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More than just talk



Courtesy photo

This past weekend, Big Spring High School students qualified for two national speech and debate tournaments. Pictured from left are: Kylie Palmer, Kelli Ruth, Andi Armstrong, Amber Monks, coaches Clint and Jennifer Adams, Ashlan Armstrong, Ethan Morelion, Kaci Marvin, Aliscia Brorman, Hannah Alsobrooks and Seth Hamby.

Speech, debate team members qualify for national tournaments

Special to the Herald

This past weekend, the Big Spring High School Speech and Debate team had six students qualify for the National Speech and Debate Association National Meet. The team also saw nine students qualify for the National Catholic Forensic Association Grand National Meet.

"We are overwhelmed by the efforts of our team this year," Coach Jennifer Adams stated "Having six

students qualify for the NSDA National Meet is a huge accomplishment in itself, but being able to qualify nine to a second national meet is beyond our expectations."

Ethan Morelion had a perfect record in Lincoln-Douglas debate on his way to the qualification to the national tournament.

"I was in the top 50 students in the nation at last year's national tournament," Morelion said. "It was my goal to get back to nationals and improve on that."

Not to be outdone, the team of Aliscia Brorman and Amber Monks also went undefeated in their team debate event to qualify.

"We work so well together," Monks said. Brorman added, "We knew that we would do well and were not going to let anyone stand in our way."

The only threat to Brorman and Monks came from within as fellow BSHS Speech and Debate team

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DPS: Icy roads to blame for fatalities

3 killed in separate accidents in area

Herald Staff Report

Icy road conditions in Martin and Howard counties played a part in the death of three people in the past few days, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

According to a DPS release, a two-vehicle accident, occurring around 10 p.m. Sunday night about two miles south of Big Spring on Highway 87, resulted in the death of two people.

Martine Guerrero, 66, of Lamesa, was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons, and Delia Guerrero Lopez 71, of La Porte, Texas was pronounced by Dr. Patrick Obasi. Both were passengers of a 1998 Toyota driven by Jonathan Julius Guerrero, 20, of Lamesa who was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was reported in stable condition, according to the DPS press release.

The report stated the Toyota was traveling north on U.S. 87 while the second vehicle — a 2002 Pontiac Grand Am driven by 29-year-old Karrisya Kay Daniels — was southbound. The Toyota failed to control

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Attend classes, earn a day off

BSISD offers incentive program to students

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Independent School District is offering a competition for students to win a day-off from school at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center.

"Students in the Big Spring ISD will have a new reason to get excited about coming to school," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator. "They will be competing for a chance to take a day off from school in May and spend it at the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center."

"The competition will be divided in three classifications," Bancroft explained. "The four elementary schools will compete against each other. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades will be in competition, and one grade level from



Bancroft

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States predict inmates' future crimes with secretive surveys

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — States are trying to reduce prison populations with secretive, new psychological assessments to predict which inmates will commit future crimes and who might be safe to release, despite serious problems and high-profile failures, an Associated Press investigation found.

These programs are part of a national, data-driven movement to drive down prison populations, reduce recidivism and save billions. They include questionnaires often with more than 100 questions about an offender's education, family, income, job status, history of moving, parents' arrest history — or whether he or she has a phone. A score is affixed to each answer and the result helps shape how the offender will be supervised in the system — or released from custody.

Used for crimes ranging from petty

theft to serial murders, these questionnaires come with their own set of risks, according to the AP's examination.

Many rely on criminals to tell the truth, and jurisdictions don't always check to make sure the answers are accurate. They are used inconsistently across the country, sometimes within the same jurisdiction. The same defendant might be scored differently in the same crime.

Supporters cite some research, such as a 1987 Rand Corp. study that said the surveys accurately can predict the likelihood of repeat offenses as much as 70 percent of the time if they are used correctly. But even the Rand study, one of the seminal pieces of research on the subject, was skeptical of the surveys' overall effectiveness. It's nearly impossible to measure the surveys' impact on

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Obituaries

Lois Wright



Lois Wright, 83, of Colorado City and formerly of Sand Springs, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 16, 1931, in Belton, Texas to Bertha Ethel and William Walter Hinds. She grew up at Belton. She married Luther P. "Luke" Wright Nov. 18, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1986. She lived all of her adult life in Howard County until moving to Lake Champion July 4, 1988.

She was a licensed journeyman meat cutter. She worked in the meat market and the deli at Newsom's Grocery for a number of years. She was especially known for her pies. She later worked for Safeway and also at Sweetwater and other area grocery stores and meat markets. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by one son, Colton Wright and his wife, Judy, of Ecuador; one daughter, Bridget Milliken and her husband, Mark, of Odessa; her partner, Paul Stuteville of Colorado City and his daughter, Paula Stuteville of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Jason Milliken and his wife, Lisa, of Elgin, Latisha Perry and her husband, Chris, of Coahoma, Nicole Jones and her husband, Jay, of Abilene, Cassi Walden and her husband, Ty, of San Angelo and Chase Wright of Abilene; three great-grandchildren, Nathan Jones of Abilene, Dallas Perry of Coahoma and Kinzi Walden of San Angelo.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Milliken, Chris Perry, Jay Jones, Ty Walden, Charles Angel, Randy Merket, Joey Grant and Nathan Jones.

The family suggests memorials to an account in Lois's memory at Citizens Federal Credit Union or other favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Mary Sue Rowden



Mary Sue Rowden, 74, of Abilene, Texas, passed away Feb. 19, 2015, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born Jan. 31, 1941, to Willie Earl Lawson and Mary Jane Abernathy in Seymour, Texas. She grew up in Stanton and attended Stanton High School. She was married to Royce Don Rowden for 40 years.

She was a cosmetologist for 20 years and worked for Harmony Health Food for many years.

She was a devoted Christian, mother and grand-

mother who loved and cherished her family, friends and life-long friendships.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four siblings and her eldest son, Randal.

She is survived by her husband, Royce; her children, Wally and his wife, Shaunna Overby, Albert and his wife, Shana Overby; daughter-in-law, Debbie Overby; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015, at College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Girdner Funeral Home of Abilene.

