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Power down



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Repair crews were called to the FM 700 service road near the VA Medical Center Thursday afternoon after a vehicle reportedly struck and downed a power line. Several businesses and residences in the area were without electricity for a time, officials said.

1 dead in shooting

20-year-old found killed in east Big Spring, police say

Special to the Herald

Police are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred in east Big Spring Thursday night.

Big Spring Police Department officers responded to the 1000 block of Stadium shortly after 8 p.m. in reference to a "shots fired" call.

"On arrival, officers found a male subject with a single gunshot wound to the chest," a BSPD news release stated. "The victim was sitting in a vehicle in the driveway of 1011 Stadium.

A handgun was recovered at the scene, police say.

The shooting victim, subsequently identified as Mathew Burnett, 20, of Big Spring, was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons has ordered an autopsy, which will be performed Friday morning in Lubbock.

BSPD officials had no other information on the shooting as of press time today.

Eagles Lodge to host cook off to benefit WTC fund

Herald Staff Report

The weather maybe a little chilly Saturday, but at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles lodge the atmosphere is going to be hot.

The 13th Annual Eagles Chili Cook Off will be held this Saturday at the Eagles lodge with funds benefiting

the West Texas Center's Children in Need Fund.

The fund was established in 2001 and assists with the financial needs of children receiving mental health services from West Texas Centers, officials said.

According to Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers chief executive officer, the fund

provides the "little extras" for the children such as new shoes and other clothing, school supplies or tuition for summer camps.

Cooking starts at 8 a.m. and judging begins just before lunch at 11:30 a.m.

For those who want to eat, the cost is \$10 per person. This includes all the chili you

can eat, all the condiments, a desert and a drink.

Prizes are awarded to the top 10 teams and a showmanship award will be presented to the chili team that shows the most enthusiasm and pizzazz.

The competition will take place at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188, 703 West

Third St. in Big Spring.

West Texas Centers is the state-designated Mental Health Authority for 23 counties in rural West Texas. Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disability services are provided to more than 2,000 consumers and their families each month.

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What red ink?

As deficit declines, all sides seek more spending

By JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The deficit is dead. Long live the deficit.

As the nation's ledger adjusts to decreasing levels of deficit spending, the voices in Washington calling for austerity are barely audible. Republicans want more defense spending. Democrats want more domestic spending. And President Barack Obama wants both.

2011 Budget Control Act put in place a series of automatic spending cuts, Obama might be in the best bargaining position to move the debate his way. And that's with Republicans in charge of Congress.

Obama on Thursday called for a 7 percent boost in government spending that would nullify those 2011 so-called sequestration cuts and increase domestic and defense spending by a total of \$74 billion in nearly equal amounts.

For the first time since the See DEFICIT, Page 3



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Cheryl Sparks and Sandra Green talk during the grand opening of the new Visitor Center on Main Street Thursday afternoon.



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Obituaries

Matthew Burnett

Matthew Burnett, 20, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Betty Canon Robb

Betty (Boopy) Canon Robb, born to Eva Pearl Sybert and Olin Buz Canon in Brownwood, Texas on Aug. 17, 1931, passed peacefully from this life and into the arms of her loving Savior on Jan. 21, 2015.

Betty grew up in Longview, Texas and graduated from Southern Methodist University, where she met the love of her life, James Yuill (Ike) Robb Jr. After their marriage in 1952, they established their home and raised their sons in Big Spring, Texas. Betty was completely devoted to her husband, family, friends and her Lord and brought beauty, grace and order into all of the lives she touched.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her brother, Buz Canon.

Betty is survived by her three sons, their wives, and four grandchildren: James Y. (Ike) III and Susan Robb and their children, James Y. Robb IV and Caroline Stone and her husband, Christian;

Bennett and Sheree Robb and their children, Philip Robb and William Robb; and Scott and Sandra Robb. She is also survived by her niece, Amanda Willson, lifelong friend, Clara (Sister) Payne and a myriad of close friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of Visiting Nurses Association and Wanda Moore and Margaret Hernandez for the loving care they gave to Betty.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Salvation Army of Dallas, (P.O. Box 36006, Dallas, TX 75235) or Visiting Nurses Association of Dallas (1600 Viceroy Drive, Suite 400, Dallas, TX 75235).

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

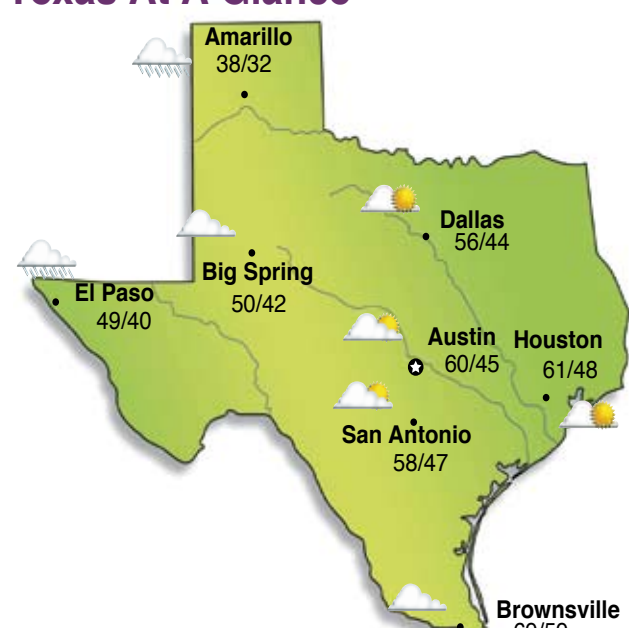
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/31	Sun 2/1	Mon 2/2	Tue 2/3	Wed 2/4
50/42	50/43	50/30	54/39	67/39
Cloudy skies. High near 50F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.	Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 6:21 PM

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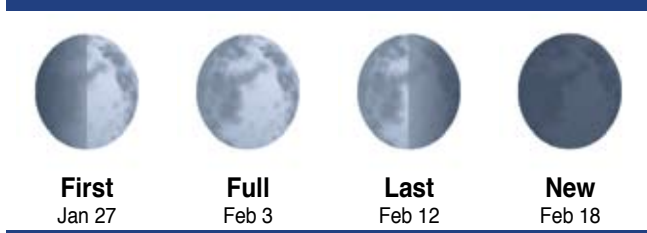
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	43	cloudy	Kingsville	65	54	cloudy
Amarillo	38	32	rain	Livingston	61	43	pt sunny
Austin	60	45	cloudy	Longview	59	38	pt sunny
Beaumont	61	41	pt sunny	Lubbock	41	35	rain
Brownsville	69	59	cloudy	Lufkin	62	43	pt sunny
Brownwood	56	43	cloudy	Midland	47	41	rain
Corpus Christi	61	53	cloudy	Raymondville	67	59	cloudy
Corsicana	59	43	pt sunny	Rosenberg	61	46	pt sunny
Dallas	56	44	pt sunny	San Antonio	58	47	cloudy
Del Rio	57	49	cloudy	San Marcos	60	46	cloudy
El Paso	49	40	rain	Sulphur Springs	59	42	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	46	43	rain	Sweetwater	50	42	cloudy
Gainesville	53	42	cloudy	Tyler	59	43	pt sunny
Greenville	55	42	cloudy	Weatherford	57	43	cloudy
Houston	61	48	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	53	43	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	49	25	sunny	Minneapolis	25	21	pt sunny
Boston	36	12	snow	New York	36	13	sn shower
Chicago	27	21	mst sunny	Phoenix	58	50	rain
Dallas	56	44	pt sunny	San Francisco	65	51	pt sunny
Denver	54	33	cloudy	Seattle	54	38	mst sunny
Houston	61	48	pt sunny	St. Louis	39	28	sunny
Los Angeles	68	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	37	19	windy
Miami	77	60	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 1/31	Sun 2/1	Mon 2/2	Tue 2/3	Wed 2/4
2	1	4	4	4
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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR.**, 22, of 906 Rannels St. was arrested on warrants for speeding in a school zone (two counts).

- **JOHN STEVEN RENFRO**, 48, of 103 Broken Bow Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **CASE COOPER NELSON**, 27, of 2520 Private Road, Hawley, Texas, was arrested on warrants for failed to yield right of way at stop intersection and criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- **GARY WADE ODEN**, 43, of 4415 Crocetet Ave., Midland, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

- **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 29, 1511 Princeton Avenue was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- **WINNIE DENISE KNOX**, 53, of 2618 Hunter was arrested on charges of burglary of a building, speeding in a school zone and no driver's license-when unlicensed.

Support Groups

FRIDAY
• 7 p.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

- **SHAUNACI MARIE ARMENTROUT**, 39, of 1019 Dried Road was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR.**, 22, of 906 Rannels St. was arrested on multiple warrants from other agencies.

- **CODY ALAN WINGO**, 26, of 1700 Purdue Avenue was arrested on a warrant of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 5500 block of Walter road

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of East I-20 and the 1500 block of Sycamore St.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Hearn, the 100 block of East Third St., and South Highway 87.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1100 block of East Third and the 6000 block of Longshore Drive.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of S. Scurry St. and the 1900 block of East FM 700.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St. and the 1000 block of

Police/Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JOHN STEVEN RENFRO**, 48, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for amphetamine possession.

- **CASE COOPER NELSON**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on a CAPIAS warrant for failed to yield right of way at stop intersection and on a charge of criminal mischief, more than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- **CODY ALAN WINGO**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentence/possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.

