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Fun with fowls ...

Nice, sunny weather attracted plenty of people to take advantage of Comanche Trail Park Wednesday afternoon. In the above photo, a family feeds the ducks which inhabit the park. At right, a man watches his fishing line for a bite. The sunny skies didn't stay around long as strong, blustering wind showed up by late afternoon bringing with it chilly temperatures for overnight.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody



... and fishing

Senior Center moving

Operations relocating to DRCC at city park

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Senior Center will be pulling up stakes within the next few months.

City Manager Todd Darden confirmed Wednesday that the senior center's operations will move from its current home on Simler Drive to the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

No timeline has been announced for the relocation, although Darden said he hopes to complete the move by the end of March.

The reason for the move is simple economics — the senior center is operating under an annual deficit of about \$35,000, Darden said.



Darden

"In the past four years, the senior center's budget has been steadily climbing ... and outside subsidies have really dropped off in the past several years, meaning we've had to dip into the general fund to pick up the balance," Darden noted. "During last year's budget work sessions, the mayor and city council informed staff look for ways to optimize operations at the senior center, whether it would be by construction or remodeling or moving."

The staff eventually zeroed in on the community center, which is both bigger — the building occupies 35,000 square feet — and requires less upkeep than the current site of the senior center.

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CMT sign-ups continue

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Sign ups for the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts young performers session will continue through next Tuesday.

A non-profit, Christian-based program, the purpose of the Children's Miracle Theater is to provide opportunities for children age six to 11 to experience the theater arts, said Sharon Rich, president. The group is not affiliated with any church.

"This is more than acting in a play," Rich explained. "It's about building character. We have character lessons each week. It teaches teamwork. Everything that goes into producing a play builds character, responsibility, confidence and teaches lifelong skills."

More than 10 children participated in the first Children's Theater

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summer camp held in 2014. Now program officials are offering spots for the first semester-long classes which will run until May and end with a performance. The cost is \$80

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Free trip drawing at city blood drive

Herald Staff Report

People who participate in the city of Big Spring's blood drive Friday will be doing more than just helping to save lives.

They could win a free trip in the process. The blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the City Council Chambers at 307 E. Fourth.

Donors will get an entry into the drawing for a two-night stay and dinner at the Inn of Mountain Gods in Ruidoso. The drawing is open to everyone who donates before Feb. 14.

Donors will also get a movie pass — each person will receive 600 "Hero in Me" points that can be redeemed online instantly for a movie pass, officials said.

Stacie King is coordinating the City of Big Spring blood drive and urges people to call her at 264-2347 for an appointment.

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Obituaries

Paul M. Garrett



Paul M. Garrett, 89, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 03, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Rick Cunningham of 14th & Main Church of Christ officiating.

Paul was born May 23, 1925, in Fort Stockton, Texas to Annie and Albert Garrett. He joined the United States Navy in 1943 in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a Carpenter's Apprentice 3. He married Rosemary Wray on Jan. 5, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas. After the

Navy, he worked in the oilfield during various jobs. He then went to work for Cosden where he retired.

He loved crossword puzzles, reading exercising and walking the dog. He has been a resident of the community for over 61 years and was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Paul is survived by his wife, Rosemary Garrett of Big Spring; two sons, Mark Garrett and wife Michelle of Elbert, Colo. and Matt Garrett and wife Maria of Austin; one sister, Geraldine Jessup of New York; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721-0823.

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

James Warden

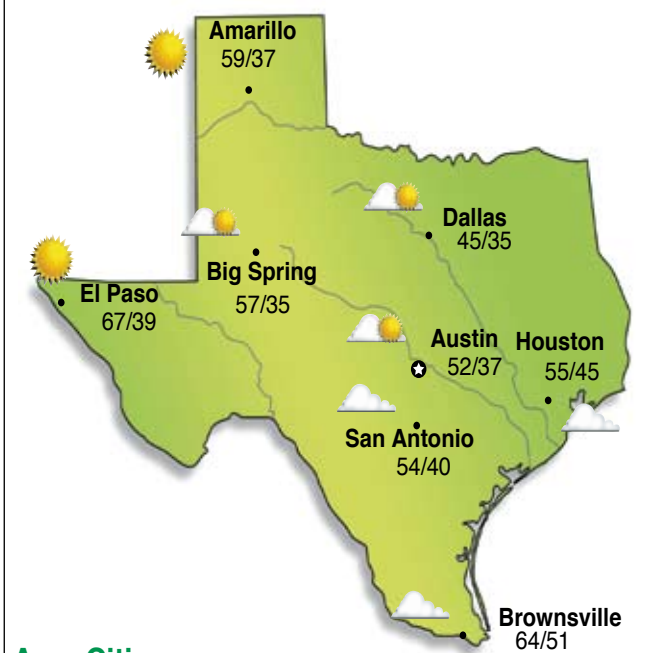
James Warden, 69, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 2/6	Sat 2/7	Sun 2/8	Mon 2/9	Tue 2/10
57/35 Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	74/44 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	81/48 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	78/47 Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	73/45 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 6:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 6:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	52	37	pt sunny	Kingsville	60	43	cloudy
Amarillo	59	37	sunny	Livingston	51	39	cloudy
Austin	52	37	pt sunny	Longview	46	32	cloudy
Beaumont	55	36	cloudy	Lubbock	60	32	sunny
Brownsville	64	51	cloudy	Lufkin	53	37	cloudy
Brownwood	51	32	pt sunny	Midland	57	37	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	57	43	cloudy	Raymondville	62	48	cloudy
Corsicana	46	34	cloudy	Rosenberg	54	42	cloudy
Dallas	45	35	pt sunny	San Antonio	54	40	cloudy
Del Rio	57	41	pt sunny	San Marcos	53	38	pt sunny
El Paso	67	39	sunny	Sulphur Springs	46	35	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	60	41	pt sunny	Sweetwater	52	37	pt sunny
Gainesville	46	32	pt sunny	Tyler	48	37	cloudy
Greenville	46	34	pt sunny	Weatherford	49	34	pt sunny
Houston	55	45	cloudy	Wichita Falls	47	32	sunny

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- NOEL GOMEZ MOLINAR, 55, of 1604 Chickasaw was arrested on warrants for driving while license invalid; failed to maintain financial responsibility; failed to control speed; driving while license invalid; operate unregistered motor vehicle; and failed to appear (five counts).
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 50, of 1023 Stadium was arrested on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.
- CHERIE MICHELLE HANNABASS, 45, of 1105 Ridgeroad was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- BRITNEE PATRYCE RIOS, 25, of 4104 Muir was arrested on a warrant for disregard red light.
- KAITLYN NICKOLE JONES, 20, of 7002 A Hartford Avenue, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- JUSTIN CHARLES MELTON, 25, of 903 E. 16th St., was arrested on warrants for failure to appear (three counts); speeding; and pos-

session of drug paraphernalia.

