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Warrant roundup set for Saturday

Officials: Minor offense defendants need to pay up or risk arrest

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Defendants who have outstanding warrants or delinquent traffic, misdemeanor Class C citations have a chance to clear the offense without facing jail time during the 2016 Great Texas Warrant Roundup set for Saturday.

"We encourage everyone to come in," said Howard County Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Judge Connie Shaw. More than 300 jurisdictions

across Texas are combining in the effort designed to target defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants to clear the fines from the books, according to a press release from the of-

ice of Judge Bennie Green, Howard County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1. Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities. Individuals who wish to voluntarily take care of

their obligations and appear before one of the three Howard County Justices of the Peace by or before Saturday to resolve their case will not be arrested, the release said. See **WARRANT**, Page 3

Teaming up to help stop hunger

Local Rotarians provide money, manpower to aid Food 2 Kids effort

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Tuesday evening, members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary were not only supporting an organization aimed at providing weekend meals to area children with monetary donations, but also with hands-on labor.

An assembly line of volunteers made up of Rotarians, Presbyterians, college youth and members from the Seekers and Mythbusters organizations were hard at work in the old Lakeview Gymnasium packing sacks of food for needy Big Spring elementary students. The work was in cooperation with Food2Kids, an outreach mission by members of the First United Methodist Church.

On Tuesday, Rotarians gave the program a donation of \$1,800, which consisted of monies from the Big Spring club and a matching grant from Rotary International, according to Kelly Seales, club president.

"We have a main service project each year, and we decided to carry on with the program this year," Seales said. "We want to help any child."

Seales gave credit to club service project chairman Michael Richardson for the group's hands-on involvement in the project.

Each month, members of the Rotary Club join with a number of volunteers from the community, packing nearly 1,000 sacks of food, which will be distributed to qualifying Big Spring students.

Organized in Big Spring a few years ago by First United Methodist Church members, Food2Kids has grown to provide weekend

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HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody
In the photo at left, Greater Big Spring Rotary President Kelly Seales, center right, presents a check to Food2Kids coordinator Muffet Bomar, center left. Surrounding the two are volunteers for the program. Above, Greater Big Spring Rotary member Sandy Stewart, center, helps sack lunches for the Food2Kids program held monthly at the old Lakeview High School gymnasium. The local service club selected Food 2 Kids as its main service project this year.

Eules officer ambushed, killed

The Associated Press

EULESS, Texas (AP) — A man who had just been released from jail burglarized a North Texas house, stole a cache of guns and fired into the air before hiding in a drainage ditch and ambushing responding officers, fatally wounding one of them, the city's police chief said Wednesday.

Police Chief Mike Brown said David Hofer, 29, who was among the officers responding to the "shots fired" report at J.A. Carr Park in Eules, spotted movement in the ditch and ordered the person to come forward.

Jorge Brian Gonzalez, 22, then rose and opened fire on the officers, fatally wounding Hofer before the other officers

brought Gonzalez down with multiple gunshots, Brown said.

Gonzalez had been arrested Monday on a public intoxication charge and was released late Tuesday morning after being sentenced to community service, Brown said.


After that, Gonzalez forced his way into a house on a street

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Obituaries

Mark Fort

Mark Edwin Fort, age 59, of Lubbock, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, went home to be with his Savior on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 in a Lubbock hospital, after injuries sustained in a work accident. His life was full at being a son, brother, uncle and great friend to all.

Mark was born on Feb. 6, 1957 in Big Spring, Texas. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1975 and attended South Plains College. He held

many oilfield-related and trucking positions throughout his life and was employed by the City of Lubbock in the Parks and Recreation division at the time of his passing. Mark loved being outdoors, playing golf, bowling, watching sports, spending time with friends and studying the Word of God. He was an active member of The Refuge Church in Lubbock and a keynote speaker and sponsor in the Alcohol Anonymous recovery group in Lubbock and surrounding areas. Mark was passionate about his recovery from addiction and helping others to overcome it as well.

He is survived by his mother, Rita Fort of Big Spring; two sisters: Lori Miller and husband Kerry

of Midland, Texas, and Lisa Dunnam and husband Craig, of Big Spring; three nephews: Drew Miller and wife Bryana of Katy, Texas, Cody Carnes and wife Kari of Nashville, Tenn. and Will Currie of Lubbock; one niece, Allison Creswell and husband Lance of Greenwood, Texas; his great nieces and nephews: Hannah, Ryder and Landry Creswell of Greenwood and Canyon Carnes of Nashville, Tenn.; step nieces and nephews: Caylie Dunnam, Cliff Dunnam, Chad Dunnam and wife Michelle.

