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Taxman cometh

Feb. 2 deadline to pay property levy without penalty

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

If you've been putting off paying your property tax bills until the last minute, fair warning — the last minute is almost here.

Homeowners have until Feb. 2 (Jan. 31, the traditional deadline, falls on a Saturday) to pay their tax bills without penalties or interest, said Diane Carter, Howard County tax assessor/collector.

Payments can be made in person at the county tax office (315 Main St., Suite D), by mail (P.O. Box 1111) or by credit card over the phone (1-800-272-9829), Carter said.

Once the deadline passes, taxpayers will begin accruing penalties and interest on their unpaid balance. That schedule is as follows:

- February — 6 percent penalty, 1 percent interest.
- March — 7 percent penalty, 2 percent interest.
- April — 8 percent penalty, 3 percent interest.
- May — 9 percent penalty, 4 percent interest.
- June — 10 percent penalty, 5 percent interest.
- July — 12 percent penalty, 6 percent interest. In addition, attorney fees will be added to the tax bill.

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White, wet wintry weather



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A winter storm front passed through the area Thursday, bringing rain and some snow. No accumulations were reported and temperatures are expected to gradually rise through the weekend.

College dedicates SimDental Center

By **CINDY SMITH**

Special to the Herald

Howard College officials will have a formal ribbon cutting to dedicate the new F. Marie Hall SimDental Center on Monday at 10:30am.

The ceremony will be held at the SimDental Center on the first floor of the Horace Garrett Center on the campus of Howard College.

"We are so excited about the simulation center and what this will mean for the future of our dental hygiene program," said Dr. Cheryl

T. Sparks, President of Howard College. "And we are so grateful to Marie Hall for her vision and development of the center."

The SimDental Center is part of the second phase of the strategic plan for the dental hygiene program and would not be possible without the generous support of Marie Hall.

Hall, a long time friend of Howard College, has been instrumental in taking programs such as distance learning, nursing, fine arts, child

care and others to the next level.

"Many programs at Howard College are where they are today thanks to Marie Hall," said Sparks. "Her belief in our students and our college has provided a strong foundation for us to build upon and we appreciate her willingness to give of herself in such generous ways."

The SimDental Center will bring the program's technology and resources to a new level through the

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House heads to vote on border security legislation

By **ERICA WERNER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House is moving toward a vote on a bill aimed at securing the U.S. border with Mexico as majority Republicans try to show they can chart their own course on immigration, not just oppose President Barack Obama's.

The legislation passed the House Homeland Security Committee late Wednesday on a party-line vote of 18-12, and the full House is expected to take it up next week.

"For God's sakes, if we can't unite around border security what can we unite around?" said GOP Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, the committee's chairman.

It's uncertain whether House Republicans will unite behind the measure. Conservatives who have scuttled past attempts by GOP leaders to deal with the issue expressed concerns that the legislation does too little to stem illegal immigration.

Several also groused that leadership was trying to rally support for the border security bill instead of making a strong stand against recent executive actions by Obama granting relief from deportation to millions.

The border bill "is a show horse, not

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Jeh Johnson
 Homeland Security Secretary

a work horse, and as such it is an effort to convince the American people that we are doing something substantive to secure the border when in fact nothing substantive is being done," said Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala.

The Obama administration said the bill "would actually leave the border less secure."

In a statement released Thursday night, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said, "The bill sets mandatory and highly prescriptive standards that

the Border Patrol itself regards as impossible to achieve, undermines the Department of Homeland Security's capacity to adapt to emerging threats, and politicizes tactical decisions." He called the bill "unworkable, plain and simple."

Congressional Democrats said the bill was filled with unrealistic mandates that would make it harder for border agents to do their jobs, while proposing to spend \$10 billion on an array of drones, surveillance systems, radar, fencing and other technologies that might do little real good.

"It is overly prescriptive and it is impossible, operationally, to succeed," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas. "This bill militarizes the nation."

A companion version was introduced in the Senate by Republicans Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, Jeff Flake of Arizona and John Cornyn of Texas. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Thursday he was adding his name as a co-sponsor. McCain, who led efforts on a comprehensive, bipartisan immigration bill that passed the Senate in 2013, said border security must come first.

The bill would require operational control of high-traffic areas of the border within two years, and operational control of the full border within five years.

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Obituaries

Doyle Dean Maynard



Doyle Dean Maynard, 80, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Larry Marshall and Rick Cunningham officiating.

He was born Feb. 7, 1934, in Sweetwater, Texas and married LaVelle Maynard April 6, 1957, in Big Spring, Texas.

Doyle graduated from Big Spring High School, where he played football and ran track, in 1954. He attended Abilene Christian College, graduating in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in theology. He received his master's degree in individual marriage and family therapy from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1984. Doyle preached in Sheveport,

La. for 18 years and in San Antonio for 10 years. He moved back to Big Spring in November 2003 and had preached at the Garden City Church of Christ for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, LaVelle Maynard of Big Spring; one daughter, Tina Deanne Gammill of Dallas; one son, Bryan Maynard and wife, Kay of San Antonio; and four grandchildren, Nash Gammill, Austin Maynard, Bailey Gammill and Robi Ann Gammill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amon and Ann Maynard.

The family suggests memorials to Manuelito Navajo Children's Home, P. O. Box 58 Gallup, N.M. 87305 or to the American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring St., Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Paid obituary

Sue Noel



Sue Noel, 75, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Gilstrap Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 5, 1939, in Welch, Texas and married Don Noel May 27, 1977, in Lamesa, Texas.

Sue graduated from Dawson High School in Welch, Texas in 1957. She moved to Lubbock and worked at Time D/C Credit Union for 13 years. She then moved to Odessa and worked for Odessa 66 Credit Union, retiring as Vice-President after 24 years. She then moved to Big Spring in 2008.

Survivors include her husband, Don Noel of Big Spring; four sons, Kelley Stewart and wife Sandra of Lamesa, Victor Noel of Big Spring, Kelly Don Noel and wife Lisa of Grand Junction, Colo. and Justin Noel and wife, Grainne of Celina; four daughters, Emily Uzzle and husband, Mark of Grapevine, Gwyn Burns of Big Spring, Shelley Kerby of Leander and Lana Elaine Young and husband Larry of Jarrell; two brothers, Jerry Kelley of Las Cruces, N.M. and Jackie Kelley of Lamesa; two sisters, Marie Kidd of Lamesa and Pat Hinkle of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Alice Bingham Kelley; one sister, Peggy Blair; and one brother, Leonard Kelley.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

Camie Spurgin



Camie Spurgin, 34, of Big Spring died Jan. 21, 2015, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Donald Pryor officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 21, 1981, in Big Spring to Barbara and Ray Spurgin. She graduated from Coahoma High School

in 2000. She was a member of the Assembly of God and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by her parents, Barbara and Ray Spurgin of Big Spring; two brothers, Lee Spurgin of Big Spring and Tim Spurgin of Corpus Christi; nine nieces and nephews; a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins; and grandparents, Leon and Joyce McBee of Brady.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles and Alice Spurgin.

Donations can be made at Wells Fargo for the Camie Spurgin Memorial Fund.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- LEROY SIFUENTES, 19, of 601 Caylor Drive was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence, threat or offensive touch.

- ALEX FERRELL PARADEZ, 23, of 901 E. 16th St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- JOHNNY JR. DELACRUZ, 34, of 502 S. Bell St. was arrested on a warrant for harassment.

- JOHN GLENN HAMILTON, 26, of 1512 Stadium was arrested on warrants for failure to appear (8 counts), no driver's license-when unlicensed; defective tail lamps, right turn on red where prohibited; and expired registration (two counts).

- PURSUIT was reported in the area of E. 15th St.

- FORGERY was reported in the 3100 block of E. Highway 350.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported on north Highway 87 by TA.

- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- RAMIRO LUCIO JR., 24, was

booked by the HCSO on warrants for unauthorized use of a vehicle and burglary of a building.

- JOHN GLENN HAMILTON, 26, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for no valid driver license, defective tail lamp; failure to appear (8 counts); right turn on red where prohibited; and display expired registration (2 counts).

- JOSEPH SHELDON HOOD, 52, was booked by the BSPD on a CAPIAS warrant for theft.

- GLORIA ROBLEGO MARTINEZ, 50, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for duty on striking unattended vehicle.

- KELLEN CRUZ PADRON, 23, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions

program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease pa-

tients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sym-

pathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential.

Today's Weather

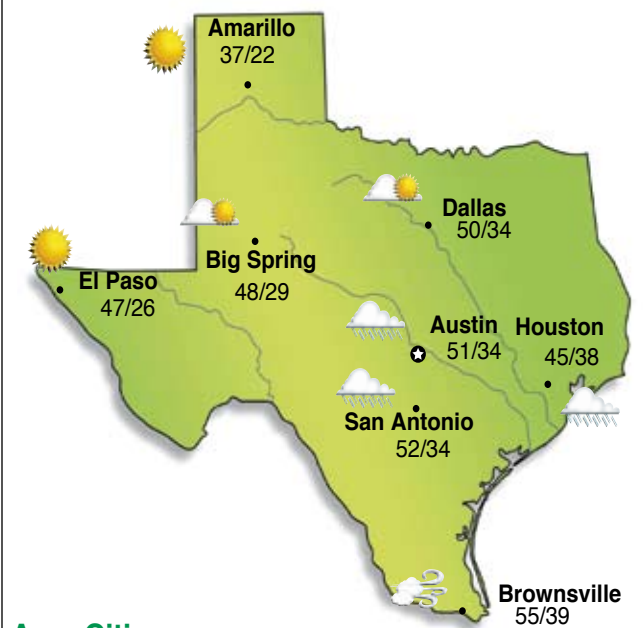
Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/24	Sun 1/25	Mon 1/26	Tue 1/27	Wed 1/28
48/29 Partly cloudy skies. High 48F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.	57/35 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	65/38 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	66/41 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	67/43 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	48	33	pt sunny
Amarillo	37	22	sunny
Austin	51	34	rain
Beaumont	43	32	rain
Brownsville	55	39	windy
Brownwood	47	30	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	50	37	cloudy
Corsicana	49	32	cloudy
Dallas	50	34	pt sunny
Del Rio	52	33	pt sunny
El Paso	47	26	sunny
Fort Stockton	45	30	pt sunny
Gainesville	49	31	pt sunny
Greenville	49	32	pt sunny
Houston	45	38	rain
Kingsville	53	38	windy
Livingston	43	33	rain
Longview	47	31	rain
Lubbock	45	25	pt sunny
Lufkin	45	33	rain
Midland	46	28	pt sunny
Raymondville	54	38	windy
Rosenberg	45	34	rain
San Antonio	52	34	rain
San Marcos	50	36	rain
Sulphur Springs	49	34	pt sunny
Sweetwater	47	31	pt sunny
Tyler	48	33	rain
Weatherford	51	33	pt sunny
Wichita Falls	49	31	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	39	rain
Boston	37	29	sunny
Chicago	37	31	pt sunny
Dallas	50	34	pt sunny
Denver	45	23	mst sunny
Houston	45	38	rain
Los Angeles	72	53	sunny
Miami	79	72	pt sunny
Minneapolis	37	31	frz rain
New York	39	32	sunny
Phoenix	63	45	mst sunny
San Francisco	67	51	sunny
Seattle	53	52	rain
St. Louis	44	31	sunny
Washington, DC	46	36	cloudy

Lottery

The winning numbers Thursday in the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were: 18-21-23-28, Bonus: 4.

The winning numbers Thursday in the Texas Lottery's "All or Nothing Night" game were: 02-07-09-10-11-12-13-15-16-19-20-21.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 7-6-1-5, Sum It Up: 19.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 9-8-3, Sum It Up: 20.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 27
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Contact: 432-263-7641

Jan. 29
Big Spring Visitor Center Grand Opening:
113 E. 3rd Street.
Contact: 432-263-8235

Jan. 31
13th Annual Chili Cook Off:
703 West 3rd Street
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- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- Reservations are being taken for transportation to the 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 and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.
- 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
- 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 Crossroads Young Marines is 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.
- 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 or 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.

TAXES

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An installment plan is available for taxpayers 65 or older. Carter said those people can pay in four installments as long as they make their first payment by the Jan. 31 deadline. Subsequent payments will be due by March 31, May 31 and July 31.

"For other people, we will take partial payments, but they will acquire penalties and interest for the portion of their tax bills not paid before Jan. 31," Carter said.

For more information, contact the tax office at 264-2232.

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

BORDER

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The bill defines operational control as stopping or turning back all attempted border crossings, which Democrats said was unrealistic. Some past immigration and border bills, including one advanced in the last Congress by McCaul's committee, have sought to block 90 percent of would-be crossers.

McCaul's earlier border bill won unanimous Democratic support by

leaving it up to the administration to come up with a strategy to secure the border. This time he abandoned Democrats to write a bill designed to be tougher and win more GOP support.

It comes as a number of rank-and-file congressional Republicans are eager to advance immigration legislation of their own and hope a border bill will be just a first step. The Senate's immigration overhaul legislation stalled in the House in the last Congress because of conservative opposition. Now

some Republicans want to show they can offer solutions to the pressing national issue, especially heading into the 2016 presidential election where the Latino vote could be critical.

"It's incredibly frustrating to absorb, continue to absorb, the whacks on doing nothing on the issue," said Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev. "I'm just tired of defending nothing, I can't defend nothing."

Obama cited House inaction as he took unilateral steps in November to offer deportation

relief and work permits to some 4 million immigrants here illegally, a move that infuriated Republicans.

House Republicans attached language to a must-pass spending bill for the Homeland Security Department last week to block Obama's move, but the measure faces near-certain defeat in the Senate, leaving Republicans still searching for a way to stop the president. That issue is certain to complicate any immigration legislation Republicans seek to advance.

CENTER

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addition of the simulation lab.

"There are very few dental simulation labs across the nation, particularly associated with dental hygiene programs. Most are found at Schools of Dentistry," added Sparks. "So we will definitely be on the

cutting edge of technology with the addition of this lab for our program due to the vision and innovation encouraged by Marie Hall."

The center is located adjacent to the existing dental hygiene clinic and will house 10 smart simulation units. These units will enhance students' learning experiences without requiring live patients. The equipment will increase

hands-on learning opportunities for students and strengthen skill sets necessary for entering the workforce.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the ribbon cutting ceremony. Immediately following

the ceremony, refreshments and tours will be available.

For more information, contact Cindy Smith at csmith@howardcollege.edu or visit www.howardcollege.edu

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Barack Obama is in your face!

At times Tuesday night, you didn't know whether Barack Obama was giving a State of the Union speech or narrating a bar brawl.

He used words such as “fighting,” “vicious,” “grit,” “fearful,” “threats,” “crush” and “explode.”

Obama was two-fisted, in your face and full of fighting words. It was difficult to remember that he had begun his presidential career as a peace candidate.

But in his second-to-last State of the Union address, he wanted to make sure to take his victory laps early.

“At every step, we were told our goals were misguided or too ambitious, that we would crush jobs and explode deficits,” Obama said.

But did that happen? You bet your booties it didn't!

“Instead, we've seen the fastest economic growth in over a decade, our deficits cut by two-thirds, a stock market that has doubled and health care inflation at its lowest rate in 50 years,” Obama said.

So score one for his side. And while you're keeping score, he had a few other claims to make.