- JASMINE KENYANA EVANS, 27, of 1308 Scurry St., Apt. E was arrested on five warrants from other agencies and a warrant for parent contributing to nonattendance.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2000 block of 1100 Rideroad Drive and the 900 block of Golf Course Road.
- RUNAWAY was reported in the 2100 block of Morrision Drive.
- THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore St. and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue.
- WELFARE CONCERN was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having

67 inmates at the time of this report.

- JASMINE KENYANA EVANS, 27, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance; speeding, 62 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone; violate promise to appear; failed to maintain financial responsibility; failure to appear; and speeding in a school zone, 29 mph in a 20 mph zone.
- CHERIE MICHELLE HANNABASS, 45, was booked by the BSPD on a Sterling County warrant for FTA/possession of a controlled substance.
- BRITNEE PATRYCE RIOS, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a CAPIAS warrant for disregard red light.
- KAITLYN NICKOLE JONES, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- JUSTIN CHARLES MELTON, 25, was booked by the BSPD on CAPIAS warrants for failure to appear (three counts); speeding 60 mph in a 45 mph zone; possession of drug paraphernalia; and failed to yield the right of way.

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at

Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

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- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- The city of Big Spring is hosting a blood drive Friday in response to an urgent need for O Negative blood, which is the universal blood type and can be safely transfused into anyone. All blood types are welcome. The blood drive is schedule from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the City Council Chambers, 310 Nolan. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Stacie King at 264-2347. For more information, visit www.UnitedBloodServices.org.

- Big Spring High School cheerleaders are offering a night of babysitting Feb. 13, from 6-10 p.m. in Steer Gym. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth are eligible. Cost is \$40 for the first

child and \$25 per additional child. Cost includes pizza, water, snacks and entertainment. For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

- 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. 5. 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 hun-

dreds 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 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.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Big Spring Senior Center on Simler Drive will soon close. City officials say they hope to move operations to the Dora Roberts Community Center by the end of March.

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“Looking at the senior

center program, we realized we could dovetail that into the community center,” he said. “The more we looked at it, the more we realized it was

a perfect match.” Services currently offered by the community center will be basically unchanged, although some alterations will be

required to accommodate the senior center, he added.

As for the old senior center building, there are no plans for its fu-

ture use by the center, Darden said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

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for the semester and classes meet Tuesday nights at New Hope Christian School. Children from the age of 6 years old to 11 are eligible to participate. The classes will be led by Howard College theater students, Rich added.

“We are already working on voice, but they will be learning acting, take stage directions, costuming,” Rich said.

“We are even offering to teach stage craft skills which are such things as working with props, sound, lights – all the behind the scenes. They don’t have to be on the stage if they don’t want to be.”

Although the program is fairly new, Rich said,

the group hopes to be able to establish a long-term presence in the community.

“Our goal is to have a community theater here for children in Big Spring,” she said. “Our hope is to have a building where the children can have classes and

perform. This could be start of something special for some kids and it also gives kids an opportunity to go to the big things to be apart of something that can effect their lives.”

Scholarship opportunities are available but are limited, Rich said.

For more information, call Rich at 432-517-0723.

The program does accept donations to help fund the activities and productions for the children.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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Elias Daniel Heredia, 76, died Sunday. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arnold Wayne “Arnie” or “Paw” Collins, 74, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Berea Baptist Church.

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank you Lord, for our blessings.

Amen

Rupert is right about Romney

Mitt Romney and his allies are not very pleased with media magnate Rupert Murdoch, who this week said out loud what most political pros have been stewing about for years: Romney was a “terrible candidate.” The Wall Street Journal, part of Murdoch’s News Corporation, called his campaign a “calamity,” which seems to me to be about right, but seemed to Romney’s allies both unfair and inaccurate.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Ron Kaufman, a longtime Romney ally, went so far as to label Murdoch politically “tone deaf” and compared his statements to outbursts by the far more theatrical Donald Trump, telling The New York Times that “it’s like trying to make sense of what Trump does.”

Full disclosure: I’ve been a contributor to Fox News for many years. But it’s not because I agree with the political views of Murdoch or Fox News Chief Roger Ailes. Quite the contrary. I once told Roger that he and I probably disagree about everything except our love for our country, our commitment to our children and our belief in loyalty — what matters most.

I’m a Democrat. I’m a strong supporter of Hillary Clinton and have been for decades. I would love to see the Republicans nominate Romney again and watch Hillary clean his clock. But really, is Romney the best

the Republicans can do?

From all I know, Romney is a fine man, a dedicated husband and father, and an extremely successful businessman. But being a fine man does not make you a fine candidate.

Success in politics requires more than that. It requires the ability to communicate effectively with people who don’t have friends who own NASCAR teams (one of Romney’s famous misstatements). It requires the ability to address complex issues in ways that are not only consistent (Romney was well known for his total flip-flops on abortion and gay rights issues), but also sensible, something Romney’s proposed answer to the immigration issue — “self-deportation” — was definitely not.

John Kennedy made a failed attempt to get on the ticket in 1956 before winning the top spot in 1960.

Ronald Reagan was defeated by Gerald Ford the first time he sought the nomination of his party, but of course came back to get elected in 1980. George Bush (the senior) lost to Reagan in the 1980 nominating contest, but came back in 1988.

