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Gas prices continue climbing

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 9.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.08 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 7.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.25 a gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were \$1.08 per gallon lower than the same time last year and are 24.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

"Prices at the pump are starting to heat back up, mostly driven by a rebound in crude oil prices."

Patrick DeHaan
 Petroleum analyst

The national average has increased 17.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands \$1.10 cents per gallon lower than this time one year ago. "Prices at the pump are starting to heat back up, mostly driven by a rebound in crude oil prices," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. "Nationally, almost nine in 10 stations is selling over \$2 a gallon, while a month ago, less than half of stations were selling over that price.

"Clearly, we're seeing the typical seasonal

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A helping hand at tax time



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

From left, Josie Torres gets assistance in signing in from volunteers Donna Menges and Sara Thixton during AARP volunteer tax preparation at the Big Spring Senior Center Monday.

AARP offers free service to seniors

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

The best things in life are free — including tax help.

Senior citizens can get their taxes done for free. Thanks to AARP and the Big Spring Senior Center, there is a group of volunteers waiting to help seniors get their taxes filed for free.

Ray Alexander, AARP volunteer coordinator, said this service is offered free to seniors in Big Spring and the surrounding area. All of the tax preparers and helpers are volunteers.

"We are blessed this year," Al-

exander said. "AARP provided all of the computers and bought us five new ones this year. They also provide the tax program."

The Senior Center had quite a few people being assisted Monday; others sipped coffee and visited while waiting for their turn. Two volunteers, Donna Menges and Sara Thixton, were busy checking people in and helping them with their paperwork to get ready to see the tax preparers.

It is a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere, many said.

"Last year we prepared more than 200 tax returns that returned more than \$40,000

(to customers)," Alexander. "Our first week this year was a little slow — people were still waiting on W2s, but we have a good group (Monday)."

Tax preparation takes place at the Big Spring Senior Center on Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon.

This service relies on volunteers. Alexander said there are currently about 10 volunteers, but more are needed. Anyone interested in helping can call Alexander at 432-263-4992 or go to the AARP website and sign up.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 263-7331, ext 232.



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Long-time coach honored



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Former Howard College basketball coach Don Stevens, left, was honored Monday for his induction into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. Presenting the plaque was Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

'American Sniper' trial: Prosecution expected to rest its case today

Associated Press

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — Prosecutors showed a Texas court a videotaped confession by a former Marine who apologized for fatally shooting "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and his friend in 2013.

Despite his confession, Eddie Ray Routh has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Prosecutors are expected to rest their case Tuesday.

"I'm just sorry for what I've done," Routh, 27, said in the interview with Texas Ranger Danny Briley, played to the Stephenville court on Monday.

Criminal law experts say a verdict hinges on whether the defense can prove Routh was insane at the time and did not know the killings at a gun range constituted a crime.

Briley testified Monday that he believed Routh knew his actions were wrong.

The trial has drawn intense interest, partly because of an Oscar-nominated film based on Kyle's memoir that has grossed more than \$300 million in North America.

Here is a look at key points in the case:

THE CRIME

On Feb. 2, 2013, Kyle, Chad Littlefield and Routh drove to Rough Creek Lodge and Resort, which has a 1,000-yard shooting range. About 5 p.m., a resort employee discovered the bodies of Kyle and Littlefield on the ground amid scattered weapons; each had been shot several times. About 45 minutes later, authorities say Routh pulled up to his sister's Midlothian home in Kyle's

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Obituaries

Emma 'Jane' Headrick



Emma "Jane" Headrick, 89, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 14, 1926, in Meade County, Kan. and married LeRoy Headrick Aug. 28, 1943, in Montezuma, Kan. He preceded her in death Feb. 8, 2012.

Jane came to Howard County in 1968 and had worked as a loan clerk for Cosden Credit Union for 10 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma and the Women's Society. She was Past Matron and 50-year member of the Winona Chapter No. 444, Order of the Easter Star in Plains, Kan. and was a life member of the Liberal Chapter No. 104 Order of the Easter Star in Liberal, Kan.

She enjoyed hand crafts, embroidery quilts and

crochet.

Survivors include four sons, Wayne Headrick and wife, Barbara of North Las Vegas, Nev., Wallace Headrick of Phoenix, Ariz., Gary Headrick and wife, Janet of Rago, Kan. and Robin Headrick and wife, Lorraine of Friendswood; two daughters, Becky Rau and husband, Sid of Big Spring and Melanie Ussery and husband, Jimmy Sherrod of Garden City; two sisters, Alice Weller of Meade, Kan., and Eursal Monhollon and husband, Jim of Independence, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester Guy Wallace and Susie Eursal Kettle Wallace; four brothers, Walter Wallace, Guy Wallace, Glenn Wallace and Eldon Wallace; one sister, Velma King; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to Compass Hospice, 602 S. Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez TSVH activity fund, 1809 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Homer L. Conner



Homer L. Conner, 93, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Homer was born Sept. 6, 1921, in Breckenridge, Texas and married Joyce Box Oct. 4, 1941, in Los Angeles, Calif. She preceded him in death Dec. 22, 2008.

He was a civil engineer working for several places, including Webb Air Force Base. He was most

proud of his family and his Masonic service of 63 years. He was also an avid hunter and loved the outdoors.

Homer is survived by two sons, Lesley Conner and wife, Phyllis of Payson, Ariz., and Mike Conner and wife, Brenda of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandra Pegan and husband, Peter of Big Spring, and Teresa Standefer of Midland; 12 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Homer was preceded in death by one son, Robert Conner; his parents, Emery Allen and Cassie (Lambert) Conner; and one brother, Allen Howard Conner.

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

Police blotter

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

• **JOHN NICHALAS MENDEZ**, 25, of 1113 N. Scurry was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

• **ISREAL SAIZ**, 18, of 606 Linda Lane was arrested for a warrant on possession of drug paraphernalia, use or possession of illegal smoking material and fail to appear.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Broadway St., the 300 block of E. I-20, and the 3000 block of W. Highway 80.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3000 block of Sherman Rd. and the 600 block of Linda Lane.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 6000 block of E. Midway Rd.

• **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 3000 block of W. Highway 80.

• **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 4000 block of Muir St.

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

Note —Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.

• **DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle.

• **TREYCEE L. FAIRMAN**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on charges

of possession of controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

• **JENNY JUAREZ**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing.

• **TOBY RAY BLACKSHEAR**, 17, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• **STEPHEN LARRY SANDRIDGE**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **GUSTABO ALFREDO RIOS**, 33, was booked by the BSPD on charges of manufacturing/delivering controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

• **CARRIE DIANE GARITSON**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for probation violation.

• **JESI ELAIN WILKEY**, 29, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 43, was booked by the HCSO on charges of driving with invalid license with previous convictions.

