sunny	Rosenberg	61	41	pt sunny
Dallas	58	35	pt sunny	San Antonio	67	41	pt sunny
Del Rio	74	43	mst sunny	San Marcos	64	38	pt sunny
El Paso	72	45	sunny	Sulphur Springs	56	34	rain
Fort Stockton	72	41	sunny	Sweetwater	63	33	mst sunny
Gainesville	54	30	rain	Tyler	56	36	cloudy
Greenville	55	32	rain	Weatherford	58	32	pt sunny
Houston	61	42	cloudy	Wichita Falls	50	28	rain

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- LETICIA KAY CANTU was booked by BSPD on a charge of sale of alcohol to minors.
- CINDY DIAN CHRANE was booked by HCSO on a charge of resisting arrest/search/transport.
- ROBBIE JAMES DELINE was booked by BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- YOLANDA MENDOZA was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- PHILLIP MENDOZA was booked by BSPD on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.
- GLORIA K. LUNA LOZANO was booked by HCSO to begin sentence for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.
- GUDELIO LEDEZMA MORAN was booked by HCSO to begin sentence for driving while intoxicated 2nd offense.
- TIFFANY ANN ELDER was booked by BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- STACY LYNN PENDLETON was booked by BSPD on a charge of fail to comply with sex offenders duty to register with previous conviction – two counts.
- ABEL GOMEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- MICHAEL ANDRE TROMBLEY was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.
- JAMIE (JAIME) CASTILLO was booked by BSPD on charge of driving while intoxicated and two counts of dog or cat running at large.
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Runoffs will decide several top statewide races

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A scramble to fill statewide offices in one of the biggest turnovers in Texas government history began with Tuesday's primary, but several of the key contests will require runoffs to decide a final winner.

Six of Texas' top offices lack an incumbent, and while many of the Democrats ran unopposed in their primaries, crowded fields in the Republican races for attorney general and commissioners for agriculture and railroads won't conclude until the top-two finishers square off May 27.

And the tense four-way Republican race for comptroller, the state's chief financial officer, was too close to call early Wednesday morning. Attorney General Greg

Abbott is running for governor, and grass-roots favorite and state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney won a three-way GOP race to succeed him but failed to capture a majority. He will face state Rep. Dan Branch, a key ally of Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, in the runoff.

Democrat Sam Houston, an attorney from Houston, was unopposed for his party's attorney general nomination.

There was also no majority won in the Republican race for agriculture commissioner. Former state Rep. Sid Miller of Stephenville will compete with fellow former state lawmaker Tommy Merritt of Kilgore in a second round of voting.

On the Democratic side, entertainer Kinky Friedman



— who has run unsuccessfully for both agriculture commissioner and governor in the past — launched another bid for agriculture commissioner, this time promising to push for legalizing marijuana. He's headed to a runoff against Jim Hogan, a little-known rancher from Cleburne who has done only minimal campaigning.

"Obviously a straight-up

win is what you always want, but we knew this was going to be a tough sell for some folks in Texas," Friedman said in a statement. "Our camp has taken on a tough issue, and we're not backing down because this is what's right for the people of our great state."

One race that was never in doubt was that of Land Commissioner. George P. Bush, the grandson of one former president and nephew of another, cruised to victory over East Texas businessman David Watts, while former El Paso Mayor John Cook won the Democratic nomination unopposed.

The night's closest race was the GOP contest for comptroller, where state Sen. Glenn Hegar of Katy held a sizable lead over Kerrville state Rep.

Harvey Hilderbran — but hadn't quite achieved a majority of the votes cast. The pair could be headed to a runoff while the race's other two candidates, tea party activist Debra Medina and former state Rep. Raul Torres of Corpus Christi, trailed by wide margins.

The comptroller race's lone Democrat, Houston businessman Michael Collier, won his party's nomination.

Meanwhile, Business-backed Ryan Sitton of Houston and fiercely conservative former state Rep. Wayne Christian of Center will compete for the Republican railroad commissioner nomination. Taking the Democratic nomination was Steve Brown, a former Fort Bend Democratic Party chair.

WISEMAN

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I want to thank all the people who supported me. Thank them — and thank God."

Wiseman didn't believe any particular issue distanced her from Barr in the voters' minds. Instead, she credited the "face time" she accrued as both a JP and county judge candidate.

"A justice of the peace just sees a lot more

people than the county judge does," she said. "In my job as JP, I married about 650 couples, plus I've been very involved in the community, with organizations such as Healthy Woman, Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the Optimist and Rotary clubs."

Barr was understandably disappointed in the election results.

"The voters have spoken," he said. "I just have to live with it and keep going down the road."

In the remaining nine

months of his term, Barr said the county will have several issues to decide, including road repair.

Bailey, the former Howard County Republican chairman, easily won the party's nomination for the Precinct 2 commissioner race, earning 879 votes to Baker's 495.

"I'm just grateful for the opportunity the good people of Howard County have given me, and I'm looking forward to serving," Bailey said Tuesday night.

There will also be new faces in two county justice of the peace positions, although exactly who those new people will be wasn't decided Tuesday; both GOP races will be decided by runoff.

In the Precinct 1, Place 2 Republican contest, Robert (Bob) Fitzgibbons narrowly missed winning the nomination outright, polling 47.8 percent of the votes. He will face former Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, who received 31.8 percent of the votes

Tuesday, in the May 28 runoff. The third person in the race, Linda Calvio, received 20 percent of the votes.

The winner of the May 28 runoff will face Democrat Oscar Leal in the November general election. Leal was unopposed in Tuesday's primary

The Precinct 2 JP race also will have a runoff. Connie Shaw, a former clerk in the JP office, earned 216 votes, while Phillip Reid garnered 130 votes to earn a spot on the May 28 ballot.

Acting Precinct 2 JP Linda Halfmann narrowly missed a spot in the runoff, earning one fewer vote than Reid. Sally Grant and Janice Bishop, the other two candidates on the ballot, received 87 and 13 votes, respectively.

The eventual Precinct 2 nominee will be unopposed in the November election.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

RACES

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move forward."

Seliger said there was a simple key to his victory.

"The fact that I worked hard," he said. "Plus, I've been a big advocate of local control. I think local leadership recognized that and appreciated my efforts. Unfortunately, negative campaigning had an effect in this race. A lot of the campaigning against me was very negative."

In the District 72 State

Representative race, incumbent Drew Darby easily out-pollied Big Spring challenger Shannon Thomason to win another term in office (Darby is unopposed this November).

District-wide, Darby received 5,491 votes to 1,327 for Thomason. Howard County totals were similar — Darby out-pollied his challenger by a 78 percent-21 percent margin.

County voters followed state trends in other races as well, helping U.S. Senator John Cornyn and U.S. Representative

Randy Neugebauer win re-nomination. Cornyn received 67 percent of the county GOP votes in his race, while Neugebauer earned 81 percent of the Howard County votes.

State-wide, Greg Abbott and Wendy Davis won the Republican and Democratic nominations, respectively, for Texas governor by comfortable margins, and those results were reflected in Howard County.

The most hotly-contested state race, that for the GOP lieutenant

governor nomination, ended in a no-decision. Incumbent David Dewhurst, who received 28 percent of the votes statewide, will face Dan Patrick, who earned 41 percent of the votes, in the May 28 runoff. In Howard County, Dewhurst edged Patrick by a 38 percent-32 percent margin.

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FISHING

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12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Dora Roberts Community Center. A number of door prizes will be given throughout the 3-1/2 hour tourney. Prizes will also be given in the categories of first fish caught, largest fish caught and most caught by 4 p.m.

