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## SWCID to get some much-needed housing

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Howard College officials are taking steps to ease a housing crunch at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

During their Monday meeting, college trustees approved a plan officials hope will soon

result in three housing "pods" being constructed at SWCID.

Each of the three pods will consist of five 900-square-foot cottages, which will each house a family, or four students, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

The cottages will replace

manufactured housing currently being used on the campus.

The project will be the culmination of a three-year process to provide adequate housing at SWCID, Sparks said.

"We've had increased en-

rollment at SWCID, so we needed additional housing," she said. "The first thing we did was purchase manufactured housing for the students. Since then, we've been working on a more permanent solution."

Private donations raised

so far should be sufficient to finance construction of site infrastructure — water lines, electricity, etc. — and at least the first of the three pods. Hopefully, that first step will entice further contributions

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## COMIN' DOWN

### Transmission tower to be demolished Friday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The demolition of the old KWAB-TV transmission tower just east of Memorial Stadium will be akin to folding a piece of paper — except the "paper" is 500 feet long and weighs several thousand pounds.

The tower, the last vestige of the TV station that served Big Spring for more than 20 years, will come down Friday morning in a demolition that will feature no explosions and very little drama, officials say.

Terry Hansen of Howard College, which owns the land encompassing the old TV

station, said the demolition process will consist of folding the sections of the tower upon themselves.

Crews will cut the the guy wires holding the top section of the tower, causing it to fold down, then do the same for the middle and base sections before the tower finally collapses in an easterly direction.

Hansen said the process does not pose any kind of threat to homes in the area.

"(Demolition officials) said they can bring the tower down anywhere we want them to ... I don't believe any homes in the neighborhood will be affected," he said.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**Demolition crews begin removing the last remnants of the KWAB-TV building Monday afternoon. The station's tower, seen in the background, will be demolished Friday morning, officials said.**

"But we are delivering letters to people in the area to let them know what will happen."

Only two facilities will be directly impacted by the demolition — the college's ag barn and the field house at Memorial Stadium.

Hansen said utilities will have to be shut off at the two sites, but should be restored later in the day.

As for the TV station building, it has already been reduced to a large pile of rubble. Crews should finish carting off the remaining remnants

within the next couple of weeks, Hansen said.

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## New facilities opening here

### Haven of Hope pantry to open

Haven of Hope, a non-profit organization aimed at supporting healthy living, plans to open a food pantry Wednesday at 601 N. Main in Big Spring.

The food pantry will be open from 9 a.m. until noon and is open to all families.

Any and all donations of non-perishable food items are welcome, as well as volunteers who would like to aid on the day of the event.

Haven of Hopewill also hold

a community wide luncheon on Dec. 20 at the same location. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and run until all in need have been served.

"Our hopes during this luncheon are also to provide a small gift for the children in attendance," a Haven of Hope staff member said. "Any and all donations of the toys or monetary donations from the community in this portion of the endeavor would be greatly appreciated."

As always, volunteers to help serve at the luncheon are appreciated.

Contact Renee Smith at 254-366-3253 with questions or donations.

One of the goals of Haven of Hope is to implement a transitional housing program for those in need. The program will be aimed at increasing utilization of resources for residence and teaching living

skills to support healthy living, along with coaching in personal development.

Managers of Haven of Hope are the Rev. Lester Brown of Austin, current pastor of Bakers Chapel AME Church in Big Spring; Jodi Brown, an employee of the social work department at the local Veteran's Hospital; Terry Smith, current area manager of Lone Star Instrumentation and Electric; and Renee Smith, West Texas Centers case manager and rehab provider.

### Open house set at Skilled Care facility

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care will hold an open house from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

The new facility is located at

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## Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

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

- **GARY ON GOODMAN**, 20, of 1604 S. Benton, was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of N. San Antonio St., the 500 block of Dallas and in the 5900 block of N. CR 35.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3900 block of E. Highway 350 and the 2600 block of Dow Drive.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St., the 600

block of Ridgellea, the 1100 block of Stanford Avenue and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JONATHAN JOEL GUTIERREZ**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft from person and assault — family, house member impeding breath/circulation.

The Big Spring Fire Depart-

ment and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CALL** was reported in the area of Highway 87 and FM 2230.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at Bennet Circle.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of Highway 87 and CR 50. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **BRUSH FIRE** was reported in the 1000 block of N Second. Fire was extinguished.

## Take Note

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Santa Claus will be making a visit to the Spring Creek Mall to spend time exclusively with area children with special needs. On Dec. 16, at 9 p.m., the mall will close and the children and their families who have registered for the free event will enjoy a visit with Santa. Parents must register their child by 3 p.m. Dec. 16. For more information call the church office at 714-4584 or Jim Billings at 270-3049 or register at any mall merchant. Refreshments will be served and there is no age limit.

• Reservations are now being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garret Coliseum to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.

• Hometown Christmas, a local organization that helps provide underprivileged children with Christmas gifts, is accepting donations immediately. The organization tries to supply eligible boys and girls with one to two toys and a set of clothes each. If you would like to donate funds, toys or clothes, bring them to Wells Fargo Bank during regular business hours. The bank is located at Fourth and Main downtown. For more information, contact Beverly Johnson at 264-8373,

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids](http://www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids)

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

• The Cross Roads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

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

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at

(432) 517-9207 for more information. 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to

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## Obituaries

### Jueldeen McCormick

Jueldeen McCormick, 72, of Llano, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, in a Llano hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

### Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed<br>12/17   | Thu<br>12/18   | Fri<br>12/19   | Sat<br>12/20   | Sun<br>12/21   |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>62/43</b><br>Cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 62F. | <b>68/44</b><br>Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s. | <b>59/36</b><br>Morning showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s. | <b>62/40</b><br>Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s. | <b>59/41</b><br>Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s. |
| <b>Sunrise:</b><br>7:41 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b><br>5:43 PM                            | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>7:41 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b><br>5:44 PM                                | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>7:42 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b><br>5:44 PM                          | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>7:42 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b><br>5:45 PM              | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>7:43 AM<br><b>Sunset:</b><br>5:45 PM                                |

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### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.    |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|----------|
| Abilene        | 48 | 45 | rain      | Kingsville      | 75 | 61 | t-storm  |
| Amarillo       | 53 | 33 | pt sunny  | Livingston      | 59 | 52 | cloudy   |
| Austin         | 50 | 47 | rain      | Longview        | 52 | 43 | rain     |
| Beaumont       | 62 | 52 | pt sunny  | Lubbock         | 53 | 38 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville    | 75 | 65 | pt sunny  | Lufkin          | 60 | 51 | cloudy   |
| Brownwood      | 46 | 45 | rain      | Midland         | 63 | 41 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 71 | 63 | t-storm   | Raymondville    | 77 | 64 | cloudy   |
| Corsicana      | 48 | 44 | rain      | Rosenberg       | 66 | 58 | cloudy   |
| Dallas         | 47 | 44 | rain      | San Antonio     | 52 | 50 | rain     |
| Del Rio        | 58 | 50 | rain      | San Marcos      | 50 | 48 | rain     |
| El Paso        | 63 | 40 | mst sunny | Sulphur Springs | 48 | 43 | rain     |
| Fort Stockton  | 68 | 43 | pt sunny  | Sweetwater      | 51 | 44 | rain     |
| Gainesville    | 43 | 39 | rain      | Tyler           | 53 | 46 | rain     |
| Greenville     | 46 | 42 | rain      | Weatherford     | 45 | 41 | rain     |
| Houston        | 64 | 58 | cloudy    | Wichita Falls   | 42 | 39 | rain     |

### National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 57 | 36 | mst sunny | Minneapolis    | 23 | 20 | pt sunny  |
| Boston      | 47 | 35 | rain      | New York       | 51 | 35 | pt sunny  |
| Chicago     | 30 | 23 | mst sunny | Phoenix        | 54 | 43 | rain      |
| Dallas      | 47 | 44 | rain      | San Francisco  | 59 | 53 | rain      |
| Denver      | 43 | 25 | cloudy    | Seattle        | 48 | 40 | cloudy    |
| Houston     | 64 | 58 | cloudy    | St. Louis      | 38 | 30 | mst sunny |
| Los Angeles | 59 | 51 | rain      | Washington, DC | 52 | 33 | mst sunny |
| Miami       | 78 | 61 | sunny     |                |    |    |           |

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to help complete construction, she said.  
“We’d like to get the process going and show potential donors what the finished project will look like,”  
Local architect Phil Furqueron will design the cottages.  
No timeline has been set for construction, although Sparks said she

hopes it begins by next summer.  
In other business, trustees approved:  
• An interlocal agreement with the city of Big Spring for the use of the landfill for heavy equipment operator license training.  
• Catalog and handbook changes.

