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Study: City trash service OK for now

Infrastructure adequate to provide 1-day-a-week pick-up

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring has enough drivers, vehicles and routes to adequately provide trash collection service to the community, at least for now.

Preliminary results of a months-long study on trash collection commissioned by the city are in, and they show the city has enough assets in place now to provide once-a-week trash pickup for city residents.

The news came as something of a surprise for city officials who were bracing for the possibility of adding additional personnel or collection routes.

"The biggest surprise was the study's conclusion we wouldn't have to add additional routes," City Manager Todd Darden said. "I thought they'd say we needed to add one or maybe two more."

With the current city landfill nearing capacity and a new facility years from opening, officials say it is incumbent upon the city to make trash collection as efficient as possible, which is why the Big Spring City Council last year commissioned the study.

"The study pretty much stated that, with picking up trash one day a week with the personnel, equipment and containers we have ... no additional routes are needed," Darden said. "It did have some recommendations on how to make the process more efficient."

One of those recommendations, Darden said, was for the city to greater emphasize recycling.

"To extend the life of the landfill, we have to do some sort of recycling, he said. "We already do that to some extent, but it's not enough. We're looking at the pos-

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Meet the new boss

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Emma Krabill, right, the new Scenic Mountain Medical Center chief executive officer, shakes hands with Cheryl Sparks during a reception in Krabill's honor at the hospital Wednesday.

Parade crash trial opens

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A freight train that slammed into a parade float two years ago, killing four veterans and injuring 16 other people, came within 39 inches of missing the trailer, attorneys for both sides told a West Texas jury Wednesday.

A Midland County jury heard opening statements in a lawsuit filed against Union Pacific Corp. on behalf of 17 plaintiffs, including the families of three of the four veterans killed in the crash at a Midland railroad crossing. Plaintiffs' attorney Dickey

Grigg told jurors that had Union Pacific given better warning of the train's approach and had the train traveled at a safer speed, the float would have been safe, the Midland Reporter-Telegram reported.

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Obama to seek to bust limits on spending

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will seek to bust through spending limits for both domestic and defense programs, the White House said Thursday, negating the effects of across-the-board cuts agreed to by both Democrats and Republicans and signed by Obama into law.

Obama's budget proposal to Congress will "fully reverse" the so-called sequestration cuts on the domestic side, while boosting national security programs by an equal amount, the White House said, as Obama prepared to meet with House Democrats at their annual retreat in Philadelphia. The budget will be "fully paid for with cuts to inefficient spending programs and closing tax loopholes," but taxpayers will have to wait until the budget is formally released Monday to find out exactly how.

Pentagon documents ob-

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tained previously by The Associated Press showed Obama was expected to ask Congress for a roughly \$38 billion boost for defense — an increase of nearly 8 percent, with some slight changes possible. Raising domestic spending by a similar amount would mean Obama's budget proposal would be on track to exceed the levels frozen in place by sequestration by about \$70 billion.

The brazen proposal from the president, two months after voters booted his party from control of Congress, reflected the White House's newfound confidence on the

economy. Obama's aides believe that improving conditions give Obama credibility to push his spending priorities unabashedly — despite the fact that Republicans still believe government spends far too much.

Federal deficits, gas prices and unemployment are all falling, while Obama's poll numbers have crept upward. The president has been newly combative as he argues it's time to ease the harsh measures that were taken to help pull the economy out of recession.

"The president believes we should end the era of manu-

factured crises and mindless austerity," the White House said in a statement.

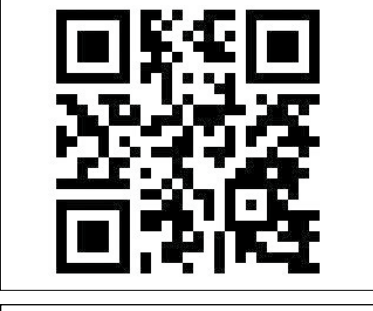
But while the proposal to spend more on things like education, sick leave and health care was sure to delight many members of his own party, it's Republicans who now fully control all of Congress.

"This is not a surprise," said Don Stewart, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's deputy chief of staff. "Previous budgets submitted by the president have purported to reverse the bipartisan spending limits through tax increases that the Congress — even under Democrats — could never accept."

Yet Obama's move also puts Republicans in a precarious position.

Many in the GOP want to spend more on defense, especially amid new and growing threats from terrorism and extremist groups. But Republicans are divided about how to pay for it. While some

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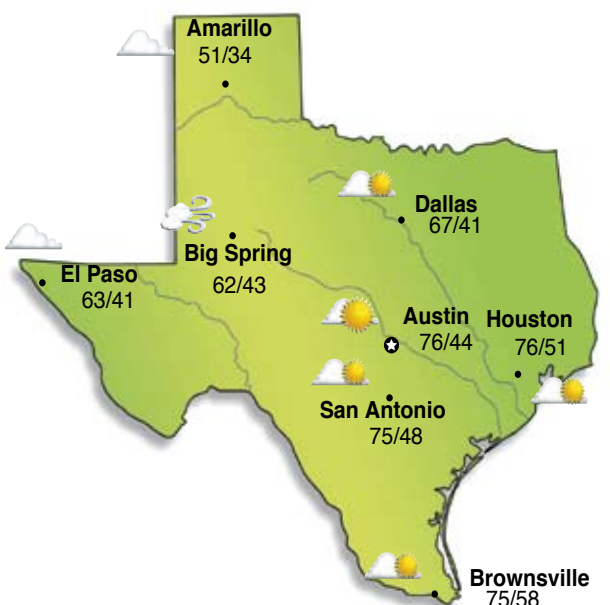
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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62/43 Partly cloudy skies. Gusty winds in the morning. High 62F.	49/39 Showers possible in the afternoon.	50/41 Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.	48/30 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	51/35 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
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Austin	76	44	mst sunny
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Brownsville	75	58	pt sunny
Brownwood	67	41	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	55	mst sunny
Corsicana	70	41	mst sunny
Dallas	67	41	pt sunny
Del Rio	76	53	mst sunny
El Paso	63	41	cloudy
Fort Stockton	61	42	pt sunny
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Greenville	65	39	pt sunny
Houston	76	51	pt sunny

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Houston	76	51	pt sunny
Los Angeles	74	57	cloudy
Miami	71	60	cloudy

Moon Phases



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Nalco Company has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 128849, which would authorize construction of a Chemical Distribution Facility located at 4424 South Highway 87, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Horace P. Yanez



Horace P. Yanez, 85, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, at his residence. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 12, 1929, in Big Spring, Texas and married Pilar Porras April 26, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas.