That Vladimir Putin fella? The guy whom conservatives praised for his action and determination? “He makes a decision, and he executes it, quickly,” former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani said of Putin last March. “Then everybody reacts. That's what you call a leader.”

Yeah, well, what do you think of your Putin now, Rudy?

“Last year, as we were do-

ing the hard work of imposing sanctions along with our allies, some suggested that Mr. Putin's aggression was a masterful display of strategy and strength,” Obama said Tuesday night. “Well, today it is America that stands strong and united with our allies, while Russia is isolated, with its economy in tatters.”

And Obama even attacked the holiest of holies, the conservative credo that Ronald Reagan had enshrined with these words: “The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: ‘I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.’”

Big deal, said Obama. “We need to set our sights higher than just making sure government doesn't screw things up,” he said.

And speaking about people who screw things up, let's talk about the press.

“You know, just over a decade ago, I gave a speech in Boston, where I said there wasn't a liberal America or a conservative America, a black America or a white America, but a United States of America,” Obama said, referring to his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

It was a speech, by the way, that ABC, CBS and NBC did not carry live, because Obama was a semi-nobody from Illinois who had served barely two years in the Senate.

I guess some in the media underestimated him a little bit.

“Over the past six years, the pundits have pointed out more than once that my presidency hasn't delivered on this vision,” Obama said Tuesday. “How ironic, they say, that our politics seems more divided than ever.”

The media point to our divisions “as proof not just of my

own flaws, of which there are many,” Obama said, “but also as proof that the vision itself is misguided and naive.”

But don't fall for what the media are telling you!

“I know how tempting such cynicism may be,” Obama said. “But I still think the cynics are wrong.”

And they are wrong, because they fail to grasp Obama's vision of what he called — and you could hear the capital letters — a “Better Politics.”

“A Better Politics isn't one where Democrats abandon their agenda or Republicans simply embrace mine,” Obama said. “A Better Politics is one where we appeal to each other's basic decency instead of our basest fears.”

Obama said he can see the future, the future this Better Politics will lead to.

A Better Politics, he said, “is one where we debate without demonizing each other, where we talk issues and values and principles and facts rather than ‘gotcha’ moments or trivial gaffes or fake controversies that have nothing to do with people's daily lives.”

Personally, I found that last point terrifying.

No more “gotcha” moments? No more concentration on trivial gaffes or fake controversies?

What on earth will the press do for a living?

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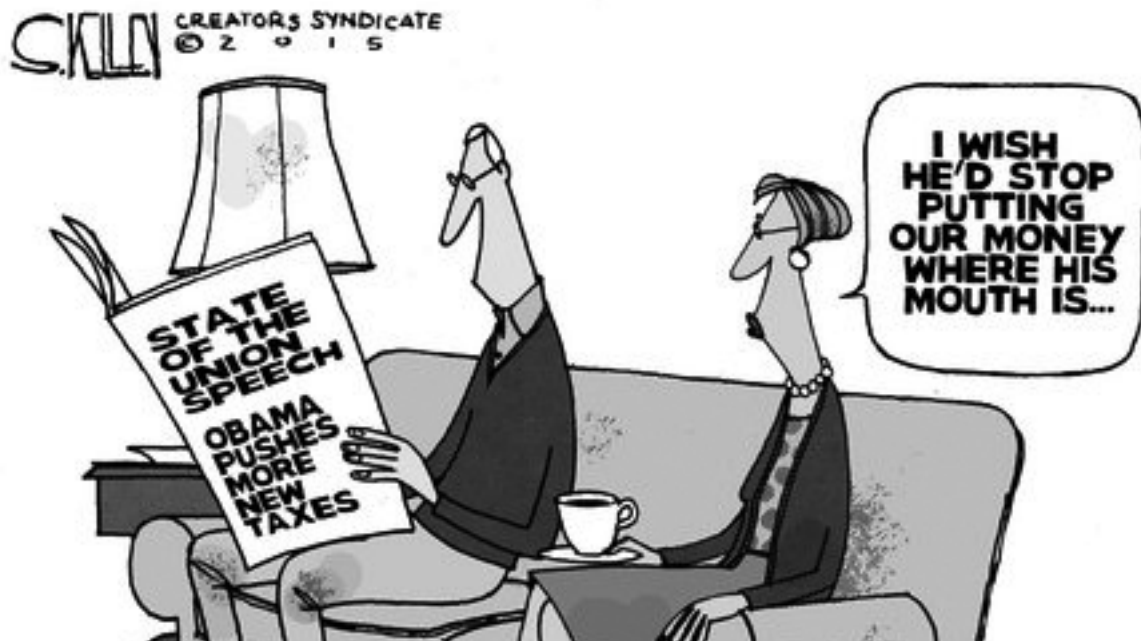
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DAILY PRAYER

May we remember you created sun as well as the cold.

Amen



Obama croons: I did it my way

As President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union speech Tuesday night, I saw all of 2015 flash before my eyes. It was a smart speech that wisely stuck to “middle-class” values and was shrewdly short on details. I saw another year of the president not compromising. For Republicans, it was Groundhog Day — an endless loop of the president talking up bipartisanship without practicing it.

“Bold Call to Action in Obama's State of the Union, Even if No Action Is Likely,” read one headline. And below it: “Obama Speaks as Though His Party Won the Midterms.” Both headlines hail not from a conservative rag but from The New York Times.

“Watching an emboldened Mr. Obama, it would have been easy to forget that he was standing there just two months after the biggest electoral repudiation of his presidency. Indeed, with economic indicators on the rise and his own poll numbers rebounding slightly, he made no reference at all to the midterm elections, offered no concessions about his own leadership and proposed no compromises to accommodate the political real-

ity,” wrote Times reporter Peter Baker.

I quote the Times because if I wrote what Baker wrote, some readers of my column in the paper where I work, the San Francisco Chronicle, would yelp; they would cry foul and see only sour grapes and knee-jerk opposition.

A confident Obama, unbowed and crowing he won in 2008 and 2012, was good clean fun for the liberal base.

But what does the rest of America get out of this bluster? Bupkis.

GOP leaders didn't do the party any favors by picking newly elected Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa to deliver the Republican response.

In eat-your-vegetables mode, Ernst recalled her small-town childhood, when she had only one good pair of shoes — so when it rained, her mom slid a plastic bread bag over each foot. “They had very little to call their own except the sweat on their brow and the dirt on their hands,” Ernst said of her parents and grandparents.

All I could think was: Is this how the GOP thinks it can attract new voters? Obama is talking about “free” community college — a terrible idea that will drive up tuition — and the GOP counters by extolling the good ol' days when Iowa kids had only one good pair of shoes? Shoot me.

Methinks the GOP has come

down with a bad case of opposition fatigue. Indeed, Ernst began her talk saying that “rather than respond to a speech,” she'd talk to voters about their priorities. And then she went back in time.

Better to have said: Democrats mean well, but their policies simply don't work. They say they want to eliminate income inequality, but their policies have put the squeeze on working families. If raising taxes on top earners actually helped the middle class, median household income would not have slumped during the Obama years. If Obama's “middle-class economics” truly worked, employers would not hire so many part-time workers. If the Affordable Care Act delivered as promised, average families would be saving \$2,500 per year in health care premiums annually — but they are not.

It was nice to hear the president embrace “middle-class economics” for 2015. But what makes him think he can steer the country to prosperity with one paddle?

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Church News

Birdwell Lane church of Christ

The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. On Sunday, Bible study is at 9 a.m. and worship is at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday activities are Ladies class at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study and devotional at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Sunday worship service is at 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse, and wife, Debbie, invite you to join this growing congregation in praising and thanking God for all He has done, and is continuing to do, both in and through the deaf community in our area.

Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets for Sunday services inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

Wednesday's at 6 p.m., we meet for Bible Study and fellowship at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. For additional information about our church, contact Pastor Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

It's Discipleship Now time. All area teens are invited to this in-town weekend retreat which begins tonight and goes through noon on Sunday. The event will begin late tonight to allow for the conclusion of basketball games. D-Now is a time of fellowship and fun, along with Bible instruction and encouragement for young people who face a difficult world on a daily basis. Will Sherman of TeenFlow Odessa will be this year's speaker. The worship band will be led by Ty McAllister, a student and experienced worship leader from Dallas Baptist University.

Sunday morning worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. If you are unable to be there in person, go to fbcbigspring.org and view the service through our live web stream.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. throughout the building, with youth and adults on the second floor, and children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor. Greeters are available to direct this to your class.

AWANA (for children K-grade 6) will not meet this week due to the Discipleship Now events.

Pastor Mark Lindsey welcomes you to continue the exploration of the Old Testament at Sunday night's worship service which begins at 6.

Upward Basketball games continue. For more information, go to our website fbcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

The Ladies' Bible Study groups resume in late February, with the date to be announced soon.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center with activities for all ages following. Go to fbcbigspring.org for details. Join us Jan. 28 for vegetable beef soup, cornbread and hot dogs.

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

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will continue our series titled, "The Process of Forgiveness." Our message this week is called "Loving the Unlovable," and comes from Matthew 5:43-48.

On Saturday, Jan. 31, we will have our first Spare It and Share it drive at the church. The concept is simple: Bring whatever you don't need any more and take whatever you can use. We will be receiving at the church on Jan. 29-30 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and

the event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 31.

On Wednesday evenings, we are currently involved in a Bible study in the Book of Exodus, tracing back the elements of God's plan that got us to this point in history. On Sunday evenings we are doing an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Church of the Nazarene

We hope you will join us for services and classes:

Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes are at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Children's Church at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday evening youth activities are at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday night, we have church supper followed by prayer meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning, well listen into KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can listen to a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at (432) 267-7015. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

First Presbyterian Church – Big Spring

On Wednesdays the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. and the Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. The Children's Choir meets at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday afternoons, followed by the Young Women's Choir at 5:10.

The Male Chorus meets at 5:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The Youth Group meets for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by handbells and regular meeting.

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Jacob's blessing from God

Did You Ever Wonder?

How many correlations did you find between God's blessing on Jacob and things happening in today's world situation?

"The ground upon which you are lying, to you will I give it and to your descendants." After the Exodus from Egypt, Joshua led the Hebrew people in conquering this land. In 1948, Israel became a sovereign nation on the land to which God sent Abraham. The very spot where Jacob lay became its capital, Jerusalem.



EUNICE FILLER

Did you think about "westward, eastward, northward and southward?"

This could be showing where the Israelites have been dispersed over the centuries. Besides making them slaves, the Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans resettled groups of the Hebrews all over the territory that was under their control at the time. This was insurance against uprisings of conquered peoples.

The Assyrians and Babylonians took them to north Asia and the Far East; the Romans took them to North Africa, Europe and England. When the Jews were driven out of Spain, Italy and England, many of them

came to the Americas.

"I will guard you and I will return you to this soil." Since Israel became a nation, many of these people are coming home to Israel. It is called "making Alayah," which means "going up" as going up the mountain to Jerusalem.

"All the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and by your offspring." I bless myself by Jesus, who was an earthly descendant of Jacob, through His mother, Mary.

"I will guard you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land." Hitler tried to annihilate the Jewish people. It is estimated that only three million Jews survived WWII, and many of those immigrated to the developing country of Israel.

"I will not forsake you until I will have done what I have spoken about you." Some people emphasize "until" and make it sound as if once God has done all these things, He plans to abandon Israel. I see this phrase as a colloquialism, a pattern of speech of that time. God says many times that He has chosen Israel to be His people; He also says that He will not change His mind. Through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross (altar), He made a way for us Gentiles to be grafted into His chosen people and become part of them.

Oh, Wow! I did not plan that, but there you have my belief. I will not preach about it here! We will go

back to studying the Bible and how history bears it out.

When Jacob awoke from this dream, he said, "Surely Hashem is present in this place and I did not know!" He was frightened because of the holiness there; he felt he was not worthy of this blessing. "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the abode of God and this is the Gate of the heavens."

I can agree with Jacob!

This is the very spot where Isaac was spared and God provided a ram for the sacrifice. This was the second miracle that Jacob witnessed on this spot! He had seen God standing over him on this spot! And he had seen the angels going to and coming from heaven in this spot!

Another miracle had also happened...the 12 small stones he used as his pillow had become one large stone. Jacob stood it up as a pillar and called the place Beth El, "house of God." He made a vow, "If God will be with me and guard me on this journey, return me in peace to my father's house and Hashem will be a God to me — then this stone will become a house of God and whatever You give to me, I shall repeatedly tithe it to You."

Think about how many ways He has blessed you.

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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."

Psalm 91: 14-16

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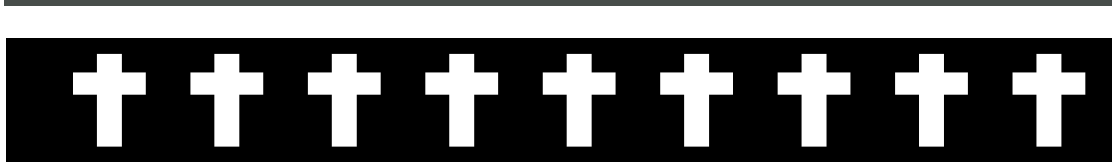
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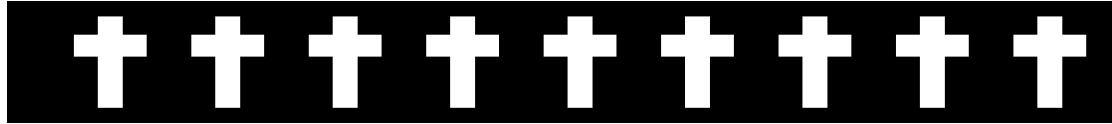
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Reflections: What are you waiting for?

When I married my wife we repeated the customary wedding vows promising to cherish one another "in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth."

Perhaps we should have added an additional line. Something like, "I promise to wait for you." Since we married we have waited for each other. We have waited at airports, train stations and bus stops. I have waited on her to put on last minute make-up, and she has waited on me to put down my book or close my computer.

When she gave birth to our children, I waited.

When I had a motorcycle accident, she waited.

In too many ways to enumerate or remember, we have waited on each other. If we added it all up it would be a huge chunk of our lives. And now, it makes me happy. She is worth waiting for.

When we had children, we waited. We waited

for their birth. We waited for them when they got out of school. We waited late at night in dark parking lots for their buses to return. We waited for them in the car, the motor running, the clock ticking, knowing we were late to church. We stayed up waiting for them to come home from their first dates. And we

waited for them to come home from college. Waiting is a part of life. We choose to wait for those we love. That is why God waits for us, because He loves us. Isaiah says, "Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you for the Lord is a God of justice; How

blessed are all those who long for Him. (Isa 34:18). In Jeremiah, God says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jer. 1:5). God has waited an eternity for you. We often miss God because we haven't learned to wait on Him.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Susan Holstedt is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Marj Carpenter is the lector for this month.

We will have a potluck meal after worship this Sunday, and during the meal we will have our church's Annual Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to join in for this event.

The lectionary for the Third Sunday after Epiphany is Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will offer "Sing the Song of Praise" by Eugene Butler as the anthem and present as the offertory anthem "Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Presbyterian Women will have their regular fourth Tuesday meeting at 2 p.m. Jan. 27, in the library. Marj Carpenter is leader for lessons four and five from the study book "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of Second Corinthians."

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

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

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We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood Neighborhood in Big Spring. To connect with us call (432) 264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday School



at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The adult class began a new bible study. We are studying the books "James & Jude." The youth are studying "120 Bible Stories".

