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It's a white West Texas Weather forces closures



Weather forces closures

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Mother Nature just continues to give us a little more snow.

Crossroads residents woke up to a blanket of snow and sub-freezing weather this morning that caused several closures or delays for area school districts and municipal offices.

Hazardous road conditions this morning prompted all three school districts — Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan — to cancel classes today. Also Howard College closed all four of its campuses — Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo and the SouthWest Collegiate School for the Deaf — as well as Howard Cottage, the Fitness Center and all activities at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum be-

The Big Spring boys' basketball playoff game vs. Clint, set for tonight in Fort Stockton, has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday at Pecos High School.



HERALD photos/Julie Bass

Chilly scenes of winter, clockwise from top: The Benton Street overpass was closed this morning because of slick road conditions brought on by a snow storm which passed through the area this morning; A motorist found the going impossible on a slick Fourth Street, while Sixth Street, near Scurry, provided a pastoral wintry scene.

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Officials urge motorists to exercise caution

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

Snow can be very pretty to look at, but driving on it is another matter.

The storm system which passed through the area early

this morning dumped several inches of snow on the area, making roads and streets hazardous.

The best things to do if the weather causes dangerous road conditions, is, of course, to stay home and not risk be-

ing on the roads.

For those who do have to drive, the Texas Department of Safety (DPS) have posted some important and helpful tips:

- Reduce speed. Speed limits are based on normal road

and weather conditions, not winter road conditions. Do not use cruise control.

- Maintain at least three times the normal following distance on snow or ice.
- Watch carefully for personnel and equipment treat-

ing roadways and stay at least 200 feet back from road crews.

- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas as they tend

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Boys/Girls Club sets flapjack fundraiser

By **JULIE BASS**

Staff Writer

Eat some savory pancakes to support the kids in Big Spring.

United Way and the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will host an all-you-can-eat pancake meal from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Boys and Girls Club center (located at 811 W. 5th St). The cost is \$5 per person.

All proceeds will go towards United Way and The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls club is an organization devoted to helping the community youth. Their mission is, "To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive responsible and caring citizens."

They have programs like passport to manhood, smart moves, health and life skills, the arts, power hour and sports, fitness and recreation. These programs are designed to help kids learn valuable life lessons and im-

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Another year, another sweepstakes for band

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Time to add another brace, the Big Spring High School band trophy case is getting mighty heavy.

Big Spring ISD bands returned from UIL Concert and Sight Reading competition Thursday evening towing three Sweepstakes honors. Both the high school honor band and second band earned Division I ratings while the top junior high band also received Division Is for its performance during competition.

"The kids worked really hard and really deserve this," said a very tired but elated Rocky Har-

ris, Big Spring ISD head band director. "I am really proud of them."

Instructors brought six bands to competition Thursday with a total of 250 students participating. The high school third band earned Division IIs, the junior high second band received a Division II and a Division I while the third junior high band was given Division II and III ratings.

For the high school top band, the rating also qualifies for one more competition this year — another trip to state wind and symphonic band contest to play

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Obituaries

Bobby Gene White



Bobby Gene White, 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, at the Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born March 1, 1941, in Martin County, Texas and married Sharon Ann Cottongame June 30, 1967, in Big Spring, Texas. She preceded him in death Jan. 24, 2011.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked in the oilfield for many years. He worked for the City of Big Spring for several years, retiring

in 2003.

He is survived by three sons, Richard White and wife, Samantha of Coahoma, Robert White and wife, Belinda of San Antonio and Randy White of Romayor; one daughter, Cheryl Lockhart and husband, Mike of Big Spring; two sisters, Ola Mae Hale and Juanita White, both of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Lewis B. White and Clara Belle Cubal White; one brother, Doyle White; one sister, Bonnie Griffis; and two grandchildren, Micah Pearson and Joseph Pearson.

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

Andrew Prince

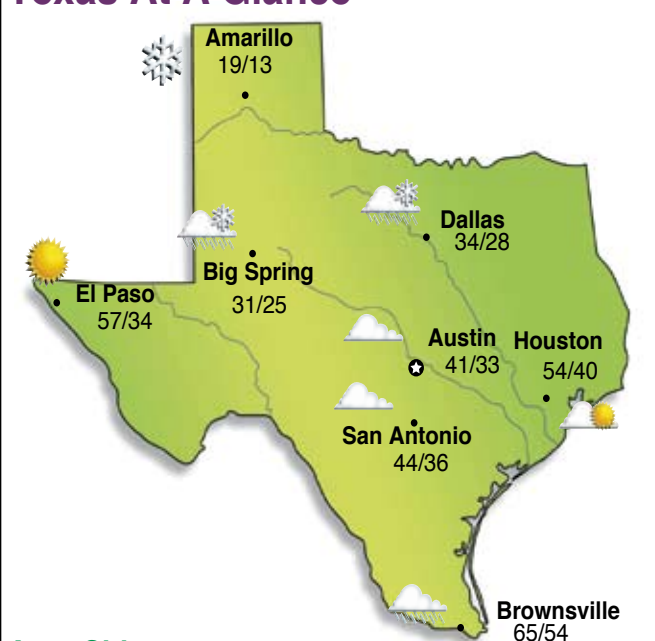
Andrew Prince, 71, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1	Mon 3/2	Tue 3/3	Wed 3/4
31/25 Cloudy with snow showers mainly during the morning. High 31F.	52/43 Mix of rain and ice in the morning.	72/44 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	66/52 Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.	75/45 Windy with times of sun and clouds.
Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM



Texas At A Glance



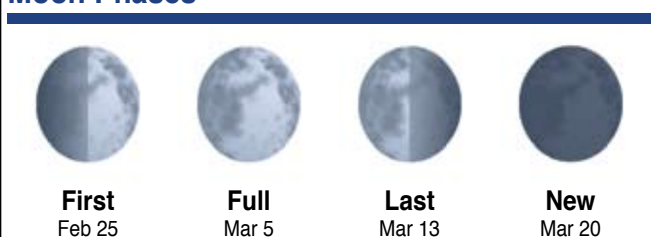
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	28	25	sn shower	Kingsville	55	49	rain
Amarillo	19	13	snow	Livingston	49	35	pt sunny
Austin	41	33	cloudy	Longview	36	27	cloudy
Beaumont	53	35	mst sunny	Lubbock	25	17	snow
Brownsville	65	54	rain	Lufkin	48	34	pt sunny
Brownwood	31	24	cloudy	Midland	31	27	sn shower
Corpus Christi	56	48	windy	Raymondville	60	54	rain
Corsicana	36	28	cloudy	Rosenberg	54	39	pt sunny
Dallas	34	28	sn shower	San Antonio	44	36	cloudy
Del Rio	41	37	cloudy	San Marcos	43	35	cloudy
El Paso	57	34	sunny	Sulphur Springs	31	28	sn shower
Fort Stockton	40	31	pt sunny	Sweetwater	28	23	sn shower
Gainesville	30	24	sn shower	Tyler	36	29	cloudy
Greenville	32	26	sn shower	Weatherford	31	25	sn shower
Houston	54	40	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	28	23	snow

