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## None hurt in bus crash

*BSISD: No students on board vehicle*  
**Herald Staff Report**

No students were on a Big Spring ISD school bus when it rolled over Friday afternoon on a county road. According to DPS, the bus was headed southbound on FM 669 approximately 10 miles north of Big Spring. "Due to driver inattention the bus failed to drive in a single lane while driving around a curve and left the roadway struck two warning signs, overcorrected and drove back onto the roadway where it rolled over onto the right side," according to Elena Viramontes, DPS public relations officer. "The driver was wearing his seat belt and was not injured."



Courtesy Photo

**A Big Spring ISD school bus was involved in a one-vehicle accident north of town on FM 669 Thursday afternoon, according to a press release by the district. There were no students on the bus and there were no injuries.**

## 'Sniper' trial almost to jury

**The Associated Press**

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — Prosecution rebuttal witnesses are set to take the stand as the trial in Texas of an ex-Marine charged with killing "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle and another man moves closer to jury deliberations. After the testimony that's to begin Friday, jurors will hear closing arguments before they start deciding Eddie Ray Routh's fate. Routh's attorneys, who are pursuing an insanity defense, rested their case Thursday.

Prosecutors have argued that any history of mental illness should not absolve Routh of being accountable for the slayings at a shooting range. They are not seeking the death penalty, so a conviction in the 2013 killings would bring an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole.

If Routh, 27, were found not guilty by reason of insanity, the court could initiate civil proceedings to have him committed.

Routh did not testify at the trial. But jurors heard from a forensic psychiatrist who said Routh has schizophrenia and showed signs of psychosis in the weeks leading up to the killings of for-

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## AG argues against gay marriage

**By EVA RUTH MORAVEC**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — As a newlywed lesbian couple in Texas celebrate defying a statewide ban on gay marriage, the state's Republican attorney general is preparing to tell a court Friday why it should rule their nuptials invalid.

The marriage license given to two Austin women — who succeeded by

seizing on a ruling this week in an unrelated estate squabble — thrust Texas back into the national spotlight over gay marriage but didn't send same-sex couples rushing to courthouses.

The Texas Supreme Court acted quickly after an appeal from Attorney General Ken Paxton to block other potential gay marriages, making the nuptials somewhat bitter-

sweet for Suzanne Bryant and Sarah Goodfriend.

"We just feel like we were in the right place at the right time, to maybe put a nice crack in that door that's going to open up for all Texans," Bryant said. Texas is one of 13 states where gay marriage remains outlawed.

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## Photo exhibit reception Saturday at museum

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A reception for the opening of the 2015 Greg's Texas Collection, a photography exhibit, will be held Saturday at the Heritage Museum.

Avid history seekers Greg and Toni Bodin have traveled the byways of Texas visiting both well known and forgotten historical sites photographing the areas they visit.

The tour is meant to not only promote interest in historical Texas sites but to help bring attention to small community museums such as the Heritage Museum, Greg said. Greg posts photos and stories about his trips on his Facebook page Greg'sTexas. He is also a monthly contributor of historical articles to the Crossroads Living Magazine.

A selection of the Bodins' photos will be on display at the museum through March 11. A wine and cheese reception will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. All prints

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Photo by Greg Bodin

**"Guard Duty at the Presidio" — this photo was taken during a reenactment of the Battle of Goliad and will be on sale at the Heritage Museum. A reception for the opening of the 2015 Greg's Texas Collection, a photography exhibit, will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the museum.**

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## Obituaries

## Stanford Muse

Stanford Muse, 91, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Today's Weather

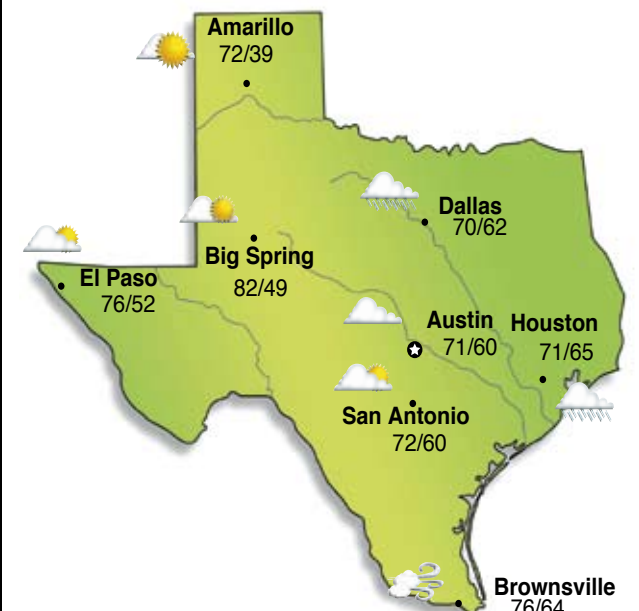
## Local 5-Day Forecast

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<b>82/49</b>	<b>69/40</b>	<b>44/23</b>	<b>36/26</b>	<b>58/36</b>
Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the day.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Windy, chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 20s.	Snow showers in the morning. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid 20s.	Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:37 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:38 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:39 PM

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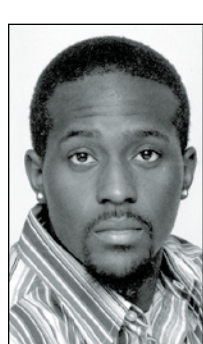
## Texas At A Glance



## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	53	pt sunny	Kingsville	79	63	windy
Amarillo	72	39	mst sunny	Livingston	66	61	rain
Austin	71	60	cloudy	Longview	63	57	rain
Beaumont	69	62	cloudy	Lubbock	80	43	pt sunny
Brownsville	76	64	windy	Lufkin	69	62	rain
Brownwood	78	52	pt sunny	Midland	81	54	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	72	63	windy	Raymondville	78	64	windy
Corsicana	71	62	rain	Rosenberg	70	63	rain
Dallas	70	62	rain	San Antonio	72	60	cloudy

## Jarrett Theodric Evans



Jarrett was born Nov. 14, 1985, to Richard and

Jarrett Theodric Evans, 29 of San Angelo passed away Feb. 14, 2015, at his residence in Big Spring. Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at Robert Massie Funeral Riverside Chapel with burial to follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Services are with Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Phoebe Evans in San Angelo. He attended schools locally where he was an all-state athlete in track. Jarrett was an exceptional athlete, who had a strong love for creating music.

Jarrett is survived by his parents, Richard and Phoebe Evans of Big Spring; son Jamien Nasir Evans of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister, Adrienne Evans of Austin; and grandparents, Thomas Jasper Evans, Gwendolyn Ann Evans and Willie Pearl Wesson. He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Online condolences can be given at [www.Robert-Massie.com](http://www.Robert-Massie.com).

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## Bill Johnson



He was born in Birmingham, Ala. on March 26, 1932 to George Henry and Pearl Blanche Petty Johnson. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 and served eight years, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class with a tour in Korea during that time. He was in the U.S. Navy SeaBees from 1966 until he retired in 1979 as Chief Petty Officer. During that time, he served two tours in Vietnam as well as other deployments.