Kent Ivey will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is based on Mark 1:14-20.

On Wednesdays, a meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Bible study classes begin at 6 p.m.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Spring Creek Fellowship

A Pain Management group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. New "Connection Groups" are meeting now on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "Community Groups" meet Wednesday nights at various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more information.

"Grief Share," a grief support group, meets Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" fiber crafts

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday- 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/ Connection Groups

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m. - noon - Worship Service

Tuesday noon - 2 p.m.-Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

noon- Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

6 p.m. - Pain Management Group meets at church.

Friday 7p.m. - 8p.m.-Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday 7:30 a.m. - Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - "Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

Sunday 4 p.m. - "Grief Share" meets at SCF.

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

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. (Across from Denny's).

Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Date	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 34,282,980	\$ 1,853,785	\$ 3,376	\$ 59,742	\$ 36,199,883
5800 State Program Revenues	382,452	-	-	39,237	421,689
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	178,054	178,054
5000 Total Revenues	34,665,432	1,853,785	3,376	277,033	36,799,626
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	3,061,521	-	-	118,226	3,179,747
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	44,348	-	-	-	44,348
0023 School Leadership	284,686	-	-	-	284,686
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	78,245	-	-	-	78,245
0033 Health Services	62,814	-	-	-	62,814
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	412,186	-	-	-	412,186
0035 Food Services	6,798	-	-	312,428	319,226
0036 Extracurricular Activities	253,067	-	-	-	253,067
0041 General Administration	456,108	-	-	-	456,108
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	949,994	-	-	-	949,994
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,410	-	-	-	1,410
0053 Data Processing Services	19,022	-	-	-	19,022
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	-	1,935,000	-	-	1,935,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	-	484,842	-	-	484,842
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	256,548	-	-	256,548
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	751,021	-	2,246,847	-	2,997,868
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	27,910,651	-	-	-	27,910,651
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	38,615	-	-	-	38,615
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	314,681	-	-	-	314,681
6030 Total Expenditures	34,645,167	2,676,390	2,246,847	430,654	39,999,058
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	20,265	(822,605)	(2,243,471)	(153,621)	(3,199,432)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	-	18,650,000	-	18,650,000
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	76,388	-	-	-	76,388
7913 Capital Leases	77,694	-	-	-	77,694
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	153,621	153,621
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	647,229	1,350,000	-	1,997,229
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(153,621)	-	-	-	(153,621)
8949 Other (Uses)	(107,099)	-	-	-	(107,099)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(106,638)	647,229	20,000,000	153,621	20,694,212
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(86,373)	(175,376)	17,756,529	-	17,494,780
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,548,550	230,251	25	-	4,778,826
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(158,023)	-	-	-	(158,023)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,304,154	\$ 54,875	\$ 17,756,554	\$ -	\$ 22,115,583

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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The seed of woman, God's plan from the beginning

When we look at the beginning of God's great promise to redeem humanity, we begin with Genesis 3:15. God speaking to the serpent says, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (NKJV). In the general sense, Eve was the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20) meaning every person who has ever lived can trace their family tree back to her. So all of humanity would be at enmity with the serpent or Satan [see previous article, "The Adversary"]. But in a specific and spiritual sense, God is speaking of one particular individual who would be the seed of woman. That seed would be Messiah, the Christ.



GREG SURLS

Through later prophets, God would give further revelation concerning His plan for humanity's redemption/salvation. In Isaiah 7:14, the prophet proclaims, Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. This would be a sign or proof that this was part of God's plan because it would happen outside the bounds of natural law.

From biology class we all know that it takes both male and female for conception and reproduction. God worked miraculously (outside the laws of nature) through His Holy Spirit so that Mary who had never known a man (had sexual intercourse) would become pregnant with Jesus (Luke 1:34-35). In Jeremiah 31:22b, God speaks through His servant and says, For the Lord has created a new thing in the earth - A woman shall encompass a

man. This passage shows again that God would work outside the laws of nature (miraculously) to cause Mary to become pregnant with the Savior.

This was part of God's plan from the very beginning. This is all part of the prophetic proof that Jesus truly is the Son of God. He is the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). He is the One who would save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). What a great and glorious promise and plan from Almighty God. Galatians 4:4, But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law. God kept His promise and worked His plan in the way that He had said and at the time He had determined.

Glory be to God!

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane church of Christ

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We blast through busy schedules making quick decisions without taking time to connect with God's better plan for us. The Psalmist said, "My soul waits in silence for God only. From Him is my salvation." (Ps. 62:1) "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry." (Ps. 40:1) The prophet Micah said, "But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord. I will wait for the God of my salvation." (Micah 7:7)

Waiting on God involves prayer and finding time to be quiet before Him. Sometimes it includes fasting. But waiting isn't always about sitting still with our arms folded.

Jesus said, "Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened." The secret is to remain open to God's direction and to listen to His voice while we constantly seek and knock. David wrote, "I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord." (Ps. 27:13-14 NASB).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

The Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship 2014

Big Spring Symphony Guild has announced its fourth annual Music Scholarship in honor of Phyllis Graumann. Phyllis was a charter guild and board member and longtime symphony supporter.

The scholarship will aid a seventh to 11th grade Howard County music student in acquiring instrumental or vocal music training.

The selected applicant will receive a \$300 scholarship to use for private music instruction, music camp/school tuition or a music festival attendance.

To be eligible, all applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and must be residents of Howard County. Instrumentalists and vocalists may apply from their seventh grade year through the completion of their junior year of high school. Applicants should be between the ages of 12 to 17.

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Bryant could miss remainder of season with injury

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant tore his right rotator cuff in the Los Angeles Lakers' latest defeat, the club announced Thursday.

Bryant injured his right shoulder in the second half of the Lakers' loss at New Orleans on Wednesday night when he drove the baseline for a two-handed dunk.

An MRI exam Thursday in San Antonio revealed the tear, and Bryant headed home

to Los Angeles while the Lakers prepared to play the Spurs on Friday. The Lakers are expected to release an update on Bryant's condition Friday.

Lakers coach Byron Scott and the team declined to speculate on the severity of Bryant's injury, but many rotator cuff injuries require surgery and several months of rehabilitation. Bryant has a high pain threshold and an impressive ability to play

through injury, but the Lakers have already been limiting Bryant's playing time to preserve his health beyond this largely lost season for the 16-time NBA champion club.

Later Thursday, Bryant was voted into a starting spot in the NBA All-Star game, but the 36-year-old guard could miss the Feb. 15 showcase for the second straight year due to injury. Bryant, a 17-time All-Star selection in

his 19-year career, was voted a starter last year despite playing just six games before breaking a bone near his left knee and missing the rest of the season.

Bryant has been selected for every All-Star game since missing out his rookie season in 1997. He is a four-time All-Star game MVP and the leading scorer in the event's history, passing Michael Jordan in 2012.

Bryant briefly returned to the Lakers' game in New Orleans played essentially with one arm after the injury, making a 14-foot jumper with his left hand. He is a right-handed shooter.

After the game, Bryant said it felt as if his shoulder "came out of joint a little bit" on the dunk.

"I felt fine when I went up, and didn't feel too good when I came down," he said.

BSHS teams look for wins

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will return to action this evening when they host

BSHS 9th game is cancelled

Big Spring ISD athletic officials announced on Thursday that the Lady Steers' freshman game against Sweetwater will not be played.

According to the school officials, the BSHS junior varsity will tip off at 5 p.m. in the Lady Steers' gymnasium. The Lady Steers' varsity will play at 6:30 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

The Steers, 1-1 in district, enter tonight's showdown one game behind Lamesa and Lubbock Estacado.

Lamesa and Estacado, both 2-0 in district, face off tonight in Lubbock.

Sweetwater comes into tonight's game at 7-8 for the year, and 0-2 in District 2-4A action.