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	29	pt sunny	Minneapolis	18	2	sunny
Boston	26	6	mst sunny	New York	31	11	cloudy
Chicago	18	-2	sunny	Phoenix	64	52	rain
Dallas	34	28	sn shower	San Francisco	61	50	windy
Denver	26	11	sn shower	Seattle	53	38	rain
Houston	54	40	pt sunny	St. Louis	24	13	mst sunny
Los Angeles	65	53	mst sunny	Washington, DC	29	20	sunny
Miami	79	70	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 2/28	Sun 3/1	Mon 3/2	Tue 3/3	Wed 3/4
3	3	6	3	6
Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	High

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

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- BRASHARA KAYE BROWN, 22, of 9615 Jay Rd. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- GABRIEL XAVIER CROSSMAN, 18, of 2624 Hunter St. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

- ANDRES NIETO, 45, of 212 Circle Dr. was arrested on warrants for hindering officers discharging official duties and a warrant for another agency.
- ROSENDO SUBIA ROBLES JR., 35, of 1302 Lincoln Ave was arrested on a warrant for another agency.
- EFRON VITAL

Police blotter

CHAVEZ, 51, of 522 Bailey St. was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended with previous convictions.

• THEFT was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 2nd St. and the 800 W. FM 700.

• SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the intersection of Gregg St. and FM 700.

• DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore St.

• ROBBERY was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 700.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of E. FM 700.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous

meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and

friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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



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Department of Public Safety officials are asking motorists to exercise caution on area roads which have been slickened by ice and snow which passed through the Crossroads early today.

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to freeze first.

- Carry extra warm coats, gloves and boots in case you get stranded.
- If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you feel you have regained traction and then straighten your vehicle. Likewise, AAA offers some tips and advice for winter weather driving and car care:
 - Make sure that your tires are properly inflated.
 - Keep your gas tank

at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.

- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snow weather.
- Watch weather reports prior to long trips.
- Accelerate and Decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floorboard.

News in brief

House conservatives say DHS funding lapse is OK if it puts pressure on Obama immigration order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders eager to avert a partial government shutdown are getting heat from conservative colleagues who ask what the fuss is all about. Numerous House Republicans say it's preferable to let the Homeland Security Department go unfunded for a few days, at least, if that's the cost of undoing a White House immigration policy they consider unlawful. These lawmakers say the impact on national security would be minimal, as would the political risks. "Shutting down" the agency known as DHS "is a set of words that don't really have the meaning that people attribute to it," said Republican Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama. "There was hardly any effect whatsoever on the Department of Homeland Security from the last shutdown, and I would anticipate a similar effect this time."

Israeli leader defiantly fights against looming Iran nuke deal, despite heated spat with Obama

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu heads to Washington next week on a last-gasp effort to seal what he hopes will become his signature achievement:

preventing Iran from attaining a nuclear weapon. But the centerpiece of the visit, a much-hyped speech to Congress arguing against the international community's emerging nuclear deal with the Islamic Republic, has been overshadowed by a damaging battle with the White House and electoral intrigue back home. By accepting a back-door invitation from House Speaker John Boehner that bypassed the White House, Netanyahu has inserted himself into the heart of the bitter U.S. partisan divide and seen his already troubled relations with President Barack Obama's administration reach a new low. In exceptionally harsh language, the U.S. national security adviser, Susan Rice, has called the speech "destructive."

At home, Netanyahu is being accused of cynically turning the speech into a campaign stop ahead of March 17 elections, insisting on confronting Obama to distract from scandals and domestic issues dogging his re-election bid. The uproar has even pushed aside debate over his key argument that Iran's nuclear weapons-making capabilities will be left largely intact.

The U.S. administration is refusing to meet with him and appears to be considering ways of undercutting him. The White House has already said it is scaling back on the intelligence it typically shares with Israel, some pro-Israel Democrats are skipping his speech and Jewish American groups have spoken out against

the visit.

East Ukraine rebels withdraw rocket launchers from front line in compliance with cease-fire

NOVOAMVROSIIVSKE, Ukraine (AP) — Separatist fighters in east Ukraine moved rocket launchers to a location 70 kilometers (43 miles) back from the front line with government troops Friday in the first confirmed compliance with a cease-fire agreed earlier this month.

Associated Press journalists in the morning followed four trucks carrying Grad launchers from the rebel stronghold of Donetsk to a cement factory in the village of Novoamvrosiivske, near the Russian border.

The pullback of heavy weapons was supposed to have started over a week ago under a deal agreed by the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to end fighting in Ukraine that has killed nearly 5,800 people since April.

The process is being overseen by hundreds of monitors with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which has complained that

both sides in the conflict have delayed and impeded weapons withdrawal.

As Islamic State group advances in Iraq, business is booming for Kurdish gunsmith

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — In gunsmith Bahktiyar Sadr-Aldeen's workshop in this Kurdish city in northern Iraq, every weapon has a story. These days, there are lots of stories to tell.

Sadr-Aldeen, an Iraqi Kurd, has seen his business shoot up by 50 percent since last June, when the Islamic State group took over the Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Irbil. The Kurdish fighting force known as the peshmerga has been at war against the Sunni extremists ever since, keeping Aldeen busy.

"Now the whole of Iraq is in war because of Daesh," said Sadr-Aldeen, using one of the Islamic State group's alternative names.

"Weapons naturally break during the fighting, and there's no professional company that can fix these weapons," he said.

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prove self-esteem.

On a daily basis they provide tutoring, provide healthy snacks, provide prayer and devotional, and a variety of other activities. The facility is open to them from 2:30 p.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We try to teach mor-

als and life lessons," said Duane Shackelford, Boys and Girls Club Director.

"I want to inspire them to be better people tomorrow than they are today."

Shackelford has been with the Big Spring Boys and Girls Club for two years, but he was with the Abilene Boys and Girls Club for 15 years, so he has brought a treasure trove of experience with him.

"We try to teach them morals and life lessons," said Shackelford.

"United Way helps a lot of organizations and all they ask is for us to do one fundraiser," said Shackelford.

For more information, please contact Duane Shackelford at 432-267-8239.

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against the best bands in the state in its class.