Bill Johnson, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends Monday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. prior to the service at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ron Westbrook, pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He operated a small charter bus service for several years. He served as a deacon at Berea Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Beverly Bishop Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Dom Incollingo of Austin, Texas; three sons, Monty and wife Kwang Hui Johnson of San Angelo, Texas, Steve and wife Steph Johnson of Coahoma, Texas and Stacy Johnson of Austin, TX; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; one sister-on-law, Aretta Johnson; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret Jean and Frank Govek, Helen and Francis Smith and Christine and John Butterbaugh; and one brother, George H. Johnson Jr.

The family suggests memorials to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road, Big Spring, TX 79720 or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Bill McClellan



Houston State University in Huntsville. He began his newspaper career in Mexia, later working for the Snyder Daily News. In 1997, he joined the Big Spring Herald, first as news editor and then serv-

ing as managing editor until his death. He was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Jeanette Walker and her husband Anthony of Houston; two sons, David Miller of Mexia and Corey Miller and his wife Mary Jane of Bayview; one sister, Susan Parker and her husband Don of Kerrville; one brother, Bob McClellan and his wife Aiko of Houston; three grandchildren, Brandon Hill and Hannah Hill, both of Houston, and Sammy Miller of Bayview; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Dixie.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- PEDRO HERNANDEZ JR., 40, of 1700 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- JOANIE LEDESMA, 31, of 510 State St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 39, of 2209 Cecilia St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention with a previous conviction and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- LEE TERRY BENSON JR., 22, of 2210 Morrison Dr. was arrested on charges of assault that causes bodily injury to a family member and interference with emergency telephone call.
- ROBERT BOYER, 60, address not available, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- JAVIER DIAZ, 19, of 1003 Runnels St. was arrested on charges of driving while unlicensed/no drivers license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson St.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of 18<sup>th</sup> St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> and Locust.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor Blvd.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 300 block of S. Gregg St.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa Hwy. and the 700 block of W. FM 700.

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

LEE TERRY BENSON JR., 22, was booked by the BSPD on charges for assault that causes bodily harm to a family member and interference with emergency call.

ERICK SHERROD PARKS, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with previous convictions and possession of drug paraphernalia.

JAVIER DIAZ, 29, was booked by the HCSO on charges of no driver's license and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

JORDAN ALLEN MCLEOD, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for order of modified conditions of community.

SUZANNE ELIZABETH WHITE, 45, was booked by Glasscock on charges of assault by threat.

ROBERT DEE BOYER, 60, was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Two Step" game were: 16-23-25-28, Bonus: 5.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "All or Nothing Night" game were: 05-06-07-08-10-11-13-16-18-19-20-24.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 4-9-3-3, Sum It Up: 19.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 04-14-17-20-25.



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# News in brief

## Latest Snowden leak: NSA helped British spies hack Dutch company to break into mobile phones

WASHINGTON (AP) — Britain's electronic spying agency, in cooperation with the U.S. National Security Agency, hacked into the networks of a Dutch company to steal codes that allow both governments to seamlessly eavesdrop on mobile phones worldwide, according to the documents given to journalists by Edward Snowden.

A story about the documents posted Thursday on the website The Intercept offered no details on how the intelligence agencies employed the eavesdropping capability — providing no evidence, for example, that they misused it to spy on people who weren't valid intelligence targets. But the surreptitious operation against the world's largest manufacturer of mobile phone data chips is bound to stoke anger around the world. It fuels an impression that the NSA and its British counterpart will do whatever they deem necessary to further their surveillance prowess, even if it means stealing information from law-abiding Western companies.

The targeted company, Netherlands-based Gemalto, makes "subscriber identity modules," or SIM cards, used in mobile phones and credit cards. One of the company's three global headquarters is in Austin, Texas.

Its clients include AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon and Sprint, The Intercept reported.

## Ukraine says rebels attacked nearly 50 times in past day despite cease-fire

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A Ukrainian military spokesman says separatist rebels fired on Ukrainian positions nearly 50 times over the past day, despite a cease-fire that was called into effect five days ago.

Lt. Col. Anatoliy Stelmakh said Friday that the

village of Kurakhovo, west of the rebel stronghold of Donetsk, was hit by fire from Grad rockets and that the village of Berdyansk near the port city of Mariupol was hit by artillery and mortar fire during the night.

After Ukrainian forces withdrew this week from the city of Debaltseve, concern has risen about whether rebels would aim to take Mariupol. The city lies on the Sea of Azov between mainland Russia and the Russia-annexed Crimean peninsula.

## Police say teenage neighbor is suspected in Las Vegas road-rage killing

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police took an important step toward solving the mystery surrounding the killing of a Las Vegas mother outside her home, arresting a teenage neighbor who had a history with the family that reached a boiling point the night of the shooting.

Erich Nowsch, 19, was arrested on suspicion of murder Thursday after SWAT teams surrounded his home a block away from the residence of victim Tammy Meyers. Las Vegas police Capt. Chris Tomaino said detectives believe Nowsch was the gunman. He was arrested on a murder warrant, but not been formally charged.

Tomaino said police are seeking a second suspect.

Police and the family of the victim have characterized the case as a road rage altercation that escalated into the deadly encounter a week ago. The exact circumstances of the fight remained unclear.

## Closed-door 2016 jockeying on tap as governors from across nation meet in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pay little attention to the official agenda for this weekend's meeting of the National Governors Association. It's the presiden-

tial politics being played in the hallways and private rooms that may matter most.

Around panel discussions on cybersecurity and education reform, several state executives will spend much of the NGA's winter meeting looking ahead at 2016.

After all, the three-day gathering that begins Friday comes at a critical time for ambitious Republican governors looking to make the jump into the presidential contest.

Each comes with his own mission: Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is trying to capitalize on his newfound momentum. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is fighting to preserve his top-tier status. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence want to remind Washington's political elite that they ought to be part of the 2016 conversation.

The weekend is packed with private events featuring "a lot of significant donors who are worth courting for anyone who has presidential aspirations," said Fred Malek, a high-profile GOP fundraiser himself.

## TRIAL

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mer Navy SEAL Kyle and Kyle's friend, Chad Littlefield.

Routh's friends and family have testified that his behavior in the weeks before the shootings was increasingly erratic. They said he acted as if he believed that someone was going to hurt him and that the government was listening to him.

The trial has drawn intense interest, partly because of an Oscar-nominated film based on Kyle's memoir. Kyle made more than 300 kills as a sniper for SEAL Team 3, according to his own count.

After leaving the military, he volunteered with veterans facing mental health problems, often taking them shooting. Kyle had taken Routh to the shooting range after Routh's mother asked him to help her son.

## AG

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Friends and Democratic lawmakers toasted Bryant and Goodfriend, who have been together 30 years and have two teenage daughters, at a downtown Austin bar Tuesday night after county officials obeyed a judicial order to wed the couple.

Goodfriend, 58, has ovarian cancer. A state district judge raised the "severity and uncertainty" of her condition in granting the women permission to marry, sending the couple scrambling through a Travis County clerk building in case state Republican leaders got wind and intervened.