Paid obituary

Mary Pratt

Mary Pratt, 99, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, in a Fort Worth nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

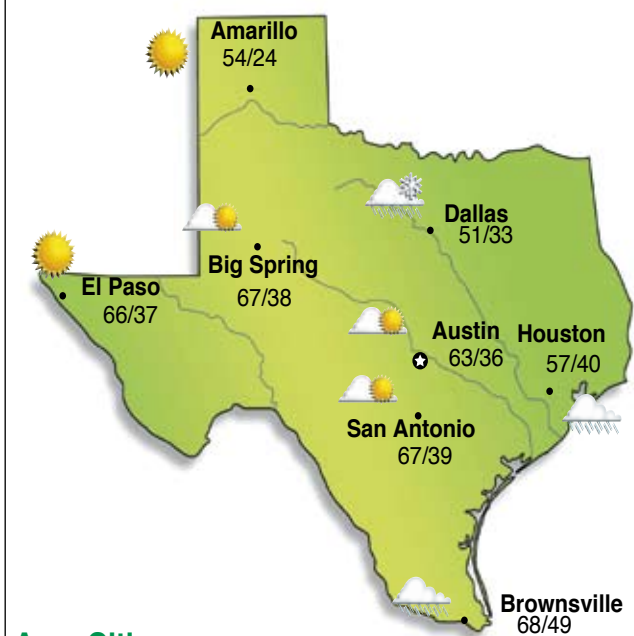
Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1
67/38	43/26	37/27	58/48	74/43
Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the afternoon.	Windy with plenty of sun. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Snow showers in the morning.	Windy with showers ending. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 6:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM

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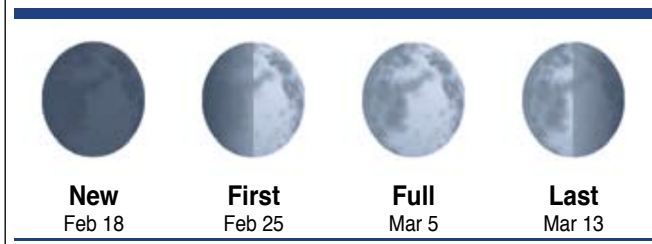
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	35	pt sunny	Kingsville	67	44	pt sunny
Amarillo	54	24	sunny	Livingston	49	33	rain
Austin	63	36	pt sunny	Longview	44	27	mixed
Beaumont	51	34	rain	Lubbock	64	31	sunny
Brownsville	68	49	rain	Lufkin	49	31	rain
Brownwood	58	33	rain	Midland	67	37	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	66	45	rain	Raymondville	69	46	rain
Corsicana	50	30	frz rain	Rosenberg	58	35	rain
Dallas	51	33	sn shower	San Antonio	67	39	pt sunny
Del Rio	71	43	sunny	San Marcos	63	37	pt sunny
El Paso	66	37	sunny	Sulphur Springs	48	30	sn shower
Fort Stockton	68	37	sunny	Sweetwater	63	35	pt sunny
Gainesville	49	29	pt sunny	Tyler	48	31	mixed
Greenville	49	30	sn shower	Weatherford	55	32	sn shower
Houston	57	40	rain	Wichita Falls	55	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	39	32	mixed	Minneapolis	16	-3	cloudy
Boston	32	10	pt sunny	New York	37	16	mst sunny
Chicago	20	11	pt sunny	Phoenix	69	46	sunny
Dallas	51	33	sn shower	San Francisco	66	49	sunny
Denver	39	15	mixed	Seattle	56	43	pt sunny
Houston	57	40	rain	St. Louis	40	23	pt sunny
Los Angeles	73	51	mst sunny	Washington, DC	41	24	pt sunny
Miami	82	70	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



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• RITA HOTELLING, 53, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.
 • NORMA BUSTAMANTE LOPEZ, 46, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
 • CHAD DANIEL DEAX, 41, was booked by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while license invalid.

Police/Sheriff

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

- MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III, 42, of 2504 Chanute Dr. was arrested on a warrant from another agency
 - CHARLYE FRANCESCA MONROE, 29, of 1409 S. Runnels St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
 - RITA HOTELLING, 53, of 914 E. 6th St. was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - NORMA LOPEZ, 46, of 2515 Fairchild was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
 - RICHARD JAMES WHITE JR., 38, of 314 Alice Rd. was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and fail to appear.
 - CHAD DANIEL DEAX, 41, of 2603 Lynn Dr. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams and driving while license invalid.
 - THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg St. and the 2000 block of Larry Dr.
 - DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2000 block of Chanute Dr.
 - BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2000 block of Hernandez Rd. and the 2000 block of W. Hwy 80.
 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
 - ASSAULT was reported in the 3000 block of Gail Hwy.
 - STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 4000 block of Chaparral Rd.
 - FORGERY was reported in the 3000 block of W. Hwy 80.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
 Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
 • ERICA MORENO OCHOA, 35 was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear
 • STEPHANIE CANALES NIETO, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for manufacturing/possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
 • ROY G. CERVANTES, 35, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for indecency with a child.
 • D.J. TERRELL, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
 • MARSHA DIANNE CARTER,

- 38, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for parent contributing to a minor, injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent of bodily injury.
- TERRY LEE CARTER, 38, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for hinder secured creditors more than \$500 but less than \$1500, 5 counts of allowing livestock to roam, violate promise to appear, and injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily harm.
- STEFANIE KAY SCHMIDT, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentenced/DWI 2nd offense.
- BRITTANYMARIESCHULTZ, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of shoplifting less than \$50, possession of controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams, and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- ALLAN LEE SMITH, 45, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving with an invalid license with previous convictions suspended without fin.
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 38, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for forgery financial instrument.
- DARREN HEFFINGTON, 45, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 36, was booked by the DPS on warrants for assault of a family member, and open container of a passenger.
- TRINIDADRIOS-RIOS, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for non payment on a child.
- TATIANA FLORES, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 31, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication.
- JEANNIE KAY EDMONDSON, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- DAVID FRANCIS GREENWOOD, 40, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for fail to maintain financial responsibility, speeding 62 mph in a 50 mph zone, no motorcycle endorsement, and on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- ROBERT DEE BOYER, 60, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- SALVADOR TREVINO JR., 40 was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHN HUNTER WILLIAMS, 22, was booked by DPS on charg-

- es of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- DOROTHY SUBLET THOMAS, 57, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invoked with previous conviction.
- XAVIAN FELIX YOUNG, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- AMY MONIQUE WEBBER, 43, was booked by the DPSM on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- DEWAYNE NICHOLAS GLENN, 27, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for assault family/house member impeding breath/circulation.
- HOLLY RENAE BARRERA, 25, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- JOANN HERNANDEZ LOPEZ, 47, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for violate promise to appear, ran stop sign, fail to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.
- JOANNA NELL HERNANDEZ, 31, was booked by the BSPD on charges of fugitive intentionally give false ID and warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- DAVID HOUSTON SUMMERS, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear, fail to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failed to signal distance before turn, 2 counts of violate promise to appear, and charges of possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- JUSTICE RAY SARMIENTO, 23, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- SCOTT MURHPY, 39, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for display expired, failure to yield right of way, two counts of no drivers license, violate promise to appear, fail to maintain financial responsibility, and two counts of failure to appear.
- MANUEL ROMERO LOZANO III, 42, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.
- RICHARD JAMES WHITE JR., 38, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- CHARLYE FRANCESCA MONROE, 29, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

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recidivism because they are only part of broader efforts.