The lake has been stocked with nearly

3,000 trout this season, McIntosh said.

Participants will need to bring their own fishing gear and bait. Popular ways to catch trout include fishing off the bottom with corn, salmon eggs or a variety of power baits, McIntosh said. Small Rooster Tail and Super Duper lures work well, too, McIntosh said, given the time of day, weather and water conditions.

For more information, contact McIntosh at 432-

517-4821.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we do our best to live with those we voted into office, oh Lord.

Amen

We all have our pet peeves

The inspiration for today's literary ramblings was provided by a fellow Big Springer who pulled out in front of me Monday, making it mandatory for me to brake hard to avoid filling his “rear end full of radiator,” as my great-great grandfather used to say about his infrequent trips to Tallahassee in his Model T.

What made this particular incident provocative to me was that had said citizen waited approximately 5 seconds for me to pass the intersection from which he was so desperately anxious to depart; there was not another car coming behind me for what appeared to be about a mile. It irritated me that he almost caused an accident because of unnecessary impatience. Things of that nature that rub us the wrong way, my dear reader, are what we humans refer to as pet peeves.

We all have them. Yes, you do. You may not think you are as normal as the rest of us, but I'm betting the farm you are. There's something that bugs you. Admit it. It's good for the soul to confess.

Another one of mine is watching a spry, obviously very healthy young person jump out of a sports car with his grandfather's borrowed handicap sticker hanging from his mirror from a parking space reserved for the genuinely needy. Those are the days I would really enjoy wearing the uniform of Big Spring's finest. And, if you are compelled to drink beer from a bottle while out shopping, do you really have to leave it in on the ground in the parking space where some innocent person will likely destroy a good tire?

Oh well, enough about me and since I don't have a clue about what yours might possibly be, let's visit about some other folks and consider their bête noire.

One of my favorite celebrity responses to the matter was by Carson Kressley, who, when queried about his pet peeves, said, “The words ‘pet’ and ‘peeve.’ Aren't they just irritating-sounding in their own right? ‘Pet peeve’ — it makes my skin crawl.” But then, I could list Carson Kressley as one of mine, but

that's another story altogether. It's still a classic answer to the question.

Joan Rivers shares one with probably about 103 percent of the human race when she told People magazine, “People who talk on their cell phones and think I want to hear their conversation.” Seriously, folks, if you absolutely must conduct business or address relationship issues while you're in the checkout line, hold it down please. We honestly don't want or need to know all about what's going on in your personal space. That's honestly a peeve waiting to happen for most of us.

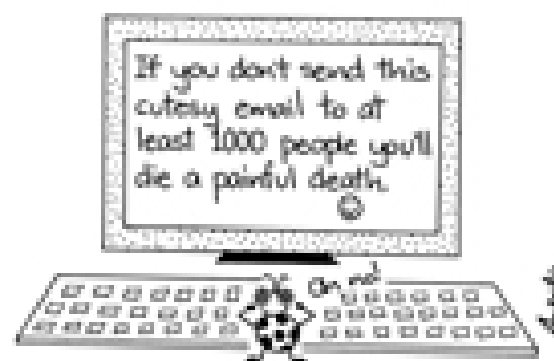
Hillary Duff can't sleep if there is dirt anywhere in the house — it annoys her too much. “I'm OCD when it comes to cleaning. I can't go to bed with a messy room. That would totally wig me out. It freaks me out to have dishes in the sink. I practically clean my hotel room before I check out. I wish I weren't psychotic like that, but I am.” Maybe she should quit acting and go to work for a hotel chain. I could make a few recommendations of some that could use her OCD skills.

Oprah finds chewing gum disgusting, especially if people pull it out of their mouth and then back in. “I hate chewing gum. It makes me sick just to think about it. When people chew loudly or smack it and pull it out of their mouth, that's the worst.” I'll bet Mr. Wrigley has no problem with people who chew gum, no matter what they do with it.

Leaving the entertainment business and its representatives, let's visit about those common vexations that seem to affect the masses. From my research there seems to be an endless list. I suppose we humans are rather sensitive about our likes and dislikes. Here's quite a list for us to ponder as reported by various surveys conducted throughout the nation: Talking during the movie, texting or talking on the phone during a multiplicity of public venues, driving slowly in the fast lane, cutting in line, parking a car across two spaces, not using turn signals, texting and driving, chewing with your mouth open, saggy pants, telemarketers, people who talk to



EDDY PRINCE



you while you're reading, stopping in the middle of a busy hallway or aisle, not picking up after your dog, misuse of “they're, there, and their,” and too much cologne/perfume.

Then there's people who never shut up and insist on talking over you, people who turn left during rush hour when there's no designated turn lane, people who wave you through intersections even though you stopped first, overuse of “epic” and “amazing,” people who always say “you know,” people who compare anyone or anything to Hitler, and, with apologies to President Bush, people who pronounce nuclear as nukular.

Now, I know there are serious issues going on in our world and maybe we shouldn't care so much about some of these seemingly insignificant things, but is there really any good reason that two people should sit on one side of the restaurant booth when they are dining alone? Or is it absolutely necessary to hum or whistle incessantly when you have absolutely no actual tune in your head?

Oh, chill out, I'm just having fun with this whole issue. Go ahead, download that obscene ring tone on your phone and turn it up as loud as it goes so our children can learn to identify the people they need to avoid. Keep spraying on as much Polo as you can stand and we'll just have to cope. Cut me off in traffic and I'll smile and wave, that is until I go to work for BSPD. But, whatever you do, don't use the word “literally” incorrectly. That sends grammarians into orbit.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Betsy Ross, meet Cinco de Mayo

Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, Calif., set out to celebrate Cinco de Mayo in 2010 in a “spirit of cultural appreciation.” It didn't work out that way.

Some students decided they wanted to celebrate by wearing shirts with the American flag. Other students objected. A student warned an administrator she thought there would be problems. Fearing for the safety of students wearing red, white and blue, administrators asked those teens to turn their shirts inside out or go home under an excused leave.

Three students — minors known as M.D., D.M. and D.G. — have sued the district for violating their rights to free speech and equal protection. Last week, a three-judge panel ruled that the Morgan Hill Unified School District had not violated the students' right to free expression, because the administrators' goal was not to censor U.S. flags but to protect students whose safety might have been threatened.

What “a horrible lesson to teach the kids,” responded the plaintiffs' attorney Robert Muise of the American Freedom Law Center in Michigan. According

to Judge Margaret McKeown, some Live Oak students believed that it was racist or anti-Mexican for white students to wear American flags that day. Then, because school officials believed that those students might act violently, administrators inadvertently rewarded those who wanted to get rid of the American flag for a day. Now the notorious 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has put its stamp of approval on the arrangement. It's shameful.

“This is a classic ‘heckler's veto’ — thugs threatening to attack the speaker, and government officials suppressing the speech to prevent such violence,” prolific law blogger Eugene Volokh wrote of the decision.

My guess is school officials meant well, are not hostile to the American flag and simply wanted to defuse tension.

Alyson S. Cabrera, an attorney for the school, reiterated: “The district did not impose any ban on the American flag or on any other flag on May 5, 2010. The American flag flew above the schoolhouse that day as it did on every day both before and after May 5, 2010. But for the information received from school administrators indicating that the safety of the student-plaintiffs was potentially in jeopardy, these students would not have been asked to remove their T-shirts or leave with excused

absences for the day.”

For his part, Muise believes that if the American Flag Three had been allowed to remain in school, the flap would be over now.