Within hours, the Texas Supreme Court had blocked other gay couples from getting

married under similar special exceptions — but didn't address the women's marriage, which Paxton said he considered void.

But that remains in dispute, and Paxton's spokeswoman, Cynthia Meyer, said their office will file additional paperwork with the state Supreme Court on Friday to argue their case.

"Activist judges don't change Texas law and we will continue to aggressively defend the laws of our state," Paxton said in a statement.

New Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott also reaffirmed his support for Texas' constitutional ban on same-sex marriage that voters overwhelmingly approved in 2005.

The women were granted a one-time license after an Austin probate judge this week ruled the state's gay marriage

ban unconstitutional in an estate case that was unrelated to the couple. Sensing an opportunity, Goodfriend and Bryant had their lawyer petition the judge Thursday morning.

State District Judge David Wahlberg, an elected Democrat, sided with the couple and directed Travis County officials to stop relying on "the unconstitutional Texas prohibitions against same-sex marriage as a basis for not issuing a marriage license."

Bryant said that being legally married to Goodfriend would ensure inheritance and allow the couple to make medical decisions for each other should one of them become critically ill.

Courts in Indiana made a similar exception for a lesbian couple in April because one of the women was dying of

cancer and wanted her partner's name on her death certificate. A federal appeals court overturned Indiana's ban in September.

A federal judge in San Antonio last year overturned Texas' same-sex marriage ban but put his ruling on hold while the state appeals to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We are all waiting for a final decision on marriage equality," said Travis County Clerk Dana Debeauvoir, whose office issued the marriage license. "However, this couple may not get the chance to hear the outcome of this issue because of one person's health."

Goodfriend, policy director for state Rep. Celia Israel, said during a news conference that her last chemotherapy treatment was 4 1/2 months ago. But, she

added: "All of us wonder if the cancer grows back along with the hair growing back."

Bryant, an Austin lawyer who works on adoptions for same-sex couples, said she and her wife believe their marriage license is valid.

Mark Phariss, who along with his partner are leading the Texas gay marriage lawsuit in federal court, said he was "thrilled" by news of the nuptials even though it's unlikely to impact their bigger case. He said Bryant and Goodfriend's circumstance "is evidence of the harm the ban is having on the state."

Shortly after their marriage, Travis County officials said two other same-sex couples inquired about marriage licenses. By then, Paxton's office was already preparing its emergency filing with the state

Supreme Court.

"The AG can do what he wants. This is a very good day in Texas for progressively minded people, much less lesbian and gay people," said Steven Tomlinson, who celebrated with Goodfriend and Bryant at their party Tuesday night.

## PHOTO

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are on sale and a portion of the sales of each photo will be donated to the museum.

As a special treat, Randy Granger, an award-winning singer-songwriter, will perform

during the reception. He is a contemporary Native American musician that has been featured on NPRs All Things Considered, PBS as well as numerous radio, TV and live appearances. His music is a blend of Native American and world flutes.

Admission to the reception is free although

donations will be accepted. The museum is located at 510 Scurry St.

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Pablo "Paul" Tovar, 69, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bill McClellan, 63, died Sunday. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Bill Johnson, 82, died Thursday. The family will receive friends Monday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. prior to the service at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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ANSWERS

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### Community Lenten Lunches

Wednesday, First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. The Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church is the first speaker.

March 4, First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. Featured speaker is the Rev. Raul Garcia, pastor of Coahoma United Methodist Church.

March 11, First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. Monsignor Bernard Gully from Holy Trinity Parish will speak.

March 18, Holy Trinity Parish, 1009 Hearn Street. Feature speaker is the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church.

March 25, First Baptist Church, 507 W FM700. The Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church will speak.



### Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning, we will have a special guest speaker. Lester Brown will join us to bring our message.

On Sunday, we will have a covered dish lunch directly after morning worship. Join us for a time to honor God and afterward for food and fellowship.

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

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

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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

Sunday service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday. The adult class began a new bible study. We are studying the books "James & Jude." The youth are studying "120 Bible Stories."

Bobby Roever will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is titled "Tempted With A Sense of Urgency."

We have started a new bible study on Wednesday evenings titled "The Foundations" by Ken Ham. Every third and fifth Wednesday we will continue to have "I Am Second." Everyone is invited to attend. A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation class has moved to Monday's at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Services will be on Wednesday evenings for the next five weeks, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us.

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

### First Church of the Nazarene

Watch Sunday's message at [NazFamily.org](http://NazFamily.org) over God's Kingdom, exploring how to find freedom today through Christ and becoming a true follower of Christ. Also check out #kindgomLove and #kindgomDesperate to see others testimony on Facebook and Twitter.

Services and classes are: Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes are at 9 a.m. throughout the campus. Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with children's church at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Sunday evening youth activities are at 6:30 p.m.

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

classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of our service.

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

### First Christian Church

This Sunday, First Christian Church will be participating in Week of Compassion during our regular morning worship. Our special offering will be used by our church — The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) — to reach those in distress near and far; sometimes changing the life of someone near us in Texas, while at other times impacting the lives of people we may never meet. Week of Compassion offerings from Disciples churches around the world go to provide emergency assistance following natural disasters and to support development projects that provide clean water and education for children in refugee camps. Week of Compassion is an opportunity for us to offer our prayers, our hopes and our resources as we strive during the season of Lent to live out our confession of faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

This Sunday's worship will be led by Hollis McCright. Elders presiding for Communion are Erma Dunne and Mary Beth Johnson.

Our pastor's sermon is titled "The Biggest Little Book." Based on Mark 1:9-15 his message will focus on how the smallest of the four Gospels can make us bigger, better persons. FCC is located at 9th St. and S. Goliad St. and worship begins at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays.

Finally, the 9th Annual Lenten Luncheons begin next Wednesday, Feb. 25, at noon, at First Presbyterian Church, 8th St. and Runnels. The Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker. All our welcomed to attend this wonderful ecumenical series.

### Birdwell Lane church of Christ

The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place & Birdwell Lane.

Sunday Bible study begins at 9 a.m. and worship services are at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, Ladies class meet at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study devotional is at 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

Ladies' Bible Study Groups begin Monday, at 9:30, and Wednesday at 5:30. Choose a time that fits your schedule, and join us as we participate in Margaret Feinberg's 6 session study "Fight Back With Joy". All area women are invited, and childcare will be available. Enter through the west doors, turn right, and go to the room on your first right at the end of the corridor. For more information call 263-1958 or 267-8223.

Sunday morning worship service gets underway at 10:45 a.m., and Pastor Mark Lindsey begins a new sermon series titled "A New and Living Way."

Based on Ephesians 4, the messages emphasize that to follow Christ means living radically different lives, and each believer must meet the challenge to unite our faith with action on a daily basis.

Watch the service through the live stream on our website if you are unable to attend; go to [fbcbig-spring.org](http://fbcbig-spring.org).

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all age groups meet throughout the church. Greeters are happy to assist you in finding your class.

All area children grades kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend for a fun time of songs, games, and Bible les-

## Did You Ever Wonder? Jacob Becomes Wealthy

Laban's flocks had greatly increased while they were in Jacob's care. "I have learned by divination that your God has blessed me on account of you," Laban said. Did you notice that Laban just confessed that his own gods (idols) had not helped him, but with Jacob's presence, the true God blessed him? This should have made Laban want to serve this God who blessed him, should it not?