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**OPEN HOUSE**

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3701 Wasson Rd.  
This will be a time to meet and greet with Big Spring Center staff members, tour the facility, and try some chef-prepared items from the facility dining menu.  
Justin Stevens, LNFA, is administrator of the facility.  
For more information and to learn about the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, call 432-606-5012.



Santa’s contract elves, from left are Annette Jimerfield, Kathy Beevers, Muffet Bomar and Janette Bentley, were busy wrapping presents for area children Monday afternoon at Well’s Fargo Bank. To donate an unwrapped gift to Hometown Christmas, contact Jeannie Knocke at 213-0698.

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Local credit union officials recently conducted a canned food drive to benefit Isaiah 58. The drive netted 659 pounds of food for the pantry. Shown with some of the donated food are, front row from left: Jim Weaver, Cindy Carlile and Carol Jeter; back row from left: Brandon Wooten, Linda Park and Laurie Barraza.

**Credit unions make generous food donations to Isaiah 58**

**Herald Staff Report**

Local credit union officials have banded together to help the hungry during the holiday season.  
Representatives from Big Spring Education Employees Credit

Union, Complex Community Credit Union, Electric Utilities Credit Union and Citizens Credit Union all participated in the month-long drive.  
Linda Park of BSEECU said 659 pounds of food was collected during the drive. The food was

delivered to the Isaiah 58 Food Bank Monday morning.  
This is the second year local credit unions have held the food drive, which is conducted state-wide under the auspices of the Texas Credit Union League.



Emergency personnel responded to a house fire call early Saturday evening on Nolan Street.

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**News Briefs**

**Taliban storm Pakistani school, killing at least 84 people in worst attack in over a year**

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Tuesday, killing at least 84 people, officials said, in the worst attack to hit the country in over a year.

The overwhelming majority of the victims were students at the army public school, which has children and teenagers in grades 1-10.

The horrific violence, carried out by a relatively small number of militants from the Tehreek-e-Taliban group, a Pakistani militant group trying to overthrow the government, also sent dozens of wounded flooding into local hospitals as terrified parents searched for their children.

The attack began in the morning hours, with about half a dozen gunmen entering the school — and shooting at random, said police officer Javed Khan. Army commandos quickly arrived at the scene and exchanged fire with the gunmen, he said.

Outside the school, shooting was initially heard along with one loud bang of unknown origin. Details were sketchy in the face of the overwhelming tragedy. Pakistani television showed soldiers surrounding the area and pushing people back.

**Australian prime minister lays flowers at memorial**

SYDNEY (AP) — Tearful Australians laid mounds of flowers at the site where two of 17 hostages were killed Tuesday when police swooped into a cafe to rescue them from a gunman — an Iranian-born self-styled cleric described by the prime minister as a deeply disturbed person carrying out a “sick fantasy.”

The 16-hour siege that ended in a barrage of gunfire early Tuesday left the gunman, 50-year-old Man Haron Monis, dead, and a nation that has long prided itself on its peace rocked to its core.

At a news conference later in the day, Prime Minister Tony Abbott called the siege Australia’s first brush with terrorism in more than 35 years and addressed the most glaring question that has emerged from the crisis: How did Monis — a man with a lengthy criminal record — slip through the cracks?

“How can someone who has had such a long and checkered history not be on the appropriate watch list? And how can someone like that be entirely at large in the community?” Abbott asked. “These are questions we need to look at carefully and calmly and methodically. That’s what we’ll be doing in the days and weeks ahead.”

**Woman feared ex-husband before rampage that killed her, 5 relatives**

PENNSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A woman who told neighbors she feared her ex-husband would kill her was among six people found fatally shot in three suburban Philadelphia homes, and her Marine veteran former husband was on the run.

Suspect Bradley Michael Stone, 35, remained at large early Tuesday, causing one local school district to close schools as a precaution.

His former wife, 33-year-old Nicole Stone, was found dead after a neighbor saw Stone fleeing just before 5 a.m. Monday with their two young daughters.

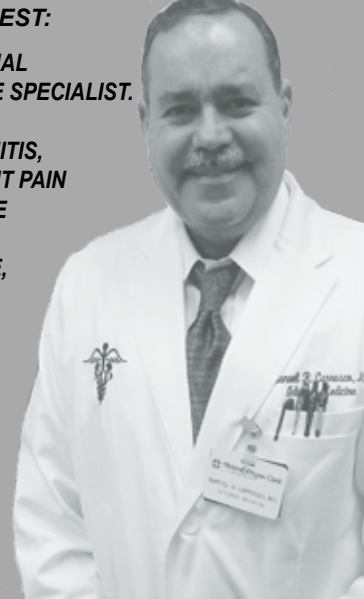
Police then made the grim discovery of five people killed in two other houses: Stone’s sister, brother-in-law and 14-year-old niece were dead. A 17-year-old nephew was left clinging to life. And her mother and grandmother had been fatally shot.

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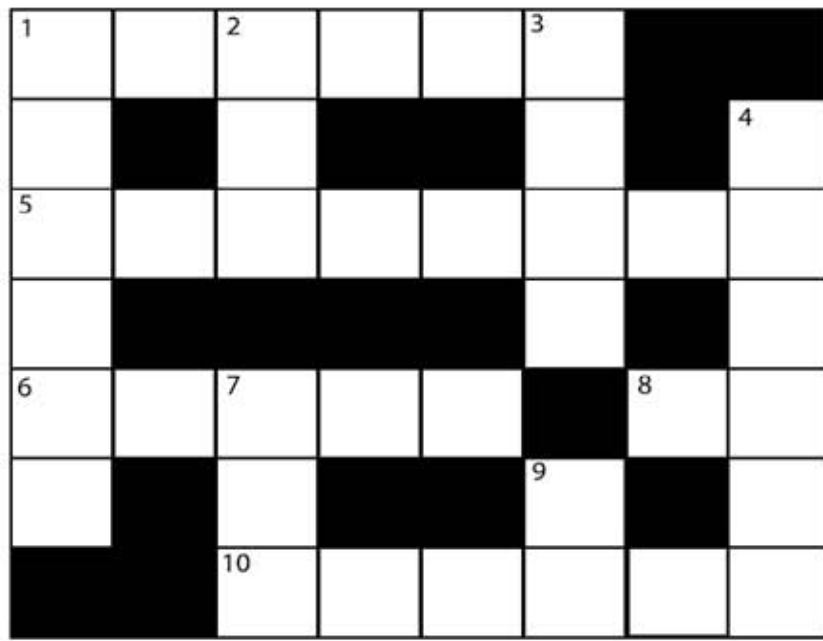
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Athletics
5. Essential
6. Evening
8. Not down
10. Flat pieces of material

### DOWN

1. Snow sport
2. Opposite of "in"
3. Ride on crest
4. Sides of hills
7. Big amount
9. Otherwise

Answers:  
Across 1. Sports 5. Integral 6. Night 8. Up 10. Boards  
Down 1. Skiing 2. Out 3. Surf 4. Slopes 7. Gob 9. Or

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## HISTORY

- 1791: THE UNITED STATES BILL OF RIGHTS BECOMES LAW WHEN IT IS RATIFIED BY THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- 1939: "GONE WITH THE WIND" PREMIERES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA
- 1973: JOHN PAUL GETTY, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED BY AN ITALIAN GANG ON JULY 10, IS FOUND ALIVE NEAR NAPLES, ITALY.