The competition is set for the first weekend in May in Austin. The road

to Austin is going to be very familiar for a number of Big Spring band students who will return the third weekend in May for stay Solo and Ensemble contest.

"For the first time in history that I've been

band director at Big Spring, all our ensemble groups and our one soloist who competed at Regional contests earned Is," Harris said., "About 50 of our students qualified for state contest."

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cause of inclement weather.

As for municipal offices, Howard County and city of Big Spring offices were expected to open offices at 10 a.m.

According to the National Weather Service, a strong cold front moved through the area bringing much colder air into the region. Snow fell across southeastern New Mexico and the northern Permian Basin.

The greatest amount of snow fall is expected to occur this morning,

however, don't expect the sun to help out and burn off the accumulation as today's high is not expected to get above 24 degrees and remain cloudy. Caution is advise when traveling on roads today.

The Texas Department of Transportation is reporting currently conditions on Interstate 20 and Highway 87 in Howard County this morning as low visibility caused from blowing snow, ice on roads and ice and snow on bridges

and overpasses. TxDOT is patrolling and plowing the roads.

Hazardous road conditions may continue through the rest of today, tonight and Saturday morning with a 40 percent chance of snow and sleet for tonight with lows around 24 degrees and a 30 percent chance of rain, freezing rain and sleet Saturday morning. Temperatures are expected to go above freezing Saturday with an expected high in the mid-40s.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The truth always matters

A New York Times article this past Tuesday titled, “Teenage Girl Leaves for ISIS, and Others Follow,” by Kimiko[1] de Freytas-Tamura, struck close to home for me.

The three young women who left London to enlist in ISIS in Syria were 16, 15 and 15.

My daughter is 15.

“The apparent trend of studious, seemingly driven young women leaving home to join violent jihadists has become disturbingly familiar,” according to Freytas-Tamura. They were possibly recruited by another woman who had fled England for ISIS in 2013, Aqsa Mahmood.

“The young women — Kadiza Sultana, 16; Ms. Begum, 15; and Amira Abase, 15 — were described by a classmate as studious, argumentative and driven, not unlike Ms. Mahmood ... Ms. Begum, who sent a Twitter message to Ms. Mahmood, asked her own followers before she left to ‘keep me in your duas,’ or prayers.”

Shocking to think that a 16-year-old and two 15-year-olds could board an international flight.

Shocking to think that while young women and men are being recruited by ISIS, our leaders are still avoiding the truth of the conflict. But that is what is happening.

While the new recruits are asking for prayers, President Barack Obama is shifting the language regarding who we are fighting to “violent extremism” and avoiding the truth.

“Al-Qaida and ISIL and groups like it are desperate for legitimacy. They try to portray themselves as religious leaders — holy warriors in defense of Islam,” Obama said last week



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at the Summit on Countering Violent Extremism: “That’s why ISIL presumes to declare itself the ‘Islamic State.’ And they propagate the notion that America — and the West, generally — is at war with Islam. ... They are not religious leaders — they’re terrorists. And we are not at war with Islam. We are at war with people who have perverted Islam.”

Obama wrapped an untruth with a truth in the hopes that it would not be untangled.

The truth is that we are not at war with Islam.

The untruth is his avoidance of the correct label for who is at war with us. The answer: Islamism, or radical Islam.

It is not we who are at war with them; it is they who are at war with us. We were not given the choice.

But to ignore them is at our own peril.

Christian Whiton, former diplomat, lays out in his book, “Smart Power: Between Diplomacy and War,” a critical error in that “two distinct but overlapping elements” were neither clearly identified nor articulated to the American public. He identifies them as Islam and Islamism.

“The former is a religion of nearly a quarter of the world’s population; the latter is a political ideology whose central tenet is unifying government, and Islam and is advocated by a small subset of Muslims.” Without our awareness of the situation, it is not possible for us to create a strategy to win.

Instead, the administration has decided to intermix activities of ISIS with all violent extremism.

The activities of violent extremists are viewed most often as terrorism. Terrorism is a tactic used by people and groups in an attempt to win the political, social or religious goal that they have. It is not in itself a belief system.

The belief system itself, Islamism or radical Islam, as

defined above, is “a political ideology whose central tenet is unifying government, and Islam and is advocated by a small subset of Muslims.”

Our belief system as Americans runs counter to theirs, regardless of the tactics that they use. Our system embraces freedom and diversity; theirs embraces adherence and purity.

Obama commented on this belief as well last week, “The reality — which, again, many Muslim leaders have spoken to — is that there’s a strain of thought that doesn’t embrace violence ... but does buy into the idea that Islam is incompatible with modernity or tolerance, or that it’s been polluted by Western values.”

But then Obama talks about our responsibility to address political and economic grievances. The reality is while the grievances might cause cracks, it is the ideology of Islamism, or radical Islam itself, that is the draw.

“Women who join the Islamic State try to entice other women to marry militants and help them build a new, retrograde Islamic society,” according to Freytas-Tamura.

This lays out the argument that the three young women who boarded the plane from Heathrow, on a journey to Syria, were not going to become part of a violent extremism movement; but instead were persuaded by those who talked of a unifying ideology and a promise of “a new, retrograde Islamic society.”

To win, we must first be honest with who is against us, regardless of whether we are against them.

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Politicians for local control — maybe

The people of Denton, Texas, recently voted to ban fracking within the city limits. They were tired of the noise, lights and fumes caused by the 277 gas wells, some placed right next to housing developments. A blowout in 2013 covered homes in clouds of benzene. Some had to be evacuated.

One can hardly blame the citizens for trying to regulate industrial activity in a populated area unless one is the governor of Texas. Greg Abbott has denounced the vote and decisions by other local governments to regulate junkyards and ban litter-prone plastic bags as an affront to the “Texan model,” often defined as letting businesses do pretty much as they please.

The party in power at one level of government is understandably tempted to push around a lower level. Liberals do it. Conservatives do it. The difference is that conservatives profess to deplore such interference. Sadly, support for local control often evaporates when such principles run up against the interests of moneyed backers.

Listen to Gov. Abbott talking to the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Local governments risk turning the “Texas miracle” into the “California nightmare,” he said. “Large cities that represent about 75 percent of the population in (Texas) are doing this to us.”

Large cities representing 75 percent of the population sounds like a whole lot of Texans. Makes you wonder who “us” is. Perhaps a state-run program to re-indoctrinate the peasants might be in order.

Similar battles are playing out in other places. Athens, Ohio,

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voted to ban fracking, but the Ohio Supreme Court just ruled that local governments can’t do that. They are clashing with the state’s “executive authority” on oil and gas drilling.

Conservatives running the Florida and Louisiana state governments are fighting local plans to raise minimum wages.

The restaurants don’t want to.