He is preceded in death by his infant son, Mark Edwin Fort, Jr.; his father, John Edwin Fort, Jr. and his grandparents: John Edwin Fort, Sr., Frances Fort, Hack Wright and Flora Bell Gill.

A "Celebration of Life" memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2016 at The Refuge Church, in Lubbock, Texas. A reception for friends and family will immediately follow. Interment will be held in a private family gathering at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

The family requests that love gifts be sent to The Refuge Church, 4308 58th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413, in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Juan Hernandez

Juan Hernandez, 85, of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at his residence. A vigil will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 2, 1930 to Juanita Cruz and Onecimo Hernandez in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He has been in the Big Spring community for over fifty years. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a custodian

at Big Spring High School for over twenty years, retiring in 1992. He loved gardening and spending time with his family.

He is survived by two daughters: Dora Hernandez and husband Ernest Rodriguez and Frances Hernandez, all of Big Spring; two sons: Gilbert Hernandez and wife Sue of Big Spring and Joe Hernandez and wife Lennet of Amarillo; one daughter-in-law: Luisa Hernandez of Houston; seventeen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Juan was preceded in death by his parents; one son: John Hernandez; two daughters: Lydia Hernandez and Ester Hernandez and one grandson: Jason Hernandez.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JORGE RAMOS ACEVEDO**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; parked facing traffic and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **FELICIA MILLER COBLE**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear and charges of tampering/fabricating physical evidence, possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• **BRENNAN CHANCE DARDEN**, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and a warrant for failure to drive in a single lane.

• **MARTINA RENEE DEANDA**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for capias - failure to maintain financial responsibility and capias - driving while license invalid.

• **JOHNNY LEE ELLIS**, 39, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions, failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of a dangerous drug.

• **TRIG DANIEL GILKEY**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams and possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; warrants for three counts of burglary of a vehicle and theft of a firearm.

• **DAMIAN EE'RON MCNAIR**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for two counts of capias - speeding over the limit, three counts of capias - no driver's license, four counts of capias - failure to

appear and two counts of capias - failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **WILLIAM ANTHONY MORRIS**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **ANDREW THOMAS SLATE**, 23, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and driving while license invalid with previous convictions/suspensions.

• **JOSHUA NATHANAEEL SPIVEY**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to identify fugitive intent on giving false/fictitious information.

• **WESLEY TAYLOR**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.

• **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**, 36, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond - possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and bondsman off bond - evading arrest/detention.

8th Annual Kids Fishing Derby

The 8th annual kids fishing derby, hosted by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon at the Comanche Trail Park Lake.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Center for youth 17 years and younger.

Prizes for first fish caught, biggest fish caught and most fish caught by noon will be awarded.

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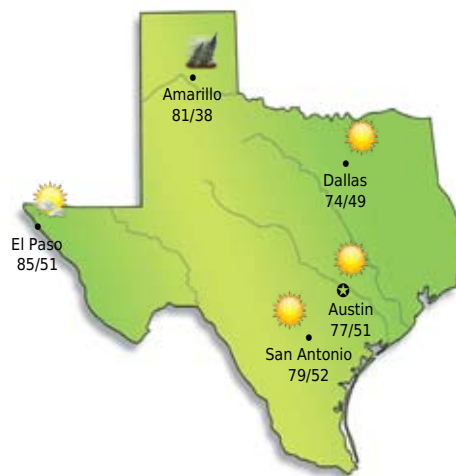
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Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/4	Sat 3/5	Sun 3/6	Mon 3/7	Tue 3/8
80/46 Sun and a few clouds with gusty winds. High around 80F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph.	79/51 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	79/54 Windy with morning clouds, then afternoon sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	77/47 Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	69/41 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:09 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM	Sunrise: 7:08 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM

Texas at a Glance



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **BRENNAN CHANCE DARDEN**, 18, of 914 Angela Rd. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and a warrant for failure to drive in a single lane.

• **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER JR.**, 36, of 1409 Bluebird Rd. was arrested on warrants for possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram and evading arrest/detention.

• **FELICIA DAWN COBLE**, 24, of 2710 S. Anderson Rd. was arrested on charges of tampering/fabricating physical evidence; possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams and a warrant from another agency.