• **ISAAC RAY WILLBORN**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.

• **CHRISTOPHER JAY PADILLA**, 32, was booked by HCSO on charges of assault and family violence.

• **MATTHEW YBARRA**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

• **CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH VALLE**, 23, was booked by the BSPD, on warrants for defective head lamps, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and two counts violate promise to appear.

• **FABIAN CARPENTER**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **ALLEN TRISTAN JACKSON**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of violation of bond or protective order.

• **COREY TREVOR WARD**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for violate promise to appear for possession of marijuana.

• **ROSE MARIE RODRIQUEZ**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

• **DESIREE NICOLE GALAVIZ**, 19, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for violation of entrance fee requirements and failure to appear.

• **JOHN NICHOLAS MENDEZ**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

• **KARRI DAWN TINDOL**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal trespass.

• **ISREAL SAIZ**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants for use or possession of illegal smoking material and failure to appear.

• **FIDEL LOPEZ OGEDA**, 37, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily harm.

Support Groups

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

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

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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.

Emma Jo Ringener

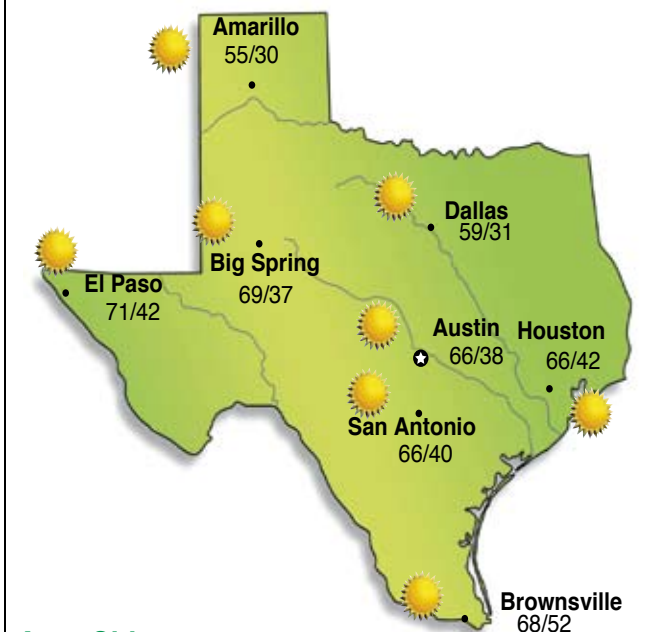
Emma Jo Ringener, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 in an Abilene Hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/18	Thu 2/19	Fri 2/20	Sat 2/21	Sun 2/22
69/37 Sunny skies. High 69F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.	73/47 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	80/52 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	75/40 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	54/32 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:35 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM

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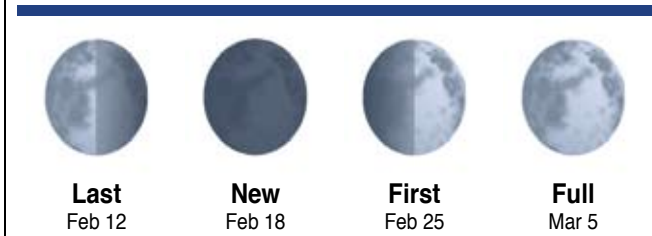
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	65	38	sunny	Kingsville	68	47	sunny
Amarillo	55	30	sunny	Livingston	62	34	sunny
Austin	66	38	sunny	Longview	57	28	sunny
Beaumont	64	35	sunny	Lubbock	63	30	sunny
Brownsville	68	52	sunny	Lufkin	64	34	sunny
Brownwood	66	33	sunny	Midland	69	39	sunny
Corpus Christi	66	50	sunny	Raymondville	69	50	sunny
Corsicana	59	33	sunny	Rosenberg	65	39	sunny
Dallas	59	31	sunny	San Antonio	66	40	sunny
Del Rio	67	43	sunny	San Marcos	66	40	sunny
El Paso	71	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	54	29	sunny
Fort Stockton	69	42	sunny	Sweetwater	65	39	sunny
Gainesville	54	28	sunny	Tyler	58	31	sunny
Greenville	55	29	sunny	Weatherford	60	32	sunny
Houston	66	42	sunny	Wichita Falls	55	29	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	41	10	windy	Minneapolis	4	-15	pt sunny
Boston	30	14	cloudy	New York	32	17	cloudy
Chicago	9	-10	windy	Phoenix	78	52	sunny
Dallas	59	31	sunny	San Francisco	64	52	pt sunny
Denver	50	27	sunny	Seattle	60	41	sunny
Houston	66	42	sunny	St. Louis	13	-2	windy
Los Angeles	70	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC	36	8	sn shower
Miami	71	49	rain				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 2/18	Thu 2/19	Fri 2/20	Sat 2/21	Sun 2/22
5	5	5	5	2
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Take note

- Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad.
- 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.
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- 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 Tuesday 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.
- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.
- 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. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

News in brief

Judge grants request to temporarily block Obama's executive action on immigration

A federal judge in South Texas on Monday temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration, giving a coalition of 26 states time to pursue a lawsuit that aims to permanently stop the orders. U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen's decision comes after a hearing in Brownsville in January and puts on hold Obama's orders that could spare as many as five million people who are in the U.S. illegally from deportation. Hanen wrote in a memorandum accompanying his order that the lawsuit should go forward and that without a preliminary injunction the states will "suffer irreparable harm in this case." "The genie would be impossible to put back into the bottle," he wrote, adding that he agreed with the plaintiffs' argument that legalizing the presence of millions of people is a "virtually irreversible" action. The White House in a statement early Tuesday defended the executive orders issued in November as within the president's legal authority, saying that the U.S. Supreme Court and Congress have said federal officials can set priorities in enforcing immigration laws.

Egypt: El-Sissi tells French radio he wants UN-backed coalition to fight extremists

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's president says a U.N.-backed coalition to rid Libya of Islamic militants is the best option. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, speaking to France's Europe 1 Radio in an

interview aired Tuesday, says that Egyptian airstrikes against Islamic State group positions in Libya were in self-defense. El-Sissi, a general-turned-politician, tells the radio channel: "We will not allow them to cut off the heads of our children." Asked whether he wanted to see a U.N.-backed coalition for Libya, he said: "I think there is no choice." Egypt's airstrikes on Monday were in retaliation for the mass beheading on a beach of Egyptian Coptic Christians. A video of the killings was released by the Islamic State late Sunday.