“The state legislature is the best place to determine wage and hour law,” a spokesman for the National Restaurant Association told The New York Times, “This is not the kind of policy that should be determined jurisdiction by jurisdiction.”

Actually, the local jurisdiction is one of the better places to set a minimum wage. The cost of living in New York City is much higher than it is across the state in Buffalo, and so might the minimum wage be. Seattle might want to try out a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, while less

rich parts of Washington stick with the state minimum of \$9.47 an hour, itself well above the national minimum of \$7.25.

A number of cities across the country, as well as three counties in California, have approved fracking bans. Even Fort Collins in energy-rich Colorado has done so. But Texas, as those tourist ads said, is “like a whole other country” when it comes to showing deference to energy producers and purveyors of plastic bags.

At least the governor thinks so. He seems to see the locals’ efforts to set rules for their communities as evidence of creeping collectivism.

This prompted the following retort in a Dallas Morning News editorial: “Allowing Austin to make single-size decisions for local governments instead of allowing them to tailor unique solutions sounds an awful lot like central state planning to us.”

Some conservatives are reportedly hopping mad over the state’s efforts to curb the right of their local governments to control their own destiny. Tea party folks, in particular, are known for hostility toward crony capitalism — the alliance of big business and government officials.

Abbott’s allies in turn accuse them of being closet socialists working in the interests of Russia. How ironic. The way the locals can show that they’re not tools of Russia, the fracking forces say, is by acting like serfs.

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Did You Ever Wonder? Jacob wrestles the angel

As Jacob continued his journey toward his home in Canaan, the road he used took him very near the home of his brother Esau. Although it had been almost 20 years, Jacob had reason to believe that Esau still held hatred for him in his heart. Jacob sent messengers to Esau, entreating his good will. They came back with the message that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men. This sounded as if



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Esau intended to attack him and it frightened Jacob. Jacob divided the people with him and his flocks and herds into two camps with a distance between them. His plan was that, if Esau attacked the first camp, perhaps the second camp would survive. Jacob prayed, asking God to rescue him from Esau. He repeated what the Lord had said to him previously, "I will surely do good with you and I will make your offspring like the sand of the sea which is too numerous to count." (This is a good way to pray. Find in Scripture where God has promised something and quote it back to him in prayer. He honors His Word.)

Although Jacob trusted in God's blessing, he did his part also. He put forth an offering of friendship with Esau. He sent large amounts of goats, sheep, cattle, camels and donkeys ahead of him to appease Esau. The River Jabbok, which flows into the Jordan River, separated Jacob's two camps. He decided to move the second camp, containing his wives and children, across the river before dark. Possibly having forgotten something, Jacob went back across the river alone. Dark caught him there, so he spent the night alone. A second time, while Jacob slept, an angel appeared to him; this angel wrestled with him.

Stop for a minute and consider where Jacob is located at this time. Do you remember I suggested that the angels ascending and descending on the staircase might be the "changing of the guard" as Jacob was leaving the Promised Land? Now he is just about to cross back into the Promised Land. Although I believe that God is all-powerful and in control of the outcome, He has given us the power to decide if we will serve Him or make sin our god. God has assigned angels or Princes as the guardian of each nation. Dan 10:13 speaks of the Prince of Persia delaying the angel Gabriel from coming to Daniel's aid. However, God,

Himself, is the guardian over the Hebrews and the Promised Land. So, God's promise to Abraham and his descendants is strongly tied to the Land. God's protection over Abraham's descendants, therefore, would be stronger inside the Land. Does it seem this angel was trying to prevent Jacob from re-entering the Promised Land? Some sages say he was Esau's guardian angel (Satan, himself?) trying to kill Jacob before he was safely back under the protection of the angels of the Land. But Jacob studied and followed God's Word which tells us that God wants us to choose to love Him; so he was

what I call "prayed up." Jacob truly had God's favor. Jacob and the angel wrestled all night and the angel could not overpower Jacob. The angel asked Jacob to release him because it was almost dawn; but Jacob would not give up. Jacob called the place Peniel - "For I have seen the Divine face to face, yet my life was spared." Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



Church News

Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:45, a.m. and Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the new sermon series "A New and Living Way" which is a verse-by-verse examination of Ephesians 4. Drawn from Ephesians 4:7-13, the morning message is titled "The Outward Focused Life", and challenges each believer to couple their faith with action so that others may be blessed, and God glorified. If you are unable to

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. The Wednesday Lenten Luncheon will be at First United Methodist Church, with Raul Garcia as speaker. On March 11, at First Christian Church, Monseigneur Bernard Gully of Holy Trinity Parish will be the guest speaker; March 18, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Rev. Ken McIntosh of First Christian Church will speak; and March 25, at First Baptist Church, the Rev. Carroll Kohl, of Christ Alive Lutheran, is the speaker. 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. Last Sunday Youth members Glen Burch, Mia Burch, and Jake Patterson served as Lectors during worship. Kim Villanueva is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Communion servers are Claudie and Rip Patterson, Don Boling, Lane Reynolds, and Danny Kennemur. Ushers for the month are Kim Brown, Kay Kennemur, Sarah Salinas, and John Yater. Helen Glass is Lector.

Birdwell Lane church of Christ
The church is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. On Sundays, Bible study is at 9 a.m. and worship service is at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Ladies class meets at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study and devotional begins at 7 p.m.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church
Join us Sunday as we gather to worship. Services are offered at 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m., and are held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. Wednesday's at 6 p.m., we meet at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for Bible Study and fellowship. For additional information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Waltherhouse at: jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church
The starting date for our Monday morning Ladies' Bible Study group was postponed due to the icy weather. Join us Monday, March 2, at 9:30 a.m. as we begin the study "Fight Back With Joy" by Margaret Feinberg. The study is also offered on Wednesday's at 5:30 p.m. Come in the west doors, turn right, and take first right at the end of the corridor. Child care will be provided. For more information, call 263-1958 or 267-8223. Come celebrate a great season of Upward Basketball at 7 p.m. Saturday Feb. 28, in our Sanctuary. The awards ceremony will feature special guest Peter Nestler, 7 time World Jump Rope Champion, so bring a friend and enjoy this special time.