Some surveys have the potential to punish people for being poor or uneducated by attaching a lower risk to those who have steady work and high levels of education. They surveys are clouded in secrecy. Some states never release the evaluations, shielding government officials from being held accountable for decisions that affect public safety.

"It is a vast improvement over the decision-making process of 20, 30 years ago when parole boards and the courts didn't have any statistical information to base their decisions on," said Adam Gelb, director of the Public Safety Performance Project at the Pew Charitable Trusts, which is working with the Justice Department to shape reforms nationally.

There are dozens of different surveys in use.

In the case of Milton Thomas in Arkansas, a parolee accused of raping a 70-year-old woman, the state's predictions were inconsistent.

Three risk assessment surveys produced three different results. When Thomas, 58, was up for parole in 2013 after serving time for theft, the Arkansas Parole Board assessed him as a high risk to re-offend.

He was released in November of that year, and the state's community supervision agency assessed him again. This one determined Thomas was a low risk, Thomas said, and required the minimum amount of supervision and no rehabilitative programs. After Thomas was arrested on the rape charge last July, the parole board assessed him again and downgraded his risk from high to moderate.

While these results seem to defy common sense, the board said the system worked and there was a

simple reason for lowering Thomas' risk: varying accounts of Thomas' age when he was first arrested.

In 2013 in Texas, a routine risk assessment used on sex offenders when they are released from prison found convicted rapist Darren Vann to be a low-risk to re-offend. About a year later, in Indiana, Vann confessed to police that he killed seven women.

Experts said the risk-and-needs assessment surveys should be evaluated every few years. Texas, which in 2000 started using the instrument that evaluated Vann, is just now doing this, a state spokesman said.

The Justice Department's position on the surveys is inconsistent. On one hand, the department is helping bankroll this movement by providing millions of dollars to help states develop and roll out new policies. Yet it's also putting on the brakes and is reluctant to use them for the federal prison population.

"Criminal sentences must be based on the facts, the law, the actual crimes committed, the circumstances surrounding each individual case, and the defendant's history of criminal conduct," Attorney General Eric Holder told the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in August. "They should not be based on unchangeable factors that a person cannot control, or on the possibility of a future crime that has not taken place."

Cost savings, however, make these tools appealing to states.

North Carolina, for instance, could save \$560 million by 2017, a Justice Department report concluded. Between 2011 and 2014, the North Carolina prison population decreased by more than 3,000 people, according to the state. These reforms, including the use of risk assessments, has saved the state nearly \$84 million, and it plans to route \$32 million of those savings for community treatment programs.

Take note

• In honor of Texas Independence Day, members of the Texas Nationalist Movement will read the Texas Declaration of Independence and William B. Travis' "Victory or Death" letter of appeal for the Alamo on the east lawn of the Howard County Courthouse by the War Monument. The event will be held Saturday, March 7, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Texas Independence Day is Monday, March 2.

• 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, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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the high school will also

win a day at the water park.

The competition will run from Monday through May 15. According to Bancroft, the

elementary school with the highest percentage increase over its year-to-date attendance will be the winner. Also, over the same period there

will be a grade winner in the sixth through eighth grade level and one in the ninth through 12 grade level.

"Kentwood Early

Childhood Center students will be participating in a separate, but equally exciting, attendance incentive," he said.

SPEECH

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members Ashlan and Andi Armstrong's only loss was to Brorman and Monks.

"We hate that our students have to debate each other," Adams said, "but, if they have to debate each other because they are doing well, we will take that."

A third team of Hannah Alsobrooks and

Kaci Marvin are the alternates to nationals and their two losses came at the hands of the other two Big Spring teams.

Kelli Ruth qualified in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking.

"Something clicked for me this weekend and my speeches just came to me," Ruth said.

Morelion and Ruth also qualified in another event, but due to single entry rules at the national tournament, had to choose the event that

they preferred to participate in at nationals.

Additionally, the BSHS Speech and Debate team won both the Debate and Congressional Debate Sweepstakes trophy as well as the region "traveling" trophy for the most accumulated rounds over the years.

The NSDA's national tournament will be held in Dallas in June.

The weekend's results also had a bearing on the results of the Na-

tional Catholic Forensic League's National qualifiers.

"We joined the NCFL this year to give our students another opportunity to showcase their speech and debate skills," Adams said.

The NCFL is a speech and debate league that was formed in 1951. It is organized into regions which correspond to Roman Catholic dioceses. Member schools include both public and parochial high schools.

The teams of Andi and Ashlan Armstrong, Ruth and Kylie Palmer and Brorman and Monks all qualified in team debate.

Morelion qualified in extemporaneous speaking, Alsobrooks qualified in oratory, along with Marvin in oral interpretation.

The 2015 NCFL's annual Grand National Tournament on Memorial Day weekend will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Stanford Muse, 91, died Thursday. In state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Wednesday and Thursday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., March 2, 2015, at Lincoln Memorial Park in Dallas.

Rosa De La Garza, 91, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Lois Wright, 83, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

DEATHS

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speed during sleet and icy road conditions, causing it to cross over into the southbound lane, then striking a tree in the west barrow ditch before rolling over. It came to rest in the southbound lanes of US 87 and was struck by the Pontiac.

Daniels was uninjured, DPS stated.

Ten hours later, Howard County highway patrol were called to the scene of another vehicle fatality, this time 14 miles north of Stanton. The accident involved a 2007 Ford F-350 pickup and occurred around 8 a.m. Monday.

The driver — Billy

Clyde Steen, 57, of Lubbock — was pronounced dead at the scene by Martin County Justice of the Peace Jerrell Hedrick. His passenger Dustin Edward Hansen, 33, of Wolfforth, Texas, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and was reported in stable condition, according to a DPS press release.

The pickup was traveling southbound on State Highway 137 on an icy roadway. Failing to control speed in icy conditions, the truck lost control and began to slide across the northbound lane towards the east barrow ditch, where rolled over, the DPS said.