Running for president is a lot harder than it looks, and many candidates have a tough time of it in their first go-round (think Al Gore in 1988).

But Romney hasn’t had just one chance. If he ran again, it would have been his third effort at the top spot. If the first run is the rehearsal for the big show, and then you fall flat in the big show, what is it that makes you more qualified or more electable the third time around? Write to

me and tell me if I’m wrong, but I’m having a hard time thinking of any candidate, at least in modern times, who succeeded on the third go-round.

Where does that leave the race for president? With two candidates who enjoy widespread name recognition — Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush — and a slew of actual or potential candidates whose biggest problem is not that no one has heard of them, but that when they do, they will be seen as hard-core ideologues (who tend to do well in primaries but not so well in general elections).

It was only after losing in 1980, 1984 and 1988 that Democrats, even the old ideologues like me, were willing to nominate a self-described moderate from Arkansas. Maybe the Republicans’ problem is that they just haven’t lost enough national elections to reexamine their own positions.

So who will be our candidates on Election Day in 2016? Two years is a lifetime in politics. Everything can change.

But if I had to guess today, I’d say we may well be faced with a historic run between the wife of one president and the son and brother of another. Clinton v. Bush. Kind of makes me feel young again.

To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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Obama’s mad dash to the finish line

President Obama has no intention of heeding the call of American voters to curb his statist agenda. That’s not what extreme ideologues do, and that’s not what he did after his party’s shellacking in the 2010 congressional elections.

In fact, despite what conciliatory bones he may have thrown the Republicans after those elections, he doubled down on his agenda. Having done that, he still won re-election in 2012.

Even if the 2014 elections were a referendum on his policies, as he said they would be and I believe they were, he doesn’t have to worry about another election for himself. So as far as he’s concerned, there’s no reason to put on the brakes now.

This isn’t speculation, for Obama has already reaffirmed his commitment to accelerate his quest to fundamentally change America by expanding the power and scope of the federal government more than he already has.

He indicated as much with his defiant tone and in the string of policy proposals in the State of the Union address.

Before the speech, he promised to go on a tour of the country, trying to sell his postelection agenda to the American people. Why not? There’s nothing he’d rather do than campaign, because he is most comfortable in the spotlight propagandizing, not governing.

Last week in Philadelphia, he began to fulfill his promise to stump for socialism.

He spoke to the House Democratic Caucus, and he pulled no punches in laying down the markers for the next two years. He didn’t call on his colleagues to join him in working with the newly elected Republican congressional majority.

He didn’t acknowledge they had gone too far left and pledge to rein in his transformational ambitions.

To the contrary, he “deliv-

ered a campaign-like rallying cry,” reports National Journal. He “implored his Hill allies to defend their values, reminding them of their accomplishments and jabbing Republicans in the process.”

We need to pay special attention to his words when he is with like-minded people, around whom he is comfortable to say things that wouldn’t resonate with the majority of Americans. We must focus on the use of the term “accomplishments.” To Obama, accomplishments are executive or legislative actions that move the nation’s laws and culture further toward the goal line of socialist control.

It doesn’t matter if these actions damage the economy, reduce our liberties, make Americans less safe and hurt more people than they help. The goal is to transform America; the people aren’t even important beyond being convenient propaganda props.

In the leftist mind, the impersonal collective is paramount.

That’s why, for example, Obama and his fellow travelers aren’t bothered by the failure of his promises on Obamacare. He wasn’t sincere when he said people could keep their plans and their doctors — period. He was deceiving people when he promised that they would save substantial money personally and that the government would also cut its health care outlays under his plan.

The point was never to improve health care, reduce costs or preserve our health care choices.

It was to expand nominal health insurance coverage at any cost — and many of his fellow leftists have as much as admitted this.

To them, the end justifies the means — even when those means are lying through their teeth repeatedly. They know what’s best for us.

It’s also why Obama doesn’t care about the ever-exploding national debt and why he’s deceiving us here, as well.

He pretends he has cut the deficit, as this year the deficit has gone down slightly, in relative terms.

But it is still substantially

higher than President George W. Bush’s average annual deficit, and more importantly, it is projected to skyrocket during the next decade — as he well knows.

He also knows that even if our annual discretionary budget were not out of control, our entitlements will swallow our entire budget within 15 years, but he obstructs any action on them. One can only infer that he doesn’t fear the virtual bankruptcy of the United States, and he could only lack that fear if he imagines it as useful in his grandiose plan to transform America.

Obama is doing his best to drive this country over a cliff — at the bottom of which most people would find an America that we barely recognize and that is contrary to everything the Founding Fathers envisioned. Obama and his ilk, on the other hand, see that bottomland as utopian — definitely contrary to the founders’ vision but in line with what they believe the founders should have designed as the ideal society.

Obama was also mocking Republicans in the speech, exhorting Democrats to “stand up and go on offense and not be defensive about what” they believe in. “That’s why we’re Democrats!” he said. Yes, that’s Obama’s nature, but from a pragmatic standpoint, he believes he is likelier to achieve his goals (and more quickly) if he continues to belittle and demonize his political opponents.

I just hope people are listening to this guy and comprehend what his aims are for his final two years. He has no intention of letting little things like checks and balances and the Constitution get in his way. You had better believe it.

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Steer Pride Corner

BSHS choir all-region qualifiers



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Pictured are Big Spring High School students who qualified for All-Region choir. They are from left, Rikki Salgado, Hannah Morgan, Samantha Grace, Dakota Jones, Micheal Mathews, Josiah Garcia, Anthony Romero, Ayleen Zavala and Ranen Wilson.

Give these teachers an A+



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Intermediate School had five teachers who had perfect attendance for the first semester. They received a Walmart gift car. "Finding substitutes can be very difficult sometimes, so we really appreciate it when our teachers are here every day," said Principal Patsy Sanchez.

Pictured above left are Maria Martinez, Cannon Paddie, Olivia Caldwell, and Billy Daves with their certificates; above right are Sanchez presenting Coach Justin Cranfill a certificate.