- **GARY WADE ODEN**, 41, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.

- **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and burglary of a building.

- **WINNIE KNOX**, 53, was booked by the

BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building and on CAPIAS warrants for speeding in a school zone, 33 miles in a 20 mph zone; and no driver's license.

- **SHAUNACI MARIE ARMENTROUT**, 39, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **STEWART RYAN SHADE**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license, violate promise to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear and MTRP/criminal trespass.

- **TIMMY WAYNE ROGERS**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault, causing bodily injury, family member.

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Jan. 31
13th Annual Chili Cook Off:
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Take note

• 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. For more information, call 432-263-3312.

News in brief

With deadline for possible prisoner swap past, Islamic State group silent

TOKYO (AP) — The fates of a Japanese journalist and Jordanian military pilot were unknown Friday, a day after the latest purported deadline for a possible prisoner swap passed with no further word from the Islamic State group holding them captive.

“Government institutions are working around the clock on the case of pilot Muath al-Kaseasbeh,” Jordanian military spokesman Mamdouh al-Ameri said in a statement. “We will inform you of any developments in due time.”

He urged Jordanians not to listen to rumors.

Japanese officials had no progress to report after a late night that ended with the Jordanian government saying it would only release an al-Qaida prisoner from death row if it got proof the airman was alive.

“There is nothing I can tell you,” government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters. He reiterated Japan’s “strong trust” in the Jordanians to help save the Japanese hostage, freelance journalist Kenji Goto.

Rap mogul Suge Knight turns self in in LA hit-and-run probe; undergoes questioning

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) — Authorities say Death Row Records founder Marion “Suge” Knight turned himself in early Friday in connection with a hit-and-run incident that left one man dead and

another injured.

The rap mogul’s attorney said earlier that Knight ran over and killed a friend and injured another man on Thursday as he fled attackers.

Authorities said Knight was a person of interest in the incident, which was being investigated as a homicide.

In a brief statement released early Friday, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department said Knight was at the West Hollywood station with his attorney and was being interviewed by homicide detectives.

Pakistanis fleeing military offensive find new dangers in restive eastern Afghanistan

KHOST, Afghanistan (AP) — Tens of thousands of Pakistanis have sought shelter at a sprawling refugee camp in a volatile region of Afghanistan after crossing the mountainous border to escape a military onslaught against insurgents.

For decades Afghans have fled into Pakistan to escape war and upheaval, but in recent months the tide has reversed, with some 60,000 Pakistanis — more than half of them children — taking refuge in the Gulan camp, some 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the border in the restive Khost province.

“We knew the military operations would last a long time once they started,” said Malik Omarin, a tribal elder who came from the Pakistani town of Datta Khel. “It’s a mountainous area and the insurgents are very strong on their own territory, so the government will have a hard time

finding and destroying the Taliban.”

More than 210,000 Pakistanis have crossed into Afghanistan from the neighboring North Waziristan province since the Pakistani military launched a long-awaited offensive in June against Taliban and other foreign militants, who have long used the lawless tribal region as a launch-pad for attacks in both countries.

Mexican residents block US-backed plan for hydroelectric plant near vital community waterways

SANTA URSULA, Mexico (AP) — People in the hamlet of Santa Ursula began to worry when the logging started. In a few short weeks, more than a mile of densely forested riverbank was stripped from the Arroyo Sal to make way for heavy dredging equipment.

Work was just beginning in late 2010 on an ambitious, three-year, \$30 million project to build a 15-megawatt hydroelectric plant directly adjacent to the Cerro de Oro dam, with support from a U.S. government agency.

Next came dynamite explosions as crews blasted through rock to create a tunnel designed to feed power-generating turbines. In Santa Ursula, some 1.5 miles away, the ground shook and cracks formed in homes, some residents say. Finally murky gray water began flowing from the taps, leading locals to fear the worst: contamination in the spring that provides drinking water for nearly 2,000 people.

DEFICIT

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“Let’s make sure that we end this across-the-board sequester that doesn’t differentiate between smart government spending and dumb government spending,” he told a gathering of Democratic lawmakers in Philadelphia.

That’s not to say that Obama’s budget, set for release on Monday, stands any better chance than his previous budgets at winning congressional support — i.e., zero. But as a negotiating document, it might not be so easily dismissed.

“President Obama would like there to be more nondefense spending, and will try to use defense spending to drive a wedge in the Republican Party, and build support for busting the sequester levels. He will likely succeed,” said Kevin Hassett, an economist at the con-

servative American Enterprise Institute and an adviser to Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign.

Left out of all these equations is the nation’s long-term fiscal picture. Amid the current wish lists for more child care, free community college, and bigger ship and submarine fleets, little is said about an aging population, a growing national debt and the demands on the government created by greater health care access.

That means that while the deficit is now at its lowest since 2007, it will likely be back with a vengeance within the decade.

The Congressional

Budget Office this week projected that based on current laws, deficits will eventually rise from \$468 billion this year to \$1.1 trillion in 2025. The factors behind the increase: baby-boomer retirements, increased federal subsidies for health care, increasing health care costs and rising interest on the federal debt. These are on the mandatory spending side of the ledger, not the discretionary costs that are subject to annual congressional appropriations. Without more revenue or reduced benefits, the deficit can only grow.

“I’m sure we’ll have another knock-down, drag-out over discre-

tionary spending,” said Robert Bixby, executive director of the budget watchdog Concord Coalition. “Probably there will be some kind of deal between the White House and the Congress, but that deal may also be to ignore the entitlement and tax reform.”

Republicans and Democrats have been doing the equivalent of whistling past the graveyard on the long-term deficit ever since Obama and House Speaker John Boehner failed to reach a historic deal four years ago. Since then, the budget cutting has focused on the easier stuff.

Long-term tax revenue has been off the table, as have any cost-saving

ideas for Medicare and Social Security.

Still, the deficit dropped thanks to a tax increase on the rich, an improving economy and the domestic and defense spending cuts agreed to in the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Now those cuts have proved too painful to both parties.

Congressional Republicans are divided on how to pay for additional Pentagon spending. Some want cuts in domestic spending, others have even suggested tax

revenue — a toxic idea among many conservatives. Obama seems determined to take advantage of the lack of agreement.

“Whatever it takes, within reason, to get this problem fixed is what I’m willing to do,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., adding that he would be willing to consider more tax revenue “just to get the damn thing done.”

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Opinion

Forty-two years later

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you, dear Lord, for your creation.

Amen

It has been 42 years since the United States Supreme Court held in *Roe v. Wade* that the right to decide whether to go forward with a pregnancy, prior to viability, belongs to a woman, in consultation with her doctors.

Forty-two years of marches and debates and occasional, horrible violence later, *Roe* remains the law of the land. But constitutional law is scant comfort when there is nowhere to get an abortion in your area — which, last time I checked, was true of more than 40 percent of the counties in the United States. The choice movement may have saved *Roe* in the courts, but on the streets, the access fight continues, sadly.

The politics of abortion have changed even more. For the first few decades after *Roe* was decided, abortion was, frankly, a problem for many Democrats. The polls were equivocal, the right to life movement was expanding everywhere, and Democrats were carefully phrasing their “personal” opposition to abortion notwithstanding the *Roe* decision.

These days, it's the Republicans who are squirming about abortion, and not very discreetly. They made all kinds of noise about voting on a bill on Thursday, *Roe*'s anniversary, to

ban all abortions after 20 weeks. Of course, that would be unconstitutional on its face under *Roe*, but that wasn't the reason the Republicans dropped the idea.

They dropped it because even some members of their own caucus wouldn't support a bill that would deny a rape victim an abortion unless she reported it to the police — even though rape is one of the most under-reported crimes. Unable to pull together a majority to pass a symbolic unconstitutional view, the Republicans settled instead for having a meaningless vote on an old bill that bars public funding of abortion, a bill that has no chance of ever being signed by the president.

You might think, with all the problems we face, the House of Representatives would have better things to do than sit around having symbolic debates and passing symbolic bills, but frankly that's never stopped them, and it didn't stop them now. What did was the change in politics.

“There was a lot of discussion in our retreat (last week) about this, and some of the new people did not want to make this the first bill they voted on, because the millennials have a little bit of a different take on it,” Republican Rep. Ted Yoho of Florida told the press. “But you will see it come back, because the American people agree with it two to one. It's a hideous practice. It needs to stop.”

Sorry, Ted. The two-to-one number is meaningless. The

Kudos to Congress and Netanyahu

Kudos to Congress for inviting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to speak at a joint session on the issue of imposing tough sanctions on Iran and to Netanyahu for accepting.

President Obama has continually snubbed Israel and Netanyahu — whom he refuses to meet with in March, allegedly because he doesn't want to interfere with the upcoming elections in Israel. Obama has been alarmingly lax in his dealings with Iran in its ambitions to acquire nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

Some Obama defenders are chastising Congress for breaching protocol in inviting Netanyahu, saying, “There appear to be no rules anymore.” This, from the same people who routinely pooh-poo President Obama's habitual lawlessness. Even some conservatives are cautioning against Netanyahu's addressing Congress, saying that if it proceeds as planned, it will play into Obama's hands and undermine its goal of strengthening sanctions against Iran because it will shift the focus away from Obama's indefensible position and toward Netanyahu's “chutzpah.”