A number of accidents were reported throughout Howard County and the Permian Basin in

the last few days as an arctic cold front blew in through much of Texas Sunday, bringing with it freezing temperatures and a mixture of freezing rain and sleet. Tem-

peratures are expected to warm up in the next two days, but a second front is predicted to blow through this area Thursday, with snowfall possible on Friday.



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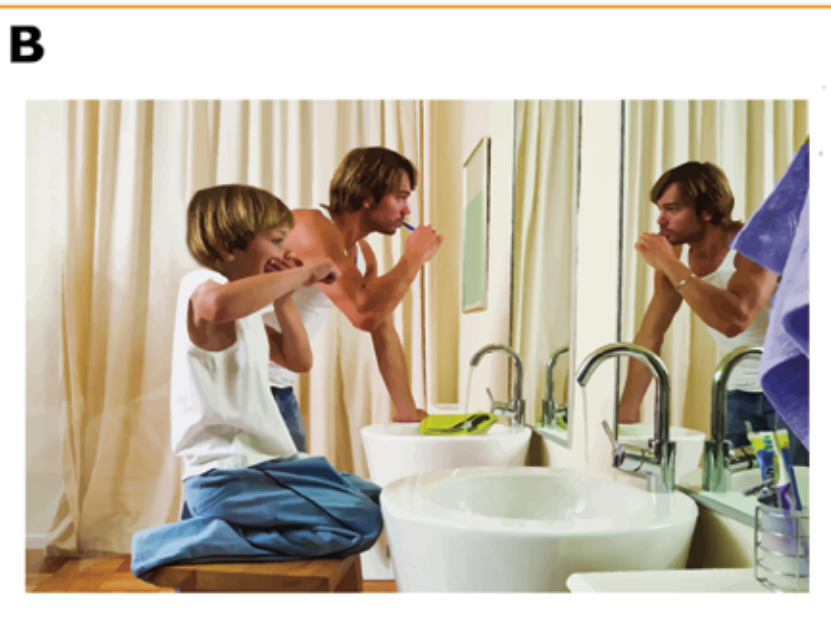
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BY BOB WEBER JR.

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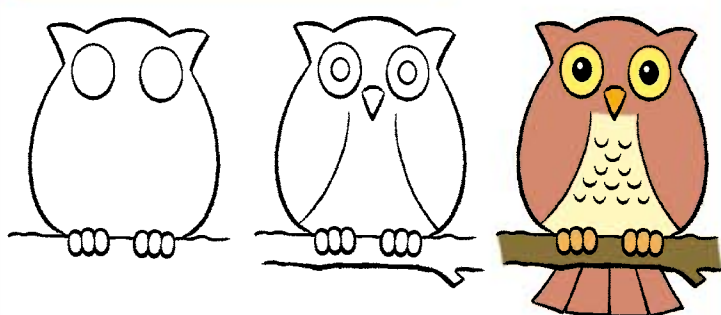
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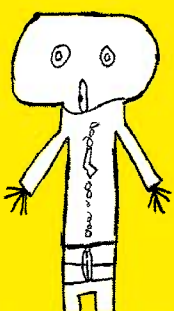
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- b) 500 million
- c) 2 billion
- d) 3 billion

Answer -- (d)

Bird Poop: No water, no problem

Even if there are only four days left in February, migrating water birds send our way numerous victims of unplanned landings. Wind-ing up in residential back-yards, or on some of the most remote ranches, the wayward fowl are helpless in their struggles to become airborne again.



BEBE McCASLAND

An especially hectic day led to a call from Midland. Our contact had been notified of "one down" on a ranch near Andrews. Since Carol knew the owner and the location of the sprawling complex, she said she would make the trip to retrieve the bird. "Anyway, my car needs to have some highway driving. I'll call you when I get back to Midland."

Since we were awaiting the delivery of several other species, we were grateful for her offer. Her knowledge of the specie meant she knew what she would be encountering.

During the morning came thoughts of Carol and what she had said about the distressed bird. Having mentioned that her friend had said there were no stock tanks or watering holes nearby, she wondered why the American coot had landed near the ranch house.

While approaching the barn, her friend had noticed the bird among her chickens as they pecked at the scratch that had been strewn earlier. Sticking out immediately from the barnyard menagerie was this small, black head with a milk-white bill. Was the bird foraging for insects among the grains and kernels?

The bird's red eyes kept a wary outlook as it awkwardly moved among the chickens. To see its large slate colored body was to observe a physique that almost seemed too large for its wings. Its bill was a stark contrast to its head and gray body.

Then as the bird stretched one green leg, then the other, the woman had seen its long, lobed toes. It had

difficulty walking. It seemed to panic with sudden movements or noise. It chose not to take flight. She decided to seek help.

When Carol answered her call she heard, "It can't fly." When she asked where its legs and feet were in relationship to its body, her friend immediately replied, "Toward the rear."

During our conversation, Carol and I had agreed it was a coot. The chunky bird was a member of the rail family and was in typical, seasonal trouble.

Mostly a water and shore bird, it needed a lengthy body of water in order to leave an area. Instinctively, when it was ready, it would rise up, flap its wings, and run on the tips of its toes as its feet sprayed water outward and its wings flapped furiously. When it gained enough forward momentum, flight would occur. Now it was essentially grounded.

When she called later in the day, amid bursts of laughter Carol said, "If I hadn't seen it, I never would have believed it. That bird made history!"

Upon arriving at the ranch, Carol had unpacked her gloves, carrier, and net. With her friend offering assistance, she felt they had an advantage.

Realizing the approach of the two meant danger, the coot thought otherwise. It started running clumsily across an open field.

Instead of a smooth, watery surface to push against with its lobbed feet, the stocky sojourner pounded the barren soil with all the strength it had. Only determination could have inspired that bird to flee over the dried, dusty terrain before becoming airborne.

Although the coot had been limited in mobility on land, in water it would once again be enabled to be a superb swimmer and diver. Its next body of water would allow it to rest from its near capture.

Settling into a pond or lake, it would sit high in the water as it paddled along the shoreline. It would dive and resurface repeatedly.

Finding food on, near, or under the water, the coot would also forage along the shore and

access roots of tender, aquatic growth.

The American coot could easily outrun the retired schoolteacher with knee replacements. Her attempts at giving it a better locale had been futile. Although we both realized there's a first time for everything, I added that the Andrews bird would be cause enough to rewrite the bird books.

Even though the

waterfowl had run on sheer gumption, one had to admire Carol Griffin's spunk in spite of her lack of agility. Fortunately, for both of us came the reality that our best moments are often those we least expect.

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



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India insists: Obama's tree is not dead

NEW DELHI (AP) — Officials in India want to make one thing clear: The tree that President Barack Obama planted in New Delhi three weeks ago is not dead.