Horace was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and played baseball for the Big Spring Tigers from 1946 to 1948. He served in the United States Army and had worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, retiring as supervisor of building management after 27 years of service. One of his greatest desires was for his family to get their education and to provide for them. He enjoyed cooking and baking for his family.

Obituaries

Horace was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish and was ordained as a deacon in January 1979. He served at St. Thomas Catholic Church and continued serving until his death. He was a member and director of the Cursillista movement.

Survivors include his wife, Pilar Yanez; two sons, Juan "Johnny" Yanez and Ricky Yanez and wife, Alma; three daughters, Gloria Blackburn, Velma Flores and husband, Luis Jr. and Maria Salazar and husband, Jesse, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Rachel Granato of Kingsville and Aurora Gallardo of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ynez and Dolores Yanez; a daughter, Irma Rios and husband, Faustino; a son-in-law, Everette Blackburn; two sisters, Rebecca Rodriguez and Lumina Guzman; and three brothers, Ynez Yanez Jr., Clarence Yanez Sr. and Prospero Yanez.

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

Argel Troy Whetsel



Argel Troy Whetsel, age 55, of Point, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, at his residence. A private memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Troy was born July 26, 1959, in Big Spring to Riley Douglas and Janetta Faye Byers Whetsel. He worked in construction as a contractor.

Mr. Whetsel is survived by a

son, T.J. Whetsel and wife, Sarah, of Midland; a sister, Duchess Whetsel Klein and husband, Elbert, of Midland; grandchildren, Lesli, Lauren, Mason and Hagen Whetsel; and numerous other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and birth mother, Ella Estep Howell

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory. Online guestbook may be signed at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- SHOSHANA LEIGH FOLEY, 24, of 800 W. Marcy Drive was arrested on a warrant for theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- EDWARD JAMES AUSSIE, 21, of 2902 Cherokee was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- JESSICA LYNN BURDEN, 22, of 2911 N. Moss Lake Road was arrested on a warrant for forgery-check/credit card.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of Boykin road.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 100 block of S. Goliad St.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson St.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of S. Runnels St., the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, in the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 700 block of W. 16th St..
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of

Third and Lancaster.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.
- SHOSHANA LEIGH FOLEY, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- JESSICA LYNN BURDEN, 22, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.
- EDWARD JAMES AUSBIE, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR., 22, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for speeding, 67 miles per hour in a 40; CAPIAS violate promise to appear, CAPIAS speeding in school zone, 30 miles per hour in a 20; CAPIAS-speeding in a school zone, 39 miles per hour in a 20; and on Callahan County warrants for failure to appear, contempt of court and theft by check.

Support Groups

- FRIDAY**
- 7p.m. — The Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).
 - AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- 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.
 - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Reformers Anonymous 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.
- MONDAY**
- 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 patients, 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.

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News in brief

Japan says it has deep trust in Jordan to help secure release of Islamic State group hostage

TOKYO (AP) — Japan said it was putting its trust in Jordan to help gain the release of a Japanese journalist held by Islamic State militants, after the latest message purportedly from his captors extended until sundown Thursday in the Middle East the deadline for the Jordanians to release an Iraqi prisoner.

The message, read in English by a voice the Japanese government said was likely that of hostage Kenji Goto, was released online late Wednesday after Jordan offered to hand over the al-Qaida-linked would-be suicide bomber to the Islamic State group in exchange for Jordanian air force pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh.

The recording says Jordan must present Sajida al-Rishawi, an Iraqi woman convicted of involvement in deadly Amman hotel bombings in 2005, at the Turkish border by sunset Thursday, in exchange for Goto's life or the pilot would be killed. It wasn't clear what Goto's fate would be if the woman wasn't returned.

The message clearly stated the deadline was sundown in Mosul, Iraq, the largest city held by the militant group.

The Associated Press could not independently verify the contents of the recording, which was distributed on Twitter by Islamic State-affiliated accounts.

Attorney General nominee Lynch moves a step closer toward confirmation as hearings continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney general nomi-

nee Loretta Lynch faces more grilling Thursday as she moves closer to an expected confirmation, following a daylong hearing in which she testified to her independence from President Barack Obama and willingness to work with the Republican-led Congress.

Making her first appearance Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Lynch offered support for some controversial Obama administration policies, including the president's unilateral protections for millions of immigrants in the country illegally.

But she also suggested she would provide a fresh departure from Attorney General Eric Holder, who is deeply unpopular among some Republicans and was derided Wednesday by one, Texan John Cornyn, as "openly contemptuous" of congressional oversight.

"If confirmed as attorney general, I would be myself. I would be Loretta Lynch," she said, when asked how senators could be assured that she would lead differently.

As Iraqi Kurds gain ground from Islamic State, some local Sunnis are wary of their liberators

ESKI MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — An unarmed Sunni Arab man walked along a road in a patch of northern Iraq newly liberated from Islamic State extremists, holding a white surrender flag — a signal to Kurdish fighters that he is not a militant. Cars drove by, a similar white banner flying from their windows.

As they retake territory from Islamic State militants, Iraqi Kurdish fighters have found surprising ambivalence in areas they freed from the jihadis' oppressive rule. Locals have swiftly shaken off the

imposed Islamic lifestyle — but as Sunnis, from the same ethnic group as the militants, many are nonetheless bracing for treatment as collaborators.

For their part, the Kurdish peshmerga troops are suspicious about why the locals chose to stay on when the Islamic State conquered the area in a blitz last year. An Associated Press team travelling with the Kurds found the road to Mosul, a coveted prize in the battle for Iraq, strewn with suspicion and fear.