I wholeheartedly disagree. Netanyahu's speech will put the spotlight on the substance of his arguments. Netanyahu will have the world stage, and he'll make a powerful case that Iran is going full-bore and that at stake is not just Israel's security but also that of the United States. In the past few days, Israeli media have claimed that satellite images show new long-range ballistic missile launch sites near Tehran.

We must reject the premise that Netanyahu's speaking before Congress, which has every constitutional right to invite him, is about Benjamin Netanyahu. It is about a matter of the gravest importance to Israel's and our national security. It is simply wrongheaded to yield to the idea that Netanyahu and Congress should tread lightly for fear that some will attempt to depict it as an egotistical move

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on Netanyahu's part or a power play on the part of the Republican Congress to embarrass President Obama.

Why aren't these same critics panning Obama for his egregious behavior in failing to properly prioritize this matter as one not about Israel's elections but about a matter of national security? Why aren't they pointing out that it is Obama who should be criticized for conducting meetings with YouTube pop culture figures who eat Froot Loops out of a bathtub instead of with the leader of one of our best and most important allies? Why are they not taking Obama to task for his arguably anti-Semitic slur when he suggested that senators are only opposing his position to appease donors — a lamely veiled reference mostly to Jewish groups? Does Obama just get to say anything he wants to, no matter how offensive?

Enough of the guarded behavior from our side.

Obama has been on a lawless tear for most of his time in office, usurping Congress' constitutional role and thumbing his nose at it and its authority and daring it to do anything to stop him.

Must our response always be like that of the fraternity pledge played by Kevin Bacon in the movie “Animal House” upon being paddled by the fraternity actives? “Thank you, sir. May I have another?”

So what if, as the feckless fear, future House speakers will engage in the same behavior as House Speaker John Boehner is in inviting Netanyahu? Are you kidding me? Do you actually think those in this modern Democratic Party — currently

question isn't whether you're for or against abortion; the question is who gets to decide: the woman, with the advice of her family, her doctor, her minister, or the government. Ask the question that way, and the government loses, hands down. It isn't just the millennials who think the government should keep its nose out of the gynecologist's office. The millennials want to keep getting elected. The old timers seem bent on refighting the old battles.

Forty-two years should be enough time to spend debating symbolic bills and litigating unconstitutional laws.

The Republican bill doesn't help teen mothers. It doesn't address maternal health. It won't reduce infant mortality rates. There is so much we could and should do that we all agree on. Let's take care of the wanted babies; let's help women have healthy babies; let's spend our energy figuring out how to help prevent teen pregnancy. Let's talk about how we're going to educate these kids, which is a public responsibility, and leave the gynecologists and their patients alone. With so much to be done, and so much that we do agree on, lawmakers playing games with symbolic bills should be ashamed of themselves.

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led by Obama and Harry Reid (who has unilaterally modified Senate rules for partisan advantage) — are ever concerned at all about their violating protocol? They don't care about the Constitution; why would they care about protocol? This incident doesn't change anything.

And why should the current Congress be shy about breaching some technical protocol by inviting Netanyahu to speak, when Obama is brazen about stepping all over its authority at will? Even if Obama hadn't been trampling on the Constitution for years, the overwhelming gravity of the issue on which Netanyahu will be speaking justifies a so-called breach of protocol here.

But in fact, Boehner has the authority to ask Netanyahu to speak, and it is his prerogative to invite whomever he chooses. He is neither usurping nor abusing his authority in inviting Netanyahu.

We are living in very perilous times, and President Obama obviously doesn't view many of the objectively dangerous threats we face — from members of al-Qaida to other Islamic terrorists to Iran — as even serious problems. Instead of fretting over how Congress is going to be viewed for doing the right thing and placing the issue of Iranian nukes front and center before Congress — and the world — we must vigorously support Congress' actions and do what we can to help focus attention on this critical issue.

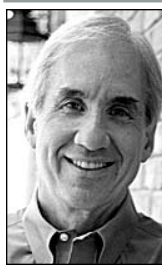
It also doesn't hurt for Congress to be sending a loud message, within its own constitutional authority, that there are many in the United States — probably the majority of Americans — who take these matters seriously and intend to take action to defend the security interests of the United States and its allies.

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Did you ever wonder?

Jacob meets Rachel

Gen 29 begins, "So Jacob lifted his feet, and went toward the land of the easterners." "Lifted up his feet" means that he walked energetically. Having received God's blessing, he was confident about his quest for a wife and was enthusiastic to reach his destination.

When Jacob reached the area of Haran, he found flocks waiting to be watered. The stone over the mouth of the well was large and very heavy. The shepherds always waited until all the herds were there, so there would be several men to roll the stone.

The very heavy stone could be a clue to their character; in a desert area, water was scarce, and these Arameans did not trust each other. While they waited, Jacob inquired about Laban, his mother's brother. The shepherds pointed out that his daughter, Rachel, was approaching with her father's flock.

This gives us several background clues about Laban. Perhaps he does not have any sons and cannot afford to hire a shepherd. Perhaps his flock is small enough that a young teenage girl shepherds them. Even so, she must be a skilled shepherd to do the job without help.

As soon as Rachel arrived with her father's flock, Jacob, alone, rolled the stone away and watered her sheep. Jacob already knew that he had found the woman he wanted for his wife. He kissed her and raised his voice and wept.

The sages surmise that Jacob may have wept because he came empty-handed; he did not have the bride price. Another old story tells that when Jacob left to seek a bride, Isaac had given him money and gifts for her family. But Esau had ordered his son, Eliphaz, to ambush Jacob and kill him. Eliphaz, who was raised in Isaac's home, did not want to kill Jacob. He took all of the wealth that Jacob carried and impoverished him. The sages say that 'a poor man is tantamount to a dead man;' in essence, Eliphaz obeyed his father.

When Laban heard of Jacob's arrival, he ran to meet him. He embraced and kissed him on each cheek, as was their custom. Laban knew that the family of Abraham was wealthy. He expected gifts from his nephew.

A disappointed Laban said, "Nevertheless, you are my flesh and blood!" And Jacob stayed in Laban's home. In this culture, Jacob would have been working for Laban while he stayed in his home. After a month Laban said, "Just because you are my relative, should you serve me for nothing? Tell me: What are your wages?"

Jacob knew that he loved and wanted Rachel for his wife. Since he had no money to pay the bride price, he answered, "I will work for you for seven years, for Rachel, your younger daughter."

Did you notice that Jacob stated the exact terms for his hire? He stated how long he would work, and for what amount - Laban's daughter, Rachel. He also added, "Your younger daughter," because Laban had two daughters. This is a model contract.

Laban agreed to this deal, making it almost sound like, "Oh, well. I might as well give her to you as to anyone else." He was getting a shepherd for seven years at no cost, but still he had rather have money.

"So Jacob worked seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him a few days because of his love for her." (Gen 29:20)

We should take a lesson from this today. Jacob loved Rachel and only Rachel all his life.



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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.

Sunday services are: Bible study at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Ladies class meets Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and also on Wednesday is Bible Study and devotional at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife, Debbie, invite you to join this vibrant congregation as they gather to praise and thank God for the gift of Jesus Christ.

Sunday worship services meet at 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m., and are currently held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700.

Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. is Bible study and fellowship at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

For additional information contact Pastor Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood. To connect with us, call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at aliveinchristx@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."

McKenna Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week. Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is based on Mark 1:21-28.

Our Wednesday night bible study begins at 6:30 p.m.

A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 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."

First Church of the Nazarene

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Sunday morning classes are at 9 a.m. for all ages and are held 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 Sunday evening 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, 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 Baptist Church

Join us at 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning as we gather to worship and praise our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Living Beyond Myself" which explores key passages in the book of Acts from which the church can learn how to unleash its full potential through the Holy Spirit's power. The morning message titled "Give Yourself Away" is drawn from Acts 4:32-37. Bring your iPad, smart phone, or Kindle Fire to interact with the sermon while it occurs. If unable to attend the service, you may watch it live through the stream on our website: fcbigsring.org.

Sunday School groups gather at 9:30 a.m. throughout the building. Greeters are available.

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) meets at 5:30 p.m., and this Bible based program is open to all area children grades kindergarten through sixth grade. There is no fee to attend.

Sunday night youth group comes together at 6; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 432-270-8332 for meeting place.

Evening worship service

starts at 6 p.m. Pastor Lindsey continues to lead us through an exploration of the Old Testament.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, bring a friend and join our Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) group at noon in the church dining room.

The Mission Center (food pantry and clothes closet) will not be open Thursday, Feb. 5, but will be open Thursday, Feb. 12. Call the church at 267-8223 for more information.

Feb. 8, the Youth Department is hosting a luncheon after the morning worship service to kickoff 'The True Love Project.' Students grades sixth through 12 and their parents are invited; there is no fee to attend. This luncheon will provide details about the upcoming True Love Project classes which provide an in-depth look at what the Bible says about sex, purity, and romance. Participants do not have to be members of First Baptist to attend.

Ladies' Bible Study groups resume in late February; details to follow.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5-6 p.m., followed by activities for all age groups. Go to fcbigsring.org for details or call 267-8223. Join us for meat loaf February 4.

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

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 p.m.

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.