The Lady Steers can reach the .500 mark tonight for the season – and boost their post-season hopes greatly – with a win over Sweetwater. The BSHS girls enter the game at 12-13 and in third in district.

Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

Little League sign-up slated to begin Jan. 24

Big Spring Little League will hold signups for the upcoming season starting on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at the Springtown Plaza (formerly Big Spring Mall) on the end by Beall's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The league is open to players ranging in ages from 4-16. Parents registering their children should bring a birth certificate.

Registration fees are \$90 per child and the league provides the entire uniform.

Signups will also be held Saturday, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also on Feb. 9-13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Individuals interested in coaching please sign up early and let a board member know.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference

NMJC does it again



Howard College's Sam Finley pulls up for a three-point shot during the second half of the Hawks' game with NMJC on Thursday.

Photo courtesy Cindy Smith

Late rally helps T'birds end HC win streak

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds continued their dominance of the Howard College Hawks on Thursday evening. Even if they did need a late run in the final 8 1/2 minutes of play to net a 75-69 come-from-behind victory.

New Mexico, which had trailed by as many as eight in the first half, pieced together a 21-15 run in the final 8:39 to net their fourth straight win over the Hawks dating back to last season.

"They (NMJC) did a good job," said HC head coach Scott Raines. "You have to give them credit. I don't think it was so much of a case of put the blame on us as it was give them credit. They had the week off and they came in really prepared."

With the loss, the Hawks slipped into a tie with South Plains for the top spot in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Both teams head into Monday's games with 6-1 WJAC records.

New Mexico, which has won its last three games, managed to get its of-

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Turnovers helps No. 9 NMJC claim 65-37 win over HC women

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks learned a huge lesson on Thursday evening in front of a small crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum – the difference between good teams and those looking to be good most offense comes down to turnovers.

Ninth-ranked New Mexico Junior College forced 23 turnovers – most in the second half with a pressure defense – and raced to a 65-37 victory over a scrappy Howard College Lady Hawks squad. The turnovers greatly contributed to the Lady Hawks' struggles from the floor in the second half when they shot just 16.7 percent.

Howard College, now 6-15 for the season, turned in one of its better performances in the first 20 minutes of the game. The Lady Hawks rode the hot hands of Monica Perez and Bria McCullough to within six, at 27-21, at the half.

Perez, who came off the bench to net a team-high eight points, knocked down a three-pointer

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women		
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
New Mexico JC	19-1	6-0
Odessa	18-4	4-2
Midland	13-8	4-2
Clarendon	12-6	3-2
South Plains	7-11	3-2
Frank Phillips	14-4	2-3
Western Texas	8-10	0-5
Howard	6-15	0-6

Thursday's Games – NMJC 65, Howard 37; Midland College 81, South Plains 54; Western Texas vs. Frank Phillips, p.p.d.; NMMI vs. Clarendon, p.p.d.; Odessa College was open.

at the 12:04 mark of the first half that helped HC erase an early 8-0 deficit and grab a stunning 12-10 lead.

McCullough scored four of her six points in the first half.

NMJC, now 19-1 and 6-0 in WJAC play, exploded offensively in the second half. The Lady Thunderbirds outscored Howard by a 38-16 clip in the frame.

Rosemary Rits and Abigail Flores also netted six for HC.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College freshman Rosemary Rits was among three HC players to finish with six points in the Lady Hawks' 65-37 loss to ninth-ranked NMJC on Thursday.

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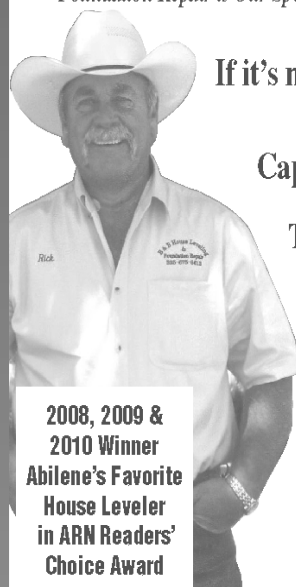
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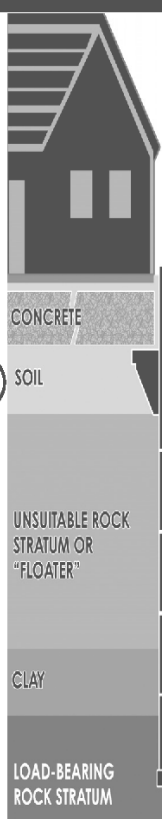
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Honor tradition. The simple act of sitting down to a meal with loved ones will be grounding. The regular things about life get you grounded for what promises to be an action-packed weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your nearest will appreciate what you do, because they see how much effort it takes, though they don't understand the intricacy of it. Next in line are those with similar skills. They really get it. Keep them close now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll compare yourself, to the extent that it helps you maintain a competitive edge. Also, you'll be funny when it counts, and that's part of your appeal to your many followers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have so much

work to do and no clue how you're going to accomplish it all. Other people -- that's the answer. And when you're giving instructions, you'll be simultaneously assertive and laid-back. Amazing!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). They like the results, yet they still may have a criticism. That is unacceptable. Let your people know that they can't have the effort without the person who is doing the work. Don't let them disrespect you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a physical chasm to be crossed with human ability. Take the chance. The more difficult the risk the more winning power you'll put into the leap.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Segal's law suggests that a man with one watch knows what time it is and that a man with two watches is never sure. This is a time to limit your knowledge sources.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People will say the wrong thing from time to time. Be patient with someone who is socially awkward. And if that someone happens to be you, then afford yourself a measure of grace.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23). You love your work and look forward to the interactions of each relationship. This makes for a motivated, happy,

optimal state of being. There's a financial bonus in February. March comes with travel opportunities. May brings a switch of the career direction, and you'll be ready for it. Give your heart in July. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 6, 33, 41 and 28.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You are completely in charge of the choices you make to get healthy, and it will directly affect your love life. **TAURUS:** You are so comfortable in your skin, and that's the most attractive thing to be. **GEMINI:** Your abilities are varied, and they add up to something special. Trust that. **CANCER:** The "who" will be much more important than the "what." **LEO:** In some way, you will be fighting the battle of good and evil in your love life. **VIRGO:** As much as you don't want it to, the approval of others does matter to you. **LIBRA:** There's something to be said for making yourself comfortable. It will make you more attractive, for sure. **SCORPIO:** The one who has the idea is often not the one who gets credited for the idea, and that person also doesn't often care who gets the credit, as long as the idea is acted upon. **SAGITTARIUS:** To some extent, obsession can be a good thing. It's not often people are the target of such flattering attention. **CAPRICORN:** Your actions will interpret your thoughts.

AQUARIUS: You will capture the attention of a certain someone by doing something absolutely remarkable and rare -- just being yourself. **PISCES:** Stay courteous, and protect your time.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Pisces are astrological neighbors at the end of the zodiac and more similar than many of the other astrological neighbors. With the sun reflecting off the Pisces moon this weekend, there is a calm and steady vibe between these two potential loves. Both are concerned with the larger picture, and both are willing to do their part to uphold the integrity of the relationship.

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ANSWERS

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE BY MARTIN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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Description of Property: The approximate 1.55 acre tract of land that is part of Block 1 of the Link addition survey, in MARTIN County, Texas.

The property will be sold with deed restrictions, including prohibitions against the use of the land for a mobile home or RV park, or for other manufactured or modular home dwellings, as well as restrictions on subdividing the land and on certain commercial uses. Construction on residential home must commence within 12 months. Lot sizes for the entire tract are plotted for 65'x120' lots.

Sealed bids will be accepted at 600 East Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas until 11:00 a.m. CST January 26, 2015. Bids will be opened publicly at the Martin County Hospital District Board room starting at 11:30 a.m. January 26, 2015. Bids received after 11:00 a.m. CST January 26, 2015 will not be accepted.