The recent Kurdish push secured several towns and villages along a critical junction that connects the town of Tal Afar to the city of Mosul — two of the IS group's biggest strongholds in Iraq. The artery, which eventually leads to Syria, has been a vital supply line for militants transporting weapons, goods and people across the lawless Iraq-Syria border.

Israel-Lebanon border calm but Israel on alert day after deadliest escalation since 2006 war

SHEAR YASHUV, Israel (AP) — The Israeli-Lebanese border is calm but Israel remains on alert a day after the deadliest escalation since the two sides' 2006 war.

The Lebanese National News Agency says Israeli warplanes were flying low over border villages on Thursday.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon says the military is "ready for any development" and warned against further attacks.

Wednesday's flare-up started when the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group fired a salvo of anti-tank missiles at an Israeli military convoy in a disputed border area, killing two soldiers and wounding seven.

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have argued for ignoring the spending limits, others want to offset the hikes with cuts to either domestic programs or so-called mandatory programs like Social Security and Medicare.

By proposing to raise defense spending by the same dollar amount as domestic programs, Obama is putting the GOP on notice that he won't accept cuts to his own priorities just to make way for more spending on national

security programs that both parties are in the mood to support.

The Pentagon's base budget is currently \$496 billion, plus another \$64 billion for overseas missions.

Obama's increases would allow for new next-generation F-35 fighters, ships and submarines and long-range Air Force tankers. Military leaders have also said the earlier cuts forced reductions in flying hours, training and equipment maintenance.

On the domestic side, Obama has proposed of-

fering two free years of community college and creating new or expanded tax credits for child care and spouses who both work.

He's called for raising the top capital gains rate on some wealthy couples and consolidating education tax breaks, although some of those ideas have already faced intense opposition.

"Until he gets serious about solving our long-term spending problem, it's hard to take him seriously," said Cory Fritz, a spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner.

Still, the president's budget proposal is just that — a proposal — and will not become law.

The budget will frame Obama's opening offer as Democrats and Republicans head toward an inevitable clash. It's an agenda that Obama started selling in the run-up to his State of the Union address this month, and that House Democrats have sought to echo as they regroup after losing even more members in the mid-terms.

In his meeting Thursday with House Democrats, Obama was also to

insist that House Republicans not use a funding bill for the Homeland Security Department to try to quash the executive actions he took late last year on immigra-

tion and deportations.

The White House called that a "dangerous view" that would risk the country's national security.

TRIAL

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John Proctor, Union Pacific's defense attorney, said a "perfect storm" of factors caused the crash, including Midland police leading the parade floats through red lights, the lack of police lookouts for a train and the failure of float drivers to

take "stop, look, listen," precautions at the railroad crossing where the crash happened.

"It was a combination of events that were totally unforeseeable," Proctor told the jury.

The first witnesses presented by the plaintiffs were military comrades of the three dead veterans whose families are parties to the lawsuit:

Gary Stouffer, William Lubbers and Lawrence Boivin. Each described the service backgrounds of the dead veterans and recalled their experience of the seconds leading up to the crash, the newspaper reported.

The 17 plaintiffs are separate from 26 others who earlier this month settled their lawsuit against Union Pacific.

The settlement is confidential but Kevin Glasheen, the lawyer who represented families that settled, said at the time the families were "very satisfied."

TRASH

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sibility of providing more special containers catering to recycling ... whether they be curbside containers or a special drop-off point."

While the study states the city is adequately positioned for the time being, Darden admits there are factors which could change the equation rapidly.

One such factor is the increased use of 90-gallon "roll-out" containers which residents place curbside on collection days.

"Those containers

were originally approved for the Capehart Addition, and there was only 500 of them at the time," Darden said. "Now, we collect from more than 3,500 of the roll-outs, and they're located all over town."

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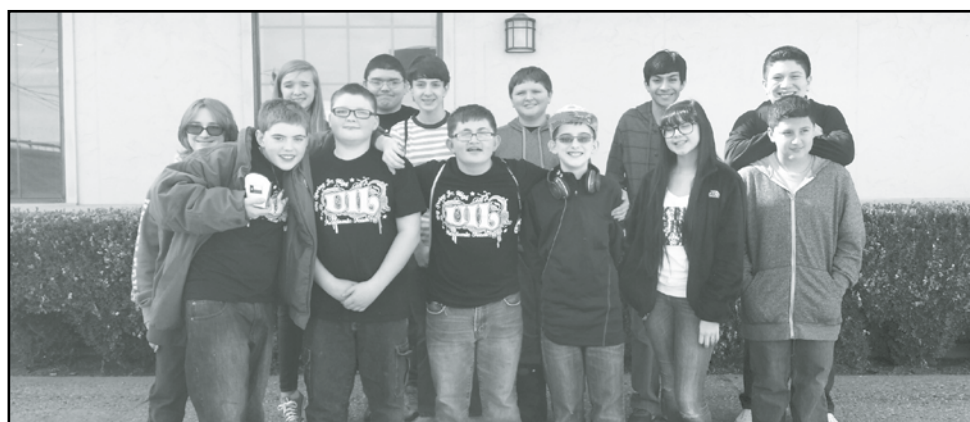
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Big Spring Junior High

BSJHS TMSCA team competed this past week in Coahoma. This was their first outing as a practice team.

The team will be competing in a number of these math and science meets in an attempt to accumulate enough points to make it to state.

Saturday, BSJHS is hosting a meet here. Help and sponsorships assisting with the meet are welcomed.



Courtesy photo

From left, back row, Ransom Colette (BSI), Erika Soltero, Jimmie Jo DeJesus, Manuel Marquez, Christian Roberts, Corey Rogers, and Casey Shubert and, front row, Collin Ross, Cody Fouts, Rocky Ramirez, Jhett Hutcherson, Lindsay Gamboa, and Theran Sealy.

Marcy Elementary School

Marcy Elementary had healthy participation in the school's Science Fair. All of the contestants pictured will advance to the Regional Science Fair at UTPB.