After the Session Retreat on Saturday, Jan. 17, the new committee chairs were named as follows: Church Life, Helen Glass, Facilities, Weldon Jones; Finance, Jerry Grimes; Membership, Buddy Cochrane; Service, Ellen Austin; Worship, Ellen Austin. Anyone wishing to serve on any of these committees may contact the appropriate chair person.

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Human nature vs God's nature

Did your parents ever say to you, "If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times?" If you are a parent, have you caught yourself saying the same thing, or something similar, to your children?

Why do we repeat the same mistakes? When our family members or friends do this, it can get on our nerves. We just wish they would stop doing those things. Sometimes you may want to "shake some sense into them" or yell at them to "stop it!"

What about yourself? Sometimes there are things that I might struggle with, but often I am more patient and understanding with myself than others. That is human nature. I know what I should

do, but many times I don't do it. I know what I should not do, but I still do it anyways (Romans 7).

What if God looked at us (every person that has ever lived and will ever live) like we look at others? What if God treated us in the same manner that we treat each other? What if God gave us exactly what we deserve whenever we sin (violate His law)?

In previous articles we have seen how humanity chose to disobey God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). In the next generation the first child to be born (Cain) commits the first murder against his own brother. Human nature is selfish and follows its own desires. Human nature is lead by emotions and feelings much of the time.

Within 1,656 years (Genesis 5 genealogies; 6:6) humanity had turned away from God to the point That the Lord saw that the

wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. Following the flood, humanity started over through Noah and his family. After being delivered by God from the destruction, one would think that they would share that story with their children and grandchildren and so on through the generations. However, we read that within between 101 and 340 years after the flood (Genesis 10:25; 11:10-19) humanity once again was putting itself above God. In their arrogance they tried to build a tower to reach into the heavens (Genesis 11:1-9). We could point out many, many other examples throughout Scripture of the disobedience of people.

Thankfully God is not human.

God in His great love wants what is best for His creation, for us. God is not lead by human emotions or fears or selfish desires. God does punish sin, but at the same time He is true to His promise of redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

In Exodus 34:6-7, God spoke to Moses and said, The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane church of Christ.

Reflections

What's in a name?

When my phone rings and someone asks for "William," I know they don't know me.

William is my legal name, and usually those who ask for "William" turn out to be telemarketers. But when the caller asks for "Billy," I know they are from my past. I was known as "Billy" in my childhood, youth and early adult years. My wife still calls me Billy. If they ask for "Bill," they probably met me during my mid-life and later career when I opted for the shorter version. "Bill" seemed more professional than "Billy" and I thought it sounded better with my last name.

I guess I would have been the same person regardless of my name. Since my middle name is Charles, I could have been called "Charlie" or "Chuck." My father called me Butch. He was the only one.

Names are important. When someone calls us by our name it opens doors of relationship. But even more important than our name is the voice of the one who calls us. The effect of hearing our name spoken by those who love us is different than when it is spoken by others.

God knows us by our name and calls us by name.

It is a measure of the intimacy by which we are known and loved. When Moses wandered off the beaten path with shattered dreams and settled for a future shepherding his father-in-law's sheep, God called his name: "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'" (Exodus 3:4).

When the boy Samuel was growing up in the Temple, God called his name: "Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" (1 Samuel 3:10). In the fullness of time, the angel Gabriel called to a young woman in Nazareth: "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30). Those moments changed history.

Sometimes God changed a name in order to reflect His plan and purpose for a person's life. Jacob's name, which means "deceiver" or "supplanter," was changed to Israel, meaning "you have struggled with God" or "prince of God." When Jesus met the fisherman, Simon, "Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter)." John 1:42).

Jesus said, "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice." (John 10:2-4).

To God, no one is a number or a statistic. He knows you better than you know yourself. God knows you and calls you by name.

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CHURCH NEWS



Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at Communion. The choir will present "At the Name of Jesus" by R. Vaughn Williams as the offertory anthem.

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

starts at 11 a.m.

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.fpchs.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.

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" fiber crafts and prayer shawl ministry meets at the church Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning a fiber craft (crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, etc.) or have projects you would like to share or just to have some fellowship while crafting, come join us.

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 a various locations.

"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. The number of classes will depend on the number of people who sign up. We hope to have groups for men and youth as well as for women. For more information, visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

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

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

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

Sunday
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New landscaping and signage was added to the YMCA by Keep Big Spring Beautiful and several businesses. Pictured are Keep Big Spring volunteers AI Williams, Doreen Womack with Suddenlink, Tammy DePauw, Jim DePauw and Peggy Hopper

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

In 2014 Keep Big Spring Beautiful took on a beautification project at the YMCA using funds raised through business memberships and grants from The Big Spring Area Community Foundation and Suddenlink.

The trees and shrubs were trimmed and dead trees were removed from the grounds by a local arborist and some Keep Big Spring Beautiful volunteers.

Cat Construction sent a front end loader and three workers to clear and dig out the plant bed. The new YMCA letters were cut out at Phillip's Fab-

rication and galvanized at Boyce Galvanizing. Big Spring Collision Center added the final touch painting the letters in shades of red to orange.

The county provided trustees to lay down the weed preventer and spread five inches of mulch from the city landfill in the three plant beds. The trustees also mowed the lawn, trimmed the edges along the sidewalks, planted five native/adaptive plants and painted railings.

The overall beautification of the exterior of the YMCA has greatly enhanced the building and was greatly appreciated by the members of the YMCA.

Portugal OKs citizenship plan for Sephardic Jews

BY BARRY HATTON

Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Five centuries after burning thousands of Jews at the stake, forcing them to convert to Christianity or expelling them, Portugal is granting citizenship rights to their descendants as part of an attempt to make amends.

The Portuguese Cabinet on Thursday approved a law offering dual citizenship to the descendants of those Sephardic Jews — the term commonly used for those who once lived in the Iberian peninsula.

The effective date of the law will be made public soon and similar legislation in Spain is awaiting final legislative approval.

The Portuguese rights will apply to those who can demonstrate “a traditional connection” to Portuguese Sephardic Jews, such as through “family names, family language, and direct or collateral ancestry.”

Like Spain, Portugal says its sole reason for

granting citizenship is to redress a historic wrong.

“There is no possibility to amend what was done,” Portuguese Justice Minister Paula Teixeira da Cruz said. “I would say it is the attribution of a right.”

The measure is the latest step in Portugal’s modern efforts to atone for its past harsh treatment of Jews, whose ranks once numbered in the tens of thousands, but have been reduced to only about 1,000 today.

In 1988, then-president Mario Soares met with members of Portugal’s Jewish community and formally apologized for the Inquisition. In 2000, the leader of Portugal’s Roman Catholics publicly apologized for the suffering imposed on Jews by the Catholic Church, and in 2008 a monument to the dead was erected outside the Sao Domingos church where the massacre of thousands of Jews began at Easter in 1506.

Jose Ribeiro e Castro, a lawmaker who was involved in drafting the

legislation, sees the persecution of Sephardic Jews as a “stain” on Portuguese history.

He said he was contacted on social media by Sephardic Jews abroad who suggested granting citizenship rights to descendants of their persecuted ancestors.

“We wish it had never happened,” Ribeiro e Castro said. “Given that it did happen, and that it can be put right, we thought we ought to do so.”

Applicants will be vetted by Portuguese Jewish community institutions, as well as by government agencies. They will have to say whether they have a criminal record. Jewish community leaders say they expect the application procedure to take four months.

“We regard it as an act of justice,” Michael Rothwell, a delegate of the Committee of the Jewish Community of Oporto, which is one of the vetting organizations, said of the new law.

Sin vs safety: judge weighs arguments on Gitmo female guards

BY DAVID DISHNEAU

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP) — Religious-based restrictions on the use of female guards at Guantanamo violate the military’s gender-neutral policy and weaken prison security, a government prosecutor argued Thursday in a dispute over assertions by detainees that their Muslim faith makes it a sin for them to be touched by woman soldiers.

A defense attorney for detainee Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi countered that the restrictions imposed by a temporary court order in November must be enforced and expanded, at virtually no risk to security or soldiers’ careers, to protect his client’s religious rights.

The military judge, Navy Capt. J. Kirk Waits, gave no indication when he would rule. He recessed the hearing at the U.S. military base in Cuba after lawyers gave closing arguments. The Associated Press covered the four-day hearing from a video feed at Fort Meade near Baltimore.

Waits issued an order in November barring female guards from jobs requiring them to touch Hadi — to apply and remove restraints, for example — while escorting him to attorney-client meetings and court hearings. A similar ruling by another military judge earlier this month pertains to the five defendants in the Sept. 11 attacks.

All are housed at Camp 7, a top-secret unit housing about 15 men deemed “high-value detainees” by the Pentagon.

Some female soldiers have filed gender discrimination complaints with the military over the issue.

Women were added to the escort teams in October, pursuant to a 2013 expansion of gender-neutral military jobs, prosecutors say. Defense attorneys say allowing women to handle prisoners upsets their clients, interferes with attorney-client meetings and could amount to unlawful pretrial punishment.

The men contend their faith prohibits physical contact between men and women who aren’t married or closely related. The stricture in certain Muslim denominations is meant to prevent illicit sexual intercourse, according to the written testimony of Mohammad H. Fadel, an expert on Islam at the University of Toronto law school.

The judge seemed skeptical that routine handling of a prisoner could be sexually arousing. “We’re in the context of a prison. We’re in the context of people, of many other guards also being present,” Waits told defense attorney Marine Lt. Col. Thomas F. Jasper.