Minimum bids will not be considered if less than \$12,500 per lot

For further information, contact Paul McKinney, Martin County Hospital Chief Executive Officer, at (432) 607-3200.

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Ritual Moon

Here's a ritual for starting over: Choose a few small symbols of your old life, as well as a few symbols of your new life. Find a patch of earth and dig a hole. Bury the symbols of your old life in the ground, saying "goodbye" over and over. Place the symbols of your new life on a shelf or another place where you will see them often and daily.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your past will inform your future, if you care to look at it very carefully. This day is a fast rush, so that kind of review may seem impossible, but knowing you, you'll find the time for a moment of reflection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The more you give the more you want to give; it feels so good. Your generosity will make a difference for those who need it, and it will make an impression on those who could stand to give more.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

- ♠KQ2♥AKJ974♦AQ43♣—
North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♦ Pass ?
- ♠AKJ52♥AKJ94♦10♣Q6
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
?
- ♠AK83♥KQ♦10♣AJ9852
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♥ 2♦
2♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
?

1. **Four diamonds.** Once partner rebids diamonds opposite your jump-shift, you should feel confident about making a small slam in diamonds, and possibly a grand slam. About all you need from partner for the grand slam is the king of diamonds and ace of spades.

By far the best strategy at this point is to raise partner to four diamonds, hoping he will next bid four spades to show the ace. If he does, you plan to leap to seven diamonds.

It would be unwise to bid four notrump (Blackwood) over three diamonds. Partner might respond five diamonds, indicating one ace, and you would not know whether he had

the ace of clubs or ace of spades. It would also be wrong to bid three hearts over three diamonds. Your hearts are rebiddable, of course, but after partner's three-diamond bid, you should strongly favor his suit, not yours.

2. **Five clubs.** You'd like to have a third trump, of course, but two is all you were dealt. North is virtually certain to have six (possibly seven) clubs, and your Q-6 are therefore adequate support. You should not persist with either spades or hearts, which could easily lead to the wrong contract. The leap to five clubs implies significant extra values and pinpoints your singleton diamond, enabling partner to carry on to slam with a hand such as: ♠76♥Q3♦J75♣AKJ1064.

3. **Four hearts.** Here also you should have no compunctions about raising partner with only two trumps (which are of much better quality this time). As in the previous example, your heart raise might do much more than get you to the best game contract; it might also get you to a good slam, with the key being your singleton diamond.

It might bother you to bid clubs, spades and hearts in that order, without once rebidding your six-card suit. But that is a very small price to pay for making the bid that is almost certain to produce the best result.

Tomorrow: Fall of a monarch.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 19-year-old full-time college student and I work part-time at a fast food place. I started my job two years ago, and for the most part, I enjoy it and have made several friends.

Eight months ago, "Ally" joined our team. I happened to have attended elementary school with Ally. We always butted heads back then, but my first impression of her at work was a good one, and I was happy to think she had matured. Or so I thought. As time went on, her true colors reappeared. Despite my initial kindness to her, she has singled me out and treated me horribly.

The problem is that everyone else seems to love her. Even worse, she was promoted last month, which was surprising considering she's so new. Now it would be difficult for me to complain about her to my supervisor. She's my supervisor.

I'm tired of letting Ally push me around, and it's lonely to know that I'm

the only one to whom she does this. I don't want to start any trouble. I just want peace and for these petty matters to disappear. I am frustrated with myself for letting this girl get under my skin. What can I do? -- Fed Up in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Fed Up: You could complain to a supervisor above Ally, but no one else is apparently witnessing her unkindness toward you, so that might not help. Here's a different tactic: Ally may still think of you the way she did in grade school. Why not take her aside and ask, politely and nicely, what's going on? Let her know you were happy to see her when she first showed up and hoped you could start fresh. Even if she denies her poor behavior, she will be more aware of it and that could be enough. Of course, if it doesn't work, another option is looking for different job.

Dear Annie: My wife began rationing sex almost from the day we married. I tried everything to improve the situation, but nothing worked. She thought once or twice a year was more than enough, and after 15 years, she stopped entirely.

I wanted to be true to our marriage vows, but frustration finally prevailed and I discovered a world full of women who were ready and willing for sex with no strings attached. It was not as satisfying as that within marriage, but I was a 35-year-old male in excellent health and with a strong sex drive.

Women who think they can solve their marital problems by sleeping with their legs crossed have a rude awakening, trust me. If a man is not getting it at home, he will get it elsewhere. -- Formally Frustrated in Arkansas

Dear Arkansas: If your wife began rationing sex early in your marriage, it is likely she had a problem to begin with, and it doesn't sound as though you found her to have other qualities that made up for it. We agree that wives who eliminate sex risk the marriage. But blaming your wife for your

philandering is an excuse to cheat. Get into counseling or get a divorce.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Frustrated Pastor's Wife" whose husband is not always paid for wedding and funeral services.

I have had to help plan several funerals in my lifetime. In each case, the funeral director provided the suggested amount to give the pastor for his or her services. I appreciated this guidance, as it made it much easier to know what to give when I was already overwhelmed with a loved one's death.

Perhaps the pastor could talk to the funeral directors in his area and ask them to raise this issue when covering costs. The same could be done with wedding planners. -- My Two Cents

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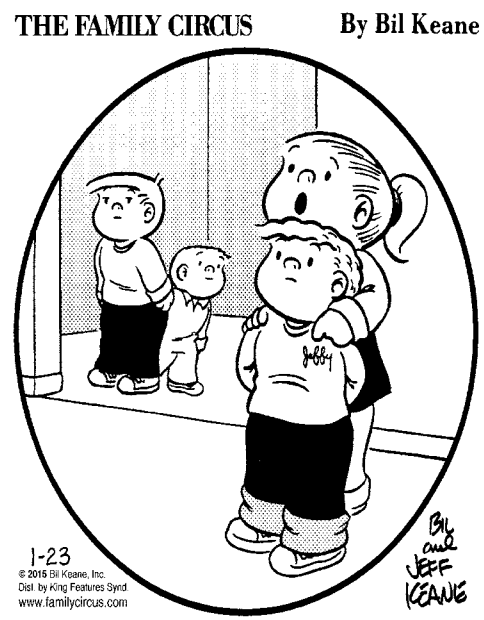
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"WHAT? YOU ALWAYS SAY NOT TO WASTE ANY FOOD!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



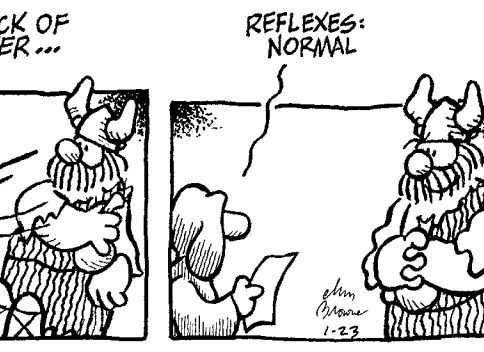
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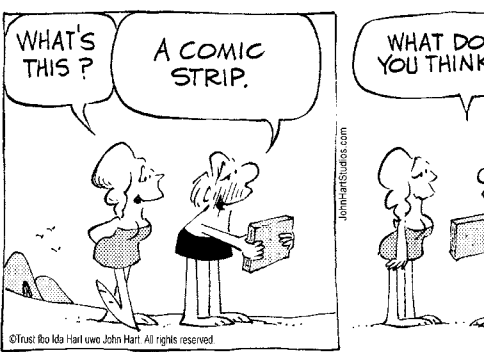
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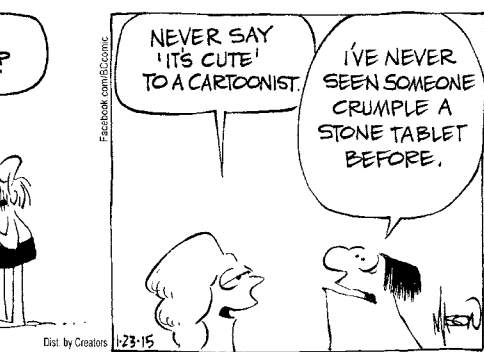