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- SPANISH:** Trineo
- ITALIAN:** Slitta
- FRENCH:** Luge
- GERMAN:** Sledge

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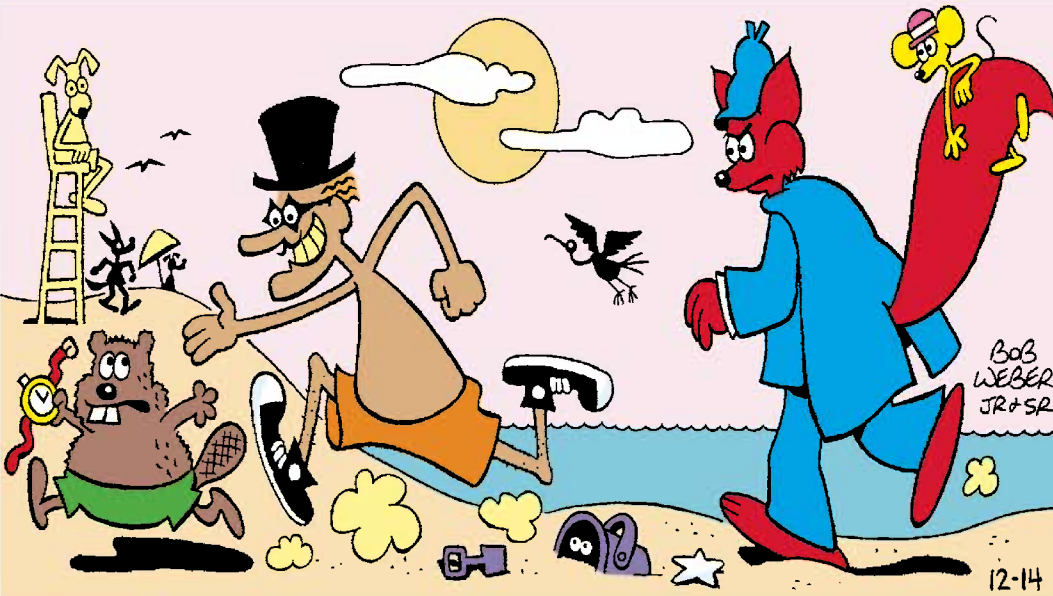
ANSWER: SNOWBOARD

## SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

## BY BOB WEBER JR.

Brandon Beaver says Count Weirdly tried to snatch his watch from his blanket. Weirdly claims he brought the watch to this resort and wore it on the beach for two sunny weeks, and that the beaver just took it off his wrist while he dozed on the sand. What evidence did Slylock Fox find on Weirdly that suggests he's lying?

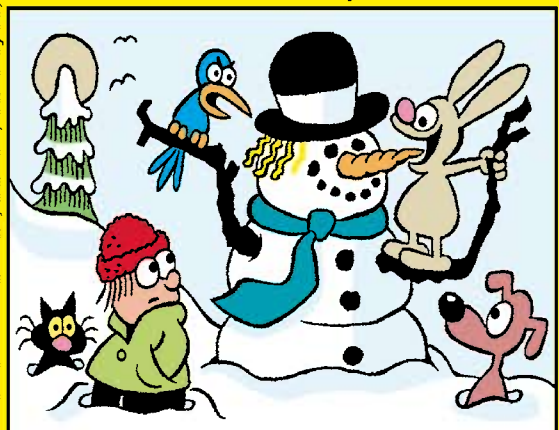
Solution -- If Weirdly had worn the watch for two sunny weeks on the beach, there should be an untanned area on a wrist. The count is completely tanned.



## Spot six differences between these panels.

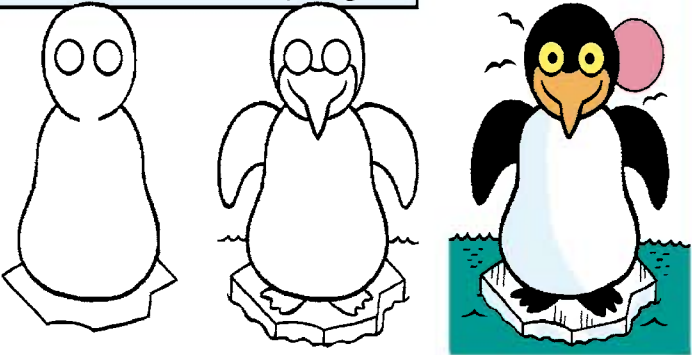


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Answer -- Bird in air, button, cat's eyes, rabbit's teeth, snowman's hair and arm.

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Bears hibernate in the winter. Which of the following animals also hibernate?

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- c) Raccoon
- d) Bat

Answer -- (d)

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# Bird Poop: A kestrel for Christmas

From the Midland office came the directions to the ranch. Only a few miles from its gate and cattle guard, the game warden was fortunate this time to be in the right county at the right time.



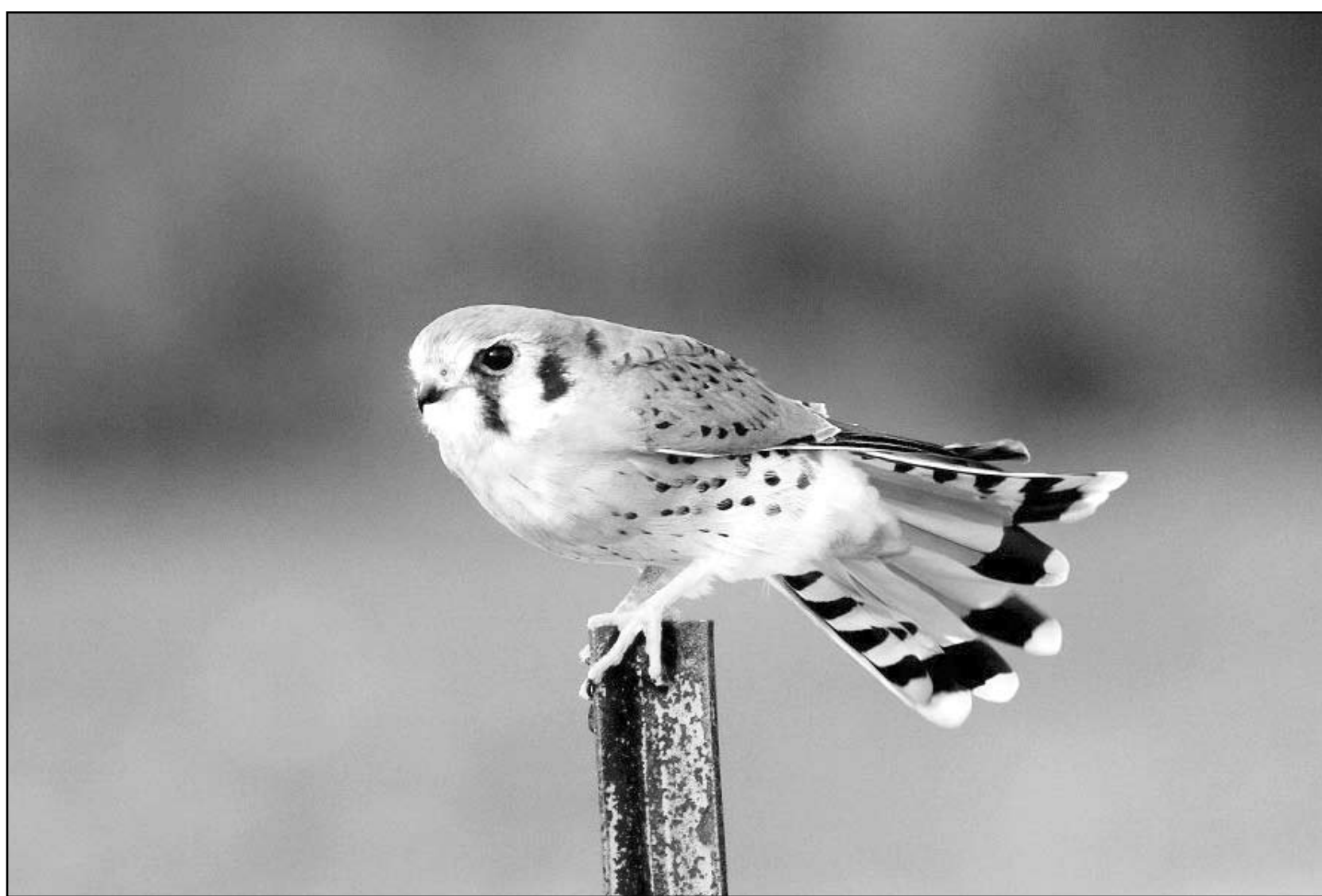
BEBE McCASLAND

In the farthest, most western part of his district, the officer was familiar with long drives. Once he had picked up the bird, he would check out some other calls as he worked his way back to the Texas Parks & Wildlife headquarters.

As he neared the ranch owner's home, a bevy of dogs ran to greet him. Varying in sizes, shapes, and questionable pedigrees, the animals had either been dumped by the gate, or had somehow found their way to a dog's paradise.

Amidst the barking and tail wagging came the couple that had spent most of their married life in the rugged western part of Texas. After calming the dogs and directing them back to the house, they walked with the officer to the barn.