Study find finishing college is a growing divide between rich, poor

Associated Press

There is a growing divide between who earns a bachelor's degree by age 24, with the gap between the nation's richest and poorest students doubling during the last four decades, according to a report released Tuesday.

The percentage of students from the lowest-income families — those making \$34,160 a year or less — earning a bachelor's degree has inched up just 3 points since 1970, rising from 6 to 9 percent by 2013.

Meanwhile, college completion for students from the wealthiest families has risen dramatically, climbing from 44 to 77 percent.

"It's really quite amazing how big the differences have become between those from the highest and lowest family incomes," said Laura Perna, a University of Pennsylvania professor and executive director of the Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy, one of two organizations that published the study examining college costs and degree attainment.

The study comes amid renewed debate on college affordability spurred by President Barack Obama's proposal to make two years of college free. If adopted in every state, the proposal would benefit a projected 9 million students a year. It would cost taxpayers an estimated \$60 billion over 10 years — a price the Republican-controlled Congress is likely to be hesitant to embrace.

While pay for the richest 10 percent of the nation has jumped in recent decades, salaries for most Americans have stagnated after accounting for inflation.

"If anything, the returns to education, the benefits from attaining more education, have been growing over the last 20 years," said David Zimmerman, an economics professor at Williams College in Massachusetts. "So to the extent that the education gap is widening between students from more and less advantaged families, than the predicted gap in earnings would widen as well."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

About Duplicate Bridge

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 8 4 2

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

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 8 3
♥ 6 5
♦ A J 6 3
♣ 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.
Most players play only rubber bridge and are not interested in duplicate bridge. This is a pity, because there is no doubt that duplicate provides a means for vast improvement of one's game.
The average rubber-bridge player who makes a mistake tends to forget about it quickly or might not even be aware of his transgression. But the duplicate player who makes a mistake cannot escape as easily, since the score slip indicates that other players who held the same cards did not get the same poor result.

Furthermore, because the duplicate player is competing against contestants at other tables, he is more strongly inclined, as a matter of pride, to do the best he can with the cards he holds.

Consider this deal from a team-of-four match where, at the first table, West led the K-A and another heart against four spades. Declarer ruffed, cashed the K-A of diamonds and ruffed the six of diamonds with the seven of spades. East overruffed and returned a trump, and South later lost another diamond trick to go down one.

At the second table, South made four spades by playing more carefully. The first five tricks went exactly the same way, but at trick six South took the precaution of trumping the six of diamonds with the ace! He then cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and trumped the jack of diamonds with dummy's seven. East overruffed with the queen, and declarer had the rest of the tricks and his game.

In rubber bridge, the first declarer might not have given his misplay any further thought, or might not even have known he had made an error. But in duplicate bridge, his culpability would be evident, because the second declarer had succeeded where he hadn't by finding a superior line of play.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Rosa Parks' archive open to public at Library of Congress

BY BRETT ZONGKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus, reflected later on how it felt to be treated less than equal and once feistily wrote of how tired she was of being "pushed around" — parts of her history long hidden away.

On Wednesday at the Library of Congress, researchers and the public had full access to Parks' archive of letters, writings, personal notes and photographs for the first time. The collection will provide what experts call a more complex view of a woman long recalled in history for one iconic image — that of a nonviolent seamstress who inspired others to act at the dawning of the civil rights era.

A protracted legal battle between her heirs and friends had kept the collection from public view for years. But in 2014, philanthropist Howard Buffett bought the collection and placed it on long-term loan at the national library. The Associated Press has previously reported on the legal wrangling that kept Parks' archive warehoused for years. Until now, scholars have had very limited, if any, access to the materials.

"I think it's one of the first times we're actually able to read her voice, and it just totally goes against this image of the quiet seamstress," said Margaret McAleer, an archivist at the library. "Her writings are phenomenally powerful."

Parks, who died in 2005 at 92, is beloved in American history for her civil disobedience on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. That defining moment in 1955 triggered a yearlong bus boycott that helped dismantle a system of segregation.

"I had been pushed around all my life and felt at this moment that I couldn't take it anymore," she wrote. "When I asked the policeman why we had to be pushed around, he said he didn't know. 'The law is the law. You are under arrest.' I didn't resist."

Parks also wrote of feeling lonely and lost living through the struggle with segregation.

After her arrest, Parks lost her job as a tailor at Montgomery's largest department store because of her activism. Her husband, Raymond, lost his job, too, and the couple sank into deep poverty. They moved to Detroit but continued to struggle.

She traveled with the NAACP, pressing for civil rights, and eventually landed a job at the Hampton Institute in Virginia earning \$3,700 a year — enough to send some money home to her husband and mother. It wasn't until 1965 when Parks was hired for the district office of Michigan Rep. John Conyers that she finally earned a steady, living wage, archivists said.

Parks' archive provides scholars and the public with a fuller sense of her life and faith, her personality and her pain, said library historian Adrienne Cannon.

"It's important because we see Rosa Parks in a kind of almost frozen, iconic image — a hero that is not really real flesh and blood," Cannon said. "Here we get a sense of a woman that is really full flesh and blood."

The collection may surprise people by revealing Parks had an aggressive edge and supported more radical actions seeking equality over the years, archivists said. She used her symbolic status to support Malcolm X, Black Panther gatherings and the Wilmington 10 in North Carolina.

"She was so deeply opposed to segregation that as the younger generation came along, she didn't hold back from them. She was in the fight," said Helena Zinkham, the library's collections director.

The library now holds about 7,500 manuscript items and 2,500 photographs from Parks, including the Bible she kept in her pocket, letters from admirers and her Presidential Medal of Freedom. A small exhibit is planned for March. All the items will be digitized and posted online.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

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

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Big Spring standout Charlie Boling (74) prepares to block a Stephenville defensive lineman during a playoff game in 2013. Boling became the first BSHS player to sign with a college on Wednesday when he agreed to play next fall at Hardin-Simmons.

Steers' Boling signs to play at Hardin-Simmons next fall

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

For the past two years, Charlie Boling was one of the main cogs in a Big Spring offensive and defensive line that turned helping the Steers' football team to put together a historic run by reaching the regional quarterfinals in back-to-back years.