attend, watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org
Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m., and are available for all age groups. Greeters are happy to assist you in finding a class, and direct you to coffee.
The children's Bible based program AWANA starts at 5:30 p.m.. All area children grades kindergarten through sixth are welcome; there is no fee to attend.
Evening worship service begins at 6 p.m., and is a wonderful way to ready your spirit for a new week. Pastor Lindsey continues to lead us through an in-depth exploration of the Old Testament in the evening message.
Youth group also gathers at 6 p.m.; contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for meeting place.
Tuesday our Triple LLL(Living Longer & Loving It) group meets at noon in the dining room. Bring a friend, enter through the east kitchen doors, and enjoy a time of great fellowship and tasty food.
Saturday March 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parlor, the community is invited to celebrate longtime Big Spring resident and FBC member Neal Bryant's 90th birthday.
Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by activities which include: Adult Choir practice; prayer time and Bible Study; Youth Group; and children's mission groups. Join us Wednesday for lasagna.
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When the Apostle Paul was encouraging the young preacher Timothy to remain faithful even through difficult times and persecution, he told Timothy to remember the things he had learned from childhood. Timothy's mother and grandmother had taught him and instilled a faith in him based upon the holy scriptures (2 Timothy 1:5). Paul would explain why Timothy should believe in the scriptures and continue in that learning. 2 Timothy 3:14-17, But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be compe-



GREG SURLES

tent, equipped for every good work. Where did everything come from? Why am I here? What's going to happen to me when I die? People have pondered these questions for ages. The majority of people in America claim to be Christians and I am sure that the majority of the people here in our community would call themselves Christians. So where do we go to find the answers to these questions? Can the Bible answer these questions? I want you to think about these things for a reason. Either the Bible is inspired or it is not. It is the God-given truth or it is not. That is what we must realize. Many people have relegated the Bible to simply an old, old book that has some good thoughts and lessons in it. The stuff we don't want to accept is pushed over into the "myth" or "legend" categories. We tend to focus on the feel-good stuff and do not worry about the rest. Look at most of the "Bibles" being sold now. There are many "Daily Devotional" Bibles or "Insert special group of people Study Bible." We are almost treating God's word like a Mother Goose book or a collection of fables (those stories that are sometimes silly

or over-exaggerated to teach a lesson). We can't have it both ways. We want to believe the parts of the Bible that tell us God is love and wants everyone to be saved. We will listen to Jesus when He tells us to be nice to each other and not judge (That is a whole other article right there, but that is not what Jesus is saying in Matthew 7:1-5. He is telling us to get our own lives right before we try to correct and instruct someone else). But that goes with the point I am trying to make, that we will pick and choose verses that we like or make us feel good about ourselves and not even try to see what the whole message is. I could go on and on, but I will conclude by asking the question again: Do I really believe the Bible is God's word? We all must answer that for ourselves. Also, it is of no value to just say it when our words, thoughts, and actions don't agree with it. Luke 6:46, Why do you call me "Lord, Lord," and not do what I tell you? Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane church of Christ.

CHURCH

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The lectionary for Second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon and officiate at communion. The choir will present "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester" by L. J. White as the offertory anthem.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the 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." March will usher us into the topic "A Love of Family." During this series of messages, for the entire month, we will look at the biblical concept of marriage, parenting and forgiveness.

Today from 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. our Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry will be gathering at The Meet and Greet, 2906 W 8th St., Big Spring, TX (formerly known as Skateland) for a Pool Party. Bring a dish to share. Be ready for a warm fire, warm pool, and warm fellowship.

Friday, March 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday March 14, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. join us at 706 E. 12th St. in the main sanctuary. Our Marriage Ministry will be hosting the XO: Marriage Conference Simulcast.

On Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m. the Far Above Rubies Women's

Ministry will be gathering at 2906 W. 8th St., The Meet and Greet. The theme this time is "The Color Green" so make sure you wear the color green and bring a dish to share.

Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. our Single's Ministry will be gathering on St. Patrick's Day at Bowl-A-Rama. Come out and join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

Lastly, join us Wednesday 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 MisfitsLounge. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30am 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.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

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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 will begin a new bible study in the coming weeks. The youth are studying "120 Bible Stories."

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is titled R.I.P. It is based on Romans 5:1-11.

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." 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 four weeks, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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

First Church of the Nazarene

We have many life groups that meet Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and we hope you will join us. Just to name a few are "The Full Armor of God" on how to defend your life from Satans schemes meets in the Glass Class, a study on the Book of Galatians in the church conference room, Thrive for Young adults meetings in the gym classroom, and, starting this Sunday there will be a class for married couple to attend as well.

We meet weekly in the church sanctuary every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

We hope you will join us for services and classes: Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes area 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 starting 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. You can also catch up on previous services by going to nazfamily.org

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First Christian Church

Did you know that Sundays are not included in the days of Lent? This means those of us who decided to give up something as a spiritual discipline get a reprieve on Sundays.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

Your left-hand opponent deals and bids Three Clubs, both sides vulnerable, and your partner doubles. After your right-hand opponent passes, what would you bid with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ Q962 ♥ J962 ♦ 753 ♣ 43
2. ♠ KQ96 ♥ KQ96 ♦ J53 ♣ 42
3. ♠ Q853 ♥ 72 ♦ KJ984 ♣ 65
4. ♠ K109642 ♥ 10 ♦ KQ65 ♣ 73

1. **Three hearts.** Partner's double is for takeout, so you cannot pass merely because you have a poor hand. The only real problem is whether to bid three hearts or three spades.

Three hearts is better even though your spades are slightly stronger. Bidding three hearts increases your chances of finding the best trump suit because it leaves partner room to bid three spades if he is so inclined, while three spades does not allow partner to bid hearts on the three-level. Occasionally this might result in losing a superior heart fit.

2. **Four clubs.** You have a game-going hand opposite a partner who almost surely has at least 14 points. But rather than guess whether the best game (or slam) contract lies in hearts or spades, you force partner to choose trumps by cuebidding the enemy suit. The four-club bid does not guarantee first-round control of

clubs, but is better used in these circumstances to show game-going values with uncertainty as to which suit should be trump.

3. **Three spades.** The primary purpose of a pre-emptive bid is to make it difficult for the opponents to find their best contract. That is the case here, where you must choose whether to bid three diamonds or three spades.

Either bid could turn out right or wrong, so all you can do is to try to judge which is more likely to prove successful in the long run. Most experts would probably bid three spades, contending that partner is more apt to consider whether to carry on to game in spades (10 tricks) than in diamonds (11 tricks).

4. **Four spades.** Here you should bid what you think you can make. It would be dead wrong to bid only three spades, which is what you'd do with a hand containing much less — possibly even no values whatsoever. Your hand is certainly much better than that.

Furthermore, jumping to four spades might stir partner into bidding a slam if he has extra values. With something like ♠ AQxx ♥ Axxx ♦ AJxx ♣ x, he would certainly act over a four-spade bid, but might even consider passing a three-spade response.

Tomorrow: Circumventing a guess.

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WJCAC Champions!

Hawks grab share of conference title with win over WTC



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Members of the Howard College Hawks' men's basketball team wrapped up a share of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title on Thursday with a win over Western Texas. The Hawks, who honored their sophomore players following the game, enter the Region V tournament at 22-7.