The tall, wooden structure was a haven during winter months. One side offered the horses a choice of individual stables. Opposite this area were towering stacks of hay and a loft. Their chickens felt free to come and go, as did sparrows and mice, either for a nesting site or the grains scattered on the dirt floor.



Dusty air and a musty smell greeted the threesome. Turning left, the woman led the game warden to the tack room. Slowly opening a wooden door, he could see a kestrel. Its dark, black eyes followed his every movement.

Over the course of days, the woman had noticed that the bird could fly, but not elevate. Apparently, it was subsisting on the mice and sparrows it could catch with its feet. She and her husband had been successful in herding it into the room.

Hurrying toward the opening the officer had created, the bird tried to escape. Startled and trapped when a large towel suddenly covered it, the small raptor began to protest with shrill, ear-piercing

screams.

By the time the game warden delivered it to Midland, only 30 minutes remained for the workday. From the receptionist's description of size, coloration, beak and talons, we knew TP&W had one of our country's smallest falcons. Traffic and distance precluded our getting the bird until the following day.

Before placing the American kestrel in our carrier, extension of its narrow, pointed wings led to no obvious breaks. However, on the right wing was a tiny lump at the third joint, or wrist of the wing structure.

With a wingspan of nearly 24 inches, this bird of prey would normally hover and glide with ease. Was this

calcification of a break? Would the kestrel eventually fly?

Our drive back to Big Spring was a dusty one. December's winds would have been even worse around Lamesa if we had tried to deliver the falcon to South Plains in Lubbock.

Since the bird would have to spend a few days with us, a large carrier with a log for perching was provided. Mindful of its slender toes and needle-sharp talons, I was able to transfer it to temporary quarters without feeling the wrath it could inflict on my fingers.

For five days, the weather kept challenging the weather forecasters. By early morning, their predictions from the previous night had been cast aside.

It was enjoyable to once again experience the presence of a male kestrel. As he relished a freshly thawed mouse, we could observe his distinctive attire.

The rusty patch on his bluish-gray crown and the two black stripes down the sides of his white face made colorful accents to his head.

A terra cotta color on his back was barred with black. His slate-blue wings that tapered toward his black primaries would hopefully some day give him the ability to fly again while seeking prey.

With his buff-colored belly adorned with black spots and his rufous tail heightened by a broad black band ending with a white tip, he was a handsome dude.

On day six we took advantage of a crisp,

but calm morning. At the wildlife center, Gail Barnes also felt the tiny spot on the bird's wrist. Later in the day, she called to confirm the calcification.

The kestrel's being in the barn had supplied it with a ready food source while it had been recovering from its misfortune. Due to its inactivity while mending, muscle tone and stamina would have to be reestablished before it could be a strong flier. With time, she thought it would be releasable.

Christmas had come early that year. Our gift was to know that the smallest of falcons might once again claim the sky as his own.

*Bebe McCasland is author of The Scoop from Bird Poop. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.*

## Simple question, complex answer

How did you do today? What a question.

A few years ago my oldest son was feeling quite philosophical. He came into the den where I was sitting, sat down beside me and out of a clear, blue sky said, "Dad, how did you do today?"



DARRELL RYAN

Normally this question is usually asked regarding a specific activity or action. But there was no specific activity or action to which he was referring at this time. The question was extremely pointed and open ended. How should I answer that kind of question?

I have thought about it many times since then, and I have questioned myself in detail. I have heard it said that you can blame others for the past but only yourself for the future. I have also heard it said that we are only limited by the scope and size of our own personal vision.

So I ask myself, "How did I do today?"

What was the scope and size of my personal vision today?

Was I honest in all my dealings?

Did I have and show compassion on my fellow workers?

Did I treat folks with dignity and respect?

Was I fair and just in all my dealings?

Did I greet folks with a smile?

Was I a stepping stone or a stumbling block to those around me?

Did I present my life as a positive influence before my children and others who are around me?

These questions and more continue to flood my mind as I ponder that simple question of how did I do today.

We train our children and live our lives by the example we set every day in the way we live, the things we say and the things we do.

What was the training and the example I showed today?

Will Rogers said, "How can I win the rat race without becoming a rat?" Well, I really do not choose to become a rat. I can only hope that my day-to-day dealings are positive and that I always keep in mind that what I accomplish is based on my belief of what I think I can do.

I must look at life as a journey that I am privileged to take and as Mark Twain once said, when it's my time to die, even the undertaker will be sorry.

I don't remember how I answered my son that day, but if someday he asks that question

again, he had better be ready for a long answer. So I pose the same question to you and ask you to think about it — how did you do today?

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

### Sudoku Answer on Page 10

## sudoku

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

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
*Magic Act*

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

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 ♣  
Pass 2 ♦ Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — three of spades.  
There are two ways of looking at today's deal. No doubt most declarers would look at their hand and dummy and see 10 top tricks with no way to score another. They would then cash their winners and finish with an overtrick.  
A smaller group, though — particularly duplicate devotees — would see the deal as offering a legitimate opportunity to score an 11th trick without any risk of making fewer than 10. These players would recognize that if the cards were divided in any of several different

ways, the 11th trick would materialize out of thin air.  
The opportunists would win the opening spade lead with dummy's king and immediately lead a diamond, losing to West's queen. Declarer would take the likely spade return with the ace and lead a second diamond, this time losing to West's ace. After winning the next spade with the queen and discarding dummy's remaining diamond, South would then cash four club tricks.  
East would discard a diamond on the third club, but would run into a dead end on the fourth. If East discarded a heart, South would score the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-8 of hearts, while if East discarded the king of diamonds, South would score an extra diamond trick.  
Observe that the opposing diamonds could be divided in many different ways for the squeeze to work. All that is required is for the defender with the remaining high diamond to also hold four or more hearts. Even if the diamonds were divided 3-3, the defender who won the second diamond would have to be smart enough to cash the third high diamond (if he had the heart length) or lead a third diamond to his partner (if his partner had the heart length).  
And even if the opponent was perceptive enough to do that, nothing would have been lost in the attempt.

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# Murray could Cowboys' next game with injury

IRVING (AP) — NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray has a broken left hand in what could be a damaging blow to the playoff hopes of the Dallas Cowboys.

Murray was set for surgery Monday and might be sidelined Sunday at home against Indianapolis, already a playoff qualifier. Even though the Cowboys just beat Philadelphia to take the NFC East lead, they might have to win both of their remaining games to end a four-year postseason drought.

also-rans Washington and the New York Giants in their final two games, Dallas (10-4) could be knocked out by a loss to the Colts even with a win against the Redskins in the regular-season finale.

Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones said on his radio show Monday that it was "probably a tough expectation" that Murray would play against Indianapolis (10-4), though he wouldn't rule it out.

"The biggest question we have to ask ourselves is, is he functional to do his job," coach

Jason Garrett said. "Can he hold the football, can he carry it under duress, can he block, can he do the things necessary to play the position. He's as strong-willed and determined an individual as I've ever been around. If anybody has a chance to come back, he does."

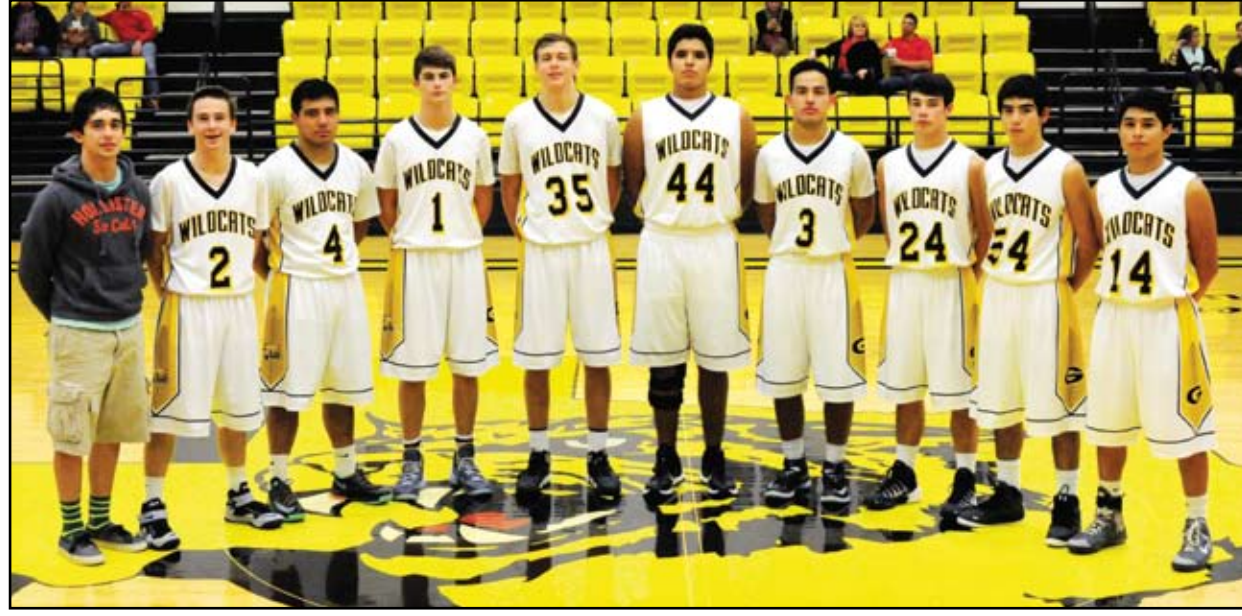
Murray has 1,687 yards rushing and needs 87 yards to break all-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith's franchise record of 1,773 yards. The fourth-year back is 409 yards ahead of Pittsburgh's Le'Veon Bell in the race for the rushing title.