Hardin-Simmons University is hoping to cash in on that magic, as well.

Boling became the first member of the 2014 Steers' roster to sign a national Letter of Intent when he agreed to play next fall with the HSU Cowboys in Abilene. The 6-foot-1, 243-pounder signed his deal in front of a large group of friends and relatives in the Big Spring High School foyer on Wednesday afternoon.

Boling's decision to sign with the American Southwest Conference team was welcome news for Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey.

"I've got some good news, Charlie is a real cowboy now," Ritchey said during the special signing ceremony. "I could spend an hour up here telling you what all Charlie has done not only in our football program but in other areas, too."

A two-time all-district selection, the 18-year-old Boling helped the Steers become one of the best teams in West Texas. The Steers rewrote



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Boling was all smiles – as were his parents Christine and Don – after he had signed to play in Abilene.

several offensive records, including most points in a season, over the past two years. Boling's strength and leadership played a key role in that success.

With Boling helping lead the way, Big Spring came within one win of setting the all-time mark for wins in a single season (10) this fall.

Ritchey said he felt Boling would be a perfect fit at HSU, and someone the entire City of Big Spring could be proud of.

"He's definitely one of the leaders for us," said Ritchey. "He's one

of those kids everyone looks up to. Big Spring couldn't send a better person to represent us at Hardin-Simmons."

At Hardin-Simmons, Boling will be joining a Cowboys' program that did well in 2014. Hardin-Simmons finished this past season with a 6-3 record. They finished third in the conference behind Mary Hardin-Baylor and Louisiana College.

Watching on as Boling signed his paperwork for HSU were his parents, Don and Christine Boling.

HC, SPC to vie for first in WJCAC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The battle for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference bragging rights will get ramped up a notch this evening when the Howard College Hawks and the South Plains Texan take to the floor in Levelland.

Uhhh ... better make that more than a few notches.

The Hawks and Texans will face off for first-place in the WJCAC standings tonight, beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Hawks and Texans enter the matchup tied atop the men's standings with identical 8-1 marks.

HC currently own the tie-breaker over SPC courtesy of a 78-73 win at home on Jan. 8.

A win tonight would give HC a one-game lead over SPC and a two-game advantage over defending WJCAC champion New Mexico JC heading into the final six games of the season.

Howard College, which has won its last two outings, rolls in with a 17-5 record. South Plains has won its last seven games en route to building an 18-4 record.

Howard College is led into the game by point guard Rob Gray and forwards Travis Charles, Lis Shoshi and Niels Bunschoten.

The Howard College women will lead off the WJCAC doubleheader beginning at 5:45 p.m.

The Lady Hawks, who have turned in strong outings in their last three contests, will be looking to snap an 8-game conference losing streak against the Lady Texans.

Howard College, 6-17 overall, is led by forward Rosemary Rits and guards Briar McCullough and Courtney Jeffcoat.

South Plains, 7-15 for the year and 2-6 in WJCAC play, edged the Lady Hawks by a slim 37-28 margin in their first meeting.

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Little League sign-ups to resume Feb. 7

Big Spring Little League sign-ups will continue on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 at the Springtown Plaza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The league is open to players ranging in ages from 4-16. Parents should bring their children's birth certificate.

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

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

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

Grady steamrolls Klondike, 70-18

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LENORAH – The Grady High School Wildcats got all the points they needed in the first eight minutes of play on Tuesday and breezed to a convincing 70-18 rout of rival Klondike on District 11-A play.

The Wildcats jumped on top of Klondike early. Grady outscored the Cougars by a 21-3 clip in the opening frame.

The rest was just fun.

The Wildcats all but sewed up their 23rd win in 25 outings this season, with a dominating second-quarter spree. Grady built a commanding 46-7 halftime lead by outpointing Klondike by a 25-4 margin in the second.

The Wildcats continued to roll in the second half. They posted a 13-4 run in the third, and then closed out the game with an 11-7 run in the final frame.

In all, GHS had four

players reach double figures in the contest, including 11 from E.J. Rodriguez, Kyle Garza and Braeden Jones. Cole Avery led the team with a game-high 14, while Beau Lucas added nine.

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 7-0 in District 11-A action. Klondike fell to 2-5.

Grady is scheduled to return to play on Friday when they travel to Loop.

BSHS swimmers set to compete in Region I Swimming and Diving Championships

The Big Spring High School swimming and diving team will kick off action in the 2015 Region I Swimming and Diving Championships this afternoon in Andrews.

Big Spring qualified 13 individuals for the event, which starts at 1 p.m. and runs through Saturday.

The fastest eight times in each event will advance to the finals. Teams finishing 9-16 in each race will compete in the consolation finals.



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Showdown ...

Myckala Edwards and the Big Spring Lady Steers will put their postseason hopes on Friday when they host Snyder in the Steer Gym. Big Spring, Estacado and Snyder are all vying for the fourth-place playoff berth.

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Legals

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Grayburg, San Andres Formation, Moss Lake SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 2.5 miles Northwest of Sand Springs, Texas in the Big Spring (Fusselman) Field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2700 to 4700 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
#8608 February 5, 2015

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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
#8588 January 22, 2015

Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My twin sister and I are 57. Every time she visits me, she takes things. Often, I don't realize the things are missing until I need to use them, or when I want to wrap them as gifts, which is what happened last Christmas. When this has happened in the past, I've

confronted my sister, but she denies taking anything. However, during my last visit to her new home, I caught her. I was hanging up my clothes in the closet, and to my shock, the top shelf had several of my missing things. I called my sister in to explain, and of course, she couldn't lie about not stealing the items I could plainly see.

I'm financially better off than my twin, but she does quite well, too. I have always been there for her when she needed anything. She lived with me for several years when she had nowhere else to go, and I helped her get out of debt.