But Jasper said prisoners have a right to practice their religion under the U.S. Constitution and the Geneva Conventions. He said directing female guards to step back and let male soldiers touch

the prisoners shouldn’t pose a security risk.

Prosecutor Army Lt. Col. David Long cited case law giving substantial deference to prison administrators in operational decisions.

“Running a humane and well-functioning detention facility requires the proper staffing,” Long said.

The camp commander testified Wednesday that it was hard to find and train enough National Guard troops for the high-security jobs. Rotating their roles on escort teams minimizes the possibility of risky relationships with prisoners, he said.

Long said jailers already accommodate detainees’ religious beliefs in many ways, including prayer breaks and preferences for food, apparel and facial hair. Enabling them to dictate the makeup of escort teams goes too far, he said.

“The detention facility cannot run with the guards and guard leadership responding to detainees issuing their requests or demands before they comply,” Long said.

Hadi has been at Guantanamo since April 2007. He is accused of being an al-Qaida commander who organized deadly attacks on U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan. He faces up to life in prison if convicted of the alleged war crimes. He appeared in court wearing a white tunic, a headdress and a long, gray beard.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the king of hearts. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠A 7 4	♥6 3 2
♥A J 4	♦8 2
♦A 10 9	♦Q J 8 6 2
♣K Q 7 3	♣A J 6

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades. North leads the ace and another spade, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

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

1. Win the king of hearts with the ace, cross to the ace of clubs, lead the queen of diamonds and finesse. If the finesse loses to North, you have 10 sure tricks whatever he returns. If the finesse wins, repeat it by leading a low diamond to your ten. This approach is sure to produce at least nine tricks regardless of which opponent has the king of diamonds or how the suit is divided.

If you were to duck the king of hearts at trick one — a play that is often made in similar circumstances — you would be courting disaster. North might shift to a spade, and you would then almost surely go down if North had the king of diamonds.

Since you can guarantee the contract by winning the opening heart lead, there is no reason to risk the contract by doing anything else.

2. Win the spade in your hand, cash the K-A of hearts, ruff dummy’s last heart, then play the A-10 of clubs. This series of plays assures making at least 10 tricks.

If North wins the club, you are certain to gain your 10th trick whether he returns a heart, a diamond or a club. If South wins the club and returns a low diamond, you insert the nine, forcing North to make a return that is sure to give you the game-going trick. If South returns the jack or ten of diamonds instead, you play the queen to accomplish the same result.

Finally, if South wins the ten of clubs and returns a low club, you discard a diamond to get home safely; if he returns a heart instead, you discard a diamond and ruff in dummy. All roads inevitably lead to Rome.

Tomorrow: Swapping horses in midstream.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 9

sudoku

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

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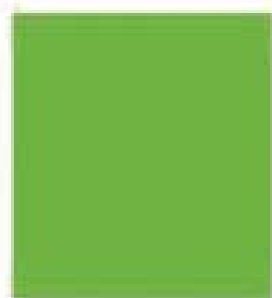
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Best Loser participants begin marathon weight-loss journey

And they're off!
That's the endeavor facing Big Spring area residents who are participating in the 2014 Best Loser Fat to Fitness Challenge, sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald* in conjunction with Back in Motion Chiropractic.

Eleven four-person teams have already weighed in and are walking, jogging, ex-

ercising and dieting to shed pounds. The end result should be a group of people who are healthier — and a few who will be rewarded financially, too.

The idea behind the challenge is to promote better eating habits, exercise and a healthy lifestyle. If you are overweight, losing just 10 percent of your body weight is associated

with a myriad of health benefits, including lowering blood pressure, blood cholesterol and blood sugar.

Why four-person teams? Because studies show that the more support you have — whether it's losing weight, quitting smoking or training for a marathon — the more successful you're likely to be. Team members can walk or

work out together, or simply be available to talk.

This year, our teams have agreed to take the challenge for three months. Only a team's weight loss percentage is noted during weigh-in, not the individual's. That way, no one will be embarrassed.

By the way, contestants, don't forget that the next weigh-in takes

place during the first week of March! Team members will officially weigh-in at Back in Motion Chiropractic.

Team photos were taken before the contest began and they appear in this issue. Photos will be taken again before the end of the event.

If you know any of our contestants, we hope you'll encourage them in their efforts.

Praise them in their quest for less; delight in their search for slim; raise your fist in their determination to lay waste to waist; shout over their attempt to trade fat for flat.

Now, without any further delay, let the losing begin!

Winners will be announced in a special supplement at the end of the contest.

How to find time for fitness

Finding time to exercise is no small feat for many men and women. Obligations at home and at the office can make it hard to fit in a workout, a familiar quandary for men and women with multiple commitments.

Many men and women still feel as if there's just not enough time in the day for them to incorporate a daily exercise regimen. The following are a few ways such men and women can

find time for fitness.

- Take a walking lunch. Rather than sitting at your desk, consider squeezing in some time to walk during those 30-60 minutes you normally spend eating or catching up on office gossip with coworkers. Invite a few coworkers along, walking to and from your favorite restaurant or finding a nearby park and going for a quick walk.

This is an easy way to

squeeze in the recommended 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each day, and you will no doubt feel more energized after lunch than if you had simply eaten without exercising.

- Exercise in the morning. Research has shown that men and women who exercise in the mornings exercise on a more consistent basis than those who exercise later in the day.

When exercising in the early morning hours, men and women are less likely to encounter scheduling conflicts, as coworkers, colleagues and even the kids will likely still be asleep.

- Prepare meals ahead of time. If working out in the morning simply won't work out for you, then consider planning meals in advance so you can free up time between the office and dinner each night.

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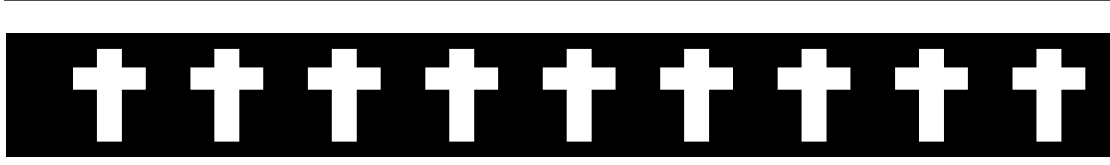
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Howard survives Chaps' rally

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND – Down by 11 in the first half, the Howard College Hawks found themselves looking for a spark early on against the Midland College Chaparrals.

Rob Gray didn't just give his team a spark. He delivered a full blown fire – from far away.

Backed by five first-half three-point shots from the freshman point guard the Hawks rallied from a double-digit deficit to claim a thrifling 73-70 victory over Midland College in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference matchup that was marred by 51 fouls.

"It wasn't pretty but we scratched one out," said HC coach Scott Raines after watching Maurice O'Field's last-second attempt at a game-tying three fall short. "I'm proud of the way we hustled."

With the victory, Howard College completed the second leg of their three-game road swing successfully, and heads into Monday's showdown with No. 20 South Plains College at 17-5 for the season and, more importantly, with a slim one-half game lead in the WJCAC standings.

The game didn't start so well for the Hawks,

who are now 8-1 in conference play. Midland College got off to a red hot start early in the first half. The Chaps opened with a staggering 13-4 run in the first six minutes of play.

The MC didn't last long, thanks to the Hawks dominance from the perimeter. Howard College erased the Chaps' lead quickly by pounding out a 31-15 run in the remainder of the half.

As a team, the Hawks lit up the Chaparral defense from beyond the three-point arc in the first 20 minutes, hitting seven of their first 12 attempts.

Midland did stage a threat late in the first, however. Evans scored five of his 17 points in the final 2:28, including a trey with 1:45 left that pulled MC to within four, at 32-28.

Gray took care of any momentum the Chaps were building seconds later by pulling up and sinking his fifth long-range bomb of the half to send the game into the second half with Howard holding a 35-28 cushion.

Gray, who netted 17 of his game-high 25 points in the opening half, was phenomenal from the floor in the first 20 min-



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College freshman Jeff Long drives between two Midland defenders for a shot during the Hawks' 73-70 come-from-behind victory on Thursday in the Chaparral Center in Midland. With the win, the HC men's basketball team remained atop the WJCAC standings.

See **HAWKS**, Page 20

Hawks, SPC to play Monday for WJCAC lead

The Howard College men and women's basketball teams will compete in their biggest games of the season on Monday against South Plains College.

For the Hawks, the top spot in the WJCAC race – and the inside track to the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Region V tournament – will be at stake. HC enters Monday's game one-half game ahead of the Texans, courtesy of a 78-73 win on Jan. 8 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The HC women will be looking to snap an 8-game conference losing streak. The Lady Hawks suffered a close 37-28 loss to SPC earlier this year.



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Tamara York battles Midland's Tajanay Veiga for a loose ball during the Lady Hawks' 61-51 loss to the Lady Chaparrals on Thursday. HC's Bria McCullough (3) watches on during the play.

Lady Chaps hold off HC threat, 61-51

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MIDLAND – For much of the season, Howard College head coach Earl Diddle has waited for his young team to begin maturing. They began turning potential into promise on Thursday evening in the Chaparral Center.

Despite suffering a tough 61-51 setback, Diddle watched on as the Lady Hawks outscored the Midland College Lady Chaparrals by a 28-26 margin in the second half of their Western Junior College Athletic Conference matchup.