It just looks dead.

The peepal tree was awash in leaves when Obama planted it at the New Delhi memorial to Indian independence leader Mohandas K. Gandhi. By Thursday, though, it was just a single lonely stem.

Its lack of leaves has been giving Indian officials sleepless nights, with the media here blasting them for allowing the tree to die less than a month after the presidential visit.

But the reality: Peepal trees often lose their leaves this time of year.

"It's a seasonal phenomenon," B.C. Katiyar, a top regional government horticulturist, said Thursday, after he and other officials visited the tree and pronounced it in good health. "It will send out shoots within the next 10 days."

The peepal, or ficus religiosa, is seen as holy by many in Asia — the Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment under the tree in 589 B.C.



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Big Spring to break out bats for tournaments

Lady Steers to play in annual West Texas Classic this week

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' varsity and junior varsity softball teams will get plenty of action under their belts this week as they tip off play in the 2015 West Texas Classic in Midland on Thursday.

The Lady Steers will begin the three-day, 19-team tournament appearance at 5 p.m. on Thursday against the the Pecos Lady Eagles. The two teams will play on Field 2 at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

The Big Spring JV team will also be in action on Thursday, facing the Odessa High school junior varsity beginning at 7 p.m. on Field 4.

Big Spring will begin play

in earnest on Friday as both the varsity and JV teams will play multiple games. The varsity team will begin the second day of the event with a matchup against the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs. The game will start at 9 a.m..

The BSHS girls will also play Brownfield, beginning at 1 p.m. on Field 6.

The Lady Steers junior varsity will play Andrews at 9 a.m. on Field 1, and Brownfield at 1 p.m. before closing out a busy day with a 5 p.m. showdown with Lubbock Coronado.

The varsity girls will play Greenwood and Monahans on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively. The JV team will play San Angelo and Permian at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



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The Big Spring High School Steers will compete in the West of the Pecos Wood Bat Classic this weekend.

Big Spring varsity to play in Pecos; JV to host tourney

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The weather outside may be frightful, but the Big Spring High School varsity and junior varsity baseball teams are going to usher in spring anyway by participating in tournament action this weekend.

The Big Spring Steers varsity will begin play in the West of the Pecos Wood Bat Classic Baseball Tournament beginning Thursday. The BSHS squad will compete in the 8-team tournament through Saturday.

The Steers, who will join Van Horn, Pecos, Denver City and Alpine in the Pecos division in pool play, will kick off their appearance at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday when

they face Denver City. They will square off against Pecos at 7 p.m.

On Friday, the Steers will take to the field at 9 a.m. for a matchup with Van Horn before closing out pool play at 2 p.m. with a game against Alpine.

Fort Stockton, Reagan County, Presidio, Ozona and the Pecos JV will compete in the Fort Stockton division in pool play.

On Saturday, the final round of play will start at 11 a.m. with a consolation matchup between the third-place team in each pool. The second-place finishers in the Pecos and Fort Stockton pools will play for third overall at 2 p.m., while the finals will

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A-Rod back with Yankees

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez reported to the New York Yankees three days ahead of schedule. He spoke for 8 1/2 minutes about his season-long drug suspension.

But on his first day back with the team since September 2013, he never said why he resumed the use of performance-enhancing drugs, never explained what he did and avoided getting into any specifics.

"I cringe when I look at some of things I did," Rodriguez said, surrounded by about 40 reporters on the sidewalk outside the Yankees minor league complex. "No mistake that I made has any good answer, no justification. It's unexplainable, and that's on me. I've dug a big hole for myself. Paid a price."

New York asked him to hold a pre-spring training news conference at Yankee Stadium, but Rodriguez declined. The Yankees told them they didn't want him holding one at Steinbrenner Field, where they felt it would be a distraction.

So Rodriguez improvised.

Wearing a green University of Miami sweat-suit, he arrived at Steinbrenner Field on Monday morning for his physical, three days before the first workout for Yankees' position players. Shortly before 1 p.m., he showed up at the minor league complex, a little less than 1 mile away, carrying what appeared to be a tan bat box.

After changing into Yankees' shorts, a T-shirt and a spring training cap, Rodriguez worked out for about an hour. He hit six home runs in 71 swings and took grounders at shortstop.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi and general manager Brian Cashman say Chase Headley will be their starting third baseman and Rodriguez will compete for at-bats at designated hitter.

Hawks, Steers try again!



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Travis Charles and the Howard College Hawks will try and hang on to a share of the WJCAC lead tonight when they face off against New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M. Games will begin at 4:45 p.m. with the HC women's matchup.

With break in weather, BSHS, HC look to return to action

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

What Mother Nature giveth ... the Big Spring High School Steers and Howard College Hawks are hoping to take full advantage of this afternoon.

With a break in the wintry weather that acosted the Crossroads over the last two days, Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College officials are planning to get their mega-important basketball games in today. Temperatures are expected to be in the upper 40s this afternoon, reducing the dangerous travel conditions that prompted the schools to postpone Monday's outings.

The Big Spring High School Steers will be facing off against Bushland in the first round of the Class 4A boys' playoffs, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Frenship High School gymnasium.

The Steers, 18-11 overall, enter the bi-district round as the fourth-place team from the District 2-4A race. Bushland, 17-9, is the winner of the District 1-4A race.

The winner of tonight's matchup will advance to face either Monahans or Clint on the area round.

Like BSHS, the Howard College Hawks face a key outing tonight when they take to the court in Hobbs, N.M. against New Mexico Junior College.

The HC men need a win over NMJC to remain tied atop the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with South Plains.

A loss to NMJC could drop the Hawks to third in the WJCAC standings with one game left in the regular season.



Shaylee Franks fields a ball in the outfield during the Lady Steers' bout with Greenwood on Friday. Due to the weather conditions the junior varsity and varsity softball games with Wylie will play here tomorrow, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Profar likely out 2nd year in row after shoulder surgery

URPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Rangers second baseman Jurickson Profar has undergone shoulder surgery and is expected to miss his second season in a row.

Team physician Dr. Keith Meister repaired a labrum tear in Profar's right shoulder Monday.

According to the team, Meister reported that surgery went well and nothing else needed to be surgically repaired

in the shoulder.

After missing last season because of his shoulder, Profar had started throwing while getting an MRI every three weeks. The 22-year-old infielder was throwing at 105 feet, the same distance before a previous setback last September.

Once the team's top prospect, Profar was 19 when he homered in his first major league at-bat in 2012.