But it didn't! Instead, he asked, "What shall I give you (to entice you to stay)?" By this time Jacob knew the rascal well, "Do not give me anything!"

Jacob agreed to continue caring for Laban's herds if all the off-colored ones would belong to Jacob. These were the culls. This is like a man who prized his registered Angus cows, and some of his new calves were born with white faces. He would not want them left in his herd.

Laban agreed to this way of paying Jacob. So they separated the herds...to distinguish ownership and to guarantee that only white rams or billies bred Laban's white sheep or goats. They left the all-white sheep and goats in the care of Laban's sons and put a large space between the herds.

Read this part of Gen 30 very carefully. Verse 37 tells how Jacob cut limbs and partially peeled them so that they were streaked with white. He placed them in or near the watering troughs and all the ewes and nannies gave birth to multicolored babies. This included the all-white ones from Laban's herd because they must have used the same well to water them.

Now, look in Chap 31:11-13, Jacob explains to Rachel and Leah that an angel of God told him how to do this to

make the multicolored herd increase and the all-white herd decrease.

Do you really think that when someone is cruel to you or takes advantage of you, God doesn't care? It may take some time for everything to line up just right, but eventually you will be rewarded and that person will pay the price for his treachery...all in God's timing.

Laban's sons complained that Jacob was cheating their father and something should be done about it. So, while Laban was away shearing sheep, Jacob loaded up his family and all of his belongings and left Padan Haram.

Laban and his men chased after Jacob intending to kill him. But in a dream God told Laban, "Beware lest you speak with Jacob either good or bad." Good — to try to entice him back, or bad — to threaten him with harm.

Laban claimed that Jacob had stolen his daughters and their children from him. Jacob countered, saying that Laban had changed the terms of their contract many times.

Laban accused Jacob of stealing his household gods. Jacob became very angry and told Laban to search all of his belongings. "With whomever you find your gods, he shall not live!" Rachel had stolen them, and Jacob did not know. She hid them in her camel's saddle. When Laban searched her tent, she refused to rise from the saddle, pretending it was her time of the month.

Jacob and Laban eventually ate a covenant meal, swearing that neither would harm the other. But remember the curse that Jacob made on whoever had the idols. We will return to it later.

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sons. There is no fee to attend.

Evening worship starts at 6 p.m., and Pastor Lindsey continues to lead us on a journey through the Old Testament. Youth also gather at 6 for fellowship and Bible study; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for location.

The 'True Love' project for students grades sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and parents, continues this week as youth participants meet during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m., and parents and students come together after the morning service; lunch is included. Call 270-8332 for additional information.

Upward Basketball games continue, and are heading toward finishing the season on Saturday, Feb. 28, with an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Our Mother's Day Out program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your child.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by activities for all ages. Go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) for details. Join us this Wednesday for barbecue sandwiches.

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

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Come praise the Lord with us Sunday as we gather to worship Him at 10:50 a.m., and 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse invites you to be part of all the great things God is doing, both in, and through the See, **CHURCH**, Page 5

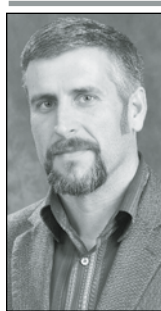


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# Our gods

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord God told Judah to repent or they would be conquered by a nation that He would raise up. They thought things were great and there was no need for them to change what they were doing. God's message through Jeremiah then became: Repent and turn back to the Lord and He will preserve you through the captivity. Well they certainly



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did not want to hear that! So when the Babylonians came upon their doorstep and they knew they had no chance to defeat them, many of the leaders and their families fled to Egypt hoping to find safety and security there. Instead of trusting in the Lord, they were trying to figure it out all on their own. That is the same thing that those in the world (and many who call themselves God's people) do today. In Proverbs 14:34, the wise man writes, Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Dictionary.com defines the word reproach as: 1. blame or censure conveyed in disapproval;

2. disgrace, discredit, or blame incurred; 3. an object of scorn or contempt. God's covenant people, Judah (the northern kingdom of Israel had already been conquered by the Assyrians), did not put their trust in the Lord. Oh, they still gave Him "lip service" but they also had brought pagan worship practices into the temple right alongside their "traditional" worship. Jeremiah's message was clear and the people's hearts were hard and unreceptive. Jeremiah 6:16, Thus says the Lord: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" They refused to listen. They had turned

to other gods that they had created for themselves. Many do the very same thing today. Instead of seeking the One True God, they turn to false gods of this world. Instead of trusting in the God who created us in His image, people have created their own gods in their image and after their likeness. What are some things that people have made into a god?  
• Government – Instead of taking personal responsibility for themselves, some put their trust in the government to provide for their every need (and want).  
• Science – This god has gained much prominence in the last century. I am not saying that the pursuit of knowledge is wrong or evil, however, if

reason is set aside and "evidence" is sought to explain this universe in which we live apart from the Creator, then that science has become a god.  
• Church – Jesus promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18). All authority has been given to Jesus (Matthew 28:18). Jesus purchased His church with His own blood (Acts 20:28) and He is the Head of the body which is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). To be His disciples we must follow His teachings and continue in the apostles doctrine, or teachings (Acts 2:42). When people want to make their own teachings and divide themselves from others who want to make their own doctrine, then that is no longer the one true church which is the body of Christ.  
• Ourselves – Ulti-

mately, whatever we put before God in our lives becomes an idol, or god, to us. So many people just want to be left alone so they can think, say, and do what "feels" right to them. Let us make every effort to remove all the false gods we may have in our lives. Seek the Lord. Follow Jesus Christ. Proverbs 3:5, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Father please bless us when we sincerely seek You through Your word that You have given to us, and, Father, please discipline and correct us when we stray from Your teachings and try to follow our own. Amen.

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

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deaf community in our area. Currently, BHDC Sunday services are held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. We gather for Bible Study and fellowship each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. For more information contact Pastor Jim at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

### First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

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

Presbyterian Women meet Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. in the library. Katie Grimes will lead Lesson 6 in the study book. After Bible study, the women will prepare the Fellowship Hall for the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday.

The first of this year's Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon series will be at noon on Wednesday in our Fellowship Hall, with Mark Lindsey of First Baptist Church as speaker. The March 4 Luncheon will be at First United Methodist Church; March 11, at First Christian Church; March 18, at Holy Trinity Parish Church; and March 25, at First Baptist Church.

Other Lenten service dates are as follows: March 29, Palm Sunday, morning worship at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary; April 2, Maundy Thursday, evening worship and communion at 7 p.m. in the Chapel; April 3, Good Friday, evening worship at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma; April 5, Easter Sunday morning worship with communion at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Youth Group meets at 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon after Men's Chorus practice at 5:15 p.m.. Dinner will be followed by handbell practice and group meeting.