Ukraine army and rebels miss deadline to start withdrawing heavy weapons

LUHANSKE, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian government troops and Russia-backed rebels failed Tuesday to start pulling back heavy weaponry from the front line in eastern Ukraine as a deadline passed to do so. Under a cease-fire agreement negotiated by the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Germany and France last week, the warring sides were to begin withdrawing heavy weapons from the front line on Tuesday. Both sides indicated Monday, however, that they would begin the pullout only after the other party does so. While the fighting either stopped or subsided in other parts of war-torn eastern Ukraine, the situation around the key transportation hub of Debaltseve remained tense on Tuesday. Associated Press reporters saw artillery rounds fired from Ukrainian government positions on the road leading to rebel positions around Debaltseve. Sustained shelling was heard in the area all morn-

ing, some coming from Grad rocket launchers. Ukrainian military spokesman Anatoliy Stelmakh said in televised comments early on Tuesday that the separatists continued to attack their positions overnight and that the pullout hinges on the cease-fire being fully observed. "As soon as the militants cease fire, the Ukrainian side will begin to withdraw heavy weaponry from the frontline," he said.

Effort to boost military spending puts GOP in a bind on the budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pressing Pentagon demands in a time of terror threats and Islamic State militants have put newly empowered congressional Republicans in a bind. Defense hawks want to wipe out previous spending cuts to steer more money to the military, but the GOP is divided over how to do it without piling billions onto the deficit. Many deficit hawks insist that any increases for the military should be financed by cuts to domestic programs even as GOP pragmatists warn that could cause a budget logjam that would drag on for months. And that's before GOP leaders begin talks with President Barack Obama. At issue is the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. While programs like Social Security, Medicare and food stamps run on autopilot, agency budgets are passed by Congress each year. The problem stems from the hard-fought budget and debt bill of August 2011. A so-called supercommittee failed to reach a broad fiscal deal, resulting in spending cuts on the day-to-day operating budgets of virtually every federal agency.

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rebound in prices, being led higher by oil's rebound, and soon to be enhanced further by refinery maintenance sea-

son — which hasn't yet gotten well under way," DeHaan added. Motorists in California are getting a taste of the sourness that will hit across the country in a month or two as Los Angeles switches over to cleaner burning gas-

oline, followed by San Francisco in short order, with the rest of the nation making moves in the weeks and months ahead. "I'm also starting to hear more frustration from motorists about rising prices — and

while the concerns are well rooted, they should take solace that gas prices this summer are still expected to be about \$1 a gallon lower than last summer," DeHaan said. California, Arizona, Oregon, Florida and Washington saw the

largest increases in the last week — all saw increases of more than 10 cents per gallon. The nation's cheapest 5 percent of stations were selling Sunday at \$1.92 a gallon, a jump from last month's \$1.68 per gal-

lone. Idaho Falls, Idaho enjoyed the lowest gas prices, averaging \$1.77 a gallon, while Kahului, Hawaii saw the highest gas prices at \$3.13 a gallon. Excluding Hawaii and Alaska, California cities took all 25 spots of the top 25 most expensive communities.

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truck and told her he had killed Kyle and Littlefield.

PERSPECTIVES ON ROUTH

Family members say Routh suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder from serving in Iraq and in Haiti after the devastating 2010 earthquake. Defense attorneys say Routh, who was taking anti-psychotic medication, was insane when Kyle and Littlefield took the former Marine to the shooting range to provide support and camaraderie. Routh, his lawyers say, believed the men planned to kill him. "If I did not take down his soul, he was going to take down mine," Routh said of Kyle in the videotaped confession. Prosecutors say Routh was a troubled drug user who knew right from wrong, despite his history of mental illness. Some of Routh's psychiatrists at Green Oaks

Hospital, where he was admitted in September 2012 and in January 2013, are expected to testify. Briley, who interviewed Routh in the hours after the killings, testified Monday that Routh confessed to shooting the men. "He stated that he knew it was wrong to kill them, that he wished he hadn't done it," Briley said under questioning by prosecutors.

TRIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Last week, a former deputy testified that he overheard Routh after he'd been taken into custody say that he shot the men because they wouldn't talk to him as the three drove together to the shooting range. A Texas Ranger has testified that authorities found marijuana, a near-empty bottle of whiskey and medication for schizophrenia while searching Routh's home after the shooting. The testimony could show that Routh deliberately put himself into a violent state, said Park Dietz, a forensic psychiatrist who examined

Andrea Yates, who was found not guilty in 2006 by reason of insanity in the drowning deaths of her five children. "Voluntarily induced intoxication is not an excuse for the mentally ill," he said.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Jurors have three options: find Routh guilty of capital murder, find him not guilty or find him not guilty by reason of insanity. If convicted, Routh faces life in prison without parole. Prosecutors aren't

seeking the death penalty. Even if he's acquitted, Routh could remain in custody. The Texas criminal code stipulates that in cases involving violent crimes where defendants are found not guilty by reason of insanity, the court can initiate civil proceedings to have them committed.

WHO WAS KYLE?

Kyle served four tours in Iraq and made more than 300 kills as a sniper for SEAL Team 3, according to his own

count. He earned two Silver Stars for valor. After leaving the military, he volunteered with veterans facing mental health problems, often taking them shooting. He took Routh to the shooting range at the request of the troubled veteran's mother.

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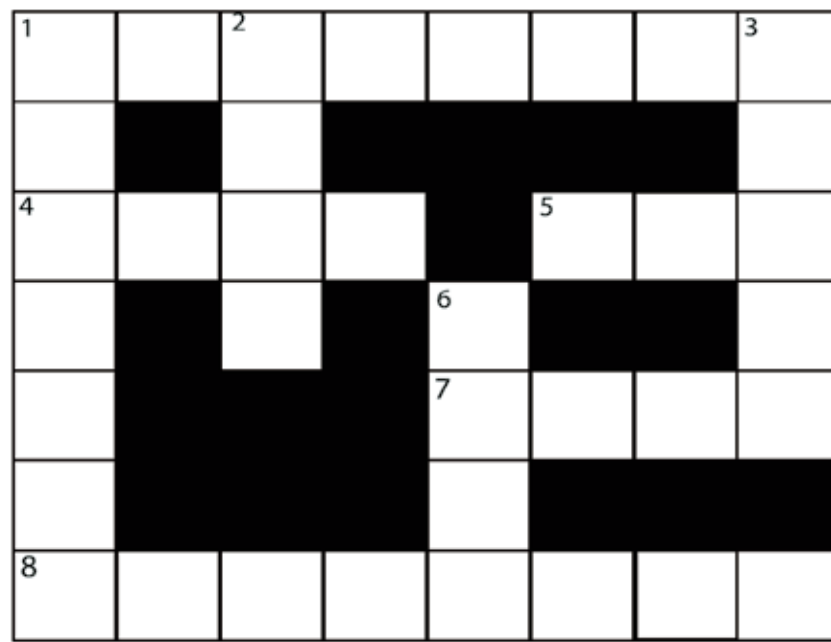
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- Flat foods
- Round marks or spots
- Belonging to people in general
- On the top of
- Piling up

DOWN

- Pools of liquid
- Hard kernels of a fruit
- Sweet topping
- Storage device

Answers: 1. Pancakes 4. Dots 5. Our 7. Atop 8. Stacking
Down 1. Puddles 2. Nuts 3. Syrup 6. Rack



THIS TERM MAY REFER TO A PANCAKE, AN OAT BAR OF BRITISH ORIGINS OR A TYPE OF THROW IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.