The Lady Hawks' uprising was not lost on Diddle, who praised his team's overall effort.

"It was a great effort," he said. "I'm very proud

of the way they played."

Especially considering their opponent. Midland College, with the hard-fought win, remained in second in the WJCAC standings.

The Lady Chaparrals, now 15-8 overall and 6-2 in conference play, didn't dominate the Lady Hawks as they had in their previous meeting. The MC women pounded out a 24-point victory in the teams' conference opener on Dec. 3, winning 77-53.

Courtney Jeffcoat and Rafaella Angelidou made sure Howard College held its o early. The two combined for five first-half three-pointers and helped the HC women fight to within 12 at the half, 35-23.


See **WOMEN**, Page 20

HC baseball, softball games are cancelled

Due to a cold and rainy forecast, the Howard College baseball and softball teams had their schedules changes.

The Lady Hawks' game against Vernon that was set for today was cancelled. The team's Jan. 31 matchup with Temple was moved to Feb. 7 at Foundation Field.

The Hawks' game against the Wayland Baptist JV will be played Feb. 2.



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Steers, Lady Steers to face Estacado today

The Big Spring High School boys' and girls' basketball teams will travel to Lubbock today for a pair of key District 2-4A contests against Estacado.

The Lady Steers can move a step closer to clinching a postseason berth with a victory over the Lady Matadors. The BSHS girls, coming off an impressive win over Snyder on Tuesday in the Steer Gym, currently sit second in the

district standings with a 4-2 record. Lamesa and Snyder, who play tonight in Lamesa, are tied for third.

Estacado has struggled to find wins this season. The Lady Matadors head into the 6 p.m. start with a 5-22 record.

Big Spring started its current hot streak with a 50-40 come-from-behind win over Estacado on Jan. 13. The Lady Steers trailed for much See **STEERS**, Page 20

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Legals

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS
Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS
Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2015, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2014, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS
Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE
Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2014. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will

be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS
Persons who have been declared by the Veteran's Administrations are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS
Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS
Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS
State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request. This is a public service announcement by Howard County Appraisal District, 315 South Main, PO Box 1151, Big Spring, TX 79720
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus and Saturn Strife

Venus has been in Pisces for three days and is already shaking up the romantic scene, issuing demands and causing doubt. Weather this square of Venus and Saturn by calmly refusing to identify with another person's expectation of who you're supposed to be. Mercury and the sun align to highlight the importance of clear communication.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You got to know a very pleasant person, only to later meet an extremely unpleasant person in the same being. This is the polarity of human nature. Right now, it's more useful to recognize it in yourself than it is to recognize it in others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One rule is that if you can lose it in a shipwreck, it was never really yours to begin with. Yet there are possessions in your care that you strongly identify with, and you'll spend hours maintaining and enjoying them today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Feelings are not wrong or right; however, some resonate a lower vibration than others. The higher your vibration is the lighter and more joyful you will be. Choose thoughts that make you feel better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Many people aren't ready for criticism, and when they ask for it, what they really want is encouragement. Encouragement helps them feel seen and understood, as well as giving them the motivation to go forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The pleasure of reading awaits you. Actual paper will be best, as that will be the most expressive medium for your soul. Besides, your eyes need a break from the glowing screens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are endless supplies of facts available to anyone on the Internet or in the library. Do not confuse information with education. Educate yourself by learning how to apply knowledge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Misery is when you can't leave the party because you don't have a vehicle or when you can't leave the conversation because you can't find an out. Happiness is having your own (emotional and physical) transportation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The difference between the things you keep and the things you throw away has to do with what you identify with and find useful in the moment of choice. Just be aware that a different moment may bring a different feeling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't try to have the perfect conversation. It won't happen, because it doesn't exist. But for the most part, even a boring conversation is better than no conversation; it's that important to connect now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Before you take out that credit card, remind yourself that "enough" is not always "more." In fact, often "enough" is found when you get rid of the excess that's causing you to miss the treasures in your possession.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A loved one is trying to finish personal business and not so attentive to you as you would like. In fact, this person may be downright thoughtless or rude, but it's worth excusing for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). High expectations are the enemy of action. What if you lowered your aim by half? Halve it again; what does that look like? The point is to have such a small mental hurdle that you can baby step over it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 30). The events of the next seven weeks help you realize what a wonderful life you have. You'll conspire with loved ones in March to improve your domestic environment. April boosts your reputation. A major deal is finalized in June. Create mischief with a fascinating someone in July. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 3, 11, 27 and 45.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You

do not like to party nonstop. You get bored after a few hours.

Recognize and honor your inner social clock and you'll be successful. **TAURUS:** The gurus say "love yourself," but they don't often say how. Come up with 25 ways, and do at least one.

GEMINI: When the social horizon seems so vast you don't know where to begin, start with your good friends. **CANCER:** You don't want gifts or too much attention. You want to relate with those who consider you equal, not better.

LEO: Rewards come from asking yourself: What do your friends get out of being in a relationship with you? What do you want them to get out of it? **VIRGO:** Someone is bluffing, and it's time for you to call that bluff. **LIBRA:** Warm love is better than hot love; a slow burn is better than fireworks.

SCORPIO: Harness and manage desire, or it will consume you. **SAGITTARIUS:** Sure, you have needs, but you're not (SET ITAL)needy(END ITAL), and you don't want others to be needy in regard to you, either. **CAPRICORN:** Your sense of humor will meld beautifully with that of another, producing much shared laughter. **AQUARIUS:** Romantic tension is part of the fun. **PISCES:** Ordinary interactions will be fulfilling when you're with the right one.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The sun in Aquarius will reflect the glow of the Cancer moon, intensifying the attraction between these two caring signs. Each knows well how to demonstrate affection in the way another person would most like to receive it. The biggest obstacle to long-term love lies in giving each other enough space in between encounters. Constant togetherness disallows for the push-pull of love's dance.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Over the holidays, I stayed at my cousin's home. My cousin has two children, a daughter and a son. The son is 14 years old.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I noticed that the boy's grandmother slept with him in the same bed. I think she has a weird obsession with the boy. She is constantly touching him and rubbing his back. She always has to sit next to him. She pays very little attention to the younger granddaughter. Worse, the granddaughter told me that her mother also sometimes sleeps with her brother (instead of her dad).

I think it is extremely odd for these women to be sleeping with this young man, who also still sleeps with his baby blanket. Isn't he too old for this? What is wrong with these women? Should I say something? - More Than a Little Grieved Out

Dear More: Yes. We are surprised that a 14-year-old boy wouldn't object more to the sleeping arrangements, and we suspect he will put a stop to it soon. If the mother and grandmother are doing this over the boy's objections, however, that is completely inappropriate and potentially abusive. You could ask your cousin about this, saying you find it odd and possibly damaging. You also could mention it to the father, suggesting he step up and

protect his son.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Help," whose husband naps when he gets home and then is up half the night. She seems to think everyone can handle regular nighttime hours.

If I slept every night from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., I would be more tired as the week went on, because my body wakes me up multiple times at night. When I don't set an alarm, I sometimes don't wake up until 10 hours after I went to bed. If I get up after eight hours, I often need a nap later because I did not get enough actual sleep.

While I agree that seeing a doctor might be helpful, his wife can also suggest that he stay up all night one time and then try to sleep from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m. He might be able to manage that. -- John

Dear John: Why are you getting up so much at night? To use the bathroom? Because something (snoring, apnea, dryness, light, noise) is waking you up? While we understand that not everyone has a "normal" nighttime sleep cycle, a sufficient amount of sleep is important to your health.

If the problem is snoring, dry mouth, excessive urination or apnea, please see a doctor to find out whether there is any effective treatment for you. But also check your bedroom to make sure there isn't a lot of light or noise, or

electronic gadgets that glow or vibrate. This, too, can interfere with restful, restorative sleep.

Dear Annie: I am responding to "Actively Confused," whose wife battled cancer and now resents his activities.

I am a lung cancer survivor. My wife took care of me for the better part of 18 months, showering me and feeding me through a tube. She also worked full time outside the home. At the time, I didn't much care what she wanted to do.

As I progressed, I realized she needed to get out of the house and do things for herself, even though it meant going without me. That was fine. As my mobility improved, I would do things with her even if those weren't my favorite things. We both knew that I needed to be more active, or I'd just waste away on the couch. It takes a long time to get your stamina back, and I still haven't after four years.

Together, my wife and I are getting through this, and we both realize that neither one of us is what we used to be. With her, our children and good doctors, nurses, therapists and prayers, I am still here to try. -- Less Active, Not Confused

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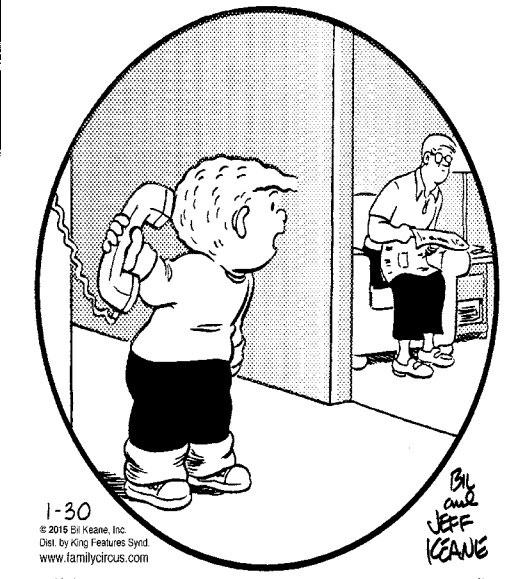
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I THINK I'VE GOT A 24-HOUR BUG, BUT ONLY TIME WILL TELL."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Daddy, this man wants to know if you are home yet. Are you?"