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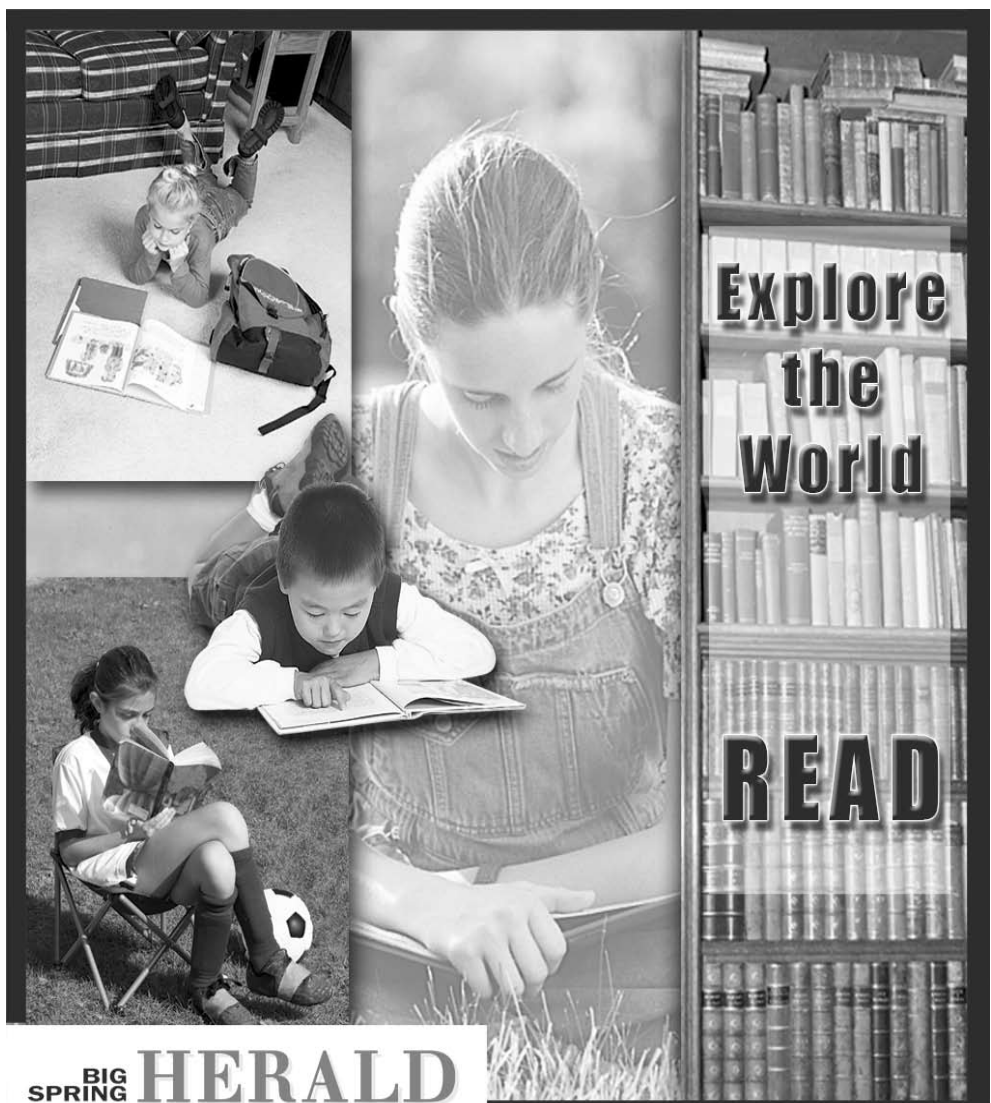
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It turns out that common courtesies are not common to all cultures, or rather each culture has a different set of them. This will be a theme as Venus (now closely aligned with Mars) forms a trine to Saturn in worldly Sagittarius. Learning the cultures of different groups and interacting accordingly will bring outstanding luck.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're grateful to those who have mentored and cared for you in your life, and yet there are still areas in which you feel you have been completely unguided. Seek assistance now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You get the feeling that a certain person is only nice to you when he or she wants something. Good observation. It's not your fault that some people only care about what's in it for them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you were to write a bucket list, it would include a few spectacular

happenings, but mostly personal accomplishments and small, meaningful exchanges. That's what drives you to work hard and connect with others today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When your idols aren't doing anything that makes you want to worship them, it's time to get new influences. Branch out and ask friends and colleagues who they're paying attention to and what they're doing for enjoyment lately.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New friends bring good fortune. You'll extend your network by attending a group, accepting an invite or (best of all) shaking hands and introducing yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's nice when the people closest to you seem to really know and understand you, but it's not necessary for your happiness. That's why you can let today's misunderstanding go and do something nice for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes you need a break from being awesome at life, and you can safely take one today. Sure, you still have responsibilities to attend

to, but they can be handled with minimal effort. Just fly under the radar.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of fighting distraction, today it may benefit you more to make room for distraction and let yourself follow it, perhaps without calling it "distraction" at all. Isn't it really just curiosity?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's strange when you sit down to think of action steps and positive differences you can make and what comes out of it seems more negative. That's because grievances must be aired before they'll go away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like fun-loving people, but you are also skeptical of them when their love of fun seems much more serious than their love of doing the job at hand. Trust your instincts and get the right person for the job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Yes, there were certain efforts you made that, by all appearances, were made completely in vain. But the deeper truth is that no effort is made

completely in vain. You benefit others even when you don't realize it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Get someone to help you with your work/fun --nailing the right pattern will be key to your success. Even with help, it will take time to work out the kinks, but considerably less time than trying to figure it out on your own.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 24). You have an image in your head about who you want to be. You'll put quite a lot of effort into your life choices over the next 10 weeks, and then living the way you prefer will seem far easier, nearly automatic. April brings a shiny, fancy present. May keeps the entertainment coming. You'll change roles at work in June. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 22, 31 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Should I stay with a person who obviously doesn't love me? I found pictures on my husband's cellphone of him with another woman. We have two teenage boys together.

This is my second marriage. I caught my first husband cheating on me, too. I don't want to go through this again. Should I bring it up, or should I pretend I don't know? I'm a Capricorn, and he's a Virgo."