This Sunday is the final collection day for the Service Committee's Hygiene Products Drive. Please bring your toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shampoo, and other products and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

Deborah Jones is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for First Sunday in Lent is Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15. Tom Koger will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "Love Never Ending" by Aaron Zinter as the offertory anthem. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the service.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

### Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday as we continue

with our 2015 Ministry Focus series entitled, "love completely." January brought us the subject of "Loving One Another" from John 13:34-35. February ushered us into the topic of Romance from Songs of Solomon 1:1-2. The message last week covered the subject of "Waiting on the One"—Ruth 3:18. Sunday we will resume with our current topic of romance. Pastor Willard will share the final installment of our romance theme in the topic entitled, "Love Completely: Romantic Love."

Friday, Feb. 27, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. our Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry will be gathering at The Meet & Greet — 2906 W 8th Street, Big Spring (formerly known as Skate land) for a Pool Party, bring a dish to share. Be ready for a warm fire, warm pool, and warm fellowship.

Monday, March 16, at 6 p.m. our Women's Ministry will be gathering again at The Meet & Greet for a time of fellowship and fun. "The Color Green" is the theme this time, be sure to wear the color green and bring your favorite dish to share.

Lastly, join us Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. for mid-week Bible Study. Our current subject is the Study of the Book of Titus. CCC offers classes for all ages. We serve a free breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge.

Join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. We are located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours contact our administrative office at 432.264.0015. You can also find us at Facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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*Love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that his love has not been perfected in us.*  
1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."  
Psalm 91: 14-16

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# Steers' playoff with Bushland set for Monday

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The wait for the "real" season is almost over for the Big Spring High School Steers boys' basketball team – and the rest of District 2-4A.

The playoffs begin in less than 72 hours.

Big Spring will tip off the Class 4A state basketball playoffs on Monday when they face the Bushland Falcons in the bi-district round. The contest will be played in the Frenship High School gym beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Steers enter the postsea-

son as the No. 4 seed from the District 2-4A race. Bushland, on the other hand, comes in as the champion of the District 1-4A race.

Don't be fooled by the placings. Big Spring, which competed in one of the toughest districts in the state, matches up very well with the Falcons offensively.

The Steers, 18-11 for the season, roll into the postseason averaging 55.4 points per game, while Bushland is averaging almost two points less, at 53.7.

The Steers are led into the

matchup by two of West Texas' top big men inside in Ty Sealy and Tyler Bryan. The 6-foot-4 senior forwards are both averaging better than 10 points per game this season.

Sealy leads the team in scoring by throwing in 13.6 points per game, and also has pulled down a team-high 10.5 rebounds per night. Bryan is averaging 10.5 points and eight rebounds per contest.

Kei'Shawn Broussard, Tobyn Tannehill, Matt Yanez and Dee Parker added to the Steers' attack. Broussard, the team's leader in assists, and

Yanez are both potent threats from the outside. Both were knocked down almost 30 three-point shots this fall.

Tannehill, who leads the team in assists, has averaged seven points and 5.8 rebounds per game as a senior.

Parker has averaged 4.4 boards off the bench.

Tate Smalligan powers Bushland. The 6-foot junior is averaging 13.3 points and 6.8 rebounds this season.

Bushland, 18-9 overall, won the District 1-4A race by edging out Borger by one game

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## Gordon could reach 500 in Buffs' opener

Stanton head coach Doug Gordon can inch closer to a major coaching milestone this weekend when the Buffaloes travel to San Angelo for a warm-up game against San Angelo Homeschool.

The longtime Stanton See **500** on Page 14

# NMMI stuns Hawks, 66-63

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

At one point on Thursday night, the Howard College Hawks looked as if they were about to celebrate as the built an 18-point lead over the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos in front of a small crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Visions of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title, and the No. 1 seed, were dancing in their heads.

Then, just a few minutes later, they left the Harold Davis Court looking as if someone had just stolen their girlfriend with a stunning 66-63 loss.

"We just didn't finish well," said Howard College head coach Scott Raines. "It just goes to show you can go from the penthouse to the outhouse really quickly in this conference."

The loss was a huge blow to the Hawks' bid for the WJ-CAC crown. Howard College slipped back into a tie with South Plains at 11-3, and now heads into Monday's showdown in Hobbs with rival New Mexico Junior College in danger of falling to third.

Howard College, 20-7 overall, struggled from the field in the final 10 minutes of the contest. The Hawks failed

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Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

## She's outta there ...

College of Southern Idaho's catcher prepares to tag out Lady Hawks' Ashley Lopez at home during Game 1 of Thursday's doubleheader at Catcher Field. Southern Idaho won the first game by a 21-4 margin. HC rallied back to split the series by winning a 3-2 nail-biter in Game 2.

# Lady Hawks crush SWJC

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks are beginning to turn the potential head coach Earl Diddle saw early into the season into wins.

The Lady Hawks notched their third victory in their last four games on Thursday evening by pounding out a lopsided 84-34 non-conference rout of Southwest Texas Junior College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

With the win, the HC women improved 8-19 for the season.

The Lady Hawks, powered by a quick start by Rosemary Rits, all but put the game on ice in the first 10 minutes. Rits pumped in eight points in that span and led HC to a commanding 26-10

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

## Honored man ...

Former Howard College women's head coach Don Stevens addressed the crowd at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Monday during a special ceremony. Stevens was inducted into the WJAC Hall of Fame recently.

# Suns deal 5 players at NBA trade deadline, including Dragic, Thomas

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns' three point-guard experiment is over.

The Suns pulled off three trades on Thursday, sending Goran Dragic to the Miami Heat and Isaiah Thomas to the Boston Celtics.

That left Eric Bledsoe as the lone member of the point guard trio remaining with Phoenix.

In the third trade, the Suns sent a third point guard, rookie Tyler Ennis, who rarely plays, to the Milwaukee Bucks, along with forward-center Miles Plumlee.

That trade brought the

most significant acquisition, guard Brandon Knight from the Bucks.

Dragic's brother, Zoran, also went to the Heat.

Knight, a Milwaukee Bucks starter who plays the point but probably will start alongside Bledsoe. Knight was the Bucks' leading scorer this season at 17.8 points per game. He is a restricted free agent, meaning the Suns can match any offer he gets after the season ends.

Phoenix acquired Marcus Thornton as part of the Thomas trade.

The Suns get three

draft picks in the deals. They have Cleveland's first-round, next year as part of the Thomas trade with Boston. They received two first-round picks from Miami. The first is top-seven protected in 2017 and 2018 and unprotected in 2019. The second is unprotected in 2021.

As part of the three-team deal that brought the Suns' Knight, Phoenix gave Philadelphia the first-round pick it had acquired from the Los Angeles Lakers, which is top-five protected next year.

# Gordon files NFL grievance against Browns

CLEVELAND — A person familiar with the process says troubled wide receiver Josh Gordon filed a grievance against the Browns, arguing he should not have been suspended for the 2014 fi-

nale. The NFLPA filed the grievance last week on behalf of Gordon, the person told the Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the union does not make

such protests public. Gordon was suspended by the team for the last game in Baltimore after he missed a walk-through.