But if school officials were right that M.D., D.M. and D.G. were in danger and they based that belief on a spirited altercation between wavers of Mexican flags and wavers of Old Glory during Cinco de Mayo 2009, maybe they should not have feted Cinco de Mayo.

But they did. And then they sent home the kids who wanted to wear American flags, but they didn't identify and discipline students who ostensibly threatened M.D., D.M. and D.G. That is, they underreacted to a security threat and overreacted against the students who had every right to express their love of country.

I'm guessing that because they're busy and stressed out, administrators resort to such expedencies all the time, but that doesn't mean courts should sanction them.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

Texas primary leaves tea party influence unsettled

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The first primary in what Republicans hope is a triumphant election year sent a message that U.S. Sen Ted Cruz and the tea party still wield considerable influence in one of the nation's most conservative states.

But to find out exactly how much, Texans will have to wait.

In a primary where an extraordinary number of statewide positions were up for grabs following Gov. Rick Perry's decision not to seek another term, some incumbent candidates successfully fought to beat back tea party challengers Tuesday. But several candidates who forced runoffs in May were either praised by the outspoken freshman senator, Cruz, or ran with his no-compromising swagger.

"In Texas, we will show the rest of the country what it means to be conservative," said GOP state Sen. Dan Patrick, who forced longtime Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst into a runoff, less than two years after Cruz beat Dewhurst in the Senate primary.

The primary was the first since Cruz barreled into the U.S. Senate in 2012 and yanked Republicans nationwide further right, and many watched results within Texas to see how strong his influence would be on the state's next generation of Republican leaders. Amid the Republican contests, however, is Wendy Davis, a rising star who has energized the state's Democratic base and is running for governor in November.

Davis, who catapulted to national political stardom last summer with a nearly 13-hour filibuster over abortion restrictions, vowed to topple two decades of GOP dominance in Texas. Though an underdog, she is the first female gubernatorial nominee in Texas since Ann Richards in 1994.

"I will be for all freedoms. Not just certain freedoms for certain people," Davis told supporters Tuesday night after formally securing

the nomination, needing Republicans.

With Perry leaving the governor's mansion after 14 years, albeit mulling a second presidential run, Attorney General Greg Abbott coasted to the GOP nomination for the state's top job.

Warnings about

to succeed or elevate or advance yourself, then I'm your candidate," Abbott said.

Perry's decision to not seek re-election launched a stampede of 26 Republican candidates vying for six of Texas' top offices. Among them was George P. Bush, the 37-year-old nephew of former President George W. Bush and son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who easily won the nomination for land commissioner in his political debut.

Not all tea party upstarts prevailed: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, two of the most powerful Texans in Washington, clobbered their longshot challengers. But others knocked out or were seriously threatening establishment Republicans in the statehouse, which in the past few years has already passed some of the most restrictive voter ID and abortion laws in the country.

Some candidates even started to mimic Cruz's unreserved style.

For Patrick, even some Republicans say he went too far this campaign by bemoaning an "invasion" of immigrants crossing into Texas. Cruz never backed Patrick but did call Sen. Ken Paxton, who's running for attorney general, a fighter against "Obamacare, voter ID and religious liberty." Paxton is now in a runoff.

Although Cruz made few public endorsements, among them was for Republican Konni Burton, who is running for Davis' state Senate seat and has followed Cruz's lead on various social issues.

Texas candidates willingly went along with Cruz and craved his endorsement.

State races at a glance

U.S. Senate Dem - Primary

8,742 of 8,745 precincts - 99 percent
r-David Alameel 238,599 - 47 percent
r-Kesha Rogers 110,154 - 22 percent
Maxey Scherr 89,731 - 18 percent
Harry Kim 45,322 - 9 percent
Fjet Fjetland 23,170 - 5 percent
r-Advances to runoff

U.S. Senate GOP - Primary

8,825 of 8,829 precincts - 99 percent
x-John Cornyn (i) 778,912 - 59 percent
Steve Stockman 250,746 - 19 percent
Dwayne Stovall 140,403 - 11 percent
Linda Vega 50,063 - 4 percent
Ken Cope 34,006 - 3 percent
Chris Mapp 23,230 - 2 percent
Reid Reasor 20,552 - 2 percent
Curt Cleaver 12,351 - 1 percent

Governor Dem - Primary

8,742 of 8,745 precincts - 99 percent
x-Wendy Davis 432,025 - 79 percent
Ray Madrigal 114,455 - 21 percent

Governor GOP - Primary

8,825 of 8,829 precincts - 99 percent
x-Greg Abbott 1,219,831 - 92 percent
Lisa Fritsch 58,742 - 4 percent
Miriam Martinez 35,416 - 3 percent
S. Kilgore 19,021 - 1 percent

Lieutenant Governor GOP - Primary

8,825 of 8,829 precincts - 99 percent
r-Dan Patrick 550,742 - 41 percent
r-David Dewhurst (i) 376,164 - 28 percent
Todd Staples 235,972 - 18 percent
Jerry Patterson 165,777 - 12 percent
r-Advances to runoff

Attorney General GOP - Primary

8,825 of 8,829 precincts - 99 percent
r-Ken Paxton 566,080 - 44 percent
r-Dan Branch 426,561 - 33 percent
Barry Smitherman 281,050 - 22 percent
r-Advances to runoff

U.S. House District 36 GOP - Primary

274 of 274 precincts - 100 percent
r-Brian Babin 17,167 - 33 percent
r-Ben Streusand 12,009 - 23 percent
John Manlove 3,554 - 7 percent
Doug Centilli 3,499 - 7 percent
Phil Fitzgerald 3,383 - 7 percent
Robin Riley 2,644 - 5 percent
Dave Norman 2,322 - 5 percent
Chuck Meyer 1,573 - 3 percent
John Amdur 1,470 - 3 percent
Kim Morrell 1,440 - 3 percent
Jim Engstrand 1,281 - 2 percent
Pat Kasprzak 1,116 - 2 percent
r-Advances to runoff

Davis' star-making run for Texas governor dealt complacent conservatives a new reason to vote. So did a rare opportunity to select an entirely new stable of leaders.

Abbott, who only three weeks ago unapologetically campaigned with shock rocker Ted Nugent, never mentioned Davis in becoming the GOP's first new gubernatorial nominee other than Perry since George W. Bush in 1998.

"If you're looking for a way to get ahead, if you're looking for a way

Reward Increased to \$20,000 for fugitive with Ties to Bexar County



Jimenez Jr.

AUSTIN — The reward for Raul Ambrosio Jimenez Jr., 46, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and this month's featured fugitive, has increased to up to \$20,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of March.

The Texas Syndicate gang member has a lengthy criminal past and is wanted for trafficking of a person under 18 — prostitution, sexual assault of a child and probation violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Jimenez's last known address was San Antonio, and he has ties to the Bexar County area. His extensive criminal history includes prostitution, burglary, vehicle theft, counterfeiting, resisting officer and drug charges.

Jimenez is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 210 pounds. His tattoos include a female figure,

a scroll and dragon on his upper right arm; and a male face and tower on his upper left arm. He also has a scar on his left eyebrow.

For more information, view his wanted bulletin at: www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitive-Details.aspx?id=197.

One offender from the Texas 10 Most Wanted Program is featured each month in hopes the higher reward money from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division will generate additional tips. The higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip comes in the same month the fugitive is featured. All calls, texts, emails and Facebook tip messages are anonymous.