Lance Dunbar and Joseph Randle split carries as Murray's 38-27 win over Philadelphia. Murray was injured near the end of the game. Television footage showed him leaving the field while wincing in pain.

The Cowboys have had Ryan Williams on their practice squad all season. He was taken 33 picks ahead of Murray by Arizona in the 2011 draft. The Cardinals released him after three mostly injury-plagued seasons. Randle, a fifth-round pick last year, has 34 carries for

237 yards and two touchdowns, including a 17-yarder on his only carry against Chicago two weeks ago.

Dunbar has 26 carries for 91 yards but has done most of his damage as a receiver with 16 catches for 207 yards. He doesn't have any touchdowns. An undrafted free agent in his third season, Dunbar had a breakout game on Thanksgiving last year with a team-high 82 yards before sustaining a knee injury in that game against Oakland, knocking him out for the rest of the season.



Courtesy photo

The Grady Wildcats climbed three spots in the latest TABC basketball poll, moving up to No. 4 in the Class A rankings. Sands is ranked No. 24.

## Grady climbs to No. 4 in TABC poll

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Grady High School Wildcats continue to roll up victories on the hardwood, and gain respect among the Class A basketball coaches.

The Wildcats climbed three spots in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, which was released Monday afternoon. Despite losing two games at Andrews' Gym Bice Classic over the weekend, Grady moved to No. 4 in the

rankings.

Texline maintained its hold onto the poll's top spot. Texline has been ranked No. 1 for the past two weeks.

Laneville is the No. 2 ranked team in the poll.

Crowell, despite having not played a game yet, is the third-ranked team in the Class A poll. The Wildcats claimed their second straight six-man football state championship on Saturday with a win over May in the Division I state finals at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Perennial basketball power Graford is ranked No. 5, one spot ahead of another team that has had to step onto the hardwood, Throckmorton.

Throckmorton won its third state title in the past four years on Saturday. The Greyhounds defeated Groom in the Division II state football championships.

Ira, Borden County and Sands were all ranked. Ira is ranked No. 16, while Borden County and Sands are ranked No. 18 and No. 24, respectively.

## Houston hires Ohio State's OC to be head coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston is negotiating with Ohio State offensive coordinator Tom Herman to be its new head coach, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke Monday on condition of anonymity because a deal hadn't been completed.

Houston fired coach Tony Levine last week.

Fox Sports first reported Herman was expected

to be Houston's next coach.

The 39-year-old Herman, a Cincinnati native, spent the first 10 years of his career coaching in the state of Texas before becoming offensive coordinator at Iowa State (2009-11).

He has been quarterbacks coach and play-caller for Ohio State teams that have gone 36-3 the past three seasons. The Buckeyes rank fifth

in the nation in yards per play this season and finished fifth in yards per play last season.

Fourth-seeded Ohio State plays No. 1 Alabama on Jan. 1 in the College Football Playoff.

Under Herman, Buckeyes quarterback Braxton Miller was Big Ten

player of the year in 2012 and '13. Redshirt freshman quarterback J.T. Barrett stepped in this season after Miller was

injured in the preseason, and Herman helped develop him into Heisman Trophy contender. Barrett set a conference record for touchdowns responsible for this season before going down with a season-ending injury against Michigan.

The next week Ohio State won the Big Ten championship game and locked up a playoff spot with a 59-0 victory against Wisconsin.

## Big Spring JV goes winless in San Angelo

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School junior varsity basketball team suffered a tough outing at the recent San Angelo Basketball Tournament. The team posted an 0-3 record during the tournament.

Despite the loss, BSHS coach Eric Tuttle said the team is improving, and will be better because of the tough schedule it has faced.

"We are getting better game by game," he said. "I look forward to the district matchups. We have been played a lot of big schools and I think it will make us a better team in the long run."

The Steers opened the tournament with

a tough 52-41 setback against Midland High.

A.J. Hodnett led Big Spring offensively against Midland by throwing in a team-high 11 points. Chase Williams and Preston Alexander both added 10.

In their second game, the Steers fell to San Angelo Central, 69-42.

Alexander led the team with 12 points. Chase Williams added eight.

Big Spring, despite getting 10 points from Jesus Archuleta, dropped its final game to Abilene Wylie on Saturday, 58-38.

The Steers will return to action tonight when they travel to Midland for a game against the Greenwood High School Rangers.



Photo courtesy Cindy Smith

## WJAC thriller ...

The Howard College Hawks will return to Western Junior College Athletic Conference on Jan. 3 when they host rival South Plains in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Manziel: Loss in first start was 'humbling'

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Along with being sacked, taunted, embarrassed and generally mistreated Sunday by the Cincinnati Bengals, Johnny Manziel got humbled.

The Browns rookie quarterback said Monday that his first NFL start, a 30-0 loss that essentially eliminated Cleveland from the playoffs, was the toughest day he's ever had on a football field.

"It's the first game I've ever not scored a point in and been shut out," Manziel said. "I've played in a lot of games from high school through college, and that one, and I've never been shut out until then. It was definitely tough."

And humbling? "Absolutely," he said. "Very humbling."

Unable to move Cleveland's offense, Manziel completed just 10 of 18 passes for 80 yards. He was intercepted twice, chased around like a fox trying to escape hungry hounds and looked lost in the Browns' biggest game of the season. This wasn't the debut he, legions of his fans or anyone in Cleveland's organization had in mind when he was promoted to replace Brian Hoyer after 13 games.

"You just don't really envision that in your head when you're good throughout the week and you have a really good week of practice," Manziel said. "You feel really confident and really prepared, and then something like that happens."

The Browns ran just 38

offensive plays, gained 107 total yards, crossed the 50-yard line just once and got only five first downs — two of them via defensive penalties.

The team was bad, Manziel was bad but coach Mike Pettine, whose decision to start Manziel is now being debated as aggressively as his choice to bench Hoyer last week, said the performance doesn't cast any doubts on his potential to be a franchise quarterback.

"I think it's too small a sample size," Pettine said. "When you look at how we played around him, I think it's very unfair to judge what somebody's career is going to be like off of their first start. I'm sure you could go back and find a lot of regrettable performances in the first start."

Pettine reiterated the Browns (7-7) will stick with Manziel over the final two games against Carolina and Baltimore. The team isn't viewing it as an audition for Manziel's future. Pettine said there's a chance the team could go into the offseason with its quarterback situation unclear because three games isn't long enough to accurately evaluate any quarterback.

"We'll have a sense (of Manziel), but I still think there will be question marks," Pettine said. "No matter what happens. We'll have a sense, but it's something that I don't think it's going to confirm one way or the other the opinion."

## Lady Steers' JV goes 1-3 in Abilene

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers junior varsity basketball team participated in the Abilene Cooper tournament over the weekend.

In the first game, the Lady Steers dropped a 58-11 decision to Abilene Cooper.

Despite the loss, Big Spring picked up solid play from Kiana Ramsey, Cierra Martinez, and Haylene Davidson. All three finished with three points. Janisha Smith added two.

In the second game, the Lady Steers defeated San Angelo TLCA, 58-2.

Ramsey led the way with 11 points while Lexi Delafuente and Cierra

Martinez had nine each. Smith and Sidney Evans both added eight, while Davidson added five. Brittnee Clay contributed four points, while Yzzy Solis and Krystelle Michaels had two each.

On Saturday morning the Lady Steers lost to Wylie, 55-11. Davidson had six points in the game. Martinez and Sidney Evans finished with four and one, respectively.