Pictured are Marcy Elementary science fair winners from left, back row, Mrs. Faulkner, Celeste Martinez, Brenna Tubb, Natalie Rodriguez, Leane de la Torre, Michael Stoaks, Kaydence Norwood, Mrs. Burrow; middle, Adolfo Salinas, Destiny Hodnett, Miranda Gomez, Thalia Olivarez, John Maniyali, Roman Perez, Jordan Richards; front row, Mr. Mills, Hannah Peckenpaugh, Aaliyah Montoya, Ethan Urias, Quevaza Lewis, Ezekiel Carreon, Marco Salinas, Alandra Juarez and Mia Saracho



The over-all Science Fair winner for Marcy Elementary School was Michael Stokes, pictured with Principal Rita Faulkner.

(Courtesy Photo)



Courtesy photo

BSJHS Cheer picture from Nationals. Good job Steers! They placed 10th in Time out Cheer, 7th in Fight Song Performance, and 9th place in Dance.

Upcoming holidays For BSISD students

Spring Break
March 16-20

Good Friday
April 3

Memorial Day
May 25
(Bad Weather Day)

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Play Fit for a Queen

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K Q 7 2
♥ A Q 5
♦ 9 3
♣ Q 10 7 4

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

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 7 4 3
♦ A 10
♣ 6

The bidding:
East 1♣ South 1♠ West Pass North 3♠
Pass 4♠
Opening lead — eight of clubs.

Assume you're in four spades and West leads a club. The first thing you do when dummy appears is to count your losers, and this tells you that at most you will lose a club, a diamond and two hearts. You note further that if West has the king of hearts, you can eliminate a heart loser by finessing the queen. However, it's more realistic to assume that East has the king since he was

the one who opened the bidding.

If you're a conscientious declarer, you immediately begin to look for some way to avoid the heart finesse. Long experience shows that many contracts can be made by avoiding finesesses rather than by taking them, so you should make every effort to find a satisfactory alternative. And, if you give the matter serious thought, a possible solution emerges.

So you cover West's eight-of-clubs lead with the ten, won by East with the jack. East then plays the ace of clubs, and you take the first step in the plan you have formulated. Instead of ruffing the ace of clubs, you discard the ten of diamonds!

This play assures the contract. When East continues with a low club, you ruff high, cash the ace of diamonds, lead a trump to dummy's queen and ruff the nine of diamonds. You then return to dummy with a trump and lead dummy's last club, the queen. East covers with the king, but instead of ruffing it, you discard a heart!

This leaves East with no recourse. He is forced to lead a heart into dummy's A-Q-5, or yield a ruff-and-discard by returning a diamond or a club. Either way, you wind up with 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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Third grade: Karlo Arellano, Wiley Gaskins, Erynn Kelley, J'Lyn Ybarra and Jeremiah Ybarra.

Fourth grade: Landon Kelley, Katharina Klassen and Bianca Plata.

Fifth grade: Landry Morrow and Lakyn Sandlin.

Sixth grade: Karlos Arellano and Nancy Rempel.

Eighth grade: Landon Morrow.

Ninth grade: Noah Wigington.

10th grade: Lisa Rempel and Samantha Ybarra.

11th grade: Nicholas Cisneros, Susie Rempel and Dyllan Tindol.

12th grade: Colten Hughes.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First grade: Ava Adams, Skye Barraza, K'Lyn Gillespie, Kevin King, Isaak Neufeld, Kasen Rodgers, Evan Segundo and Stetson Sharp.

Second grade: Ramiro Arriaga, Jacob Christopher, Giovanni Guerra, Wyatt Herm, Blue McMorris, Cyrus McMorris, Gabriella Rios, Mason Rodriguez, Anelia Tarin and Mathew Ybarra.

Third grade: Alec Barton, Cyanne Compton, Tyler Grove, Bill Huffman, Maria Janzen, David Klassen and Aleigha Webb-Hilburn.

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Sixth grade: Victoria Franco, Belicia Hernandez, Harlee Reed, Malachi Walker, Riley Webb and Jeb Worthy.

Seventh grade: Mayra Diaz, Kaylee French, Bryce Hamlin, Alejandra Martinez and Cody Staggs.

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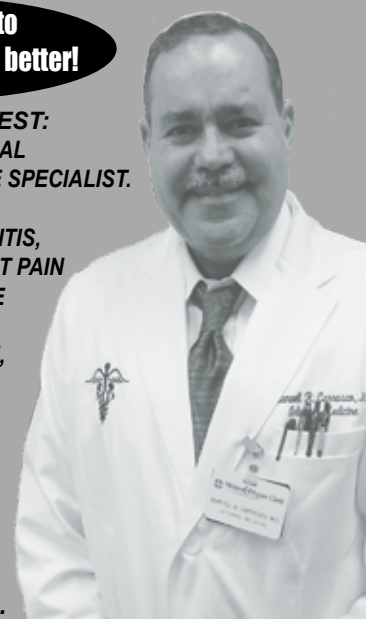
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Here we go again!

Gray leads Hawks to 59-50 win over WTC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team will return to action tonight when they travel to Midland to face off with rival Midland College in the Chaparral Center.

For both teams, the game has major ramifications. In addition to kicking off the second half on Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, HC need a win to hold onto the conference's top spot. The Hawks enter the game showdown tied with South Plains for the WJCAC lead with a 7-1 record.

Howard, now 16-5, is unranked despite owning wins over South Plains and No. 29 Odessa in the first half of conference play.

Midland College, on the other hand, is just trying to stay alive. The Chaparrals, 13-10 overall, are 3-6 in conference and trail New Mexico Military Institute, Odessa College and Frank Phillips College in the race for the WJCAC's No. 4 postseason berth.

The Hawks go into the game as one of the hottest teams in the country, having won 12 of their last 14 outings, including an 87-79 win over the Chaps on Dec. 3.

The Chaparrals, who are led by forward Torren Jones, are the second-best scoring team in the WJCAC, averaging 88.5 points per game.

Jones averaged just over 18 points per game.

MC ranks last in defense, allowing more than 80 points per game.



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Henry Wilson and the Howard College Hawks will begin the second half of their Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule tonight when they travel to Midland to face rival Midland College. HC is 16-5 overall and 7-1 in WJCAC play.