First, let's not assume he doesn't love you. Capricorn women typically prefer to have a traditional marriage in which both partners assume socially acceptable versions of the roles of husband and wife. Furthermore, you feel like your house is your castle, and you like to be the queen in charge and in the know. Anything that threatens your power will come as an intense blow to your self-esteem and will shake the foundation of your marriage so severely that it will be nearly impossible for you to, as you suggest, pretend you don't know. Since you're not the type to sing a "Stand by Your Man" song, the confrontation is inevitable. Get some counseling to help you work through the situation to whatever end is best for all.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Floyd Mayweather Jr. is a

Pisces old soul who comes from a long line of fighters. Known for his lightning reflexes and comedic commentary, three fire-sign influences add heat to the champion's well-balanced natal chart. Every element is represented in his stars. "Money Mayweather" was born when Mercury and Mars were in fleet-footed Aquarius.

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It All Adds Up to 13

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ 10 9 3
♣ K J 9 4 2
WEST
♠ A Q 8 7 5 3 2
♥ 10
♦ 8 6
♣ Q 8 5
EAST
♥ J 4
♦ Q J 9 6 3
♣ J 7 5 4 2
♠ 7
SOUTH
♠ K 10 6
♥ A K 4
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 6 3

The bidding:
West North East South
3♠ Pass Pass 3NT
Opening lead — seven of spades.
Assume you've reached three notrump on the bidding shown and West leads a spade to East's jack, which you win with the king. You can now count eight sure tricks, and your only chance for a ninth lies in the club suit.
Without any opposing bidding, the percentage play in clubs would be to cash the A-K, playing for the queen to fall in accordance with the adage "eight ever, nine never." But considering West's pre-emptive

three-spade opening, which almost surely is based on a seven-card suit, the odds no longer favor cashing the A-K of clubs, since West is now much more likely to have started with a singleton or void in clubs. Because of this, you might decide to lead a club to dummy's king at trick two, planning to finesse against East for the queen.

Unfortunately, this seemingly rational conclusion would fail in the actual case, and you would go down one after East showed out on the second club. You could then claim bad luck, but a more accurate assessment would be bad play.

Before committing yourself as to how to tackle the club suit, you should first gather all the information you can about West's holdings in hearts and diamonds. You do this by cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds and A-K of hearts. One possibility is that West will follow to all five leads, revealing that he has at most one club.

But in the actual deal, West turns up with just two diamonds and one heart, leaving him with three clubs. It is then a simple matter to cash the club ace and take the marked finesse against West's queen to finish with 11 tricks.

Tomorrow: It works like a charm.
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ANSWERS

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

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5:PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News CBS	Tele	News	Seinfeld	Justice Called	Focus Business	CHiPs	Amish Mafia	United, Ian McKellen	Bar Rescue	Castle (DVS)	Jane	I Didn't	Around	SportsCenter
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8:PM	Agent Carter	Hasta el Fin	New Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	Tierra de Reyes (SS)		Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	The Italian Americans	Heroes	Amish Mafia		Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Cole	Mickey	NBA Coast to Coast	College Basketball: Florida at Missouri.
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11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	La Que No	How I Met	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Cougar	Ministerios Vida	T. Smiley	T. Smiley	To Be Announced		Bar Rescue	Perception	Wendy Williams	Good	30 for 30	SportsCenter
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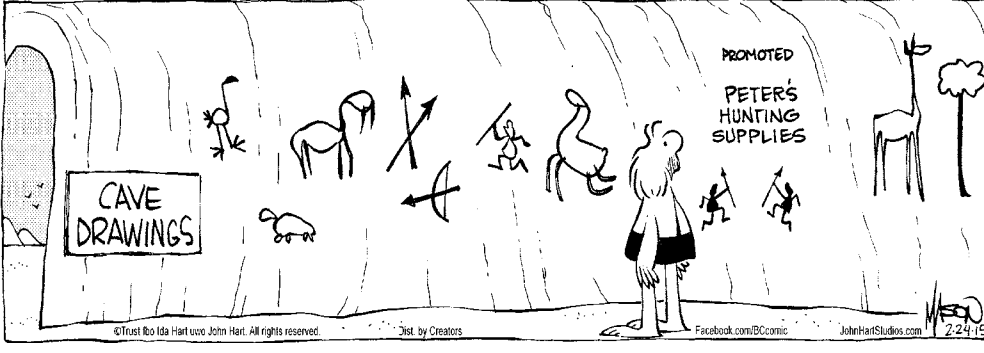
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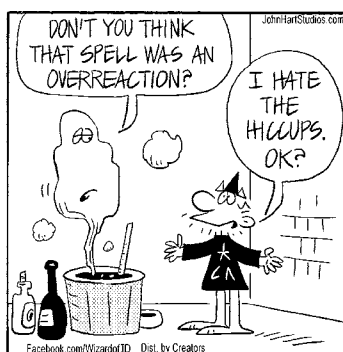
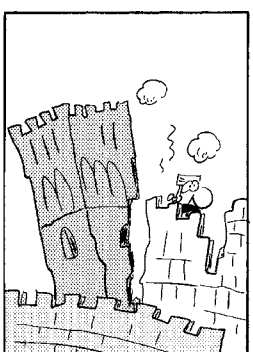
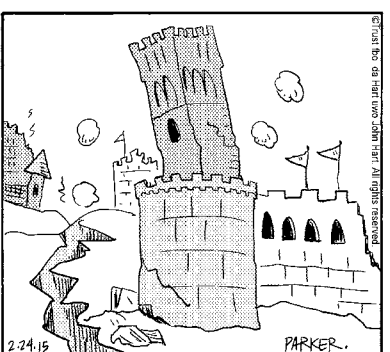
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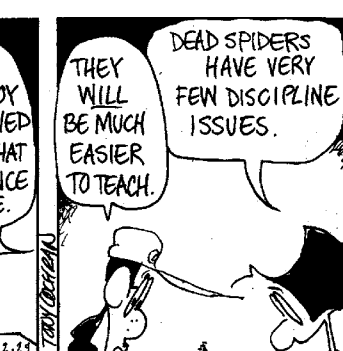
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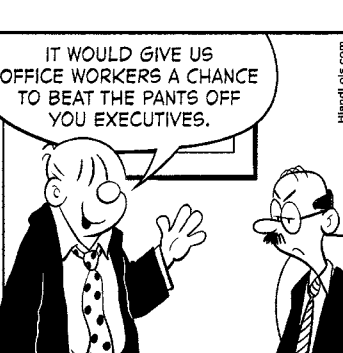
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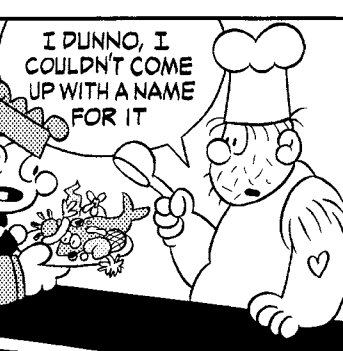
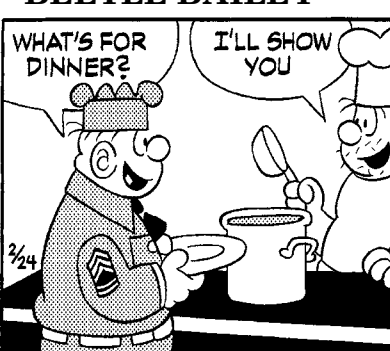
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2015. There are 310 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 24, 1975, the Congressional Budget Office, charged with providing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues, began operating under its first director, Alice Rivlin. On this date: In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes. In 1815, American engineer and inventor Robert Fulton, credited with building the first successful commercial steamboat, died in New York at 49. In 1864, the first Union prisoners arrived at the Confederates' Andersonville prison camp in Georgia. In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1912, the American Jewish women's organization Hadassah was founded in New York City. In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform. In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