In the next game, the Lady Steers lost to Clyde, 33-11.

Ramsey led all BSHS scorers with seven points, Michaels and Martinez had two each.

The Lady Steers JV travel to Greenwood tonight.

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## Mercury Sign Change

Mercury enters Capricorn this evening, joining Venus and Pluto

in the sign of the goat. This is the realm of the steady climb. The phrase associated with

Capricorn is "I use," and it's the ideal time to assess the tools we use to do our life's work and play and tend to any maintenance, upgrades or adjustments that will ease the way.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There are complexities in your personal life. Inaction may be the most intelligent thing you could do. It's better to do nothing than to make a move you don't understand.



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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There's something you need to come to terms with, and you're going to feel restless until you handle it. Once you find peace within yourself, you will find it everywhere else you look, too.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll do things in a way that differs from the way you've done them before. You haven't changed exactly; you've just become more of who you really are, and the old way of doing things doesn't suit the new you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be given a job that someone else failed at before you. Find out what they did wrong and any other pertinent information. This could be your lucky break!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Those who feel disrespected will pose the biggest threat to smooth dealings. Put feelings first. Speak to people's emotions, and you will avoid problems.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You used to depend on someone, but you've grown self-sufficient, and you're quite ready to move on. It starts with separating your own views from your teacher's views.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your spirits are buoyant, and you feel gloriously unencumbered. You will ascend the mood

of whatever circumstance you find yourself in, even if it is already quite good.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your emotional warmth will melt the hostility from any situation. Kindness is a discipline. When you slip, keep bringing it back around to kindness until it becomes your default.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not always going to be positive. Sometimes it's reasonable to think, "I can't do it." But it would be a shame to let that thought keep you from trying.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll lead with your famous ambition. You may fail at a task, but if you do, you'll fail forward. It helps to surround yourself with smart people you can learn from.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The task you've procrastinated on can wait no longer. You'll probably have to coax yourself along. Starting a job is the hardest part, but you can make it easier on yourself by building in a reward.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Stay busy, and the negative emotions won't have time to roost. Also, the more you do the more you're capable of doing. Furthermore, you look good in motion (and someone special will notice).

humanity, the holidays are all about people reaching out to people in warmth and generosity, offering spiritual and emotional uplift. This can be accomplished with a visit, a note or a phone call, but it has to be personal, or it just won't satisfy your holiday heart. So choose your people, and be sure to make those special moments and connections happen -- they will trump anything you could do via taps on a keyboard.

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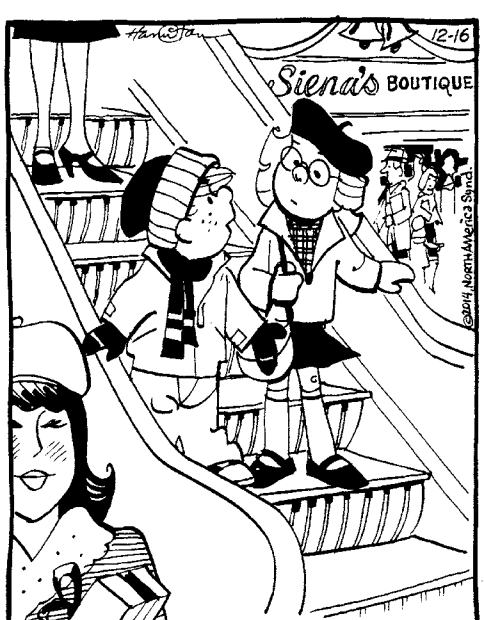
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|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 5:PM  | News                | P. Luche           | Two Men            | CBS                | Tele                  | News                 | Seinfeld             | Justice                | Focus                  | CHiPs               |                                 | Spish, John Candy                               | Ink Master             | Bones               | The Real                                  | I Didn't            | Around               | SportsCenter        |
| 6:PM  | ABC                 | Notic.             | Two Men            | News               | Noticiero             | News                 | Seinfeld             | Called                 | Business               |                     |                                 |   | Ink Master             | Bones               | Movie: The Family That Preys, Tyler Perry | Austin              | College              | NBA                 |
| 7:PM  | Jeopardy!           | La Gata (SS)       | Big Bang           | Ent                | Caso Cerado           | News                 | Seinfeld             | McGee                  | PBS News-Hour          | M*A*S*H             |                                 |   | Ink Master             | Bones               | Movie: Beverly Hills Chihuahua            | I Didn't            | College              | NBA                 |
| 8:PM  | Wheel               | Mi Corazón Es Tuyo | MasterChef         | NCIS (DVS)         | Los Mis-erables (SS)  | Elf: Buddy's Musical | Big Bang             | Upd                    | Sacred Journey         | Griffith            | Moonshiners: Outlaw Moonshiners | Movie: Mir-acle on 34th Street, Dylan McDermott | Ink Master             | Bones               | CSI: NY                                   | Nellyville          | Liv-Mad.             | NBA                 |
| 9:PM  | Charlie Brown       | Hasta el Fin       | New Girl           | NCIS: New Orleans  | Tierra de Reyes (SS)  | The Voice            | Big Bang             | Light of the Southwest | Sacred Journey         | Heroes              |                                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 10:PM | Landing Prep &      | La Malquerida (SS) | Mod Fam            | Person of Interest | Señora Acero (SS)     |                      | Big Bang             | Ground                 | Chef's Life Holiday    | Gilligan            | To Be Announced                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 11:PM | Forever             | Impacto            | Cleveland          | News               | Tele                  | News                 | Conan                | With Schol-ars         | Charlie Rose           | Cheers              | Moonshiners                     | Movie: Mir-acle on 34th Street, Dylan McDermott | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 12:AM | News                | Noticiero          | Cleveland          | Letterman          | Titulares             | Tonight Show         | Conan                | Ministerios Vida       | T. Smiley              | Dragnet             |                                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 1:AM  | Jimmy Kim-mel Live  | La Que No          | How I Met Ferguson |                    | Tierra de Reyes (SS)  | Seth Meyers          | Conan                | Upd                    | T. Smiley              | Perry Mason         |                                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 2:AM  | Nightline           | Amorito Corazón    | TMZ                | Insider            | Señora Acero (SS)     | News                 | Cougar               | Chevalme               | Light of the Southwest | Gallery             |                                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 3:AM  | Extra               | Alma               | Law & Order: SVU   | Paid               | Señora Acero (SS)     | News                 | Cougar               | Chevalme               | Light of the Southwest | Gallery             |                                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
| 4:AM  | Paid                | Alma               | Law & Order: SVU   | Paid               | Señora Acero (SS)     | News                 | Cougar               | Chevalme               | Light of the Southwest | Gallery             |                                 |   | Ink Master             | CSI: NY             | Nellyville                                | Dog                 | College              | NBA                 |
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"OF COURSE I KNOW WHAT EXPENSIVE MEANS. IT MEANS YOU DON'T NEED IT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



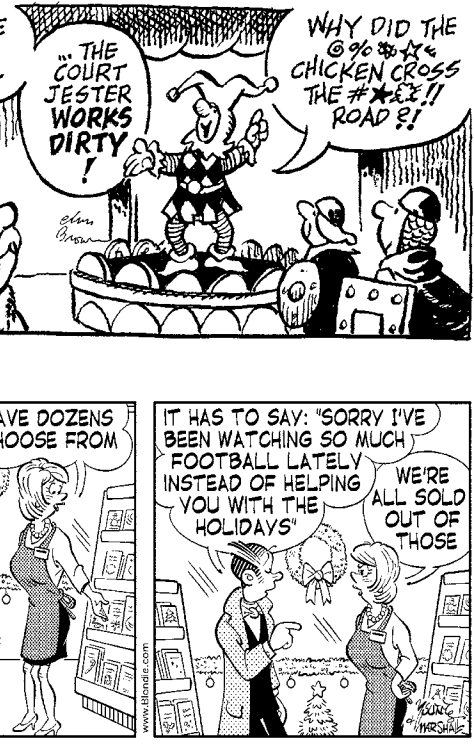
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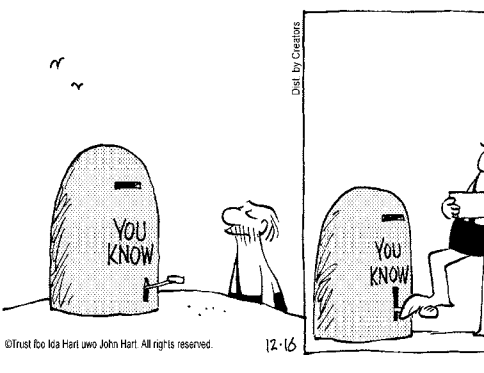
"I HEARD THE KING'S CASTLE IS DIRTY... BUT IT LOOKS CLEAN TO ME!"