Gordon was suspended for the first 10 games for multiple drug violations



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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation on the same being **Monday the 23rd Day of March, 2015**, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 01/28/2015, cause number 50232.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **U.S. BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR SALOMON BROTHERS MORTGAGE SECURITIES VII, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 1998-NC3 vs. DANIEL BLAKE PROFFITT AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LYNDA LARANE PROFFITT, DECEASED** as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 5th day of February, 2015.  
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#8617 February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2015

Legals

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

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#8626 February 20, 2015

Pisces Sunshine

The first weekend of the Pisces sun will be imagination enhancing. With so much creative juice in the air, we would be foolish not to consider unusual paths. Chances are that the best route is a trail that could only be blazed by you. Empathetic and psychic powers are also growing more intense and will continue to do so in the days to come.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You cannot change another person. However, when you offer your assistance without the expectation that the other person will change, you will make a difference.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You refuse to see any

situation as tragic or futile and are determined to find whatever advantage might exist. You'll be successful in this quest, brightening the world for you and the ones you love.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When you connect with a person as well as you connect with a certain someone, you can communicate profoundly in total silence. Therefore, don't worry about what you'll say.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Fantasies become realities. It happens all the time, so why not for you? Some small occurrence that you wished would happen will materialize in front of your eyes.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Needing validation makes you vulnerable. If there are words you long to hear, then hearing them will only weaken you. Be strong on your own, keep your power, validate yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). You wish everyone well - yes, every single person. That doesn't mean you have to like them all. When you don't expect to have a great affinity for most people you have to deal with, the way becomes smoother.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you feel so connected to nature and the energy of it around you that you wish you could go live in the woods. Appreciating natural beauty makes you more naturally beautiful.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a protocol, but don't feel overly obligated to follow it. Pretending won't work today, but doors will open to you when you show who you really are.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Territorial issues will come up. There's a lot you can let slide until next week. Everything that irritates you about others can lead you to a better understanding of yourself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You genuinely want to make the world a better place for people, but your methods don't

always project that intent. Let them know that your actions are aimed at the greater good.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll search for the value in interactions, and it shouldn't be so hard to find. When you click with people and you are where you belong, the value will be glaringly obvious.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Knowing when you're in over your head is one thing; admitting it is quite another. With a bit of humility, you'll attract a teacher who is willing to help you in your quest to make more money.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 20). Love embraces you all year. How do you know it's the right plan for you? As it pulls you along, it seems to reverse the effects of gravity. Your strong choice in March starts a new career trajectory. A magical experience in your personal life in April will escalate a relationship. Your expenses will be paid in August. Taurus and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 45, 28, 15 and 19.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** Forget about romance. Just be friendly, and you'll have fun. **TAURUS:** You have the heart of a poet. Do you dare share your thoughts with the one you think about most? **GEMINI:** There's no reason you should be guessing about how you could be a better friend and/or sweetie -- all you have to do is ask. **CANCER:** You will risk rejection and fly in the face of failure. This is how you know you are really living. **LEO:** If you don't want to know anything else about a person, it's time to meet others. **VIRGO:** Romance is around the corner you weren't expecting to turn. **LIBRA:** Flirting without intent is harmless fun. **SCORPIO:** If you are misunderstood, it's only because they haven't met someone like you before. **SAGITTARIUS:** A dispute will eventually be settled in your favor, and most of the work is already done. Consider dropping the argument for now. **CAPRICORN:** The gift of music will bring you together with good friends and strangers alike. **AQUARIUS:** Your faith in humankind starts with your faith in those closest to you. **PISCES:** Whatever opposition you encounter, just know that it's what you need in order to fly to new heights in love.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Aries and Pisces are zodiac neighbors who create a love on their own terms this weekend. The rest of the world may not understand, but that's beside the point. These two will be willing to compromise and sacrifice in order to be together, and the result is that they feel completely satisfied with one another. Joint investments will be lucky for these two, especially those involving big-ticket items.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the jack of clubs, South following with the deuce. How would you play the hand?

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

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump, and North leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

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

1. Win the club lead with the queen and play the ace next. If both opponents follow suit, cash the king of clubs, hoping for a 3-3 division that will give you your ninth trick.

If the clubs prove to be divided 4-2, lead a low spade and also play low from dummy! Then, after winning the heart or diamond return, play a low spade to the ace. Assuming nothing noteworthy occurs, next lead a spade toward your Q-8.

This line of play will make the contract if: (1) the opposing clubs divide 3-3; (2) either opponent has the singleton king of spades; (3) either opponent has the doubleton king of spades; (4) the opposing

spades divide 3-3; (5) South has any number of spades including the king. Note that your low spade play from each hand the first time you lead the suit covers the case where North has the K-x, which you wouldn't discover if you started the suit by playing the ace and another spade to the queen. This delicate safety play significantly increases your chances of making the contract.

2. The contract cannot be defeated, regardless of how the opposing cards are distributed. Win the diamond lead with the king and play the ace of clubs followed by a low club toward dummy. If the missing clubs are divided 3-2, you have 12 easy tricks, so let's assume they're 4-1 or 5-0.

If North has four or five clubs to the K-10, he cannot afford to go up with the king at trick three because you'd then have 12 tricks. So let's say he plays low on the second club, and you win the trick with dummy's jack. After South shows out, you return to your hand with a diamond and lead the jack of spades, planning to finesse if North follows low. This assures you of 12 tricks wherever the spade queen is located.

If South is the one with four or five clubs to the K-10, he wins dummy's jack of clubs with the king, but this leaves you with a marked finesse against South's ten for your 12th trick.

Tomorrow: The waiting game.  
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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.

			9	3			5	6
2		5			4			
	6	8						
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### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Mommy, there's something I should have told you I needed to do before you got me all dressed."

### HAGAR

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GO OUT AND GET ME EVERYTHING ON THIS LIST!

HERE... TAKE SOME SILVER...

NO NEED...

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HERE'S THE SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR MY DAUGHTER'S WEDDING RECEPTION

I SEE YOU BROKE THIS DOWN INTO 'HOME TEAM' AND 'VISITOR' SEATING SECTIONS

MOM DOESN'T REALLY GET ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY JUST YET

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WHAM

YOU'D THINK I WOULD HAVE REMEMBERED THAT FROM LAST TIME.

### WIZARD OF ID

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HURK!

PHEW!

ARE YOU OKAY?

I GOT A PALPITATION JUST LOOKING AT IT

### AGNES

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WE'RE GOING TO CATCH SOME DADDY LONG-LEGS!

DADDY LONG-LEGS SPIDERS!

HUH?

MOST OFTEN, 'DADDY LONGLEGS' REFERS TO THE OPILIONES... THOSE AREN'T VENOMOUS.

I THOUGHT OPILIONES WERE ITALIAN NOODLES.

YOU THINK ANY WORD OVER TWO SYLLABLES IS AN ITALIAN NOODLE.

### HI AND LOIS

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YOU GOT A CALL. HE WANTS YOU TO CALL HIM BACK. I WROTE THE NUMBER DOWN.

PENCIL, FELT-TIP OR BALLPOINT?

### THE OTHER COAST

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PARANOID EDDY. WHY DO YOU WEAR A SAUCEPAN ON YOUR HEAD?

TO PROTECT ME FROM FALLING SPACE DEBRIS.