HC to advance to Region V tourney as No. 1 or No. 2 seed

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

With just over 10 minutes left in regulation and his team holding a shaky two-point lead at 45-43 against Western Texas College, Howard College head coach Scott Raines called a time out and gathered his players around.

His message was simple – be a champion. “You look like a fighter. You act like a fighter. When are you going to fight?” he yelled. “Fighters win championships. You guys have talked about winning championships ... Fight for it!”

Raines answered the Hawks' challenge in a big way. Howard College, playing in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 30-17 run over the final 10:47 to salt away a 77-60 victory.

In the process, they also claimed a share of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship. The Hawks, 22-7 overall, finished the WJCAC race with an 11-3 record, and tied for the conference title with South Plains College.

“These guys never cease to amaze me,” said Raines. “A week ago, most people probably would have given us much of a chance at being co-champions. But we went into Hobbs and stopped their 18-game home win streak and then came out today and battled. This team has so many guys that can step up. They're certainly deserving of being champions.”

With the win, Howard College assured itself of either a first- or second-place seed at the upcoming Region V Basketball Tournament, which tips off on March 4 in Brownwood. South Plains and Howard College officials were scheduled to hold a coin-toss on Friday morning to determine the seeding order.

Western Texas certainly didn't make the job easy. The Westerners posted a torrid run to start the second half to erase an HC lead that had reached as much as 14 shortly before the end of the first half.

Western Texas, 12-16 overall and 3-13 in conference, outscored the Hawks by a 16-9 clip in the first 9:26 of the second half and pulled to within a bucket, and prompting Raines to call for a full time out.

“Are you a fighter or what?” he screamed. “What memory are you going to leave with?”

Just seconds after the time out, freshman Rob Gray ignited a 6-2 run by draining a three-point shot from the top of the key. The HC staked the Hawks to a 53-47 lead.

Less than a minute later, Niels Bunschoten drove the final nail in the WTC coffin with a three-point shot from the left wing. Bunschoten's trey put the Hawks up by six, at 58-52, with 5:11 to play.

Lis Shoshi, one of seven HC players making their final appearance in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, followed moments later by turning a pass from Will Ferguson into a reverse layup and a 65-54 cushion.

The Hawks reeled off a 12-6 run over the final 2:53 to seal the win. The Hawks collected 13 of their final 15 points by going 11-for-13 from the free throw line in the final 3:17 of play.

Howard College played well in the first half, building a 38-27 advantage in the initial 20 minutes of play.

Gray led all HC scorers in the contest by throwing in a game-high 26.

Finley and Shoshi also turned in stellar outings. Finley pumped in 17 points, while Shoshi chalked up a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.



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Howard College sophomore Sam Finley pushes up a shot for a basket during the second half of the Hawks' 77-60 win over Western Texas College on Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks used a 30-17 run in the final 10 minutes of play to claim the victory in front of a large Homecoming crowd.

Lady Hawks finish season with 69-65 loss

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks, sparked by double-digit efforts from Monica Perez, Rosemary Rits and Courtney Jeffcoat, closed out their 2014-15 season with a 69-65 loss to Western Texas College on Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

With the loss, the HC women finished the year at 9-21 overall, and 2-12 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

The Western Texas College women, with their win, kept their postseason hopes alive. The win over the Lady Hawks enabled WTC to tie Frank Phillips for fourth in the conference standings and force

a one-game playoff to determine the WJCAC's No. 4 seed at the Region V Basketball Tournament next week.

The Lady Hawks, who finished the year by winning three of their final six games, played WTC close all night. In fact, Perez knocked down a three-point shot at the 7:32 mark of the second half to put HC up 55-54.

Western Texas used a 6-2 run in the final 5:06 to net the win.

Perez finished the game with 17 points. Rits and Jeffcoat added 15 and 14, respectively.

Tamara York also played well for the Lady Hawks. She finished with eight points and 12 rebounds.

HC, SPC to hold coin toss to decide seeds

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

After 29 games spread over three months, and four levels of tie-breakers, the Howard College Hawks and South Plains College Texans found themselves right where they were when the 2014-15 season began on Thursday night – tied.

Following their respective wins on Thursday, HC and SPC finished the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race with identical 112 marks. They also finished tied in head-to-head matchups, against the top three WJCAC opponents.

Based on conference guidelines, if two teams are tied in the standings and through the first four tie-breakers, the next way to solve the No. 1 or No. 2 seed for the Region V tournament is to simply flip a coin to determine seeding ... which is what HC and SPC officials will do later today.

The winner of the coin toss will advance as the No. 1 seed in the Region V tournament, which begins on Mar. 4 in Brownwood. The loser will be the No. 2 seed.

New Mexico Junior College and New Mexico Military will advance as the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds, respectively.



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Howard College's Rosemary Rits drives past a Western Texas defender for a basket during the Lady Hawks' season finale on Thursday.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). In some cultures, subordinates check in with their superiors before making any decision at all. You would rather not have this dynamic. Each person empowered to do their thing independently -- that's what works for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). All over the world, when people fold their arms in front of their chest, it means they feel defensive. It's usually a mild barrier, and when you see it, you'll work a little harder to get someone to open up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's only one like you; therefore, you needn't worry about saying something that's never been said before. Even if you repeat someone else's message, you'll personalize it in a way that's all you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because of your stellar work ethic, if you spend time following, enjoying and studying your idols, it feels like you are loafing off. That couldn't be further from the truth. This is how you get inspired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Theoretically, the sun is in the process of setting just after it reaches its highest point in the sky. But those pretty colors splashed across the horizon only last a few minutes. It will be lucky, inspiring and love-attracting to watch the sunset.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Before you get discouraged or start

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WEEKEND LOVE

FORECAST: ARIES: One seems to need more space, and the other needs more contact. You'll meet in the middle.

TAURUS: There's something you want to say, and you should do it face-to-face, not digitally. **GEMINI:** You are an independent person, but let your loved one help you anyway. It's good for the relationship.

CANCER: The better you are at reading the other person the happier you'll be together. **LEO:** You let the other person talk more because you want to learn his or her secret heart. **VIRGO:** The one leaning toward you is interested in being more than just friends. **LIBRA:** Beware: People who post incessantly on social media about how great their lives are may be compensating for a deep-rooted insecurity.

SCORPIO: The humor you share indicates similar values and thought processes. **SAGITTARIUS:** Like a poker champion, you'll tune in to the nervous habits, ticks and "tells" that others unconsciously project. **CAPRICORN:** The one who frequents your dreams will soon come into your life. In the meantime, don't stop dreaming. **AQUARIUS:** Love is easy sometimes, hard other times. Going through the rough patches makes the relationship deeper. **PISCES:** The compassion a partner shows family members indicates what's coming your way.