ANSWER: FLAPJACK



SIZZLE

make a hissing sound when cooking

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Flour
- SPANISH:** Harina
- ITALIAN:** Farina
- FRENCH:** Farine
- GERMAN:** Mehl

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ANSWER: PANCAKES

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

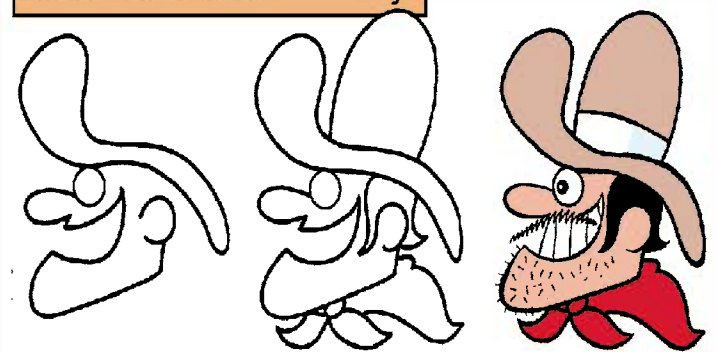
BY BOB WEBER JR.

The twisted Count Weirdly is taunting forest citizens again! He says this metal drum is completely filled with a secret smelly solution. Weirdly claims the solution forms a stinky fog when it is exposed to air. Without opening it, how did Slylock Fox determine that the drum is probably empty?



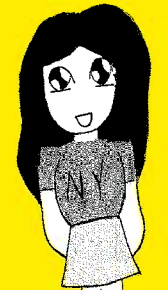
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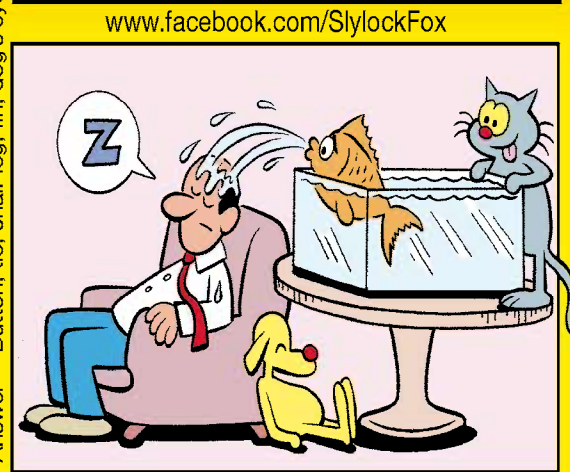
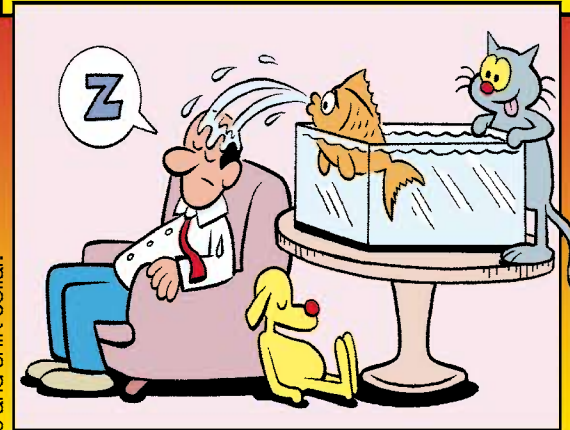


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Answer b)

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Bird Poop

A pyrrhuloxia makes an unscheduled stop

With February half over came the expectation of phone calls to come.

Numerous species nest early and parents-to-be scurry to find what they consider the most secluded and safe areas for raising their young.

Their pursuit of the ideal often leads to our receiving frantic messages of downed birds.

The answering of one call brought an array of descriptions from a man who was both excited and puzzled. "It looks like one, but it isn't!" was his opening dialogue. After pausing for a moment, he added a bird had flown into the storm door at the front of his house. "It's the same size, but doesn't have the color to go with it," he continued.

"Where is it now?" I asked. "Standing on the sidewalk about five feet from the door," he replied.

While still unsure of what he was describing, I listened to his description of the loud thump he had heard as something impacted the glass. The noise had caused him to rush to his door.

His first thought had been of the afternoon delivery of our local paper. Instead, he had been astonished to find what appeared to be a very dazed bird. "It hasn't moved since."

To help both of us in identifying it, I went back to what he had first told me. "You said it looks like one and is the same size?"

"Yes," he answered. "Tell me which bird you think it resembles."

"Lady, it's the same size as a cardinal, but it's gray. That point on top of its head is red and there's a little red on its wings and around its mouth. Otherwise, it's just faded."

To my asking what color was its beak, he replied, "Sort-a yellow." He was surprised that by summer it would be a definite yellow.

When I asked him where he lived, he said next to the airport. Often, the residential areas closest to the former air base reported birds normally found in open, undeveloped areas.

During late spring, summer and early fall, this specie would have feasted on cotton worms, boll weevils, grasshoppers, caterpillars and weed seeds.

As winter approached, its members would scavenge mesquite beans and the fruit from hackberry and cactus. After depleting those offer-

ings, these birds would chance the opportunity for grains and seeds at feeders close to human dwellings.

With his location and his description of the bird came my reasoning that the bird was a male pyrrhuloxia.

"A what?" he asked, to which I replied, "It's a bird found throughout the southwest and Mexico."

After telling him he was very accurate in noticing the absence of coloration, I added that the two species both have crests, long tails and very thick bills. The shapes of their bills and overall coloration, however, are their outstanding differences.

Wanting to keep watch over the bird and insure its safety until, and if, it could recover, the man volunteered to sit near the door. Thirty minutes later he called again. "It's still here."

Unable to figure out why the bird had hit his door led to my asking him if he had any trees in his front yard. After learning that he did, I asked him what he usually saw when he approached his front door.

It was then that he realized the reflection from the glass had mirrored the tree and its offering of a safe place to roost.

"That bird thought it was flying toward another tree," he said.

Not long after that call came another. "It's gone. I only looked away for a second. Guess that's all it took for it to leave in a hurry."

With his vigil had come the assurance that no neighborhood dog or cat could attack the temporarily incapacitated bird. Invaluable was the time given for it to recover its senses and realize where it was.