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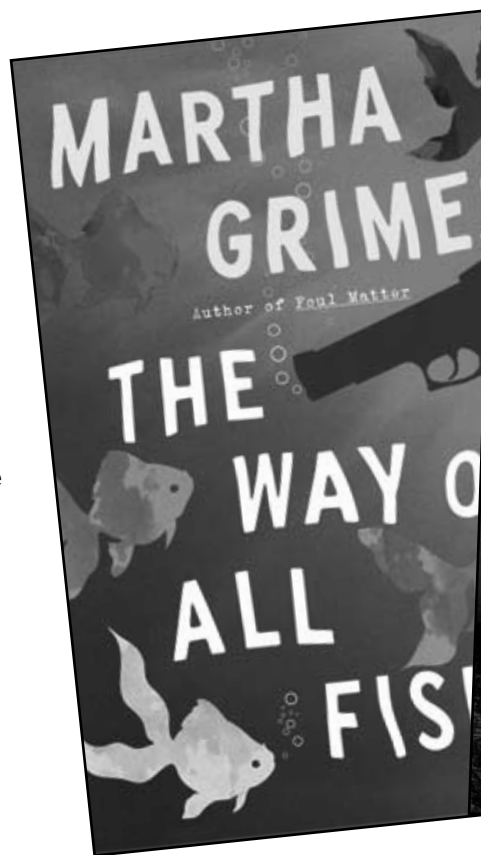
since Lucy Sheridan has been in Summer River. The last time she was there, she was dragged unceremoniously out of a wild party by over-protective 19-year-old Mason Fletcher. Back to take care of her aunt's estate after a fatal car accident, she discovers that there was more to her removal from the party those many years ago. Tristan, a cold-blooded rich kid had targeted her for some reason, disappeared after the party and has never been found. Summer River has changed, as has Mason, Lucy and the person who made Tristan disappear and it appears that the dam of secrets will be breached upon Lucy's return.

Martha Grimes is a great mystery writer, and I have enjoyed many of her books. However, this newest one is rather odd. "The Way of All Fish" (MGRIM) is the story of two hit men who have scruples. This is a sequel to "Foul Matter" (MGRIM) and Candy and Karl make a repeat appearance. The contract killers join forces with publishing mogul Bobbie Mackenzie and megabestselling writer Paul Giverney to rid the mean streets of L. Bass Hess, a man to get

15 percent commission for a book he didn't sell. They mean to do it by not killing him, but by driving him crazy. To do so will involve: an alligator wrangler, a Vegas magician, a Malaysian con woman and even Hess's aunt! If you can keep all that straight, good luck! You may want to read "Foul Matter" first to get a sense of the characters.

Laura Childs has a new (to me) series called the Cackleberry Club Mystery. For oldtimers who lived on the farm, cackleberries are eggs, and the main characters, Petra, Suzanne and Toni, own the Cackleberry Club, which is a café. In No. 5 in the series, "Eggs in a Casket" (MCHIL), the Memorial Cemetery is celebrating its 150th year of existence with an anniversary celebration. Suzanne and Toni are delivering two huge flower arrangements to the tent on the grounds of the cemetery in the rain, when they discover a dead body in a grave. Who would have thought? Anyway, that is the premise for the story in "Eggs in a Casket." Recipes are included, so if you get hungry while reading — just go whip up something up.

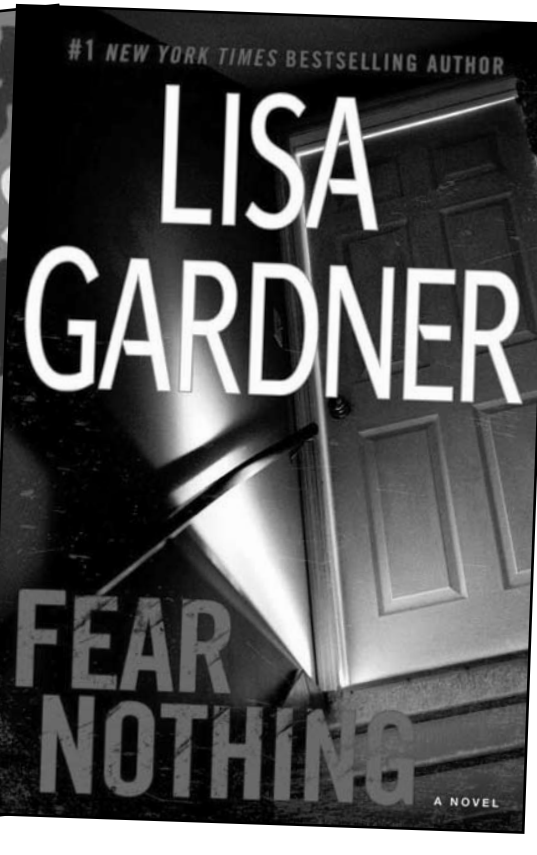
On a more macabre note, in Lisa Gardner's "Fear Nothing" (MGARL) the title is the calling card of the Rose Killer. The last thing Boston detective D.D. Warren remembers is walking the crime scene after dark, then, a creaking floor board, a low voice crooning in her ear. She is told she was able to discharge her gun four times, but she was seriously injured, unable to move her left



arm and is unable to return to work. Murders continue, and D.D. is still not on the job, but she is on the hunt for the Rose Killer.

It used to be that books went to television, not television shows inspired books. The library has books that showcase Star Trek, CSI, and now Monk. In "Mr. Monk Gets on Board" (MCONH) by Hy Conrad, Monk accompanies Natalie on board a cruise ship, as she attends a business seminar. Between choppy seas and obnoxious kids, Monk is in a perfect storm of anxiety. Luckily, Mariah, the cruise director, is able to smooth things over, until she is fished out of the ocean. When alcohol is found in her system, it is dismissed as an accident. Not to Monk. He is on the trail to solving her murder, but also a mysterious rash of vandalism on board.

In "Delivering Death" (MKRAJ), Julie



Kramer's main character is TV reporter Riley Spartz. She is a star investigative journalist for Channel 3 — and no stranger to the seedier side of her hometown. But when she receives a package of smelly human teeth in the mail at work, she's quickly embroiled in a homicide investigation that spirals into one of the

odder cases the Minneapolis police force has ever seen. Though the cops try to keep certain grisly details quiet, this murder has a strange twist — it seems that the killer wants the crime publicized.

Is it a revenge killing, or something more? Riley's investigation takes her inside a lucrative identity theft

ring that links low-life crooks like now-dead Leon Akume to white-collar opportunists like once-wealthy Jack Clemens. Despite a prime motive for murder, Jack also has the ultimate alibi: he's behind bars. While Riley pushes to keep the homicide in the news, her boss is convinced that coverage of the Mall of America's unique version of a royal wedding is key to the station winning ratings. As the stakes continue to rise for her job and her life, Riley must outwit the killer in a trap that could leave yet another person dead. The library does have several of Kramer's previous Riley Spartz's books on hand to check out.

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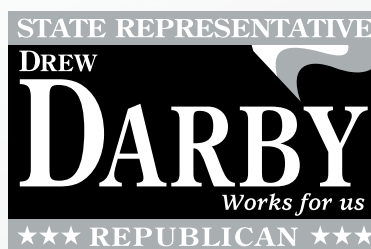


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Steers roll up 106 points at Sandhills Relays

TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Charlie Boling, Ryan Lopez and Charles Green all collected gold medals on Friday and helped power the Big Spring High School Steers track and field team to an impressive outing at the Sandhills Relays in Monahans.

As a team, the Steers medaled in eight events and rolled up 106 total points.

Boling picked up the

Steers' lone win in the field events. He dominated the shot put competition with a throw of 47 feet, 3 inches. His throw was 5 inches better than second-place finisher Joe Moreno of Andrews.