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Annie's Mailbox®



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I've been married to "Lily" for 15 years, and we have two teenagers. We've built a good life. But Lily is an unhappy person. And while I've not been an angel, she never acknowledges that her unhappiness contributes to our problems. She walks around with a chip on her shoulder.

Lily is a stay-at-home mom, but she does no cooking and the house is a mess. She's made it clear that when I want to speak to her, I need to do it when she's not reading, surfing the Internet or watching TV. Even though I have to get up at 4 a.m., she insists on doing puzzles in bed with the light on. When I return home, she never greets me. I have to go over to the sofa where she is sitting in order to give her a kiss hello, which annoys her because I'm disturbing her TV watching.

When Lily is immersed in a project (family genealogy, high school reunion, whatever), she neglects the entire family and sees nothing wrong with it. While she does not want me associating with any friends I had prior to our marriage, she regularly entertains her ex-husband (when I'm out of town), dresses up for him and cooks dinner for him. Yet she is outrageously jealous of any female I associate with, even a colleague.

I could barely tolerate this when Lily was on antidepressants, but she stopped a year ago, and things got worse. She'd

scream at me and our youngest daughter for no reason. She became paranoid that I was having an affair and, with no evidence, declared herself a victim of infidelity and asked for a divorce.

So I met

with a divorce lawyer and was surprised to hear from a large number of friends and family who were past targets of Lily's screaming fits and were willing to say so in court. I've asked Lily to go for counseling, but she refuses. She stopped seeing the last counselor when he said she needed to work on herself. Things have settled down because she's on another project and ignoring us. But I worry about what she's doing to our youngest daughter. Would it be wrong to research how to have her committed? -- Frightened for My Girls

Dear Frightened: That seems extreme. Lily sounds severely depressed and possibly bipolar. The right medication and therapy could do wonders for her, but she has to be willing. Your girls are nearly adults. A better option for you might be divorce and custody. A judge could mandate therapy for Lily as a condition of seeing her children. Meanwhile, please contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) for information and referrals.

Dear Annie: I am friends with an out-of-state couple who visit me

briefly twice a year. I've known them for decades, and we share many good memories.

Since my husband's death, they feel the need to instruct me on how to handle everything in my life, including home maintenance, personal relationships and the brand of computer I use. When they leave, I am exhausted. They mean well, but I am capable and independent. How do I tactfully tell them to butt out? -- Baffled in Boston

Dear Baffled: If you cannot tolerate their intrusive bossiness twice a year, it's time to say, "I appreciate your concerns, but I'm managing very well, thanks." Repeat as needed, and ignore the rest.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Tired and Disgusted Other Half." I, too, was the other half. My ex-husband was always right about everything. I was put down in front of family and friends and made the butt of his jokes.

He controlled every aspect of our lives. I thought we were partners, but he made all the decisions. I stayed because I didn't think I could make it on my own. After 35 years, I finally left and couldn't be happier. It is never too late. -- Happy

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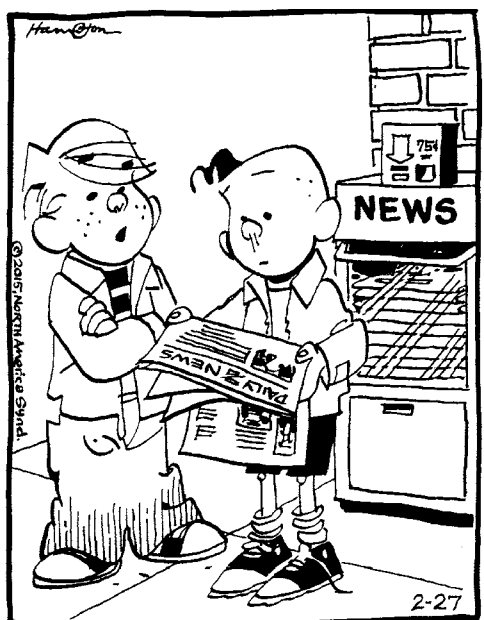
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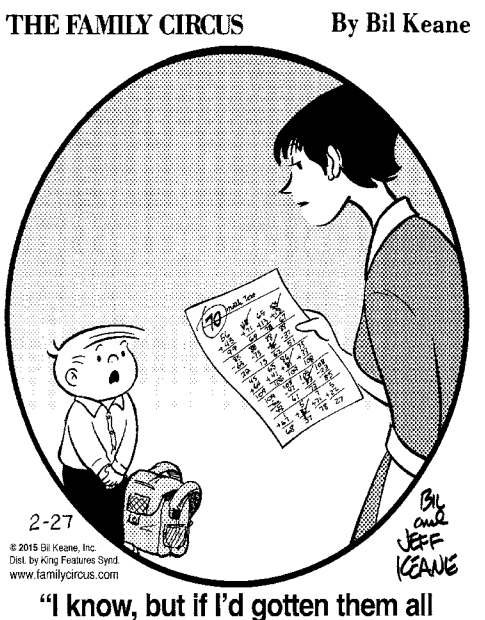
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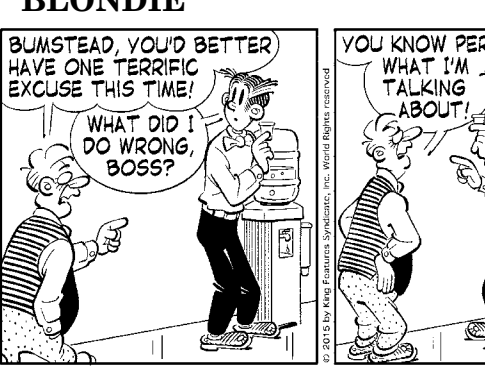


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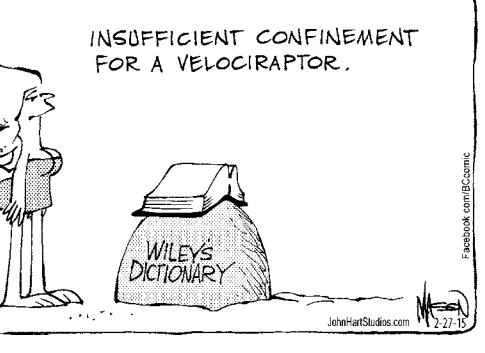
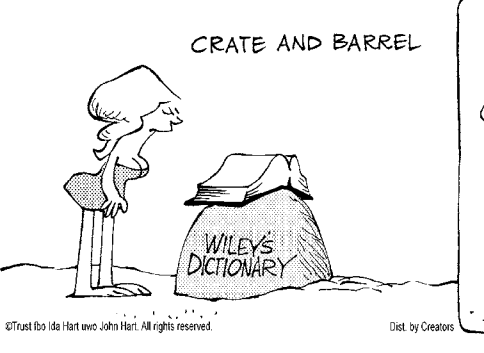
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2015. There are 307 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties. On this date: In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress. In 1814, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op.