EDDY, THERE'S MORE CHANCE YOU'LL BE RUN OVER BY A DACHSHUND DRIVING A STEAMROLLER.

I DIDN'T GET THE LICENSE NUMBER OF THE STEAMROLLER, BUT I'D RECOGNIZE THE DRIVER'S EVIL BARK ANYWHERE.

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In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1915, the Panama Pacific International Exposition opened in San Francisco (the fair lasted until December).

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. strategic bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

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Answer to previous puzzle

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### Newsday Crossword

GOOD MORNING? by S.N.  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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**ACROSS**

1 They're white in Monopoly

5 "Shame on you!"

8 Tech whiz

12 First-century tyrant

13 Cry partner

14 \_\_ Frank House (Amsterdam museum)

15 WC Fields quote, part 1

18 NBA extenders

19 Fall away

20 Whom a mystery award is named for

21 "Turn up the heat!"

23 Castro of Cuba

25 Three-time Pulitzer dramatist

27 Ballet exercise

28 Actor Zac

30 Prefix like atm-

31 Fanatic

32 Part 2 of quote

34 Encouraging words

35 Highly touted film

37 Cubbies' crosstown rivals

41 Part 3 of quote

46 Make good on

47 Discouraging word

48 *Caballero*

49 Course conclusion

50 Slow tempo

52 Ostrich cousin

53 Pale of face

54 DC donor

55 Isn't missing

57 Valvoline alternative

58 End of quote

62 Skip over

63 Mine, in part

64 Skin-lotion stuff

65 It borders Sonoma County

66 CBS head Moonves

67 Half a magic duo

**DOWN**

1 Employed full-time

2 Visit sites at your seat

3 Significant stretch

4 Peevish

5 Uneasy feeling

6 Family vehicle

7 Something worth saving

8 '70s Motown star

9 Sign off

10 Facilitates

11 What may hold loyalty cards

16 Sched. notation

17 Sashimi topper

18 Snackworks.com brand

22 Second try

24 Needing refilling

26 Pummels

27 Barbecue spot

29 *I Am Not Spock* author

31 Seems to be

33 Penguin suit

34 Floral necklace

36 Stiffles

37 Water sport

38 Honeycomb shape

39 Copacabana neighbor

40 Looney Tunes cowboy

42 It's a scream

43 *Marley & Me* actress

44 "Moving on . . ."

45 Sign of a thaw

47 Don't explode, informally

50 Back muscle

51 37 Down tool

54 Thin bread

56 Interchange

59 Piece of advice

60 Vision, in product names

61 Suffix in statistics

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Scoreboard

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball League  
**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	.286	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	20	.643	4½
San Antonio	34	20	.630	5½
New Orleans	27	26	.509	12

**Northwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	36	17	.679	—
Oklahoma City	29	25	.537	7½
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	36	19	.655	8
Phoenix	29	25	.537	14½
Sacramento	18	34	.346	24½
L.A. Lakers	13	40	.245	30

**Thursday's Games**  
Oklahoma City 104, Dallas 89  
L.A. Clippers 119, San Antonio 115

**Friday's Games**  
Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
New Orleans at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Cleveland at Washington, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Denver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Boston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
San Ant. at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**Big 12 Conference**

Conference	Men	Season				
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Kansas	10	3	.769	21	5	.808
Iowa St.	9	4	.692	19	6	.760
Oklahoma	9	5	.643	18	8	.692
West Virginia	8	5	.615	20	6	.769
Baylor	7	6	.538	19	7	.731
Oklahoma St.	7	7	.500	17	9	.654
Texas	6	7	.462	17	9	.654
Kansas St.	6	8	.429	13	14	.481
TCU	3	10	.231	16	10	.615
Texas Tech	2	12	.143	12	15	.444

**Thursday's Games**  
No games scheduled

**Friday's Games**  
No games scheduled

**Saturday's Games**  
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, Noon  
Kansas St. at Baylor, 1 p.m.  
Iowa St. at Texas, 2 p.m.  
West Va. at Oklahoma St., 2 p.m.  
TCU at Kansas, 4 p.m.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Montreal	37	16	5	79	154	130
Tampa Bay	36	18	6	78	195	160
Detroit	32	14	10	74	163	143
Boston	28	20	9	65	150	149
Florida	26	19	12	64	141	157
Ottawa	23	23	10	56	159	160
Toronto	23	30	5	51	162	178
Buffalo	17	37	4	38	108	197

**Metropolitan Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	39	19	1	79	193	165
N.Y. Rangers	34	16	6	74	178	141
Washington	32	17	10	74	176	147
Pittsburgh	32	17	9	73	163	146
Philadelphia	24	23	11	59	155	170
Columbus	26	27	3	55	149	173
New Jersey	22	26	9	53	126	155
Carolina	20	29	7	47	127	154

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	39	13	6	84	177	137
St. Louis	37	16	4	78	179	141
Chicago	35	18	5	75	174	134
Winnipeg	30	20	10	70	166	162
Minnesota	29	21	7	65	158	154
Dallas	27	23	8	62	181	185
Colorado	24	23	11	59	150	165

**Pacific Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	35	16	7	77	170	164
Vancouver	33	21	3	69	163	151
Calgary	32	22	4	68	168	150
San Jose	30	22	8	68	170	172
Los Angeles	27	18	12	66	159	151
Arizona	20	31	7	47	131	194
Edmonton	17	32	10	44	139	199

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

**Thursday's Games**  
Vancouver 5, N.Y. Rangers 4, SO  
Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2, SO  
Florida 3, Montreal 2, SO  
N.Y. Islanders 5, Nashville 2  
Columbus 2, Pittsburgh 1  
Washington 5, Winnipeg 1  
San Jose 5, Dallas 2

**Friday's Games**  
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Boston at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Angel Nesbitt,

Jose Valdez and Drew VerHagen, LHPs Blaine Hardy and Kyle Ryan, C James McCann, INFs Jose Iglesias and Dixon Machado and OFs Wynton Bernard, Daniel Fields and Steven Moya on one-year contracts.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Agreed to terms with LHP Franklin Morales on a minor league contract.

**National League**  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP David Aardsma on a minor league contract.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
BOSTON CELTICS — Traded F Tayshaun Prince to Detroit for F Jonas Jerebko and G Gigi Datome. Acquired G Isaiah Thomas from Phoenix for G Marcus Thornton and a 2016 first-round draft pick to Phoenix.

DENVER NUGGETS — Traded G Arron Affalo and F Alonzo Gee to Portland for F Thomas Robinson, F Victor Claver and G Will Barton and a protected 2016 first-round draft pick. Traded C JaVale McGee, a protected 2015 first-round pick and the draft rights for F Chukwudiebere Maduabum to Philadelphia for the draft rights to G Cenk Akyol and cash considerations.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Signed F James Michael McAdoo for the remainder of the season.