Moreno's best throw in the event measured 46-8.

Tobyn Tannehill and Nick Conner also turned in strong efforts in the field events. Tannehill finished second in the

long jump standings with a leap of 19 feet, 4 1/2 inches. Ft. Stockton's Frankie Rodriguez won the event with a jump of 20-10 1/2.

Conner placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 119 feet, 1 inch.

The Steers flexed their muscle in the running events. In addition to netting gold medal performances from Lopez and Green, Big Spring also garnered a win in the 4x400-meter relay

race. The Steers picked up 20 points by putting together a winning time of 3 minutes and 28.12 seconds in the race.

Lopez garnered the first of his two medals in the meet with a first-place finish in the boys' 800-meter run. He covered the course in a time of 2:07.05, and edged our Lake View's Marco Sandate by half a second.

Lopez also picked up a silver medal by finishing second in the 400-me-

ter dash. In that race, he legged out a time of 50.47 seconds. BSHS teammate Ian Gonzalez was fourth in the 400-meter race with a time of 51.53.

Green dominated the boys' 110-meter hurdles competition. He won the race with a time of 16.03 seconds. Andrews' John Ives was second at 16.15.

Tannehill added to the Steers' medal count with outstanding efforts

in the 100- and 200-meter races. He highlighted a 2-4 finish by Big Spring in the 100 by racing to a second-place finish with a time of 11.19 seconds. Lake View's Eli Peterson narrowly edged Tannehill in the finals, winning by four-tenths of a second with a mark of 11.15.

Jonathan Gonzalez placed fourth in the 100-meter standings. He finished the race with a

REGION V BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

The Howard College will begin play in the Region V Basketball Tournament today against McLennan Community College, starting at 5 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Howard College places 4 on All-WJCAC team

TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams each placed two players on the 2014 All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball teams. The conference honors were released earlier this week.

Bailey Wipff and Sarah Stinnett were both recognized for their play on the women's All-WJCAC squad.

Wipff, a 5-foot-6 freshman from Lubbock, was named to the women's first-team squad. She was the Lady Hawks' top scorer this season, averaging 14.1 points per game. Stinnett was named to the honorable mention squad following a stellar sophomore campaign in which she averaged 11.1 points and led the team in assists.

Stinnett was the lone sophomore on the HC squad this season.

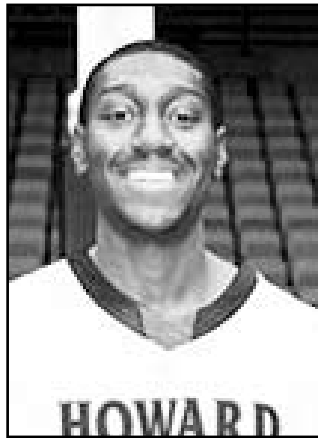
The Howard College women finished the season with a 13-16 record.

On the men's side, Travis Charles and David Joseph were both selected to the first-team All-WJCAC squad.

Charles, a 6-foot-6 freshman from Brooklyn, Charles was the Hawks' lead scorer this season, averaging 14.1 points per night.

Joseph, a 6-foot sophomore point guard from Queens, proved himself among the best guards in the country with the Hawks. He led the team in several offensive categories this season. He finished the year averaging 13.4 points per contest.

Odessa College sophomore Josh Gray was named the WJCAC MCP. He led the nation in scoring this season, averaging more than 33 points per game for an



Travis Charles



David Joseph



Bailey Wipff



Sarah Stinnett

OC squad that failed to make the Region V tournament. See **WJCAC**, Page 14

Howard to open Region V tourney with Highlanders

TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team struggled in its final two outings of the regular season. They backed its way into the Region V Basketball Tournament as the No. 4 seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Those are facts Hawks head coach Scott Raines isn't real thrilled about. He believes his team is much better than what the last 80 minutes of the regular season showed.

Raines and the Hawks can take solace in two major facts this afternoon when they step onto the court for their first-round matchup with the McLennan Community College Highlanders in the Rip Griffin Center. The fact that none of those stats mean a thing now and that the team that wins now, lives to play another day.

Howard College is scheduled to begin play in the regional tourna-

Region V Men's Basketball Tournament

The following is a look at the first round of the Region V men's basketball tournament set start today 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 Co. (N1) vs. Howard (W4), 5 p.m.
- Game 4: Collin County (N4) vs. South Plains (W1), 7 p.m.

ment at 5 p.m. The game will be aired locally on KBYG.

The Highlanders head into the showdown with plenty of momentum. McLennan County has won 13 of its last 14 outings and is ranked No. 7 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll of Division I squads. Overall, the Highlanders at 27-3.

The North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference champion, McLennan County closed out its regular season by winning five

straight games. The Highlanders' lone loss in conference place was an 84-60 setback to Temple College on Feb. 5.

Since that loss, the Highlanders have averaged more than 86 points per night.

McLennan County is led into the contest by solid inside presence led by forwards Wayne Langston, Tevin Hanner and Shawn Prudhome. The trio accounts for almost one-quarter of the team's offensive output.

A 6-foot-4 sophomore from Beaumont, Prudhome leads the Highlanders inside attack. He averaged 11.8 points per game. Langston averages 10.7 points per night, and leads the team in rebounding with 7.4 per game.

Hanner is the team's second-leading rebounder, averaging 6.5 boards per outing.

Freshman Jalen Jones leads the MCC offensive attack. A 6-foot-3 guard, he led all Highlanders in

See **REGION**, Page 14

Steers to face No. Crowley in Metroplex tournament

The Big Spring High School varsity baseball team will be busy when they travel to Crowley tomorrow to begin play in the 2014 Crowley ISD Varsity Baseball Tournament.

The Steers, fresh off a win over Fort Stockton on Tuesday evening, are scheduled to begin play in the tournament at 6:30 p.m. with a first-round game against North Crowley.

The game will be played at North Crowley High School.

The Steers will play two games on Friday, facing Crowley High School at 1:30 p.m. and Arlington Seguin at 4 p.m. Both matchups will be played at the CHS field.

Big Spring will close out the appearance on Saturday with a 12:30 p.m. matchup with Granbury.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus Enters Aquarius

Venus enters Aquarius with a spark for the social life. Aquarian love is a sort that connects with humanity and lifts it as a group. It's the feel-good energy in the stadium concertgoers and sports fans. It's the rush of a political rally or the awe felt in museums. This transit is more about crowds and friends than romance.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you start to feel a physical response to stress, it will be challenging to hold your tongue. There is magic in removing yourself from the room and breathing deeply for relaxation, only to return when you're good and ready.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Presenting your case will be ineffective if you don't know exactly what your best case is. Practice what you'll say. Talk it out with a friend or adviser. You'll learn your best strategy in the exchange.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're looking for opportunity. You will progress because you help others progress. Today you're in the

business of taking every experience for what it has to offer you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The first question is: What do you want? The next question is: How can you make it happen? The best products come out of a desire that you and your friends share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). "Flighty." There are bad connotations for that word, but what does it really mean? So someone wants to take flight? What could be so wrong with that? It's the feeling of today, anyway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you laugh, truly laugh, you feel good all over. That is why the people who specialize in laughter are the most revered. How can you bring more laughter into your life?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Partnerships are an adventure. If you are willing to open your mind, efforts and heart up to another individual, you can be sure something unexpected will happen. That's what you bank on now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Women, put your makeup on. Men, tie that tie. As Oscar Wilde wrote, "A well-tied tie is the first serious step in life." In any case, today will require all the pretty you can muster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just as fanned-out peacock feathers make a small bird look massive, daring acts may hide great fear. You'll encounter posturing individuals, and it will serve you well to ask: What is this person afraid of?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll see a number of problems in what another person proposes, and you may not want to do business or involve yourself personally in what appears to be a dysfunctional plan. Even so, try to focus on solutions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Shakespeare claimed that some minds are waxen, some are marble. Today you'll see how both substances have merit, as it will be as useful to be strong as to be malleable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Good music, good entertainment and a very long "ahh" -- that is the satisfaction you'll enjoy now. All other concerns can melt, melt, melt away.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 5). You'll take both calculated and instinctive risks this year, and they'll both pay off. Friends connect you with more professional luck in April. You'll focus on your personal life in

May, when someone special will lavish you with attention. Family will honor you in June. Travel in August and November. Aquarius and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 22, 14 and 38.