HAGAR



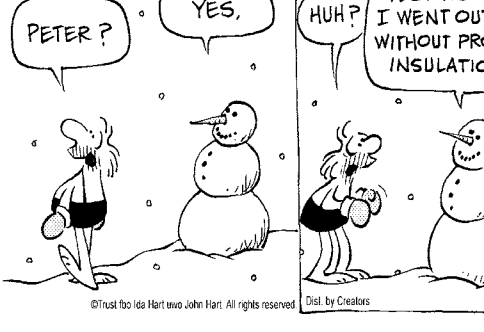
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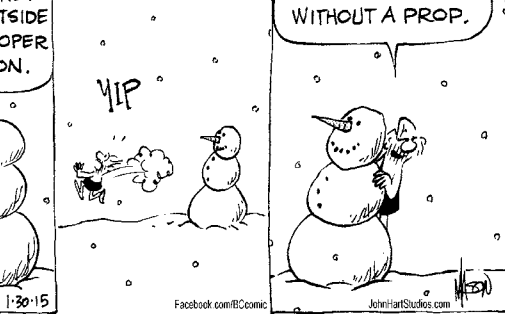
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PETER? YES. HUH? YES. IT'S ME. I WENT OUTSIDE WITHOUT PROPER INSULATION.

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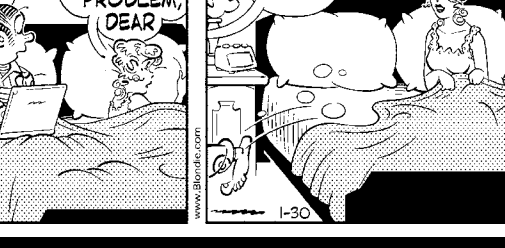
"SORRY ABOUT THE TURBULENCE, FOLKS. THE TOWER SAYS IT SHOULD BE SMOOTH FROM NOW ON"

BLONDIE



WHAT IF I WROTE UNDER A PEN NAME, LIKE 'DAGSPEARE'?

BLONDIE



GEEZ, AFTER 10 MINUTES OF WRITING, I'M HUNGRY AGAIN!!

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2015. There are 335 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On Jan. 30, 1945, during World War II, more than 500 Allied captives held at the Japanese prison camp in Cabanatuan (kah-bah-nah-TOO'-ahn) in the Philippines were liberated by U.S. Army Rangers, Alamo Scouts and Filipino guerrilla fighters. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last

public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory. On this date: In 1615, Thomas Rolfe, the only child of John Rolfe and his wife, Rebecca (the former Pocahontas), was born in Jamestown in the Virginia Colony. In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for treason. In 1815, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in agreeing to purchase the personal book collection of former President Thomas Jefferson to replace volumes lost when the British burned the U.S. Capitol and its congressional library during the War of 1812. In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, New York. In 1911, James White, an intellectually disabled black man who'd been convicted of rape for having sex with a 14-year-old white girl when he was 16, was publicly hanged in Bell County, Kentucky.

Answer to previous puzzle

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LACKOFF	EVIDENCE	
ERIE	ARID	TAIL
RELY	DUDE	SPAM

AGNES



I WAS WRITING MORE OF MY MEMOIRS LAST NIGHT.

HI AND LOIS



NAME SIX COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL ASIA THAT WERE FORMERLY PART OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE OTHER COAST



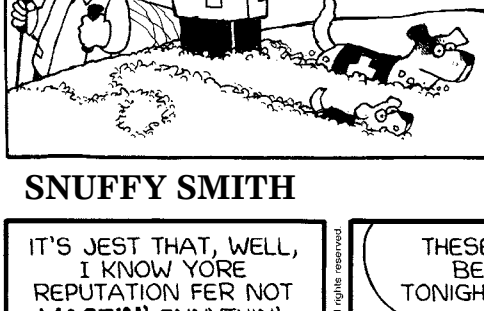
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SNUFFY SMITH



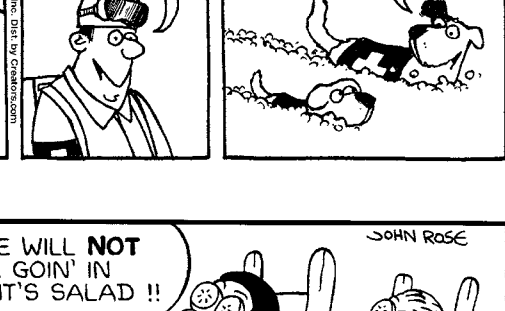
IT'S JEST THAT, WELL, I KNOW YORE REPUTATION FER NOT WASTIN' ENNYTHIN', AUNT LOWEEZY !!

BEEBLE BAILEY



THE WHEEL FELL OFF MY CHAIR AND I CAN'T FIND IT

THE OTHER COAST



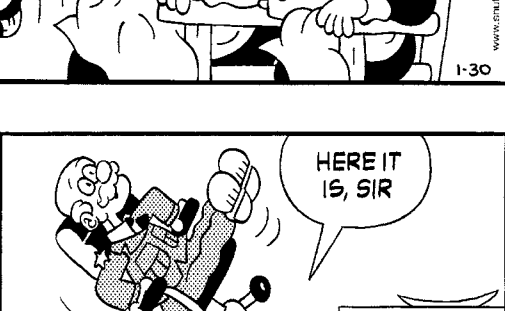
HE'S TEAMED UP WITH AN OLDER, EXPERIENCED RESCUE DOG TO LEARN THE ROPES.

BEETLE BAILEY



LET ME LOOK, SIR

BEETLE BAILEY



HERE IT IS, SIR

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BSJHS teams open with wins in Andrews

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh and eighth grade A teams both tipped off the Andrews A-Team Invitational Basketball Tournament on high notes on Thursday.

The BSJHS eighth graders opened up the Andrews tournament with a 37-30 win over Seminole.

Leading scorer for the Steers was Jaiden Ludington, who pitched in 11 points.

Other Steers scoring in the contest included A.J. Gonzalez with seven points, Channing Miller with six, Kobe Gutierrez added five, while Elijah Munoz and Jeremiah Cooley chipped in

four and two.

With the win, the the Steers will advance to face the Levelland Lobos.

The game is set to tip off Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

The seventh graders got the job done as well, winning a thrilling 36-35 decision.

C.J. Harris paced the Steers offensively with 14 points and eight rebounds. Abel Clark followed with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Other players who stepped up includes Zephaniah Nelson and Jordan Voight.

Gabe Gomez played a very solid game with five points and seven boards.

Wade: Latest hamstring injury is frustrating

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade was planning to go to All-Star weekend in New York anyway, already having lined up a number of off-court events.

Whether he plays in the game, that's murky at best.

Wade was one of the Eastern Conference All-Star reserve selections announced Thursday, along with Miami Heat teammate Chris Bosh. But Wade's status for that game — and Heat contests leading up to the NBA's midseason

showcase on Feb. 15 — is unclear because of his strained right hamstring, the latest of many Miami maladies this season.

This much is certain: Wade won't play Friday when Miami hosts Dallas. The way he sounded, his return won't be soon.

"When you work as hard as me, to deal with the same thing, it's kind of frustrating," said Wade, now an 11-time All-Star selection. "But what are you to do?"

Wade was hurt in the third quarter of Miami's

loss to Milwaukee on Tuesday. He's had issues with both hamstrings this year, with two previous injuries costing him

nine games. After sitting out Miami's practice on Thursday, Wade said he thinks this strain might make recovery harder.

Lady Steers to open 2015 softball season on Feb. 3

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will kick off preparations for the upcoming season on Tuesday, Feb. 3, when they take to the field for the first of three pre-season scrimmages.

BSHS is scheduled to scrimmage Colorado

City, beginning at 5 p.m. at the BSHS Softball Complex.