What he had missed was the pyrrhuloxia as it elevated and continued an undulating flight. Even though it only flew for short intervals, he would have marveled at the considerable distance it could cover.

His being able to observe this shy and very suspicious bird led to an appreciation of some of its highlights. Accenting the back of its parrot-like bill was red that extended around the bird's dark eyes. Its crest was tipped with red.

Nature had dipped a tiny brush in crimson, and lightly and unevenly painted a narrow streak downward on the feathers of the bird's breast and belly. The pyrrhuloxia was living proof of such an embellishment. Although the man was right in saying the rest of the bird was gray, he did notice the tinges of red on its tail and wings.

For a brief moment in time, the man had experienced one of nature's colorful experiments.

His attention to every detail of the bird had been heightened by what few are ever privileged to see.

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



Often seen on ranch land, the pyrrhuloxia frequents mesquite thickets and dense brush, such as white acacia. Its nest of twigs and coarse grasses is softened with horsehair for the interior. Secrecy is a part of raising its young.

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Steers finish fifth at home golf tournament

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers turned in a solid outing over the weekend at the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament at the Big Spring Country Club. Despite playing the first day with senior Tyler Bryan, the Big Spring golf team finished fifth in the

overall team standings at the two-day meet.

San Angelo Central won the boys' overall team championship by shooting a two-day total of 592 and finishing 17 strokes ahead of Frenship. The San Angelo Central girls edged out Andrews for the top spot in the girls' division.

Sam Harris and Kevin Otto highlighted Big

Spring's first-round efforts on Friday. Harris carded a team-best 83 over the first 18 holes. Otto finished one stroke behind at 84.

Jason Dominguez and Ryan Dimidjian also played well in the first round, posting rounds of 88 and 95.

Bryan, a key ember of the Steers' basketball team, posted Big Spring's top efforts in

the final round by carding a round of 75.

Otto and Dominguez also played well in the final round. Otto fired an 80 over the final 18 holes and finished as the Steers' top golfer with a 164.

Dominguez turned in a 79 on Saturday and finished at 167.

Harris struggled over the final half of the course, shooting a 90

and finishing at 173.

Dimidjian, who improved his game by 10 strokes over Friday's mark, completed the tournament at 180.

The Big Spring Lady Steers did not field a team in the girls' division, but did have three players perform well.

Laura Gomez led all BSHS girls in the event by posting rounds of 93 and 98 and finishing at

191.

Mary Bryan finished just 14 strokes behind her teammate with a 205. She netted rounds of 114 and 101, respectively.

Kylie Palmer also did well, shooting a 258 over the 36-hole event.

The BSHS boys' team will travel to Plainview on Feb. 20-21. The girls' team will play in Snyder.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Lady Hawks stun OC!

Lady Hawks rallies for 49-48 win over Odessa

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks had every opportunity to crumble in the final three minutes of Monday's showdown with the Odessa College Lady Wranglers in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

But they didn't.

Tamara York pushed back an offensive rebound with 48 seconds to play in regulation and helped propel the Lady Hawks to a thrilling 49-48 victory over the OC women, who had entered the matchup second in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

"I thought we really had an inspired effort tonight," said HC head coach Earl Diddle, who has seen his team win two of their last three outings since snapping a 9-game conference slide. "We stopped turning the ball over and giving them second shots and the game started to turn for us."

With the win, the Lady Hawks improved to 8-19 for the season and, more importantly, improved to 2-10 in WJCAC action. Odessa College fell to 18-9 and 9-3.

Odessa College took advantage of almost every turnover and second-chance shot in the first half. The Lady Wranglers sprinted to an early 17-9 lead and raced into the half with an 11-point advantage, at 31-20.

Howard College fought back in the early minutes of the second half. Bria McCullough knocked down a short jumper midway through the final half to cap an 11-8 HC run that cut OC's lead to six, at 38-32.

Rosemary Rits and Courtney Jeffcoat gave the Lady

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Howard College's Tamara York shoots over the top of two Odessa College defenders during the second half of the Lady Hawks' 49-48 victory on Monday night in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. With the win, the HC women notched their second win their their last three outings and improved to 2-11 in WJCAC play.

Lady Hawks snap 9-game losing streak with victory

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Rob Gray scored 21 points and Travis Charles added 19 more on Monday and helped spur the Howard College Hawks to an impressive 84-70 romp over rival Odessa College in a key Western Junior College Athletic Conference matchup in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

And, just so you know, it wasn't really as close as the final score indicates.

The Hawks built a 22-point lead with 6:02 left in regulation and cruised to their 20th win of the season with ease.

The win was doubly important to the Hawks. With their win over OC, and New Mexico Military Institute's upset of No. 17 South Plains in Roswell on Monday, Howard College moved into sole possession of first place in the WJCAC with three games remaining in the regular season. HC, now 20-6 and 11-2 in conference, leads South Plains (20-6 and 10-3) by one game, and New Mexico Junior College (21-7 and 10-4) by 1 1/2 games.

"It was a good team win for us," said Hawks' head coach Scott Raines. "Any time you can do something like this against a playoff-caliber team like Odessa, it is good."

The loss left OC on the outside looking in as the post-season race heats up. The Wranglers are currently 18-9 and fifth in the conference standings at 7-7. They trail NMMI by one-half game for the fourth, and final, WJCAC berth in the Region V tournament, which tips off in March in Brownwood.

The Wranglers, using a Triangle and 2 defensive ap-

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Eureka musher wins Yukon Quest dog race

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Brent Sass has won the Yukon Quest Sled Dog Race.

Sass crossed the finish line in Fairbanks at 10:52 p.m. Monday.

He left the Two Rivers checkpoint two minutes behind defending champion Allen Moore but

passed him on the trail.

The race covers 1,000 miles of rugged and unforgiving terrain.

Sass gets nearly \$30,000 for the win and 4 ounces of gold nuggets for being the first musher to the halfway point of Dawson City, Yukon.

Steers to host Estacado tonight

The Big Spring Steers will close out their regular season tonight with a home game against

the Estacado Matadors. Games will begin at 5 p.m. in the Steer Gym.

Playoff time ... Jackie Castillo and the Big Spring Lady Steers will begin their playoff run tonight with a bi-district game against Pampa. The contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Littlefield.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)



Big Spring basketball fundraiser set for Feb. 19

Old School will go head-to-head with "New School" on Thursday evening in the Steer Gym with the BSHS coaches square off against the Big Spring High School seniors in a basketball fundraiser.

The contest is scheduled to get under way at

7:30 p.m.

Tickets to the event are priced at \$3 per person. No athletic passes will be honored at the event.

All BSHS fans are encouraged to attend the event and show their support for the coaches and seniors.