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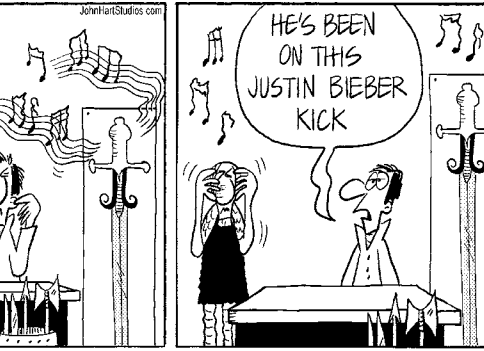
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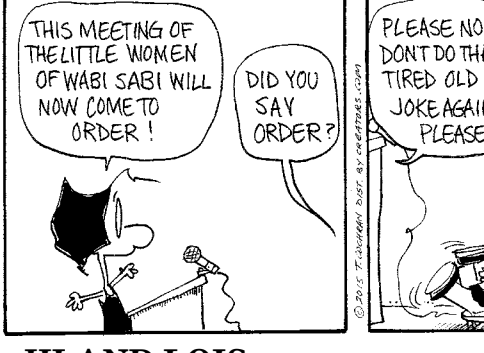
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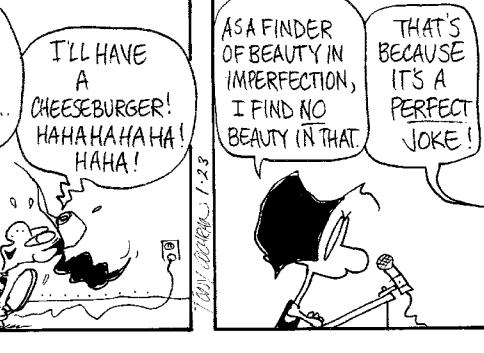
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2015. There are 342 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the Navy intelligence ship USS Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.) On this date: In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington D.C. In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In 1915, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart was born in Jackson, Michigan. In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Lame Duck Amendment," was ratified as Missouri approved it. In 1937, 17 people went on trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin's "Great Purge." (All were convicted of conspiracy; all but four were executed.) In 1944, Norwegian painter Edvard Munch ("The Scream") died near Oslo at age 80. In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution affirming Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. In 1960, the U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe (BATH'-ih-skahf) Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Baby hippo
- Sour-tasting
- November birthstone
- Recital piece
- Women's tour grp.
- Preposterous
- Narrow strip of land
- Latch (onto)
- Gets snug
- Advice to the photog?
- Inflexible
- Needle bearers
- Mark time
- Physician's patron
- Sews up
- Tedious task
- Cross swords
- Raise the roof
- Irish actor
- Inflationary paths
- To Kill a Mockingbird nickname
- Elton John Broadway score
- Solemn approval
- Raise the roof
- Showed discomfort
- Locations
- Shade of green or blue
- Whitman work
- Researched in depth
- Group of authors?
- Kipling's birthplace

DOWN

- Clammy
- Soup holder
- Unified
- Overtake a Tampa Bay player?
- Before, to Brutus
- Exuberance
- Cry of dread
- Volunteer's offer
- Frosty
- 31 Down person
- Finest Hour (Churchill book)
- Burdening physician?
- Sound again
- Skinny
- Wed in haste
- Mail drops
- A little change
- Worried walker
- Serbian tennis great
- Québec crony
- Gadabout
- All the time
- Permeable
- Of punishment
- Gossip about
- Golden Rule word
- Purposeless
- Bona fide
- South American capital
- Leave off
- Beds in tents
- Cartridge contents

HAWKS

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fense going late against the Hawks, thanks to freshman Malique Trent. After NMJC had forced a 61-61 tie with 4:15 left in the game, the Portsmouth, VA guard converted a turnover into an easy layup and a 63-61 advantage. Less than a minute later, NMJC's Desmond Medder pushed in a shot to expand the Thunderbirds' lead to four, at 65-61.

Howard College, which had won its previous six games, battled its way back. Will Ferguson and Lis Shoshi combined for four points and pulled the Hawks to within three, at 67-64 with 1:46 left in regulation. Unfortunately for the

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Men

Table with columns: Team, Season W-L, Conf. W-L. Lists teams like Howard, South Plains, Odessa, etc.

Thursday's Games - NMJC 75, Howard 69; South Plains 101, Midland 73; Western Texas at Frank Phillips, ppd.; NMMI at Clarendon, ppd.; Odessa College is open.

Hawks, Trent threw up a desperation 28-foot three-point shot 34 seconds later that all but iced the game. Prior to throwing up the shot, Trent had stumbled while taking a pass and was forced to throw the ball into the air just before the 35-second shot

clock sounded. Trent's basket handed NMJC a 70-64 cushion with 1:12 left. The Thunderbirds, now 15-6 overall and 4-3 in conference, hit five of their six attempts from the free throw line in the final 72 seconds of play to close out the contest.

The Thunderbirds actually got off to a quick start against the Hawks. NMJC scored the first three baskets of the game and raced to a quick 6-0 lead.

Ferguson and Sam Finley didn't let the Thunderbirds enjoy the upper hand for long. Finley pushed in a pair of shots from the field in the ensuing three minutes and then looked on as Ferguson pulled up from the wing with

12:51 in the first half and drained a three-pointer that staked the Hawks to a 14-12 lead.

Ferguson served as a spark plug for the Hawks on both ends of the court throughout the matchup. The 6-foot-1 sophomore finished with 16 points and a team-leading six assists.

HC hit stride from there. After New Mexico had pulled into a 16-16 tie, the Hawks went on a 10-2 run that handed HC a 26-18 advantage with 8:07 left.

Finley provided much of the spark for the Hawks in the run. He started the spree with a three-point shot. Then, after Rob Gray had pushed home a basket, the Moreno Valley, CA sophomore knocked

down four more points. Finley finished the game with a team-high 22 points.

Gray and Henry Wilson both knocked down clutch treys in the final 2:10 of the first half and helped HC take a 37-33 lead into the half.

Gray was one of three Howard College players to reach double figures in the contest, netting 12.

Offensively, NMJC came alive in the second half. En route to outscoring HC by a 42-32 clip in the final 20 minutes, the Thunderbirds knocked down 54.2 percent of their shots from the field in the second half.

Trent led all scorers in the contest with 26 points.

Following the contest,

Raines said he looked at the loss as an opportunity to see how his team will respond to adversity.

"It is not the end of the world," he said. "You aren't going to go through this league unbeaten too often so you can't get too down after one loss. What this is for us, is an opportunity to see what we are made of, and to see how we respond."

"Hopefully, we can bounce back," he added.

Howard College, now 15-5 for the year, will kick off a three-game road trip on Monday when they travel to Snyder to face off with Western Texas College.

The Hawks' next home game will be Feb. 9 against Clarendon College.

Scoreboard

Table with columns: Football NFL Playoff Glance, Basketball National Basketball Association, NBA Development League, Big 12 Conference Men's Standings. Includes team names and stats.

Table with columns: Hockey National Hockey League, Metropolitan Division, Pacific Division, Transactions Baseball. Includes team names and stats.

Table with columns: Football National Football League, Canadian Football League, Soccer Major League Soccer, College. Includes team names and stats.

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 email: _____
 Team Captain 1: _____ phone: _____
 Team Member 2: _____ phone: _____
 Team Member 3: _____ phone: _____
 Team Member 4: _____ phone: _____

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