The Lady Steers will also scrimmage Lakeview and Abilene High on Feb. 7 and Shallowater on Feb. 14 before beginning the regular season on Feb. 16 against Muleshoe.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL
NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
New England vs. Seattle, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	31	15	.674	—
Brooklyn	18	27	.400	12½
Boston	16	28	.364	14
Philadelphia	9	37	.196	22
New York	9	38	.191	22½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	38	8	.826	—
Washington	31	16	.660	7½
Miami	20	25	.444	17½
Charlotte	19	27	.413	19
Orlando	15	34	.306	24½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	30	18	.625	—
Cleveland	27	20	.574	2½
Milwaukee	24	22	.522	5
Detroit	17	30	.362	12½
Indiana	17	31	.354	13

Western Conference
Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	34	12	.739	—
Houston	32	14	.696	2
Dallas	30	17	.638	4½
San Antonio	30	17	.638	4½
New Orleans	24	22	.522	10

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	32	14	.696	—
Oklahoma City	23	23	.500	9
Denver	19	28	.404	13½
Utah	16	30	.348	16
Minnesota	8	37	.178	23½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	36	7	.837	—
L.A. Clippers	32	14	.696	5½
Phoenix	27	20	.574	11
Sacramento	16	28	.364	20½
L.A. Lakers	13	34	.277	25

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 115, Orlando 100
Indiana 103, New York 82
Memphis 99, Denver 69
L.A. Lakers 123, Chicago 118, 2OT

Friday's Games
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

NBA Leaders
Scoring

G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG	
Harden, HOU	46	382	370	1257	27.3
James, CLE	37	341	231	975	26.4
Davis, NOR	42	396	236	1028	24.5
Anthony, NYK	36	321	171	867	24.1
Cousins, SAC	32	268	225	762	23.8
Aldridge, POR	40	373	176	945	23.6
Thompson, GOL	42	345	140	966	23.0
Curry, GOL	43	345	163	979	22.8
Griffin, LAC	46	407	222	1044	22.7
Bryant, LAL	35	266	196	782	22.3
Irving, CLE	44	351	178	972	22.1
Lillard, POR	46	337	207	1004	21.8
Wade, MIA	35	291	153	750	21.4
Bosh, MIA	37	289	158	789	21.3
Ellis, DAL	47	380	148	965	20.5

Rebounds

G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	
Jordan, LAC	46	196	417	613	13.3
Drummond, DET	47	229	373	602	12.8
Cousins, SAC	32	97	298	395	12.3
Randolph, MEM	37	141	304	445	12.0
Chandler, DAL	45	182	356	538	12.0
Gasol, CHI	45	131	401	532	11.8
Vucevic, ORL	43	138	346	484	11.3
Davis, NOR	42	111	327	438	10.4
Love, CLE	45	98	366	464	10.3
Monroe, DET	45	159	304	463	10.3

Assists

G	AST	AVG	
Wall, WAS	47	477	10.1
Lawson, DEN	45	448	10.0
Paul, LAC	46	447	9.7
Rondo, DAL	41	370	9.0
Curry, GOL	43	353	8.2
Teague, ATL	42	317	7.5
Lowry, TOR	46	342	7.4
James, CLE	37	272	7.4
Carter-Williams, PHL	37	267	7.2
Holiday, NOR	37	263	7.1

BIG 12 CONFERENCE
Men's Standings

W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	
Kansas	6	1	857	17	3	850
West Virginia	5	2	714	17	3	850
Iowa St.	5	2	714	15	4	789
Kansas St.	5	3	625	12	9	571
Oklahoma St.	4	4	500	14	6	700
Oklahoma	4	4	500	13	7	650
Baylor	3	4	429	15	5	750
Texas	3	4	429	14	6	700
TCU	1	6	143	14	6	700
Texas Tech	1	7	125	11	10	524

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
Texas Tech at West Virginia, Noon

Kansas St. at Kansas, 2 p.m.
TCU at Iowa St., 2 p.m.
Texas at Baylor, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma at Oklahoma St., 8 p.m.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	31	15	4	66	163	132
Montreal	31	13	3	65	127	108
Detroit	28	12	9	65	145	128
Boston	26	16	7	59	131	123
Florida	21	15	10	52	114	129
Toronto	22	24	4	48	144	155
Ottawa	19	19	9	47	129	134
Buffalo	14	32	3	31	92	174

Metropolitan Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	32	15	1	65	157	135
Pittsburgh	27	13	8	62	143	124
Washington	25	14	9	59	144	124
N.Y. Rangers	27	15	4	58	135	111
Philadelphia	21	22	7	49	139	151
Columbus	21	23	3	45	119	148
New Jersey	18	22	8	44	109	135
Carolina	17	25	5	39	102	122

Western Conference
Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	31	10	6	68	145	112
St. Louis	30	13	4	64	153	115
Chicago	30	16	2	62	151	112
Winnipeg	26	18	6	60	140	127
Dallas	22	19	7	51	152	157
Colorado	20	18	11	51	128	141
Minnesota	22	20	6	50	131	138

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
GP	32	11	6	70	146	130
Anaheim	26	17	6	58	137	135
San Jose	26	17	3	55	124	118
Vancouver	26	20	3	55	140	127
Los Angeles	21	15	12	54	133	129
Arizona	17	25	6	40	111	161
Edmonton	13	27	9	35	113	162

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Thursday's Games
St. Louis 5, Nashville 4, SO
Boston 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Philadelphia 5, Winnipeg 2
Arizona 3, Toronto 1
Dallas 6, Ottawa 3
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1
Florida 3, Columbus 2
Minnesota 1, Calgary 0
Edmonton 3, Buffalo 2
San Jose 6, Anaheim 3

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
Commissioner's Office
MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Named Omar Minaya senior advisor to the executive director.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with OF/1B Daniel Nava on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with 3B David Freese on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with C John Baker on a minor league contract.
National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Designated RHP Arquimedes Caminero for assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Billingsley on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Cesar Jimenez for assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Released 2B Marco Scutaro.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Assigned C Clint Capela to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).
MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Tyler Johnson to a second 10-day contract.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed F/C Kenyon Martin for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Joker Phillips wide receivers coach.
NEW YORK JETS — Named Rex Hogan senior director of college scouting.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named Ed Marynowitz vice president of player personnel.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named Tom Gamble senior personnel executive.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Chad Grimm defensive quality control coach.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released OL Matt O'Donnell.
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Signed WR Luke Tasker to a three-year contract extension.
MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Named Anthony Calvillo receivers coach.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Traded WR Cory Watson and the 26th overall 2015 draft pick to Saskatchewan for WR Kristopher Bastien.

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HAWKS

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utes, hitting six of his first 11 shots, including 5-of-6 from behind the three-point line.

The Hawks, thanks to the hot shooting of Sam Finley and Travis Charles, padded their lead early in the second, building an 11-point lead at one point in the final frame.

Finley scored 14 points in the second half and finished the game as the Hawks' second-leading scorer with 19.

Charles added six points in the second half before fouling out.

Overall, three players fouled out of the contest, including Howard College's Lis Shoshi and

Midland's Torren Jones, who led the Chaps with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Four others finished with four fouls.

Midland College managed to fight its way back, however. The Chaparrals heated up in the final 10 minutes

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Men

Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Howard	17-5	8-1
South Plains	17-4	7-1
New Mexico JC	17-6	6-3
Odessa	17-7	5-4
NMMI	11-8	5-4
Frank Phillips	14-9	3-6
Midland	13-10	3-6
Western Texas	11-9	2-7
Clarendon	4-18	1-8

Thursday's Games - Howard 70, Midland College 70; Odessa 93, Clarendon 75; NMJC 74, Frank Phillips 67; NMMI 70, Western Texas 67.

of the game and rallied back to within 73-70 with 5 seconds left to play.

O'Field's game-tying shot at the buzzer dropped Midland College to 13-10 overall and to 3-6 in conference.

In other WJCAC conference play on Thursday, the Odessa College Wranglers ended their recent three-game slide by pounding out a 93-75 win over Clarendon.

With the win, OC moved into a tie with New Mexico Military Institute for fourth in the conference standings. NMMI took a 70-67 win over Western Texas.

New Mexico Junior College extended its recent string of success on Thursday with a 74-67 win over Frank Phillips.



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Howard's Will Ferguson drives in for a shot during the Hawks' 73-70 win over Midland College on Thursday.

WOMEN

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Jeffcoat scored all nine of her points in the first half by hitting on three attempts from behind the three-point arc.

Bria McCullough served up notice of the Lady Hawks' resilience early in the second half. The freshman pumped in a short jumper just 37 seconds into the half to trim the MC lead to 10, at 35-25.

McCullough finished the game with 10 points.

The Lady Hawks continued to chip away at the Lady Chaparrals' lead from there. Howard pushed home a basket with 3:04 left that moved the Lady Hawks to within nine.

Angelidou played a huge role in the Lady Hawks' second-half success. The 5-foot-11 freshman from Thessaloniki, Greece, knocked down several shots in the final 20 minutes. She finished with 11 points.

Rosemary Rits also played well for HC, going 4-for-8 from the field and finishing with eight points.

With the loss, the HC women fell to 6-17 for the season and to 0-8 heading into Monday's matchup with South Plains College.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women

Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
New Mexico JC	21-1	8-0
Midland	15-8	6-2
Odessa	20-4	6-2
Frank Phillips	17-5	4-4
South Plains	7-14	3-4
Clarendon	13-11	3-5
Western Texas	9-12	1-6
Howard	6-17	0-8

Thursday's Games - Midland College 61, Howard 51; Odessa 74, Clarendon 42; NMJC 91, Frank Phillips 53.

STEERS

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of the first three quarters before rallying in the fourth to kick off a stretch of four wins in their past six outings.

The Big Spring boys will also be facing an important outing tonight as they will be playing for a share of the District 2-4A lead. Big Spring, 16-7 overall and 3-1 in district, trails Estacado in the current standings by one game.

Estacado enters the contest at 18-7 and 4-0.

District 2-4A Girls

Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Levelland	6-0	25-2
Big Spring	4-2	14-13
Snyder	3-3	7-17
Lamesa	3-3	9-12
Lubbock Estacado	2-4	5-22
Sweetwater	0-6	3-16

Boys

Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Estacado	4-0	18-7
Big Spring	3-1	16-7
Lamesa	2-2	14-8
Levelland	2-2	15-9
Sweetwater	1-3	8-9
Snyder	0-4	7-16

Friday's Games - Snyder at Lamesa; Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado; Sweetwater at Levelland.

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