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PAWN	INST	ALAS
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Newsday Crossword

SOMETHING IN THE AIR by Billie Truitt

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ACROSS	68 Asphalt worker	9 Extremely hungry	36 Julius Caesar costume
1 Practice for a prizefight	69 Use a stopwatch on	10 Lamb's mama	38 Spherical hairdo
5 Bugle "lights out" tune	70 The A in PTA: Abbr.	11 Performed in a choir	41 Mental faculties
9 Takes a break	71 In a crafty way	12 Faithful	42 Rushing
14 Large brass horn	72 Getz of jazz	13 Appear to be	43 Abandoned
15 Add to the payroll	73 Gets the point	21 Savings for later yrs.	48 Cargo weight measure
16 Fully informed		22 Box of tools	50 New Year's Eve mo.
17 Perched on	DOWN	26 Word of warning	51 Taco-chip dips
18 Barbell metal	1 Theater platform	28 Rim	53 Touches up, as an article
19 Event location	2 Produce, as a show	29 South Korean capital	55 Harsh sound
20 Be wasted, as effort	3 Approximately	31 Neckwear with knots	56 Put a hex on
23 Ruby or emerald	4 Hip-hop performer	32 And others: Abbr.	57 Parades
24 Comes in	5 Oversensitive nature	33 Floor model	58 Swiss mountains
25 Orange peel	6 Ventilates	34 Goes out, as the tide	59 Fuel in an old furnace
27 Autumn lawn tools	7 High-school dance	35 Whole bunch	60 Jealousy
30 Sounded the whistle	8 Mexican mister		62 Give off
34 Superlative suffix			63 Capital of Italia
37 Notion			65 Slippery fish
39 Join together			
40 Venting one's anger			
44 Start			
45 Currency in Italy			
46 ___-mo replay			
47 Go after, as a mosquito			
49 Titled British men			
52 Sneaker or sandal			
54 Spiritualist's session			
58 Blackjack 11-pointer			
61 Suspected of wrongdoing			
64 Reclusive one			
66 "Don't worry about me"			
67 Horse's father			

SPRING

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The Big Spring junior varsity team will make sure local baseball fans have plenty to see this weekend, too. The Steers will host the annual BSHS Junior Varsity Tournament on Thursday through Saturday at Steer Park.

Among the teams scheduled to join the BSHS Gold and Black squads on the field are Greenwood, Kermit, Wylie, Snyder, Pecos, Presidio.

The Steers Black team will kick off the tournament at 10 a.m. on Thursday with a first-round matchup against Greenwood. The team will return to the field at 5:30 p.m. for a game with

2015 JV Baseball Tournament Thursday, Feb. 26 10 a.m. - Big Spring vs. Greenwood 12:30 p.m. - Greenwood at Kermit 3 p.m. - Kermit vs. Wylie 5:30 p.m. - Big Spring vs. Wylie Friday, Feb. 27 10 a.m. - BS Gold vs. Snyder 12:30 p.m. - Snyder vs. Pecos 3 p.m. - Presidio vs. Pecos 5:30 p.m. - BS Gold vs. Presidio Saturday, Feb. 28 10 a.m. - Greenwood vs. Presidio 12:30 p.m. - Pecos vs. Wylie

Wylie.

Other first round games include a 12:30 p.m. matchup between Greenwood and Kermit, and a 3 p.m. bout with Kermit and Wylie.

The BSHS Gold team will open Friday's play

BSHS golf schedules changed

The The Big Spring boys' and girls' golf scheduled have ben changed, according to BSHS officials.

The Steers' tournament in Lubbock set

with a 10 a.m. contest rival Snyder. After a 12:30 p.m. game between Snyder and Pecos, and a 3 p.m. matchup with Presidio and Pecos, the Gold team will end the second day of play with a 5:30 p.m. game with Presidio.

On Saturday, the BSHS Gold team will play Kermit at 3 p.m., while the Steers Black squad will play Snyder at 5:30 p.m.

The two early games on Saturday will include a 10 a.m. bout between Greenwood and Presidio and a 12:30 p.m. bout between Pecos and Wylie.



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One to go ... Esther Cione and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Lady Rattlers will close out their 2015 regular season on Saturday with a game against the Cisco College Lady Wranglers in Cisco.

BS netters set to play in Forsan

The Big Spring High School junior varsity and varsity tennis teams will be competing in Forsan this week. The BSHS JV team will be traveling to Forsan on Feb. 26, while the varsity will play on Feb. 27.

Big Spring was scheduled to play in Abilene this weekend, but that event was canceled.

Steers' game with Wylie scratched

The Big Spring High School Steers' varsity baseball game with Abilene Wylie set for Monday was postponed due to poor weather conditions.

Scoreboard

Table with columns for BASKETBALL, National Basketball Association, Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Southwest Division, Northwest Division, Pacific Division, Monday's Games, NBA Leaders, Scoring, Rebounds, Assists, and various team statistics.

Table with columns for Westbrock, OKC, Curry, GOL, Carter-Williams, PHL, Teague, ATL, James, CLE, Lowry, TOR, Carolina, Western Conference, Central Division, W L OTPTs GF GA, Nashville, St. Louis, Chicago, Winnipeg, Minnesota, Dallas, Colorado, Pacific Division, W L OTPTs GF GA, Anaheim, Vancouver, Los Angeles, Calgary, San Jose, Arizona, Edmonton, Monday's Games, Tuesday's Games, Hockey, National Hockey League, Atlantic Division, Metropolitan Division, W L OTPTs GF GA, N.Y. Islanders, N.Y. Rangers, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Columbus, Transactions, Baseball, Commissioner's Office, Suspended Arizona OF Matt Rayley.

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