BLONDIE



"IT HAS TO SAY: 'SORRY I'VE BEEN WATCHING SO MUCH FOOTBALL LATELY INSTEAD OF HELPING YOU WITH THE HOLIDAYS'"

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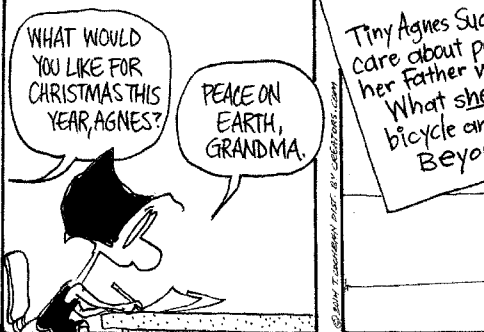
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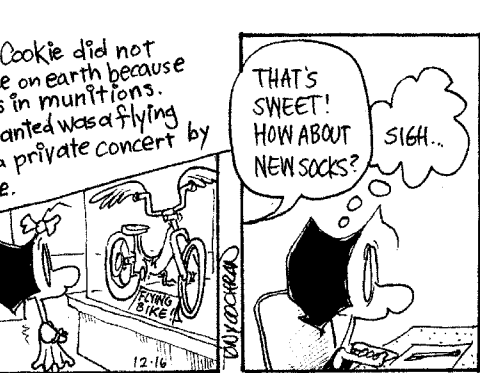


"I SEE YOU'VE MET HENRY"

AGNES



"WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, AGNES?"



"THAT'S SWEET! HOW ABOUT NEW SOCKS?"

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"NICE BLOUSE!"



"I KNOW. I DONATED IT."

THE OTHER COAST

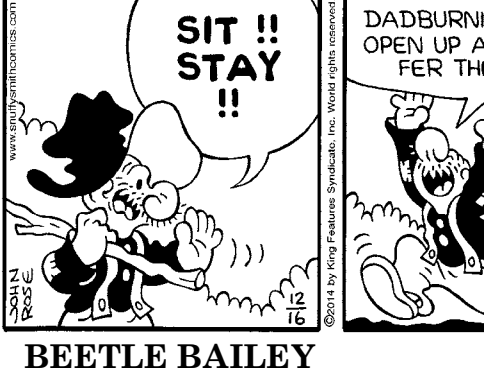


"IT'S CAMERON, THE SLIGHTLY DEAF RESCUED DOG."



"THEY SHOULD FIT STROBE LIGHTS ON KEY FOBS."

SNUFFY SMITH



"SIT !! STAY !!"

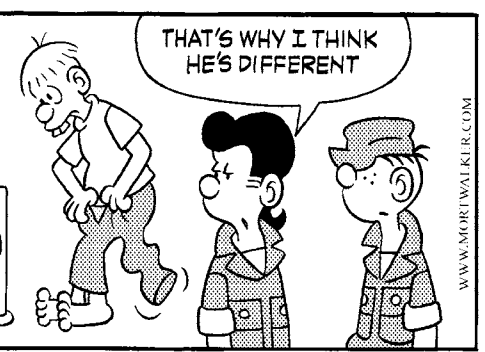


"DADBURNIT, I WISH SOMEBODY'D OPEN UP AN OBEDIENCE SCHOOL FOR THEM DANG THINGS !!"

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"ZERO ISN'T LIKE THE REST OF US"



"THAT'S WHY I THINK HE'S DIFFERENT"

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2014. There are 15 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise attack against Allied forces through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and Luxembourg (the Allies were eventually able to turn the Germans back).

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest tea taxes.

In 1809, the French Senate granted a divorce decree to Emperor Napoleon I and Empress Josephine (the dissolution was made final the following month).

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In 1950, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "world conquest by Communist imperialism."

In 1956, Francis Cardinal Spellman, the Archbishop of New York, personally denounced the about-to-be released movie "Baby Doll" starring Carroll Baker, saying Catholics would be committing a sin if they saw it.

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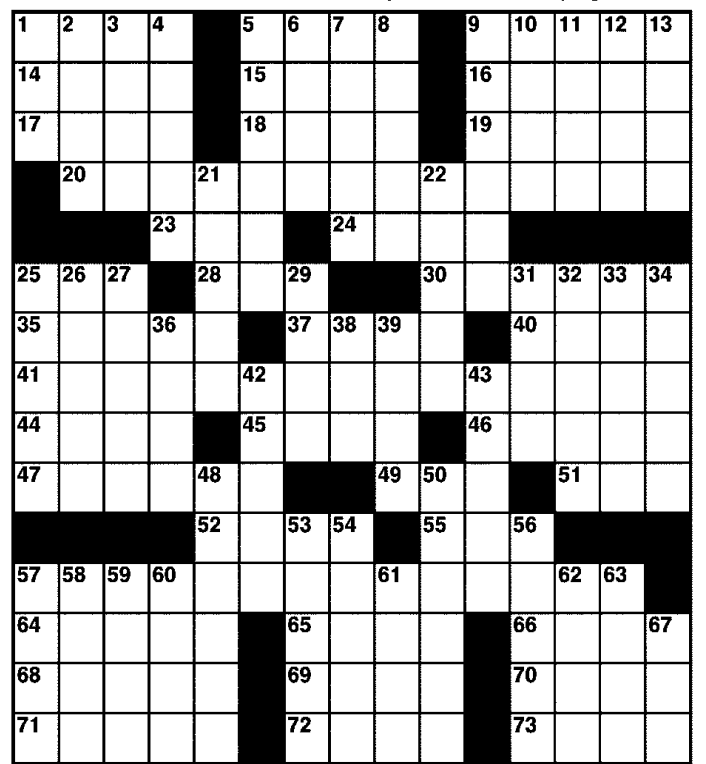
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Newsday Crossword

RECYCLING DAY by Gail Grabowski

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- ACROSS
  - 1 Top poker cards
  - 5 Mid-March day
  - 9 Throws forcefully
  - 14 Wood strip
  - 15 California wine valley
  - 16 Leading by a point
  - 17 Rabbit relative
  - 18 Skinny
  - 19 Beauty pageant crown
  - 20 Bleach containers
  - 23 Be untruthful
  - 24 Sensible
  - 25 Restaurant bill
  - 28 Stereo records: Abbr.
  - 30 South Pacific resort island
  - 35 Absolutely perfect
  - 37 Star Wars princess
  - 40 Sign of the future
  - 41 Seven-per-week publications
  - 44 Omelet ingredients
  - 45 Creative thought
  - 46 Discontinue
  - 47 Escort to the exit
  - 49 Informal refusal
  - 51 Tennis-court divider
  - 52 Get ready, for short
  - 55 Tip of a sock
  - 57 Containers carried by movers
  - 64 In flames
  - 65 Ripped (up)
  - 66 Minimally
  - 68 Social \_\_\_ (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
  - 69 Nights before holidays
  - 70 Walking stick
  - 71 Used a broom
  - 72 Small salamander
  - 73 Youngster
  - 8 Brazilian dance
  - 9 Chinese restaurant beverage
  - 10 \_\_\_ of measure (pound or mile)
  - 11 Genuine
  - 12 Draw in
  - 13 Resorts with hot springs
  - 21 Inane
  - 22 Ready in the keg
  - 25 Ocean movements
  - 26 Wise saying
  - 27 Light baying
  - 29 Winter vehicle
  - 31 Long (for)
  - 32 "That is to say . . ."
  - 33 Not saying much
  - 34 Atlas closeup map
  - 36 Additionally
  - 38 Lamb's mom
  - 39 "This \_\_\_ outrage!"
  - 42 Explosive liquid, briefly
  - 43 Sneeze sound
  - 48 Optimistic
  - 50 If all goes right
  - 53 Gone from one's plate
  - 54 Show to be true
  - 56 Precise
  - 57 Rotating machine parts
  - 58 Not too many
  - 59 Take a bus or train
  - 60 Faucet annoyance
  - 61 Sketched
  - 62 Online auction site
  - 63 Kitchen basin
  - 67 Golf peg



# Junior high teams take 3rd at Kermit, fall to Sweetwater

The Big Spring Junior High Lady Steers seventh grade A team suffered a tough 21-18 loss to Sweetwater on Monday night.