My brother also steals from me when he stays here. And when my sister came last week, after she gave me her word that she could be trusted, I

discovered several items missing. Is there a reason people do this? -- Kansas Twin

Dear Twin: Your twin (and your brother) may suffer from kleptomania, an impulse control disorder that makes it difficult to resist urges to steal items that, for the most part, you don't need and won't use. Your risk of developing this mental health disorder is increased if you have a parent or sibling with kleptomania, obsessive-compulsive disorder or a substance abuse problem. Your siblings seem to qualify. You can talk to your sister, saying that you are worried about her, and suggest she ask her doctor for a referral to a mental health professional. We hope she gets help before she steals from someone who will have her arrested.

Dear Annie: I hope my question is not too far out of line. I have noticed many people are not able to talk without using their hands. And they can't seem to keep their hand movements to a reasonable limit. I recently stopped watching one of my favorite TV shows because the constant hand waving is too distracting.

When a person I am close to gets out of control, I lower my eyes and do not watch, but I find the constant gesturing very annoying. Why do they do this? -- J.

Dear J.: Most people use their hands when they speak, some more than others. Hand gestures can underscore what you are saying and, to some extent, can also indicate friendliness or engagement in the topic.

Keeping your hands still might be misinterpreted as indifference or boredom. But large and constant hand gestures can be distracting and annoying and tend to be more common within cultures or families.

This obviously bothers you a great deal. If you are good friends with someone who waves his hands around excessively, you can gently point it out and ask whether he would temper the gestures a bit.

Dear Annie: I would like to thank "Powerless" for writing in with concerns about her atheist friend. I grew up atheist in a suburban school where, although I was a proselytization target, I was fortunate not to experience that kind of relentless bullying. I would like to offer a resource that might help,

especially if the school district is uncooperative.

The Secular Student Alliance (www.secularstudents.org) is a group of students and families who help each other with situations like this. Please let Powerless know that she and her friend are not powerless. I hope both of them remain safe and get through this situation. -- W.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

not to let go completely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You desire to use your idle time more productively. This will take planning. Perhaps a thick novel or an online course will change your life during what might otherwise have been television-watching hours.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Negative self-talk is nothing but a bad habit that you can change. The first thing to do is to stop identifying that voice as the real you. It's just an opinion of the moment, and you can choose a different one any time you'd like to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A professional development opens up a financial opportunity. Dive in and do the hard work. As you focus on your career, you give a relationship the breathing room it needs to grow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be a serendipitous mentor for someone, delivering just the right message to lift that person to a new level

of understanding. Even so, don't try too hard. Just say what you see as the truth, and you'll cause change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The daily task of growing your virtues and minimizing your vices does get old. Perhaps even goodness should be pursued in moderation. If you don't indulge your shadow side, at least have one dance with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The way to be noticed by that person you admire is to attach yourself to his or her top priorities and help make this accomplishment happen. Your admired someone will notice your value and in turn want to help you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The more connections you have the more leverage you have. It's a day for growing your network (either face-to-face or virtually) by doing more of what you're good at and telling people about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As you focus on one line of action,

another that's occurring simultaneously is building. There will be a point in the near future when these stories converge to fantastic effect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The idea that will help you make a leap in lifestyle is not a big one. Rather, it's a small change of attitude that will ripple out to create many changes at once.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to spend many hours with people to cast your spell. Often, just a few minutes is enough to gain a fan. Many will be drawn to your self-confidence, social style and special energy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). Celebrate big this year -- you changed history just by being born. Sentence yourself to several hours (if not days) of "you time" this month -- a smart way to replenish your mojo. There's a lucky break the second week of March. Impatience sets in in April, and you'll play the squeaky wheel that gets greased. Capricorn and

Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 28, 11 and 5.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have often wondered about how the elements (earth, air, water, fire) interact, as I am a Leo with a Pisces moon. I've always been an atypical Leo -- less confident and showy than a normal Leo -- and have wondered whether my watery moon sometimes douses my fiery sun. How does this work?"

This world where everyone's trying to shine brighter and bigger is a solar world, isn't it? And yet, all the ways in which I take care of "me", the moon's domain, are exactly what keep our sun, the ego, sweetly, contentedly purring. Astrology says the moon is our personality, and the Pisces moon is softer, inspiring a more fanciful, imaginative version of the lioness than the "typical" Leo. You do have the creative command and charisma shared by every Leo, and others see this in you. And helping a lost soul find their way home, or getting your "om" on, brings its own

creative fulfillment, too. A water-fire combination merges passion and compassion, and while softer, it is highly dramatic! Elementally speaking, no one element in our birth chart steals fire from another. They work together, making you uniquely and expressly you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: An inordinate number of professional soccer players are born on February 5, hereby declared the B-Day of Ballers. The list includes Cristiano Ronaldo, Neymar, Carlos Tevez, Adnan Januzaj and more. Aquarius is an ideal sign for athletes as it lends air-sign agility and speed and team spirit, as well as a desire for individual accomplishment.

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The Virgo moon favors an intellectually disciplined process of gathering, analyzing and applying information. Clarity, accuracy and relevance matter. So does fairness. If there's a problem you haven't been able to solve by feeling your way through, now is the time to flip to the logical part of you. Bonus: There's beauty in common sense.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's power in saying less. The more you know the less you need to show. And if you don't know, it's perfectly acceptable to admit that, step back and learn. Your wisdom will prevail.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want to take the happy-go-lucky approach, but something is stopping you from the experience -- a feeling or perhaps a memory that warns you

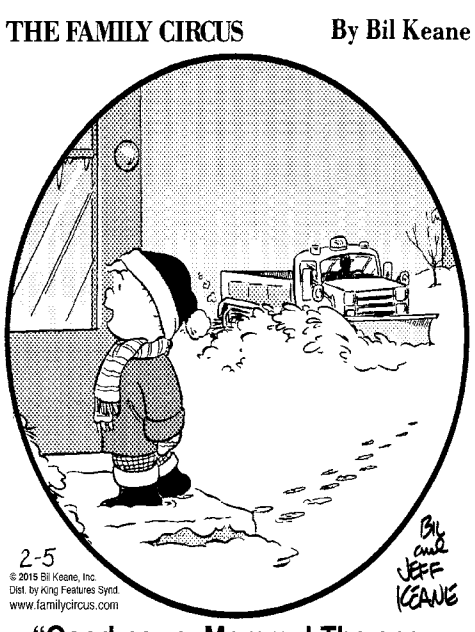
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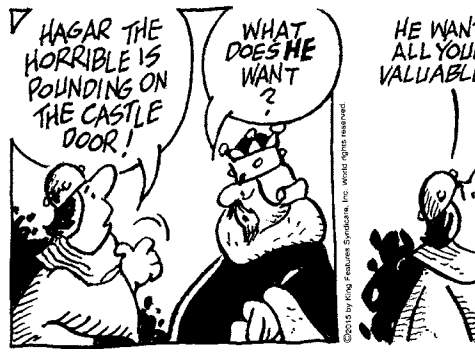
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"Good news, Mommy! The snow shaver is finally here."