RETROGRADE ACTIVITIES: Until Jupiter changes direction tomorrow, three retrograde luminaries dominate. Take advantage with these favored activities.

--Personality profiling. How well do you know yourself? One way to determine this is to make a list of your traits, characteristics and preferences. If you were a character in a novel, how would you describe yourself? What do you think your strengths and weaknesses are? What is your main driving force at this time of life? The introspective energy overhead favors your honest answers to such questions.

--Memoir writing. There are hidden treasures to be unearthed in your psyche: feelings, secrets, insights that can only be understood in retrospect. You are the one most qualified to tell your story. Writing it down will be easier now, as will remembering. You may think you don't have total recall on all that has happened, but you'll be amazed at how one sentence leads to another right now.

--Legacy organizing. Do

you have a will? Some people are afraid to make one because they think it means they are going to die. Newsflash: Dying is inevitable. Responsible people prepare, and it's a relatively quick and painless process with Saturn retrograde in Scorpio.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pisces Eva Mendes will star in the summer fantasy thriller "How To Catch a Monster," which is about a secret underwater town. This water-sign actress was born when the moon was in Leo, the sign of show business. But the prevailing force in her natal chart is intellectual air-sign energy, showing an exceptionally bright mind and great levels of self-control over her emotions and passions.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Concerned in Galesburg, Ill.," about photographing naked babies. I have a slightly different problem, but it's in a similar vein.

I have a toddler grandson. Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but our daughter-in-law has close to 500 pictures of the boy naked, from birth to his second birthday. She also has videos of him naked in the bathroom,

recording him for several minutes while he's getting ready to take his bath.

My son and I have talked about this, and he, too, finds this to be odd behavior. A few pictures would be normal, but 500 seems excessive for anyone. Neither of us has talked to her about this. She has since taken the boy and moved out. We do not consider this pornography, but we cannot understand why there are so many photos. Can you help? -- *Concerned Grandmother*

Dear Grandmother: We would be concerned, too. New parents often take hundreds of pictures of their children, but 500 naked photos and videos is excessive by any standard. Add to that your daughter-in-law's taking the boy and leaving the home, and we worry that she is using these photos for purposes other than a personal record. There may be nothing going on, but your son needs to be vigilant. He should visit with the boy often and not be afraid to ask his wife about the photos

and videos. He also should seek legal counsel if they do not reconcile soon.

Dear Annie: I am a highly educated individual who speaks English as a second language. Sometimes I have to deal with customers over the telephone. There have been instances in which I have been told, "Your English is terrible" or "Call me back when you learn the language."

It's not as if these individuals have a Ph.D. in English. Their grammatical mistakes are horrible. Just because English is their first language does not mean they have finished elementary school. Who are they to pass judgment over foreigners speaking English?

Annie, what should people in my situation tell these very rude people? I doubt they understand the meaning of the word "xenophobia." There are many hardworking, productive people in this country with an accent. Please tell your readers to try to understand how difficult it is to learn another

language and to stop being so disrespectful to us. -- *Sick of Xenophobes in Jeffersonville, Ind.*

Dear Indiana: Agreed, and we hope our readers are paying attention. These rude people are not commenting on your language skills or your intelligence. They are telling you that your accent is too thick for them to understand what you are saying. Of course, this doesn't excuse them.

The polite response when you don't understand someone is, "Excuse me. I didn't catch that. Could you please repeat it more slowly?" There is absolutely no reason to be insulting. When faced with such disrespect, your best response is to be polite and patient.

Dear Annie: I was very touched by the letter from "Miserable Forever," whose husband is emotionally and financially abusive. You advised her to get out of the marriage and contact the National Domestic Violence

Hotline.

I would like to add that she may want to contact her local legal aid office. Also, most states have an attorney referral service, and in some states, attorneys are required to take cases pro bono (free of charge). She may want to look at these resources and see whether she can find an attorney who will take her case for free or at low cost. -- *Martha*

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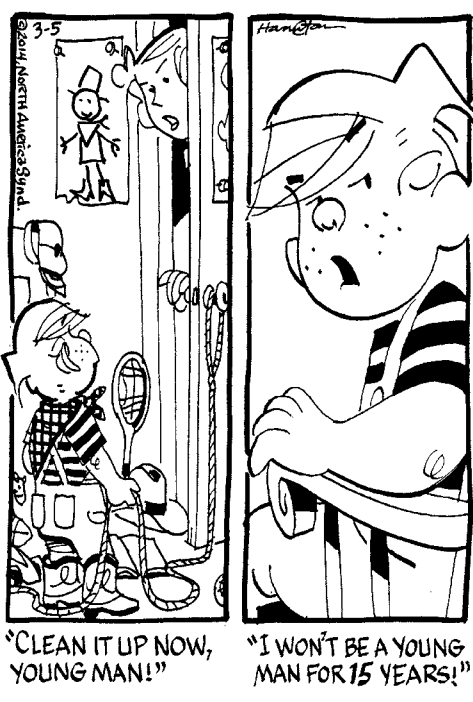
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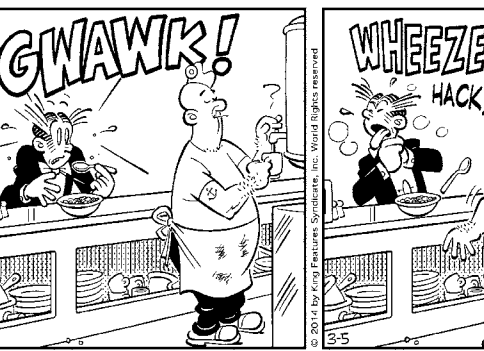