Kynleigh Joy led the way scoring six points. Trinity Galloway, Amber Martinez and Austyn Montgomery all contributed four.

Galloway also led defensively with six rebounds and three steals. Trinity Evans and Marissa Aguilar combined for eight rebounds and eight steals.

The seventh grade B team suffered a 19-15 setback.

Offensively, Marisa Salazar led the team with seven points and five steals. Mackenzie Rodriques added four points, four steals and

two assists, while Mariah Chavarría and Jazzmin Allen each tipped in two points.

Kristiana Gutierrez, Amaya Cobos and Obri Guzman led the defense with outstanding hustle.

The BSJHS eighth grade B team suffered a tough 42-16 loss.

The defensive players of the game were Ailana Besarra and Chloe Bustamante, both had great hustle. Hallie Hyatt and Jesusita Cerda led in rebounds.

Offensively, Jesusita Cerda led with eight points. Belle Ramirez added four points, while Madison Bosly and Maisy Talamantes each had two.

The eighth grade A team took care of business, beating Sweetwater by a score of 36-30.

The offensive players of the game were Kamri Kemper and Logan Terrazas. Each finished with eight points.

Leading the defense was Leah Rivera.

At the Kermit tournament over the weekend, the 7th A team started out slow on Saturday, losing to Seagraves by the score of 24-8. They rallied back that afternoon to beat Monahans, 30-27 and finished third overall.

Martinez scored 12 points, Joy scored eight and Callie Leicht scored six for the day. Montgomery had 13 rebounds. Martinez also had 10 steals, while Evans and Galloway contributed five and four steals respectfully.

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade

A team started off the tournament with a 25-19 win against Pecos.

Alexis Starr was the leading scorer with four points.

Big Spring suffered a 26-20 loss to Seagraves in their next game.

Leading the way offensively was Kemper with seven points.

The final game for a third place finish was against the home team, Kermit. The Lady Steers pulled off a 35-28 victory.

Logan Terrazas was the leading scorer with 14 points.

The Lady Steers will have a break for the holidays and will return to battle on Jan. 12, 2015, when they host the Lamesa Lady Tornados. Game times will be at 5 pm and 6:30 p.m.

## Scoreboard

### National Football League American Conference

|            | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-New Eng. | 11 | 3  | 0 | .786 | 442 | 280 |
| Buffalo    | 8  | 6  | 0 | .571 | 302 | 254 |
| Miami      | 7  | 7  | 0 | .500 | 327 | 301 |
| N.Y. Jets  | 3  | 11 | 0 | .214 | 231 | 360 |

|                | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|----------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Indianapolis | 10 | 4  | 0 | .714 | 424 | 317 |
| Houston        | 7  | 7  | 0 | .500 | 324 | 277 |
| Tennessee      | 2  | 12 | 0 | .143 | 231 | 390 |
| Jacksonville   | 2  | 12 | 0 | .143 | 211 | 376 |

|            | W | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Cincinnati | 9 | 4 | 1 | .679 | 311 | 289 |
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 5 | 0 | .643 | 389 | 339 |
| Baltimore  | 9 | 5 | 0 | .643 | 376 | 267 |
| Cleveland  | 7 | 7 | 0 | .500 | 276 | 300 |

|             | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Denver    | 11 | 3  | 0 | .786 | 407 | 303 |
| Kansas City | 8  | 6  | 0 | .571 | 322 | 254 |
| San Diego   | 8  | 6  | 0 | .571 | 303 | 294 |
| Oakland     | 2  | 12 | 0 | .143 | 213 | 381 |

### National Conference

|              | W  | L  | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| Dallas       | 10 | 4  | 0 | .714 | 381 | 328 |
| Philadelphia | 9  | 5  | 0 | .643 | 416 | 347 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 5  | 9  | 0 | .357 | 317 | 339 |
| Washington   | 3  | 11 | 0 | .214 | 257 | 370 |

|             | W | L  | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|---|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| New Orleans | 6 | 8  | 0 | .429 | 364 | 374 |
| Carolina    | 5 | 8  | 1 | .393 | 288 | 358 |
| Atlanta     | 5 | 9  | 0 | .357 | 348 | 369 |
| Tampa Bay   | 2 | 12 | 0 | .143 | 254 | 367 |

|           | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-----------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Detroit   | 10 | 4 | 0 | .714 | 281 | 238 |
| Green Bay | 10 | 4 | 0 | .714 | 436 | 325 |
| Minnesota | 6  | 8 | 0 | .429 | 277 | 297 |
| Chicago   | 5  | 9 | 0 | .357 | 296 | 409 |

### West

|           | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-----------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| x-Arizona | 11 | 3 | 0 | .786 | 287 | 244 |
| Seattle   | 10 | 4 | 0 | .714 | 339 | 242 |
| San Fran. | 7  | 7 | 0 | .500 | 251 | 285 |
| St. Louis | 6  | 8 | 0 | .429 | 291 | 297 |

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division

### Monday's Game

New Orleans 31, Chicago 15  
Thursday, Dec. 18  
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:25 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 20

Philadelphia at Washington, 4:30 p.m.  
San Diego at San Francisco, 8:25 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 21

Baltimore at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.  
Buffalo at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.  
Seattle at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

### BASKETBALL

#### National Basketball Association Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division |    |    |      |     |
|-------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                   | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Toronto           | 19 | 6  | .760 | —   |
| Brooklyn          | 10 | 12 | .455 | 7½  |
| Boston            | 8  | 14 | .364 | 9½  |
| New York          | 5  | 21 | .192 | 14½ |
| Philadelphia      | 2  | 22 | .083 | 16½ |

| Southeast Division |    |    |      |     |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Washington         | 17 | 6  | .739 | —   |
| Atlanta            | 17 | 7  | .708 | ½   |
| Miami              | 11 | 13 | .458 | 6½  |
| Orlando            | 10 | 17 | .370 | 9   |
| Charlotte          | 6  | 18 | .250 | 11½ |

| Central Division |    |    |      |    |
|------------------|----|----|------|----|
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
| Memphis          | 19 | 4  | .826 | —  |
| Houston          | 18 | 5  | .783 | 1  |
| San Antonio      | 17 | 8  | .680 | 3  |
| Dallas           | 17 | 8  | .680 | 3  |
| New Orleans      | 11 | 12 | .478 | 8  |

| Northwest Division |    |    |      |     |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                    | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Portland           | 19 | 6  | .760 | —   |
| Oklahoma City      | 11 | 13 | .458 | 7½  |
| Denver             | 10 | 14 | .417 | 8½  |
| Utah               | 6  | 18 | .250 | 12½ |
| Minnesota          | 5  | 18 | .217 | 13  |

| Pacific Division |    |    |      |     |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Golden State     | 21 | 2  | .913 | —   |
| L.A. Clippers    | 17 | 7  | .708 | 4½  |
| Phoenix          | 12 | 14 | .462 | 10½ |
| Sacramento       | 11 | 13 | .458 | 10½ |
| L.A. Lakers      | 8  | 17 | .320 | 14  |

Monday's Games  
Boston 105, Philadelphia 87  
Indiana 110, L.A. Lakers 91  
Cleveland 97, Charlotte 88  
Atlanta 93, Chicago 86  
Toronto 95, Orlando 82  
Milwaukee 96, Phoenix 94  
Portland 108, San Antonio 95  
L.A. Clippers 113, Detroit 91

Tuesday's Games  
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Dallas at New York, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

### TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Kristen Hudak director of public relations.  
BOSTON RED SOX — Acquired SS Marco Hernandez from the Chicago Cubs to complete an earlier trade and assigned him to Portland (EL).  
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with Cs Brett Hayes and Adam Moore, OF Destin Hood and 1B/OF Jerry Sands on minor league contracts.  
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with SS Jed Lowrie on a three-year contract.  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Yohan Pino on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Casey Coleman for assignment.  
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with 3B Chase Headley on a four-year contract.

**National League**  
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with INF Alberto Callaspo on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Anthony Varvaro for assignment.  
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP Jon Lester on a six-year contract.  
NEW YORK METS — Designated RHP Gonzalez Germen for assignment. Agreed to terms with OF John Mayberry Jr. on a one-year contract.

**American Association**  
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Traded RHP Matt Robertson to Florence (Frontier) for future considerations.

**Frontier League**  
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed RHP Brad Duffy to a contract extension and OF Jordan Coffey and RHP Jose Rada.

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