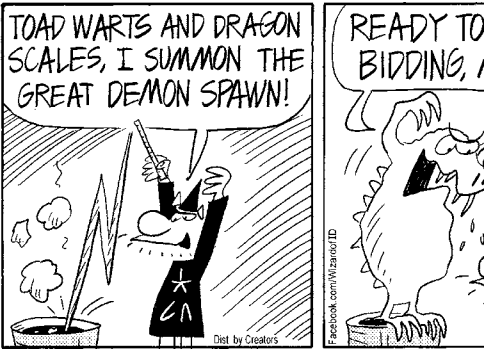
93, was first performed in Vienna. In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking. In 1922, the Supreme Court, in Leser v. Garnett, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote. In 1939, the Supreme Court, in National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., effectively outlawed sit-down strikes. Britain and France recognized the regime of Francisco Franco in Spain. In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. The U.S. government began circulating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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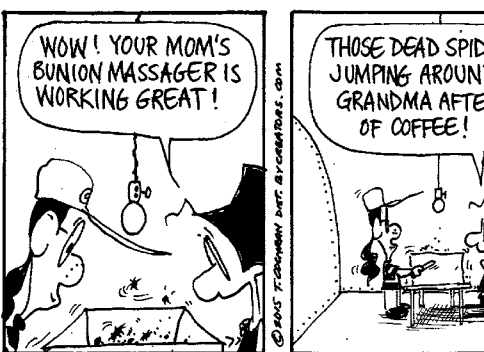
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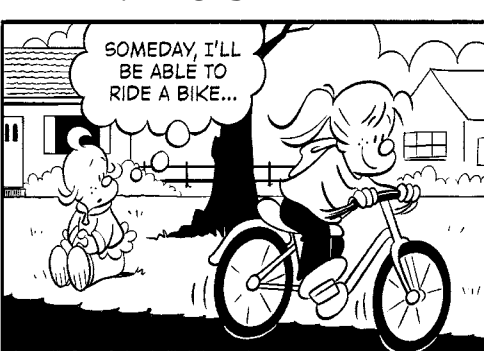
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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
1 It's south of Libya
5 Ballroom attire
9 Family-room fixture
14 Camera setting
15 Desperate Housewives role
16 Word often modifying "contested"
17 Soda can abbr.
18 Very well
19 Great quantity
20 "Rabbit of Seville" antagonist
22 Leaf on the cover of a Joplin rag
23 Spherical starter
24 Batman after Michael
25 Strand in St. Moritz, maybe
29 Anchor's venue
34 Subject of the musical George M!
35 Cough-syrup amts.
36 Agcy. concerned with hazmat
37 Far beyond annoyed
38 Way to go: Abbr.
39 Antecedent
40 Cost of leaving
41 Hidden bug
42 Make sense
43 Bold challenge
45 Long suits
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52 DVD format
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1 Casablanca setting
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4 Nod off
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8 Crave
9 Locomotive of tot TV
10 Anatomical pipes
11 Small progress
12 Airline name derived from Hosea
13 River rising near Edinburgh
21 Strasbourg's river
24 Bugs on wheels
25 Bookstore section
26 Aerospace warning org.
27 Second word of Gone With the Wind
28 Urban pipes
30 Foil relative
31 Out of one's thoughts
32 High-volume comment
33 Woodpile coverings
35 Small band
39 So last year
41 Rocky Mtn. state
44 Baby living on a cliff
45 Does, as a play
48 Depleted
49 Mark for removal
50 Karl's role in Patton
51 Drops from the sky
52 Bounding stride
53 Baseball-reference.com section
54 Starter for baking or minding
55 How some muffins taste
56 Airport security procedure

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CHURCH

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Forty days can be a long time without a Coca Cola or candy, but Sundays are actually a day of rest, even from our Lenten obligations. So, give yourself a break this Sunday and join us for worship as we observe the Second Sunday of the Lenten season. In the words of an old Cola advertisement: Sunday is the pause that refreshes!

This Sunday's worship will be led by Joyce Davis. Elders presiding for Communion are Shirley Lee and Shirley Burgess. Our pastor's sermon is titled El Shaddai. Based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, his message will focus on the promise God made to Abraham and Sarah and how keeping that promise resulted in a new name for God.

We were delighted when Paul and Donna Miller joined our church, and we gladly welcomed them into FCC membership.

Our Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on

Thursday with a brief business meeting at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon and program at noon in the FCC Fellowship Hall.

Finally, the 9th Annual Lenten Luncheons continues next Wednesday at noon at First United Methodist Church. All our welcomed to attend this wonderful ecumenical series.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will resume our series on Ordinary People. Our message is titled, "Out-numbered but Not Afraid," and comes from Numbers 14:1-9.

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 have begun a new Bible study called "Praying the Promises of God." Join us as we explore the many promises found in the Bible and discover how to incorporate those into our prayer life.

Our men's breakfast will be Saturday, March 7

at the Four Sands Café at 9 a.m.

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 6:00 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.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We are almost ready to start painting our new home in the Spring Town Plaza. If you would like to help by donating a gallon of paint, please contact Dorothy Nichols. We will need approximately 400 gallons and the cost of each gallon is \$35.00.

Youth and their families are invited to a Youth Fellowship on Sunday, March 1st at 5 p.m. at the church.

Anyone interested in attending the "Men's Summit" at Gateway church in Fort Worth March 5-6, may contact Lloyd Wells, Troy Tompkins or call the office.

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

New "Connection Groups" are meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. "Community Groups" meet Wednesday nights a various locations. Go to our website or call the church office for more information.

"Grief Share," a grief support group, meets Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, visit www.griefshare.org or contact the office.

Weekly Happenings:

Sunday

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. — "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m. to noon — Worship Service

Tuesday

Noon to 2 p.m. — Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

Noon — Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

6 p.m. — Pain Management Group meets at church.

Friday

7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday

7:30 a.m. — Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10 a.m. — "Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

Sunday

4 p.m. — "Grief Share" meets at SCF.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

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The community luncheons continues weekly starting at noon on Wednesdays from Feb. 25 through March 25, during the season of Lent. Donations to cover the cost of the meals appreciated.

- The schedule is as follows:
- Wednesday, 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.

Have an idea? Comment? Suggestion? Contact the Herald at 263-7331 or editor@bigspringherald.com