Lady Steers begin '15 season

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' softball team will begin its 2015 season this

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The Point of No Return

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 5 3
♥ A K 6 2
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A 9 3
WEST
♠ K Q 6
♥ —
♦ K 8 6 3 2
♣ J 10 8 5 2
EAST
♠ 9 7 4 2
♥ Q 10 7
♦ J 10 5
♣ Q 7 4
SOUTH
♠ A J 10
♥ J 9 8 5 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ K 6
The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

jack, West wins with the king and leads another club, which you ruff.
The situation, which looked so promising at the start, has deteriorated rapidly — you've run into an unlucky 3-0 trump division and lost two spade finesses. However, you still have a diamond finesse in reserve.
So you cross to the king of trumps and try that finesse, but the queen loses to West's king, and you go down one. Mighty tough luck, you could say, since the odds at the start of play were about 40-to-1 in your favor.
Yet, if you consider the matter objectively, you realize you would have made the contract had you played a bit better. After West showed out on the ace of trumps at trick two, it would have been wiser to cash the ace of clubs and then ruff a club at trick four.
Now a trump to the king followed by a spade to the ten would have put West in an untenable position. He'd win with the queen, but whatever he played next would cost him a trick. A spade return would go into your A-J, a diamond return into your A-Q, while a club return would allow you to discard a diamond or a spade from your hand as you ruffed in dummy.

Tomorrow: Basic card-reading.
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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My wife's sister is 21, lives with her parents and has extremely violent long-lasting outbursts that culminate in her being verbally and physically abusive. "Mindy" tells everyone she is suicidal, although she has never made any attempt to harm herself. She obviously has deep psychological issues, yet absolutely refuses treatment. At our last visit, I swore to myself that neither our young son nor I would be subjected to her outbursts again.
Here's the problem. Our son will be 2 years old soon, and we want to give him a birthday party. But if his grandparents come, it will be nearly impossible to keep Mindy from showing up. And I cannot imagine trying to explain to her why she isn't invited. All of her behaviors will certainly

occur, as they seem to be brought on in group settings where she is not the focus of attention. Annie, can her parents do anything to force her to get treatment? How do we handle family gatherings where we want my parents-in-law to come because we adore them, but we can't tolerate Mindy? -- At a Loss
Dear At a Loss: Your wife should speak to her parents and explain that Mindy is not welcome around your son because she is unable or unwilling to control her abusive behavior. It is dangerous and frightening for a 2-year-old to be subjected to such outbursts. Mindy should be aware that she is responsible for her actions, and if she is out of control and feels suicidal, she should speak to a therapist who can help her. You cannot decide how your in-laws

choose to deal with Mindy, but you can set the boundaries in your own home. Your son's welfare comes first.
Dear Annie: My mother gave me a set of wine glasses that she received on her wedding day almost 60 years ago. When my nephew married, I gave him these glasses as a wedding gift. After six months, the marriage was dissolved, and my nephew moved back in with his parents (my brother and his wife). At that time, I asked my nephew to be sure to get the wine glasses in the divorce because I wanted them to stay in the family. That was 10 years ago. My nephew has since remarried. I have attended two dinners at my brother's home where my sister-in-law served wine in these same glasses. Once, she even served a glass to my mother. I nearly freaked out. Did my nephew have the right to give those glasses to anyone he chose? Can I suggest that if he no longer wants them, I'd like them back so I can gift them to my

niece? Or do I just forget about them? -- Wine-ing in Wisconsin
Dear Wisconsin: When your mother gave you those glasses, did she put restrictions on what you could do with them? Apparently not. Yet you are doing that to your nephew. Heirloom items should stay in the family, and your nephew is respecting that by giving the glasses to his parents. Please make sure your brother understands that you would like them back should he ever decide to get rid of them.
Dear Annie: My ex-husband could be "Estranged Dad," whose daughter didn't invite him to her wedding. Here's the other side: As a child, our daughter wanted Dad to take her to see her favorite hockey player. Instead, he took her brothers, saying, "Hockey isn't for girls." When she went away to college, he took money from her account to buy gas to visit her. He once took all of her saved tuition money to pay his back taxes. She had to get a second job and needed an

extra two years to graduate. He will never apologize because he thinks he did nothing wrong. He wasn't invited to her wedding and has no clue why. -- Mom Who's Seen Both Sides
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1	4	6	3	7	9	5	2	8
8	2	3	5	6	4	1	7	9
9	7	1	4	2	3	8	6	5
2	6	8	9	5	7	4	3	1
4	3	5	8	1	6	2	9	7
6	8	2	7	3	5	9	1	4
3	1	4	6	9	8	7	5	2
5	9	7	1	4	2	6	8	3

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Express the love in your heart so others can really feel it. Then your relationships will be uplifting, surprising and fulfilling, and you will finally achieve what you've long been working toward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The eruption of ideas that come to you may not be socially or politically correct, but don't let that stop you from writing down what goes through your head. What simmers under the surface needs release.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This day will be touched by unusual happenings and idiosyncratic people. Enjoy the shakeup like it's a roller-coaster ride. Throw up your hands and scream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Doing something right one or two times will bring you good results. But doing the same things a hundred or a thousand times will make you rich. Establish systems and be consistent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're usually so independent. This time, before you make a move, deliberate with friends -- and not just any friends, but a few well-chosen people who have experience with or ideas on your recent life-topic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some say that the sleep that comes after you've hit the "snooze" on your alarm is the best sleep in the world. That's because it's borrowed. There's something you'll borrow to your great delight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be delightful influences around you, and you will be extraordinarily receptive to the best of them. With your outstanding imagination, you will twist ideas and make them your very own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's not an insect spray out there strong enough to stave off your travel bug. There's a big wide world out there for you to see, and you want to keep moving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life is part what happens to you and mostly what you make happen. Today the odds are in your favor, and you'll act swiftly to create a dreamy scenario.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maybe you're not asking for help because you are worried about making requests of people who later will feel that you owe them. If so, call on your angels. They are waiting, no strings attached.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Getting lost can be good. It connects you with what's going on right now. When you're trying to find your way back, you are very much in the moment. Finding your way is a living meditation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 17). With unyielding faith in your plan, you follow through to make this one of your most prosperous years. March introduces you to helpful people. April brings funding for a cherished project. May is a time for travel and reconnection with distant family. Those who resisted in the past will now sponsor your efforts. Love signs are Virgo and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 6, 45, 22 and 19.

and out of love. No, not every Libra is destined to ride this up-and-down merry-go-round of love forever, but for a period, even Libras in a committed relationship wistfully wonder about the one who got away. As the sign of partnership, you're always looking for the perfect fit. But this may preclude long stints without dating at all -- which in my opinion is better than being with someone you're not that into. I say: Look at singledom as a (fleeting) opportunity -- to cultivate inner peace and to beautify your appearance and environment. And work on self-acceptance -- those changes you think you need to make in yourself whose release frees you up to enjoy more compelling endeavors. And before you know it, you'll be at your best with more dates than you know what to do with.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ed Sheeran learned how to dance ballroom style for his video "Thinking Out Loud," and the Aquarius singer/songwriter did an impressive job of it, too. Sheeran was born when the sun and expressive Mercury were in Aquarius, a sign known for physical and spiritual grace. His moon in Aries is a passionate lunar placement that indicates a daring spirit, always moving forward to try new things.