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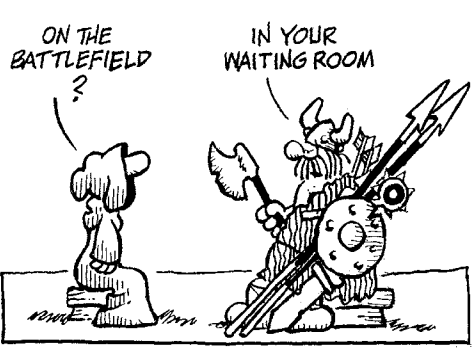
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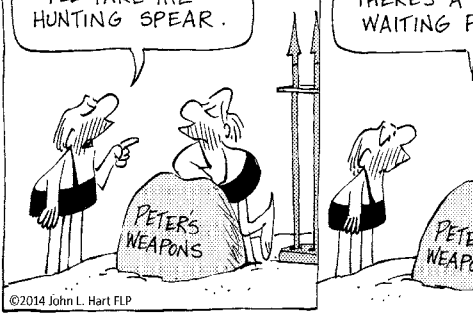
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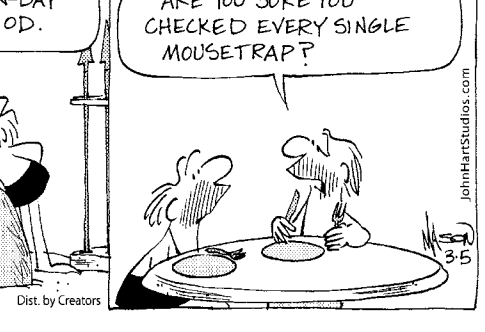
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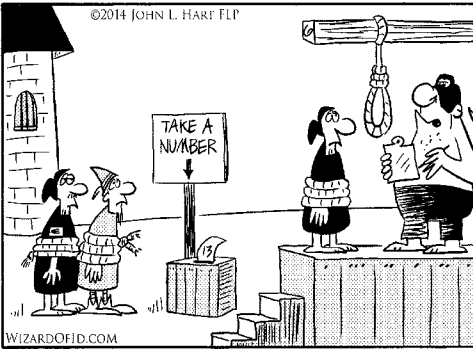
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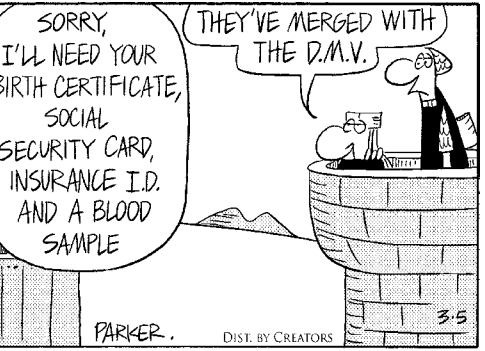
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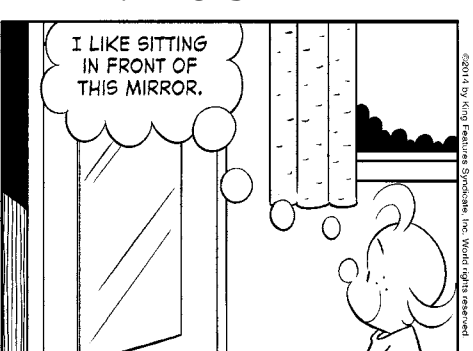
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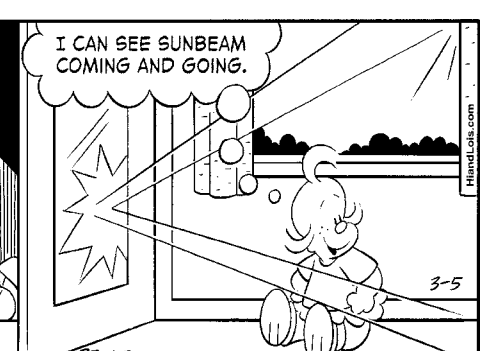
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This Date In History

Today is Ash Wednesday, March 5, the 64th day of 2014. There are 301 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 5, 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Orleans to assume his duties as the first Spanish governor of the Louisiana Territory, where he encountered resistance from the French residents. In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers opened fire, killing five people.

conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag. In 1934, the first Mothers-in-Law Day celebration and parade took place in Amarillo, Texas. In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like PILL, HAH, MAIDS, ERIE, OVEN, OLDIE, SOFA, LOAD, TBONE, ONEFAMILYHOUSE, RED, ARM, BLAMES, DAIS, PRO, IOWAN, GAIT, ARID, TWOCARAT, DIAMOND, ELKS, OLES, DENSE, RYE, QUAD, DANGER, CUT, SAP, THREE, MINUTE, EGG, TIMES, EDEN, ACRO, ADOPT, MEET, SHOT, PESTS, OARS, TOWS.

Newsday Crossword

YOUR ADHERE by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 San Lucas (Mexican resort) 5 Duel prelude, perhaps 9 "Shut up!" 14 More than 15 Crinkly vegetable 16 Ferric (rust) 17 Ship of 1492 18 Words with a poker ante 19 37th president 20 Canned-fruit choice 23 Blimp's garage 24 Pirate's venue 25 Raven's cry 28 Senses of self 30 Took a stab (at) 33 Field of study 36 Bubble-wrap sounds 39 Bright-hued parrot 40 Evidence of a corporate debt 43 Late-blooming flower 44 Home to the O'Haras 45 Did a garden chore 46 South-of-the-border snooze 48 Rustic hotels 50 "... and bells on ___ toes" 51 Sound of a snake 54 African desert 58 Crude drawings of people 61 Hobbyist's knife brand 64 Fireplace output 65 Playful bites 66 Blunder 67 Tiny bit 68 Take a risk

- 69 Google Talk alternative 70 Candy-machine inserts 71 Schedule space DOWN 1 Spiral seashell 2 Walled city of Spain 3 West African nation 4 Fruity drinks 5 Do some pre-bout exercise 6 Weak, as an excuse 7 Assumed name 8 Brit's small change 9 Dunce-cap shape 10 Center of rotation 11 Give a thumbs-down to 12 Altar affirmation 13 Prime-time hour 21 One-liner 22 "That'll show you!" 25 Chocolate source 26 Stone used in marbles 27 Amazed 29 Arrange logically 31 Parisian pal 32 "Wiener dogs" 33 Embarrass 34 O'Donnell of TV talk 35 Key in 37 Moms-and-dads org. 38 iPhone "personal assistant" 41 Bulky TV screen of old 42 Blogs devoted to celebrities, e.g. 47 "Just ___ suspected!" 49 Henpeck 52 Hapless person 53 Yarn quantity 55 Common computer typeface 56 Photocopy, for short 57 Strong point 58 Go no further 59 Ripped up 60 Inevitable outcome 61 Marks, as a ballot 62 Genesis vessel 63 Shout out

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-71.

Guinn places sixth at Region I Preview tourney

TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School standout Kelsie Guinn turned in a solid outing on Saturday at the Region I Preview golf tournament in Lubbock. The senior turned one of the better final rounds and rallied to finish sixth in the individual standings.

Guinn erased the memories of a tough outing in the first round on Friday

JH relays set for tomorrow

The Big Spring Junior High Relays will be held on Thursday at Blankenship Field, beginning at 3:30 p.m. with the field events. The running events start at 4:30 p.m.

The meet will feature seventh and eighth graders.

by carding a 75 over the final 18 holes of the tournament. She finished the two-day tournament with a score of 158, and finished just 10 strokes behind Burkburnett's Sarah Moore, who won the individual medalist honors with a 148.

Only three players, including Moore and runner-up Ryan Pate of Greenwood, managed to record lower rounds than Guinn in the final round.

Her solid performance in the final round helped her recover from a wind-hampered outing on Friday. Facing stiff gusts, she posted a score of 83 over the first 18 holes.

Andrews' Kali Jennings and Sarah Black finished third and fourth, respectively, with scores of 153 and 154. Monahans' Gabi Cano was fifth at 155.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

No stealing allowed ...

Big Spring's Gary Watkins applies a tag to the knees of a would-be base stealer from Fort Stockton during the Steers' 9-2 victory at Steer Park. Big Spring is scheduled to return to action tomorrow when they travel to Crowley to compete in the 2014 Crowley ISD Invitational Tournament.

JV baseball team to compete in Lake View tournament

The Big Spring High School junior varsity baseball team will return to tournament play tomorrow when they travel to San Angelo to participate in the 2014 Lake View JV Baseball Round-Robin. At the tournament, the Steers will play four games in three days.

The Steers open the event on Thursday with a 4 p.m. showdown with Abilene Wylie.