MIAMI HEAT — Acquired G Goran Dragic and G Zoran Dragic from Phoenix for C Justin Hamilton, F Danny Granger and first-round draft picks in 2017 and 2021. Traded G Norris Cole, F Shawne Williams and C Justin Hamilton to New Orleans for G-F John Salmons.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Traded G Brandon Knight and G Kendall Marshall and Los Angeles Lakers' protected 2015 first-round draft pick to Phoenix for G Tyler Ennis and F Miles Plumlee and acquired G Michael Carter-Williams from Philadelphia for draft picks.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Traded F Thaddeus Young to Brooklyn for F-C Kevin Garnett.

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Traded a protected 2016 second-round pick to Oklahoma City for G Ish Smith, a 2015 protected second-round pick, the rights to F Latavious Williams and cash considerations. Waived G Ish Smith.

NEW JERSEY NETS — Traded C Kevin Garnett to Minnesota for F Thaddeus Young.

NEW YORK KNICKS — Traded G Pablo Prigioni to Houston for G Alexey Shved and second-round draft picks in 2017 and 2019.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Traded G Reggie Jackson to Detroit for G DJ Augustin, F Kyle Singler and a 2019 second-round draft pick and Detroit sent a 2017 second-round pick to Utah. Traded C Kendrick Perkins, F Grant Jerrett, the draft rights to Tibor Pleiss and a protected 2017 first-round pick to Utah for C Enes Kanter and F Steve Novak.

WIN

Continued from Page 7  
start. Tamara York also played well early. She scored five points in the first 10 minutes.

The HC women didn't slow down in the final 10 minutes of the first half. Howard closed out the frame with a 15-10 run and took a 31-20 lead into the half.

Rits led the Lady Hawks' first-half barrage by throwing in 14 of her points in the initial 20 minutes of play.

Monica Perez provided the spark for a dominating second-half performance by the HC women. She pushed in three three-point shots in the final half and keyed a 43-14 second-half push.

Perez, who finished with 13 points, and Rits were among five HC players to reach double figures. Bria McCullough, who netted 11 points in the second half, finished with a game-high 15, while Abigail Flores added 12.

Naji Christian led SWJC with 12.

Howard College will return to WJCAC play on Monday with a matchup against New Mexico Junior College. The game will start at 5:45 p.m. in Hobbs, N.M.

WJCAC Standings

**Women**

Team	Conf.	Overall
New Mexico JC	11-1	24-2
Odessa	9-4	23-6
Midland	9-4	18-10
Frank Phillips	6-7	20-8
South Plains	5-7	9-17
Western Texas	4-8	12-13
Clarendon	4-9	14-15
Howard	2-10	8-19

**Thursday's Games** —  
Odessa 70, Midland 56;  
Western Texas 99, Clarendon 65; Howard 84, South-west Texas JC 34 (non-conference); Frank Phillips 74, South Plains 59.

**Monday's Games** — Howard at NMJC, Midland at South Plains, Clarendon at NMMI, Frank Phillips at Western Texas.

BSCC to hold 4-man 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 field will be flighted by first round scores. For more information call 432-267-5354.

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File photo

Howard College guard Rob Gray drives in for a basket during a recent outing. The freshman scored 21 points in HC's loss to NMMI on Thursday.

## HAWKS

Continued from Page 7 to score a field goal in that span, allowing NMMI to tally back from an 18-point deficit with 8:36 left.

After Sam Finley had give Howard College a 56-38 lead with 8:54 left in the game with a pair of free throws, the Hawks appeared to be in complete control. The HC men had just pounded out a 15-4 spree in the previous six minutes and raced to a huge lead.

Shaquan Rhoades

came alive from there for NMMI. The sophomore guard pumped in all 16 of his team-high total in the final 8:36 of play and spearheaded a shocking 30-11 spree in the closing 10 minutes.

Rhoades ignited the Broncos' rally with a three-point bomb with 8:36 left. He followed seconds later with a layup. After Henry Wilson had buried two free throws for the Hawks, Rhoades roared back. His nine unanswered points and cut the HC lead to six, at 60-54, with 5:02 left in regulation.

Rhoades came up big

again moments later, hitting a layup at the 1:49 mark to complete the rally and put NMMI on top, 61-60.

"They kept getting the ball in the paint, and then their No. 11 (Rhoades) got hot," said Raines. "It was really frustrating to see us let down like that."

The Hawks looked to battle back in the final minute. Finley and Travis Charles both hit clutch free throws with less than 30 seconds left to help HC pull to within 64-63.

Unfortunately for Howard College, NMMI's Aaron Bodie ended the Hawks' late charge. The 6-foot-7 forward blocked a three-point shot with 2 seconds left to cement the upset.

The Hawks didn't start the second half in an offensive funk. HC, sparked by nine points from Rob Gray, outscored the Broncos by a 20-12 clip in the first 10 minutes of the frame.

Gray, who finished with 21 points, fouled out of the affair 1:22 left in regulation with HC up, 61-60.

NMMI, which has beaten both WJCAC front-runners (South Plains and HC) in back-to-back games, opened the game with a flurry. The Broncos outscored

## WJCAC Standings

### Men

Team	Conf.	Overall
South Plains	11-3	21-6
Howard	11-3	20-7
New Mexico JC	10-4	21-7
NMMI	8-6	14-10
Odessa	8-7	20-8
Midland	7-8	17-12
Frank Phillips	4-10	15-13
Western Texas	3-11	12-14
Clarendon	2-12	5-22

Thursday's Games - Odessa 89, Midland 71 (OT); Western Texas 71, Clarendon 65; NMMI 66, Howard 63; South Plains 77, Frank Phillips 60.

Monday's Games - Howard at NMJC, Midland at South Plains, Clarendon at NMMI, Frank Phillips at Western Texas.

the Hawks by a 15-10 clip in the first 10 minutes.

Gray, Will Ferguson, Finley and Charles all pushed in points in the closing minutes of the first half and led a 17-10 run that sent HC into the half nursing a 32-24 advantage.

Finley, who tallied nine in the first half, closed out the game with 19 points for the Hawks.

With the victory, NMMI improved to 14-10 and to 8-6 in conference. The Broncos are now fourth in the WJCAC standings and within reach of their first postseason berth in 15 years.

## STEERS

Continued from Page 7 in the standings. The Falcons posted a 7-1 mark in district play.

The Big Spring-Bushland matchup will kick off a busy slate of action for the Steers' District 2-4A stablemates. Estacado, Levelland and Lamesa will also be in action.

Estacado, the District 2-4A champion, will be-

gin its postseason run against Perryton, the District 1-4A fourth-place team.

Estacado, which claimed a 56-46 win over BSHS on Tuesday in the regular season finale, enters the game at 23-7.

Perryton is 10-15. Lamesa, the 2-4A runner-up, will face off with Pampa, which comes in at 22-5.

Levelland draws 1-4A runner-up Borger (17-10) in the first round.

## 500

Continued from Page 7 head coach can net win No. 499 of his coaching career.

With a win Saturday, Stanton can send Gordon into the first round of the Class 3A state playoffs just one win shy of reaching 500. The Buffaloes, the District 5-3A champions, will be-

gin their postseason run on Tuesday in Roscoe against an opponent to be decided later.

Should Stanton win its next two games, Gordon would become the second Crossroads area coach to reach 500 wins this season, joining Coahoma's Kim Nichols, who reached 500 earlier this month with a win over Sonora.

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