Freshman Courtney Jeffcoat and the Howard College women's basketball team will try and snap a 7-game conference losing streak tonight against Midland College.



First-half surge sends WTC to 67-42 win over HC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks have shown flashes of brilliance in each of their past two games. Playing both New Mexico and Western Texas close for long periods. Now, they want to put a complete game together.

One of the younger teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, the Lady Hawks will try and accomplish that feat tonight when they kick off the second half of their WJCAC schedule with a showdown against Midland College, starting at 5:45 in

Midland.

HC, now 6-16 for the year and 0-7 on conference play, is led into the contest by freshmen standouts Courtney Jeffcoat, Rosemary Rits, Abigail Flores and Tamara York.

Midland College, currently second in the conference standings with a 5-2 record, is led into the game by Taianar Viego and Mary Savoy. Veiga is the conference's top scorer, averaging 15.6 points per contest. Savoy is third on the WJCAC scoring list at 14.77.

Midland College, now 14-8 overall, has won its last two games, and is 6-1 at home this season.

Steers' Williams scores 25 in 57-51 setback to Lamesa

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Chase Williams turned in a stellar performance on Tuesday afternoon against the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. Unfortunately for the Big Spring High School junior varsity basketball team, Williams' heroics didn't turn into a victory.

BSHS freshman fall to Lamesa, 49-38

After starting the season with a promising 3-3 record, the Big Spring High School freshman boys' basketball team is finding the district schedule to be a different animal.

Effort and determina-

tion, notwithstanding, the freshman dropped their fourth straight game on Tuesday, losing to Lamesa, 49-38.

John Ibanez led all BSHS scorers with 15 points, while collect-

ing 8 rebounds. Dylan

Cantu and Javone Ford chipped in nine and seven points, respectively.

The Steers will wrap up the first half of their district schedule on Friday against Lubbock Estacado. Tip-off is 6:30 p.m.

high-flying contest."

Big Spring also picked up a solid contribution from Jeramiah Rushin. He posted a double-double against Lamesa by throwing in 12 points and grabbing a team-high 13 rebounds

Big Spring will return to action on Friday when they travel to Lubbock to face Estacado.

Cantu and Javone Ford chipped in nine and seven points, respectively.

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Big shot ...

Tobyn Tannehill tosses up a three-point shot during the Steers' 64-61 win over Lamesa. Big Spring will face district-leading Estacado on Friday.

Hawks ready to begin '15 season

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The calendar may only say January, but the Howard College Hawks are hoping to kick off the 2015 baseball season a bit early this weekend ... if Mother Nature allows it.

The Hawks, coming off an impressive finish last season, are scheduled to play Wayland Baptist University junior varsity in a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at Jack Barber Field in the 2015 season openers for both squads. The two 7-inning matchups are slated to begin at 1 p.m.

Weather forecasts for Saturday are calling for showers in the Crossroads. According to the National Weather Service, there is a 90 percent possibility of rain in the Big Spring area on Jan. 31.

Should the Hawks' games with WBU get rained out, Howard College will get the season started on the road next Friday when they travel to Houston for a three-games in three days stretch, beginning on Feb. 6 when they face Navarro College at Baytown Sterling High School. On Saturday, the Hawks will face off with San Jacinto College North in a 9-inning affair. The following day HC head coach Britt Smith will lead the Hawks against Louisiana State University-Eunice in a 9-inning affair.

The final two games of Howard's road trip will be played at Skeeter Park, the home of the minor league team Sugarland Skeeters.

The Hawks' next home outing will come on Feb. 13-14 when they host El Paso Community College in back-to-back doubleheaders. Games will begin at noon each day at Jack Barber Field.

Lady Hawks to begin 2015 season tomorrow

The Howard College Lady Hawks will kick off the 2015 softball season on Friday when they host Temple College in a doubleheader.

The Lady Hawks, which feature former Big Spring High School standout Valerie Goodblanket, will play at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The HC women will play Vernon College in a doubleheader on Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Foundation Field.

Little League sign-ups to resume Jan. 31

Big Spring Little League will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season starting on Saturday, Jan. 31, 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.

Sign-ups will also be held 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.

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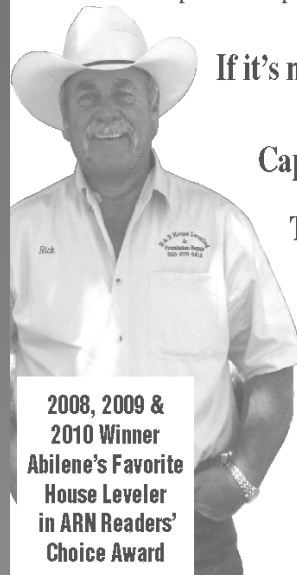
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Gemini Moon Confidence Trick

How much control anyone really has over the environment is debatable, but one thing is for sure under the sociable Gemini Moon -- confidence matters. Believing



HOLIDAY MATHIS

you have control over your environment makes you communicate with more confidence and in turn that confident air gives you a greater degree of influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In business, if a vendor charges significantly lower than competitors, the item or service will be considered "cheap." Whatever you offer today, check out the going rate and price accordingly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel that your talents and passions are not being properly utilized in your current position, and yet today's activities only highlight a narrow aspect of the entire job. Be patient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some people so strongly identify with being a victim that they

will unconsciously sabotage whatever good comes into their experience. This is why you shouldn't take it personally if your help doesn't really seem to help.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You hate goodbyes, and yet they have to happen to move on to the next chapter. Cheerful and short will be best, with the additional clause of "Until next time ..."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though you take the needs and wants of those around you into consideration, the one who will be most affected by your next move is you. Act accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Good news: there is no salvation in the future. Salvation is in the present. Forgive and save. This is the order of the moment. Liberate yourself, do it now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love cannot flourish without space. Some need it more than others. Your sensitivity to the spatial requirements of others (emotional and physical) will make you a most desirable friend and partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Addictive temptations are more dangerous than