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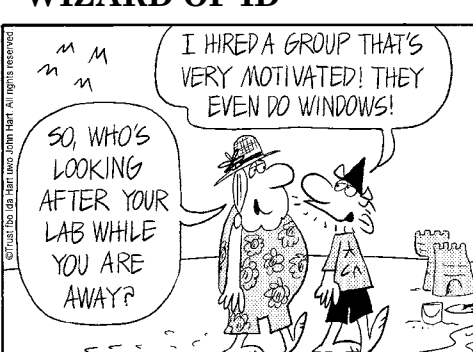
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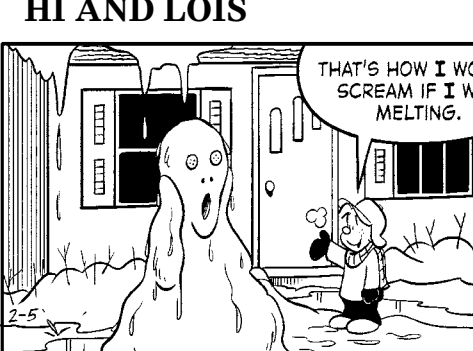
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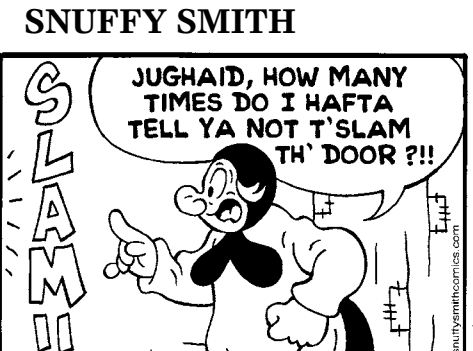
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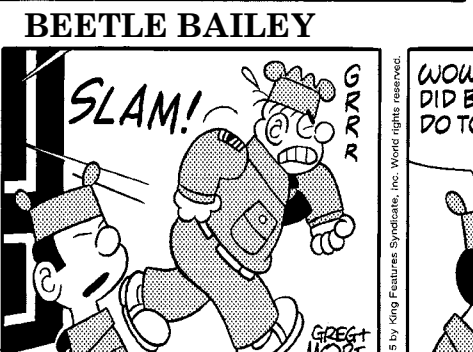
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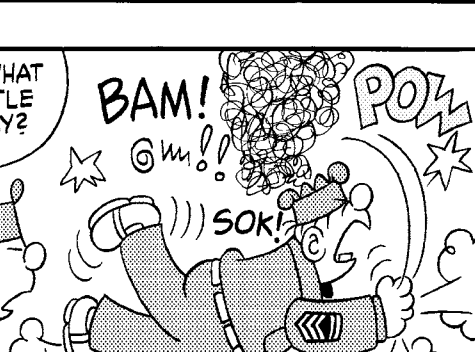
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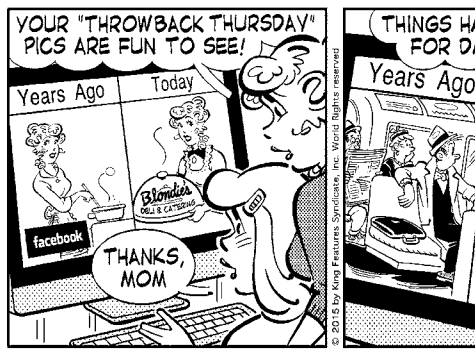
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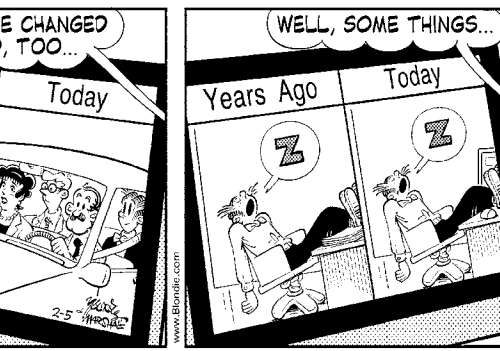
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2015. There are 329 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 5, 1940, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Tuxedo Junction" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label. On this date: In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States. In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives passed, 67-0, a measure offering a new (as well as hopelessly flawed) method for

determining the area of a circle, which would have effectively redefined the value of pi as 3.2. (The bill died in the Indiana Senate.) In 1919, movie studio United Artists was incorporated by Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, D.W. Griffith and Charles Chaplin. In 1922, the first edition of Reader's Digest was published. In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

In 1953, Walt Disney's animated feature "Peter Pan" was first released. In 1967, "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" premiered on CBS-TV. In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 20 "We're in agreement"
 - 23 Likewise
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 - 45 Brimless toppers
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BSHS cheerleaders to hold mini cheer camp on Feb. 15-16

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The BSHS cheerleaders will be holding their annual mini-cheer camp for girls in kindergarten through fifth through grade on Feb. 15-16 in the Steer Gym. No pre-

school age girls will be permitted to attend the camp.

The cost for the two-day camp is \$60 per child. As part of the event, the campers will receive a BSHS cheer camp t-shirt as well as

other items throughout the camp. Campers will also perform at the half time game of the Big Spring Steers' varsity game. During the camp, the girls will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance.

The mini camp will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The campers' performance will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17, during the half of the Steers' game against Lubbock Estacado. The game will begin at 8 p.m., so the mini cheer camp girls are expected to perform at about 8:30 p.m.