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4		5	8	1			9	7
6		2			5	9	1	4
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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Notic.	Two Men	News	Noticiero	News	Seinfeld	Called	Business				Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	(-45) The Book of Negroes	Austin	College Basketball	College Basketball
7:PM	Fresh! Repeat	Mi corazón es tuyo	MasterChef	NCIS (DVS)	Los Mis-erables (SS)	Parks	Big Bang	Upd	Genealogy Rd	Griffith	Amish Mafia	Movie: Casino Royale, Mads Mik-kelsen	Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Book-Ne-groes	Movie: Happy Feet Two, Hank Azaria	College Basketball: Baylor at Texas Tech.	
8:PM	Agent Carter	Hasta el Fin	New Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	Tierra de Reyes (SS)	Mary Me	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	The Italian Americans	Heroes	Amish Mafia		Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Book-Ne-groes	College Basketball: Texas at Oklahoma.		
9:PM	Countdwn	Que te Perdona	Mod Fam	Person of Interest	Dueños del Paraíso	Chicago Fire	Big Bang	Cougar		Taxi	Big Giant Swords		Framework	Perception	Being Mary Jane	Movie		
10:PM	News	Impacto	Cleveland	News	Tele	News	Conan	With Schol-ars	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	Amish Mafia	Movie: Van Helsing, Richard Roxburgh	Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Being Mary Jane	Girl	Basket	SportsCenter
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12:AM	Nightline	Un Refugio	How I Met	The Late Late Show	Tierra de Reyes (SS)	Seth Meyers	Conan	Upd	T. Smiley	Perry Mason: Case of Murdered Madam	Amish Mafia		Bar Rescue	CSI: NY	(12:05) The Real	Deck		SportsCenter
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"OH, WOW! THIS IS UNCALLED FOR!"

"WHOA! THAT'S A BIT OVER THE TOP!!"

"OUTRAGEOUS! I'LL GO WARN HERB!"

"HEY, COME BACK WITH MY CELL PHONE!"

WIZARD OF ID

"PLEASE STOP."

#PIGEON FOR DINNER
#YUMMY #DELICIOUS #GOOD
#PIGEON LIFE #BIRD GOODNESS
#PALEO #EAT LOCAL #ORGANIC

AGNES

"DID YOU KNOW THAT NO ONE KNOWS IF A DADDY LONG LEGS SPIDER HAS VENOM?"

"WHAT?"

"I HAVE A PERFECT SCIENCE PROJECT, THAT'S WHAT! I COULD WIN THE WORLD-WIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCIENCE PROJECTS!!"

"NOW GO GET SOMETHING WE CAN STUFF A BUNCH OF BUGS IN, AND LET'S GO SPIDERING!"

"MOM JUST FINISHED UP A FOUR-QUART BUTTER TUB THIS MORNING!"

HI AND LOIS

"IT'S COLD."

"HOW COLD IS IT?"

"IT'S SO COLD THAT MY WORDS FREEZE BEFORE I CAN FIN...."

THE OTHER COAST

"I KEEP THINKING I SHOULD DO MORE WITH MY LIFE. MAYBE TAKE UP WRITING OR PAINTING."

"I'VE GOT A NOVEL INSIDE ME!"

"REALLY?"

"YEAH. I LATE ONE OF MY DAD'S BOOKS THIS MORNING."

SNUFFY SMITH

"LI'L TATER CAN WRITE HIS WHOLE ALPHABET!!"

"NOW HE'S GOT HIM TO DO OURS!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

"BEEBLE KNOWS I'LL NEVER DISOBEY AN ORDER!"

KEEP OFF THE GRASS

This Date In History

Today is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2015. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 17, 1865, during the Civil War, Columbia, South Carolina, burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side was responsible for setting the blaze, or whether it had been deliberate.)

On this date:
In 1815, the United States and Britain exchanged the instru-

ments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

In 1863, the International Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" received a poor reception at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1913, the Armory Show, a landmark modern art exhibit, opened in New York City.

In 1925, the first issue of The New Yorker magazine (bearing the cover date of Feb. 21) was published.

In 1933, Newsweek magazine was first published under the title "News-Week."

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces invaded Eniwetok Atoll, encountering little initial resistance from Imperial Japanese troops. (The Americans secured the atoll less than a week later.)

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.

Answer to previous puzzle

PISTO	MOPE	CEDE
ACHES	EDEN	OVEN
WHEAT	BREAD	RATE
NOD	RIGS	TANDEM
RITE	SORCERY	
CHOICE	BEECH	
PUNCH	LEAN	ORES
ANTE	GUILD	WADE
STOP	EGGS	ADMIT
	UNITE	CRESTS
LOWDOWN	HAIR	
THADTO	BASS	ONE
MAGI	RYEKH	SKURKEY
IRON	SANK	NURSE
TANG	EMTS	GNATS

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Wild guess
- Conks on the head
- Fem seed
- Out of whack
- Long, heroic story
- Church music maker
- Car horn sound
- Flat-topped hill
- Pure, as gold
- Cheese on a Big Mac
- Baking chambers
- Brick worker
- "Scat!"
- Gets married
- Join the military
- Cooks in a kettle
- Alda of M*A*S*H
- Capital of Norway
- Prefix meaning "against"
- Cheese with holes
- Clutter-free
- Sunflower stalk
- "__ upon a time..."
- Is introduced to
- Gloomy
- Suffix for kitchen or luncheon
- Takes off the shelf
- Typical Kuwaitis
- Separated
- Italian grated cheese
- Cuban line dance
- One of the Great Lakes
- Give a nudge to
- Basic belief

DOWN

- Occupied a chair
- Woe hr. of the morning
- Pleasant scent
- Computer storage measures
- Valentine phrase
- Oil cartel
- Leaning Tower city
- Reads a bar code
- "Already?"
- Cheese in an Italian hero
- Look impolitely at
- Baseball game delay
- Concludes theater seats
- Barnyard cacklers
- Sunrise
- Piece of bread
- "Now it's clear"
- Venetian-blind part
- Preschoolers
- Striped sport fish
- Not fooled by
- Line on a shopping list
- Pungent German cheese
- "I'd hate to break up __"
- Feeling achy
- Insignificant
- Posh residence
- Most docile
- Compete in a bee
- Pet-protection org.
- British noble
- Sleeper's noise
- Performs on stage
- Writer of rhymes
- Tennis pro Kournikova
- Opera solo
- Tears (apart)
- Moming moisture on a lawn