they seem. The best tactic is to stay away completely. Why make it harder on yourself? Avoid potential trouble by walking the other way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Embracing only the parts of you that you think are acceptable and/or desirable will diminish your power. Awesome power comes from embracing the good, the bad and the ugly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What if you came at life like you had nothing to prove? What would you do differently? To be content in oneself "as is" is of life's greatest satisfactions. Stop the striving for a day, or better yet for a month.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can devote yourself to others with no loss to yourself. You may experience a loss of ego, and that may hurt, but loss of ego is not the same as loss of self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feeling unequipped? It's not true! You have enough and you are enough. Anyway, purchases made out of insecurity will always be followed by buyer's regret.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 29). Even though it's your birthday, you want

to solve, heal or fix something before you're really in the celebrating mood. You'll do it over the next three weeks, and then you'll be ready for an adventure involving a dear friend and a big project. March and June are the most romantic months. April is home-makeover time. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 41, 3, 33, 35 and 9.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Am I or am I not meeting up with Channing Tatum on the astral plane? I think I am. I'm not crazy. I'm an accountant for a busy bakery, and I have plenty of family and friends around me who do not have any idea about my double life as his girlfriend on the astral plane. I've been dying to tell someone that I visit Channing Tatum in my dreams almost every night, but afraid it would change how they think of me. My question is, is it wrong? Signed Anonymous Aries"

Do you mean, is it wrong because Channing Tatum is a married man and a father? Or do you mean is it wrong because you're an Aries and he's a Taurus -- next-door neighbors on the zodiac wheel who can get along brilliantly as long as they are not fighting like siblings? Or do you mean

is it wrong because there are so many millions of others who also happen to be meeting up with Channing Tatum on the astral plane? Whether it's wrong or right is not for me to say. I would, however, encourage you to exercise your sparkling imagination and zest on (SET ITAL) this (END ITAL) plane in big and exciting ways, dear Aries!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As well as being an entertainment leader, Oprah Winfrey (1/29/1954) is a philanthropist and human rights activist. She shares her birthday month and day with civil rights leader Harriet Tubman. Winfrey was born when the Sun, Mercury and Venus were all in the sign of Aquarius. Symbolized as the water bearer, Aquarius is the great humanitarian of the zodiac, finding a deep sense of purpose in contribution.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: Last summer, my 19-year-old college student granddaughter asked to rent my basement bedroom, with its own bathroom and access to my laundry room. I agreed and asked for a minimum rent to cover utilities. She attends school on a scholarship and works two full-time jobs, and I postponed payment of rent until her next student loan came through.

The problem was, her unemployed, single-parent boyfriend with no car or driver's license

was here all the time. I offered suggestions of nearby job opportunities and the chance to work off his "rent" by helping out around the yard. But he always had an excuse as to why the jobs wouldn't work out and never seemed physically up to doing any yard work.

I did my best to make this situation work. However, they were having parties when I was away and trashing my home. After the second time we had words, they left, leaving most of her stuff here. She then decided to move in with her parents, although she was actually living with her boyfriend and his parents.

My son and daughter-in-law have not said or done anything about this situation. I think they are enabling their daughter. She came back once for clothing and then informed me that I could go in with the rest of her family for her Christmas present to furnish an apartment for her and said boyfriend. That was

the last straw. I gave her a Christmas card with a note saying her gift is that she does not owe me the two months' rent and four months' storage of what is still in that bedroom.

My granddaughter and her mother are both upset with me. I feel she was deceitful, rude and disrespectful of my home and me. I am not handing out any more favors until she grows up. Am I wrong? -- Tough Love Grandma

Dear Tough: Not at all, but you cannot expect your freeloading granddaughter and her enabling mother to agree with you. You do not owe anyone a furnished apartment. Do whatever you think best and ignore the rest. We're on your side.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Run Out of Ideas," whose high-school graduate nephew plays video games in his parents' house all day and seems to have no interest in growing up and being

responsible. This nephew has lots of company.

Please address the "boy crisis" in this country. Thousands of young men in their late teens and 20s are just like the nephew: "perfectly content not to go anywhere in life." Your advice wasn't wrong, but it ignored the fact that his nephew represents a social trend and a problem. Maybe you should explore what's wrong with our society that so many young men are so disinterested in being productive and pursuing success. -- Waco, Texas

Dear Waco: There are plenty of young men who are productive, successful and responsible members of society. For the others, there are undoubtedly myriad reasons: difficulty in finding employment, poor wages and high turnover, substance abuse, mental illness, laziness and overly indulgent parents who issue no consequences for loitering. Studies show that job-hopping is no more excessive for this

generation than previous ones. Parents have to insist that their kids be educated, find work and pay rent, or get counseling to achieve those goals. But decent employment has to be available, or recent graduates will float from job to job feeling undervalued, being underpaid and getting nowhere.

Here's a suggestion from one of our readers: **Dear Annie:** "Run Out of Ideas" should have a local military recruiter visit his nephew "Peter." There is no better organization in the world to turn kids into adults. -- John Q. Public