As part of the camp, all girls will need a black pair of shorts, or workout pants, for per-

formance.

Registration for the camp will be Jan. 26 through Feb. 6. All forms must be completed and turned in to BSHS co-cheerleading coach Ashley Phinney at the Big Spring High School's front office.

Space is limited so parents wishing to enter their children into the camp are urged to register as soon as possible.

Checks and money orders for the registration fee can be made payable to: BSHS cheerleaders.

For more information about the BSHS mini cheer camp, please e-mail Phinney at: aphinney@bsisd.esc18.net. You may also call the front office of the high school and leave a mes-

Rushin nets 3rd double-double in 67-49 setback to Levelland

The Big Spring High School junior varsity boys' basketball team suffered a tough 67-49 setback to the Levelland Lobos on Tuesday.

Despite the loss, Big Spring picked up solid play from several player, including Chase Williams and Jeramiah Rushin. Williams finished a game-high

20 points. Rushin, who posted his third consecutive double-double, added 15. Steven Henry added seven.

Rushin and Henry pulled down 14 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

Big Spring is scheduled to return to action on Friday when they host Snyder in a key District 2-4A matchup.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Looking to rebound ...
Tobyn Tannehill and the Big Spring Steers will try and bounce back on Friday when they host Snyder in a key District 2-4A game in the Steer Gym.

BSCC to hold 4-person scramble on Feb. 21-22

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 4-person scramble on Feb. 21-22.

The entry fee for the event is \$120 per player, plus the cost of a cart rental. Private carts are welcome on Saturday and Sunday.

The scramble is scheduled to get under way at 7 p.m. on both days with a

shotgun start.

Entry includes a muligan each day as well as BBQ on Saturday. Practice rounds are available on Friday.

The field will be flighted by first round scores. The number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

For more information call 432-267-5354.

BSHS cheerleaders to offer Valentine's babysitting help

The BSHS cheerleaders will be offering a night of babysitting on Feb. 13, from 6-10 p.m. at Steer Gym.

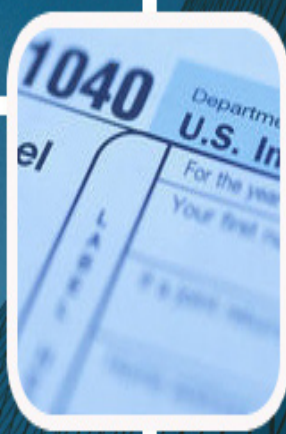
Children in grades from kindergarten through fifth grade, are eligible.

The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$25 per additional child. The price includes pizza, water, snacks, and entertainment.

Sign-ups will run through Feb. 12.

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Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	33	17	.660	—
Brooklyn	20	28	.417	12
Boston	18	30	.375	14
Philadelphia	11	39	.220	22
New York	10	39	.204	22½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	41	9	.820	—
Washington	31	19	.620	10
Charlotte	21	27	.438	19
Miami	21	28	.429	19½
Orlando	15	37	.288	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	20	.600	—
Chicago	30	20	.600	—
Milwaukee	27	22	.551	2½
Detroit	19	31	.380	11
Indiana	18	32	.360	12

Western Conference

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	37	12	.755	—
Houston	34	15	.694	3
Dallas	33	18	.647	5
San Antonio	31	18	.633	6
New Orleans	26	23	.531	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	33	16	.673	—
Oklahoma City	25	24	.510	8
Denver	19	31	.380	14½
Utah	17	32	.347	16
Minnesota	9	40	.184	24

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	39	8	.830	—
L.A. Clippers	33	16	.673	7
Phoenix	28	22	.560	12½
Sacramento	17	30	.362	22
L.A. Lakers	13	36	.265	27

Wednesday's Games

Indiana 114, Detroit 109
Atlanta 105, Washington 96
Brooklyn 109, Toronto 93
Boston 104, Denver 100
Oklahoma City 102, New Orleans 91
Houston 101, Chicago 90
Milwaukee 113, L.A. Lakers 105, OT
Minnesota 102, Miami 101
San Antonio 110, Orlando 103
Memphis 100, Utah 90
Golden State 128, Dallas 114

Thursday's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Men's Standings

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Kansas	8	1	.889	19	3	.864
West Virginia	6	3	.667	18	4	.818
Iowa St.	6	3	.667	16	5	.762
Oklahoma	6	4	.600	15	7	.682
Baylor	5	4	.556	17	5	.773
Oklahoma St.	5	5	.500	15	7	.682
Kansas St.	5	5	.500	12	11	.522
Texas	3	6	.333	14	8	.636

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Reassigned G Nick Johnson to Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Named Chad Biggs senior vice president of corporate development and activation.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed S D.J. Campbell. Promoted outside linebackers coach James Bettcher to defensive coordinator and Mike Chiurco to defensive assistant/assistant defensive back coach. Named Bob Sanders linebackers coach and Wesley Goodwin assistant to the head coach.

Texas Tech 2 8 .200 12 11.522

TCU 1 8 .111 14 8 .636

Wednesday's Games

Oklahoma St. 65, Texas 63, OT
Baylor 77, TCU 57
Texas Tech 64, Kansas St. 47

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with LHP Zach Britton on a one-year contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed OF Dayan Viciedo on waivers for the purpose of granting his unconditional release.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent RHP Yency Almonte to the Chicago White Sox to complete an earlier trade.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Ryan Ludwick on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Acquired LHP Jayson Aquino from Colorado for LHP Tyler Ybarra. Designated INF Chris Colabello for assignment.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with LHP Eric Stults on a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Kendrick on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Yo-han Flan-de for assignment.

MIAMI MARLINS — Traded RHP Arquimedes Caminero to Pittsburgh for cash considerations.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned INF Elian Herrera outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Carlos Villanueva on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Named Moises Alou special assistant for minor league player development. Dave Snow minor league player development consultant. Luis Ortiz minor league fielding and hitting coordinator. Mark Prior minor league pitching coordinator. Eric Junges minor league pitching instructor. Rylee Westman minor league catching coordinator and Tarrick Brock minor league outfield/baserunning coordinator.

BASKETBALL

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