The team will play a doubleheader on Friday, facing off against Lake View beginning at 10 a.m. They will play Permian

at noon. The Steers' final outing will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday when they face San Angelo Central.

BS Invitational set for March 7

The Big Spring High School Invitational Track and Field meet will be held on March 7 at Blankenship Field.

TRACK

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Tannehill closed out his meet with a third-place finish in the 200. He clocked a time of

22.87 in the event. Big Spring's 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay teams both placed fourth. The 4x100-meter squad turned in a time of 45.08, while the 4x200-meter foursome finished at 1:38.91.

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♥ A K J
♦ Q 9 2
♣ 7 6 3

WEST
♠ A K 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ Q 10 8 5

EAST
♠ J 9 6
♥ 6 5 4 3
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A 9 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ A K J 6
♣ K J 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — three of spades.

The opening lead often has a crucial effect on the outcome of a deal. But even when a defender does find the best lead, he might still have to follow it up perfectly to exploit his initial advantage.

Here is a classic illustration of a good opening lead combined with an effective follow-up. The deal occurred in the 1969 Life Masters Pairs.

Meyer Schleifer, for many years one of Los Angeles' top players, elected to lead a low spade against three notrump, even though North had bid the suit. Had Schleifer chosen the routine opening lead of a club, South would have made the contract easily.

Declarer played low from dummy, hoping Schleifer had led from a holding that included the jack or nine of spades, or both. But East won the trick with the nine and shifted to a low club.

South made the normal play of the jack of clubs, losing to West's queen. Now Schleifer unabashedly underled the A-K of spades again!

Declarer played dummy's eight, this time losing to East's jack.

East then returned his remaining spade to Schleifer's A-K. A club to East's ace added the final touch, and South went down two on a hand where practically all the other notrump declarers finished with nine or 10 tricks.

Schleifer's underlead of the A-K of spades at trick three was clearly the right play, since declarer was virtually certain to misgauge the actual situation. However, the play required both imagination and cunning, and these are traits with which all successful players are well-endowed.

Tomorrow: Gazing into the future.

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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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Good glove ...

Big Spring's Bryson Kirk shows off his fielding skills by snaring a grounder at third base during the BSHS junior varsity's game against Fort Stockton on Tuesday at Steer Park.

REGION

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scoring during the regular season with 13.4 points per night.

Don't expect Howard College to be impressed too much with MCC's lofty ranking. The Hawks competed in a stacked WJCAC that featured three nationally-ranked teams, including former No. 1 South Plains College. McLennan County was the lone ranked team in the NTJJCAC.

The Hawks could also have an advantage in size in the paint. Langston is the MCC's tallest player inside at 6-foot-7. Howard College can post up three players inside who should have a size advantage, including 6-foot-10 freshman Lis Shoshi, 6-foot-9 forward Niels Bundschoten and Travis Charles, a 6-foot-

6 freshman. Demeco Blue should also match-up well inside, too.

Charles gives Howard College a double threat on the baseline. He led the Hawks in scoring and rebounding during the regular season. He averaged 14 points per night, while grabbing 6.7 boards.

Howard should also have an advantage on the perimeter with a talented foursome of guards that are able to take control of games at almost any points. Leading the way for the HC offense is sophomore point guard David Joseph. He has been the Hawks' go-to guy this season, hitting several clutch shots that enabled Howard to battle SPC for the WJCAC title through the first 12 conference contests.

The Hawks were tied with the Texans for the WJCAC lead head-

ing into their final two games of the regular season.

Joseph finished the season averaging 13.2 points per game.

Eric Weary Jr., Jalin Barnes and Torrian Epps also shine on the perimeter. Weary finished the regular season averaging 10.5 points per game while also finishing second on the team in rebounding with 6.2 boards per contest.

Barnes and Epps averaged both averaged more than 7 points per game in the season.

As a team the Hawks averaged more than 79 points per game this season.

With a win over McLennan Community College, the Hawks would advance to the Region V semifinals to face either New Mexico Junior College or Temple College on Friday.

NMJC finished the year as the WJCAC runner-up. They earned the conference's No. 2 seed via a pair of tough wins over Howard.

Temple is the No. 3 seed from the NTJJCAC

Big Spring places sixth at Andrews Classic

TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Backed by the play of Tate Kennedy and Devin Roberson, the Big Spring High School golf team pounded out a sixth-place finish at the Andrews Classic on Saturday at the Andrews Country Club Golf Course. Big Spring completed the two-day event with a final mark

of 651.

As a team, the Steers posted a score of 321 over the final 18 holes. That total was nine strokes better than their Steers' efforts the previous day, and enabled Big Spring to tie Midland Christian for sixth in the overall team standings. Andrews won the meet.

Kennedy paced the Steers' effort at the

meet. He fired a final round score of 76 on Saturday and finished tied for eighth in the individual standings with a final mark of 513. Andrews' Mac Rochel also carded a 153 in the meet.

Roberson finished as the Steers' second-leading scorer. He posted a round of 77 on Saturday and closed out the tour-

namment with a 157.

Mikey Pappajohn also turned in a solid outing, finishing third on the team. He recorded rounds of 80 and 61 and finished with a total of 161.

Tyler Bryan and Sam Harris rounded out the Steers' outing. Bryan turned in a two-day total of 180, while Harris netted a score of 186.

WJCAC

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ament. Odessa College's Morgan Holly was the women's MVP.

2013-14 ALL-WJCAC BASKETBALL TEAM WOMEN

WJCAC MVP

Morgan Holly, Soph., Odessa College

WJCAC All-Conference Team

P Jasmine Brainard, Soph., South Plains College; G Alexius Dawn, Soph., South Plains College; F Cassandra Harris, Fr., New Mexico Junior College; P Morgan Holly, Odessa College, P Catherine Kruschke, Soph., Midland College; G Brandi Leal, Soph., Clarendon College; W TaSheena Moore, Soph., South Plains; F Talyiah Rich, Fr., Odessa College; F Mary Savoy, Fr., Midland College; F Mary Savoy, Fr., Midland College; Tanya Simpson, Soph., New Mexico JC; G Cheyenne Swoopes, Soph., Frank Phillips College; G Bailey Wipff, Fr., Howard College

WJCAC Honorable Mention

G Brechelle Breachum, Fr., Western Texas College; G Bailey Holland, Soph., Odessa College; G Monique Mulder, Soph., New Mexico JC; G Sera Ozelci, Soph., Odessa College; G Sarah Stinnett, Howard College; G/F Honesty Sullivan, Soph., Frank Phillips

MEN

WJCAC MVP

Josh Gray, Soph., Odessa College

WJCAC All-Conference Team

P Chris Bocher, Fr., New Mexico JC; F Travis Charles, Fr., Howard College; Hershell Grant, Soph., Clarendon College; G Josh Gray, Soph., Odessa College; G David Joseph, Soph., Howard College; G Roderick Lawrence, Soph., South Plains; F Ryan Martin, Soph., South Plains; F Kevin Mays, Soph., Odessa College; G Jeff Newberry, Soph., New Mexico JC; G Justin Roberon, Soph., Western Texas; G Andre Spight, Fr., South Plains; F Devonta Walker, Soph., Western Texas

WJCAC Honorable Mention

G Darrell Robinson, Soph., Frank Phillips; W Marcus Roper, Soph., New Mexico Military Institute; G Kevin Scott Jr., Odessa College; C Chris Tawiah, Fr., Frank Phillips; F Kevin Thomas, Soph., Midland College; F Kenneth Williams, Fr., New Mexico JC

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