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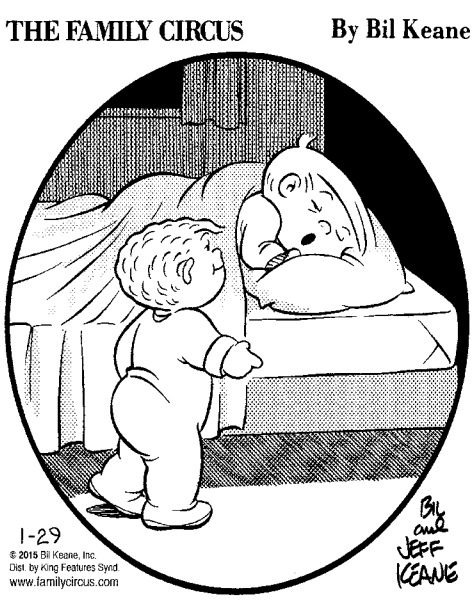
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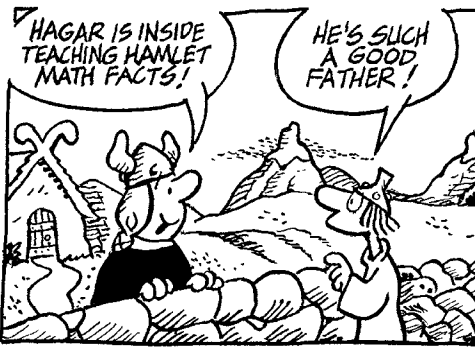
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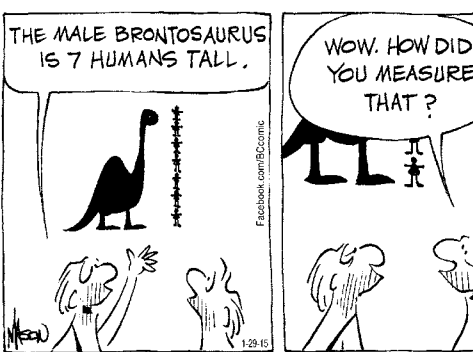
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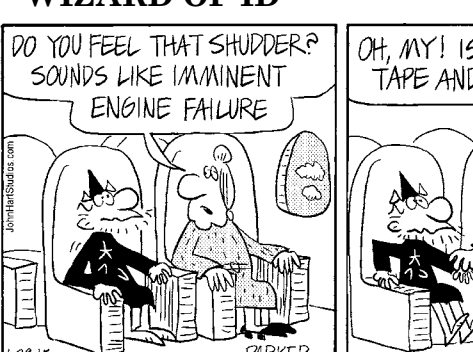
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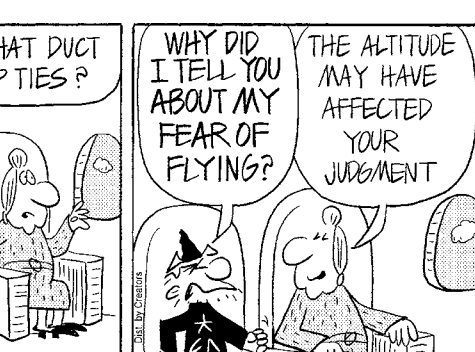
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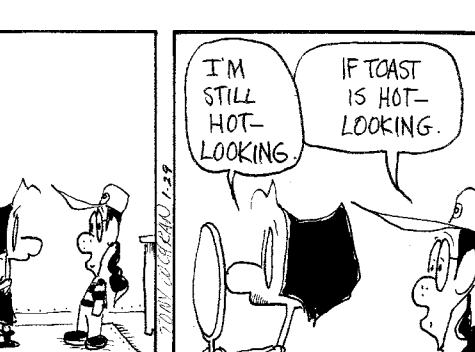
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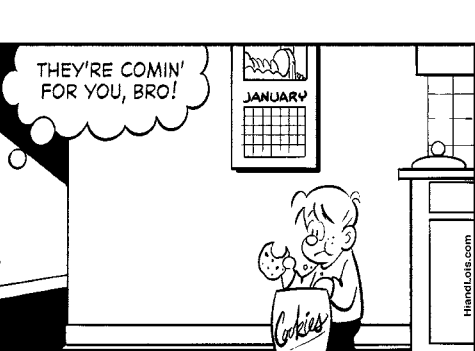
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2015. There are 336 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the New York Evening Mirror. On this date: In 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle. In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio. In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk. In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York. In 1956, editor-essayist H.L. Mencken, the "Sage of Baltimore," died at age 75. In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married in Las Vegas. In 1964, Stanley Kubrick's nuclear war satire "Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The Winter Olympic Games opened in Innsbruck, Austria. Actor Alan Ladd, 50, died in Palm Springs, California. In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.

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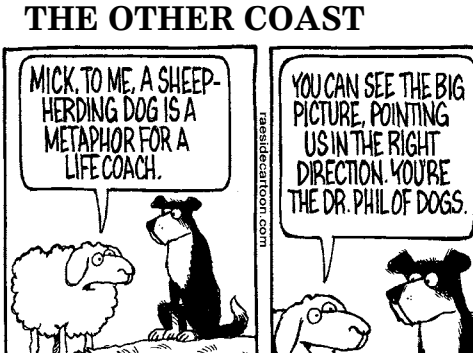
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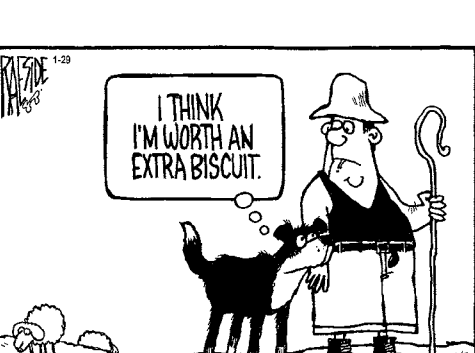
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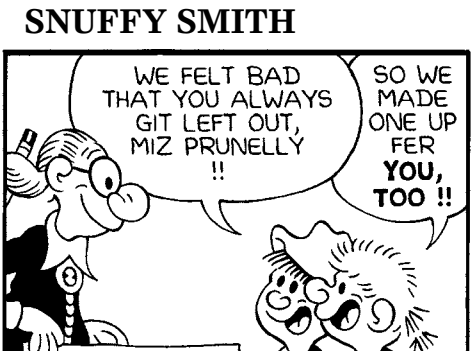
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Eighth grade A, B teams complete busy week

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade A and B teams both turned in outstanding performances last week. The BSJHS B team went 2-2 in a four-game stretch that included a tournament in Midland, while the A team went 1-3 in a span that saw them travel to Andrews for a tournament.

The eighth grade B team opened its run by suffering a 31-25 loss to San Angelo Lee.

The Lady Steers' top defensive players included Kailey Mathews, who led with 19 rebounds, and Hallie Hyatt and Anisa Cervantes, who both added five rebounds.

Offensively, Hyatt led with seven points, Mathews chipped in six while Madison Bosley added four.

The B team then traveled to Midland to compete in the Midland Trinity Invitational B team tournament. The team started off with a 20-10 win against St. Ann's.

The leading scorer for Big Spring was Mathews with 13 points.

Next up for the Lady Steers was Midland Trinity, which claimed a tough 21-16 victory.

The leading scorer was Jesusita Cerda with five points.