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Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	36	17	.679	—
Brooklyn	21	31	.404	14½
Boston	20	31	.392	15
Philadelphia	12	41	.226	24
New York	10	43	.189	26

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	43	11	.796	—
Washington	33	21	.611	10
Charlotte	22	30	.423	20
Miami	22	30	.423	20
Orlando	17	39	.304	27

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	34	20	.630	—
Cleveland	33	22	.600	1½
Milwaukee	30	23	.566	3½
Detroit	21	33	.389	13
Indiana	21	33	.389	13

Western Conference

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	39	14	.736	—
Houston	36	17	.679	3
Dallas	36	19	.655	4
San Antonio	34	19	.642	5
New Orleans	27	26	.509	12

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	36	17	.679	—
Oklahoma City	28	25	.528	8
Denver	20	33	.377	16
Utah	19	34	.358	17
Minnesota	11	42	.208	25

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	42	9	.824	—
L.A. Clippers	35	19	.648	8½
Phoenix	29	25	.537	14½
Sacramento	18	34	.346	24½
L.A. Lakers	13	40	.245	30

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
All-Star Game at New York, 8 p.m.

lowa St. at Oklahoma St., 9 p.m.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

Atlantic Division

W	L	OTPts	GF	GA		
Montreal	37	15	4	78	150	123
Tampa Bay	35	18	6	76	191	159
Detroit	31	14	10	72	160	141
Boston	28	20	8	64	147	145
Florida	24	19	12	60	135	153
Ottawa	22	23	10	54	155	158
Toronto	23	29	5	51	160	175
Buffalo	16	37	3	35	104	193

Metropolitan Division

W	L	OTPts	GF	GA		
N.Y. Islanders	37	19	1	75	184	162
N.Y. Rangers	34	16	5	73	174	136
Pittsburgh	32	15	9	73	161	141
Washington	30	17	10	70	168	145
Philadelphia	24	22	10	58	151	162
Columbus	24	27	3	51	142	170
New Jersey	21	26	9	51	124	154
Carolina	20	28	7	47	126	150

Western Conference

Central Division

W	L	OTPts	GF	GA		
Nashville	38	12	6	82	170	131
St. Louis	37	15	4	78	178	137
Chicago	35	18	4	74	172	131
Winnipeg	30	19	10	70	165	157
Minnesota	28	21	7	63	155	152
Dallas	26	22	8	60	175	179
Colorado	24	22	11	59	149	161

Pacific Division

W	L	OTPts	GF	GA		
Anaheim	35	15	7	77	169	160
Vancouver	32	21	3	67	158	147
Calgary	32	22	3	67	166	147
San Jose	29	21	8	66	164	165
Los Angeles	26	18	12	64	155	150
Arizona	20	31	7	47	131	194
Edmonton	16	32	10	42	135	196

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games
Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 4, SO
N.Y. Rangers 6, N.Y. Islanders 5
Carolina 6, Ottawa 3
Montreal 2, Detroit 0
Colorado 5, Arizona 2
Calgary 4, Boston 3, OT
Vancouver 3, Minnesota 2
Los Angeles 2, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday's Games
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — 1B Jason Giambi announced his retirement.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jared Burton on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

WOMEN

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Hawks the lift they needed moments later. Rits, a 5-foot-11 freshman from Estonia, pulled up from behind the three-point line and nailed a clutch shot that pulled HC to within three, at 38-35, with 8:20 left.

Rits finished the contest with nine points.

Less than a minute later, Jeffcoat pushed home a trey from the corner that knotted the game at 38-38 with 7:41 to play.

Odessa College looked as if it had righted its ship from there. The Lady Wranglers reeled off a 6-2 run in the ensuing three minutes and jumped to a 44-40 cushion at the 3:10 mark.

The stage was set, Diddle said, for the team to step up or fade away.

"The last three minutes, I just told them to stay on the ball and attack," he said.

The Lady Hawks roared back over the ensuing minutes, scoring a 5-1 edge to tie the game at 45-45 on a three-pointer by Rits and a pair of free throws from McCullough.

McCullough finished the game with a team-high 19 points to go with a team-best four steals.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells
Tamara York (23), Rosemary Rits and Rafaella Angelidou (15) celebrate on the floor following the Lady Hawks' 49-48 win over Odessa College on Monday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

WJCAC Standings

Women

Team	Conf.	Overall
New Mexico JC	11-1	24-2
Midland	9-3	18-9
Odessa	8-4	22-6
South Plains	5-6	9-16
Frank Phillips	5-7	19-8
Clarendon	4-8	14-14
Western Texas	3-8	11-13
Howard	2-10	8-19

Monday's games — Howard 49, Odessa 48; Midland 54, New Mexico JC 52; Clarendon 78, Frank Phillips 72.

offensive miss by McCullough from underneath the basket to give HC its first lead of the night with 1:09 left.

York stretched the Lady Hawks' lead to two possessions seconds later.

York and Abigail Flores both chalked up six rebounds.

As a team, the Lady Hawks outscored OC by a 28-18 clip in the final 20 minutes.

Just 38 seconds later, Jeffcoat pushed back an

WJCAC Standings

Men

Team	Conf.	Overall
Howard	11-2	20-6
South Plains	10-3	20-6
New Mexico JC	10-4	21-7
NMMI	7-6	13-10
Odessa	7-7	19-8
Midland	7-7	17-11
Frank Phillips	4-9	15-12
Western Texas	2-11	11-14
Clarendon	2-11	5-21

Monday's games — Howard 84, Odessa 73; New Mexico 74, Midland 71 OT; Clarendon 64, Frank Phillips 59; NMMI 74, South Plains 71.

HAWKS

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proach, managed to stay close in the first half. OC fought to within 30-28 with 1:53 left in the opening half before the Hawks went on a 6-1 run and took a 36-31 lead into the half.

"They were playing us in Triangle and 2 there in a first half and

and slowing us down," Raines said. "We talked about that at the half and I told them we needed to control the intensity and speed in the second. We did that. We just sliced and diced in the second, and put on a clinic moving the ball and finding the open man."

They also took advantage of a mismatch inside with Charles. The HC sophomore helped

the Hawks rebound OC by a 21-13 clip in the final 20 minutes and shut down the Wranglers' interior game.

Lis Shoshi and Will Ferguson also hit double figures for the Hawks in the win. Shoshi tallied 12 points and seven rebounds, and a game-high four blocked shots.

Ferguson, who went 3-for-3 from three-point land, chalked up 11.

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