Last up for BSJHS in the Midland Trinity In-

vitational was Midland Christian in the third-place matchup. The Lady Steers played a good game and were able to secure a 22-16 win.

Leading the way offensively for Big Spring was Hyatt, who scored 10 points. Maisy Talamantes added 6.

The B team took on Levelland on Monday and lost a 50-15 decision.

Defensively, Cerda, Hyatt and Mathews led in rebounds. Talamantez led with four steals.

Offensively, Hyatt had six points and Mathews added four.

The eighth grade A team lost a heartbreaker in overtime to San Angelo, falling 32-26.

The offensive player of the game for BSJHS was Kayleigh Penny, who pumped in a team-leading 12 points. The defensive player of the game was Erynn Marquez.

The A team also traveled to Andrews to compete in the A team tournament.

The Lady Steers defeated Monahans in the first round, winning a 44-22 bout.

Hayley Crawford led the way offensively for Big Spring.

In the second round, the Lady Steers face off against Midland Classical. BSJHS suffered a 36-17 to Classical.

Crawford led the offense, making two three-pointers.

In Big Spring's last game, the Lady Steers faced off against Denver City for third-place. BSJHS competed well but came up short, 34-31.

Logan Terrazas led the offense.

The Lady Steers finished fourth overall.

On Monday, Big Spring took on Levelland and lost by a score of 52-29.

Leading the Lady Steers' offense was Kamri Kemper. Leah Rivera paced the BSJHS defense.

Big Spring Junior High School's last home game of the season will be Monday (Feb. 2). The Lady Steers will be hosting the Snyder Lady Tigers, with games beginning at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Back in play ...
August Alexander and the Big Spring Lady Steers will try and move closer to a post-season berth on Friday when they travel to Lubbock to face 2-4A rival Estacado. BSJHS needs two more wins to clinch a playoff berth for the second year in a row.

BSJHS 7th B roll past Lobos, 46-28

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade B team came away with a 46-28 victory over the Levelland Lobos on Monday in Levelland.

Hizaka McNally and Isaac Murillo led the way for the Steers by scoring 14 points apiece. Anthony Sarmiento followed with five points. Money Davis and Michael Munoz both added three points apiece. Morris Norman added one.

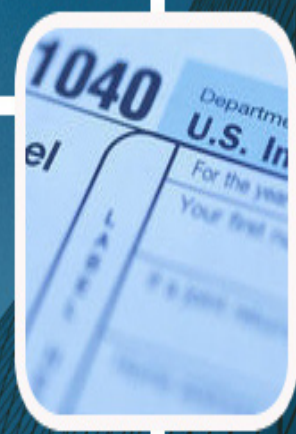
Defensively, Brandon Zarraga played tough, coming away with two steals which led to four points for BSJHS.

Overall, the Steer played tough man-to-man defense the whole game. The Lobos didn't handle to pressure well which led to transition points.

The 7th grade B team improved to 8-2 overall.

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BSJHS eighth grade teams fall to Levelland

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade teams both suffered tough losses to Levelland on Monday.

The BSJHS B team took its third loss of the season by falling to Levelland, 46-31.

Jaiden Walker led the Steers with 11 points. Junior Young and Jason Miramontez both chipped in four points, while Mason Kirby, Jacob Hernandez, Brendon Martinez, Elias Arredondo and Nathan Letz all added two. Calen Rodriguez and Carlos Garcia each hit a free throw to round out the scoring.

With the loss, BSJHS fell to 7-3 heading into their next game, a Feb. 2 matchup with Snyder.

The A team came up short against Levelland, 49-27.

Leading scorer for the A team was Kobe Gutierrez, who netted 10. Also scoring for BSJHS were Chris Ibanez, Jeremiah Cooley, Jaiden Luddington, Bryson Van Vleet, AJ Gonzalez and Channing Miller.

The next outing for the A team will be in the Andrews Tournament. The team opens up the Tournament at 4 p.m. this afternoon against Seminole.

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Scoreboard table containing Football, Basketball, and Baseball results for various teams and leagues.



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Game on tap ...

Big Spring's Steven Henry prepares to shoot a free throw in a junior varsity game recently. The BSHS junior varsity will be in action on Friday in Lubbock against Estacado.

Smith and Harden lead Rockets over Mavericks

HOUSTON (AP) — With Dwight Howard out Wednesday night against the Dallas Mavericks with an ankle injury, the Houston Rockets needed someone to step up.

What they got was a bevy of players chipping in to pick up the slack. Josh Smith scored 18 points and James Harden added 17 as the Rockets used a balanced scoring effort to outlast the Mavericks for a 99-94 victory.

“We’ve got so many weapons now,” Harden said. “We’ve got a lot of depth on this team, a lot of guys that can contribute. When we’ve got so many guys contributing — six guys in double figures — it’s kind of hard to beat us.”

Along with Smith and Harden, Houston got 16 points from Donatas Motiejunas, Corey Brewer had 14, Trevor Ariza

added 13. It was the third straight win for the Rockets and the fourth loss in a row for Dallas.

The Mavericks were down by 3 with 15.9 seconds left when Harden knocked Tyson Chandler down on a shot. He was given a flagrant foul after a review, but Chandler missed both free throws.

Terrence Jones blocked a shot by Monta Ellis but knocked it out of bounds, giving Dallas another chance. The inbounds pass by Chandler Parsons sailed out of bounds to give Houston the ball.

Harden made two free throws after that to secure the win.

Ellis led the Mavericks with 33 points.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said his team was done in by its 23 turnovers.

“It was the decisive fac-

tor of the game, without question,” he said. “We had chances, but that ultimately killed us.”

Dallas scored five quick points to get within 3 with two minutes left, but Smith made a layup before blocking a shot by Chandler on the other end. Dirk Nowitzki made a layup before Harden’s flagrant foul.

A 7-2 run by Houston pushed the lead to 95-87 with about three minutes left. That run was capped by a 3-pointer by Smith that came after an assist by Harden who was being heavily guarded by Rajon Rondo.

“I kick it out to him and he has the confidence to knock it down, and tonight he knocked a big one down in that fourth quarter,” Harden said of Smith.

Smith signed with the Rockets last month.

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