• **TRIG DANIEL GILKEY**, 19, of 4115 Dixon St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams; three counts of burglary of a vehicle, theft of a firearm and possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

• **JORGE RAMOS ACEVEDO**, 24, of 4207 Dixon St. was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces; parked facing traffic and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DAMIAN DE-RON MCNAIR**, 23, of 1011 E. 12th St. was arrested on warrants for two counts of speeding, three counts of no driver's license, four counts of failure to appear and two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **MARTINA RENEE DEANDA**, 25, of 1425 E. 6th St. Apt 117, was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and driving while license invalid.

• **JOHNNY LEE ELLIS**, 39, of 703 W. 18th St. on charges of driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility - 2nd offense and possession of a dangerous drug.

• **WILLIAM ANTHONY MORRIS**, 33, of 407 E. 8th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main St. and the intersection of 8th St. and Gregg St.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of N.E. 12th St.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Todd Rd.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Dr. and the 500 block of E. 3rd St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg St.

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NRCS announces deadlines for CSP contracts

Special to the Herald

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that \$150 million in funding is available for agricultural producers through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), USDA's largest conservation program that helps producers voluntarily improve the health and productivity of private and Tribal working lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to

add an estimated 10 million acres to the rolls of CSP during fiscal year 2016. NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, but producers should submit applications by March 31, 2016 to local USDA service centers to ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016.

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on Dec. 31, 2016, have the option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional

activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew are also due by March 31, 2016.

"CSP offers landowners the opportunity to be rewarded for the good resource conservation efforts they are currently undertaking," Eddy Spurgin, Howard County NRCS Resource Team Leader said. "This program provides additional incentives for them to continue their enhancements on a voluntary

basis." NRCS also makes CSP available to producers as an additional opportunity to participate in regional landscape-level conservation efforts including the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative, Longleaf Pine Initiative, and Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

Texas NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said "Texas is once again able to offer CSP on three of the four approved national landscape initiative areas. Landowners

will further enhance the habitat of these valuable working lands through additional conservation enhancement efforts. NRCS and landowner commitments to CSP remain strong with more than 6.3 million acres currently enrolled in the program in Texas."

For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/getstarted or call 432-267-1871, ext. 3.

Take note

• The Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper will take place at the Howard College Student Union Building on March 11 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person and include all you can eat pancakes, sausage patty and bacon. There will be milk, water and coffee to drink. To go orders welcome.

• Coahoma Lions Club annual pancake supper will take place March 7 at the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria and will cost \$6 per person.

The Coahoma ISD open house will be from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Coahoma ISD Talent Show will take place in the CHS auditorium from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and the pancakes dinner will be from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are

available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• 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 271-2176.

• 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.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State

Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• 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.

• 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.

OFFICER

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adjoining the park, leaving with guns that he took to the park and fired several times, Brown said. Three officers were dispatched about 3 p.m. to the park where Gonzalez had taken cover in a drainage ditch, Brown said.

"It is our belief, based on the facts known to us, that the suspect took this position to ambush the responding officers," he said. Brown later added, "In my honest opinion, he was there to do as much damage to the responding officers as he could possibly do."

The park is in a residential area near an elementary school, and two nearby schools were placed on lockdown until the situation was resolved.

Brown said Gonzalez did not appear intoxicated at his court hearing Tuesday, but was calm and responsive. That is at odds with what his family contends.

Jorge Antonio Gonzalez, the gunman's father, described his son to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a drug addict who was high on methamphetamine when he was jailed.

The elder Gonzalez said Hofer had been called to the family's

apartment before and knew his son. Brown said he could not confirm that.

The father was remorseful for his son's actions but also questioned why he was released from jail if he was still under the influence of meth.

"It's their fault," Gonzalez said. "Why would they let him out when he was on that stuff?"

Tarrant County court records show the younger Gonzalez had a criminal record that included charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and threatening family members.

Many people paid tribute to Hofer on Wednesday

by leaving flowers, stuffed animals and other items in front of the Euleless police station, with some saying quiet prayers.

Hofer had moved from New York to the Dallas area in 2014 because he wanted to be somewhere safer, his mother has said. A 2008 graduate of New York University, Hofer served in the New York Police Department for five years before coming to Euleless, Brown said.

"He was wonderful child, a wonderful police officer," his mother, Sofija Hofer, told the New York Post. "He was working this very difficult precinct, so he had

a lot of traumatic experiences ... He decided to go to a safer place."

Hofer's fiancée was out of town on Tuesday and needed to be called home and given the news, the Post reported.

Sofija Hofer said her son wanted to write a book about his experience with the NYPD.

"I thought he might be a scientist, like his father, but he always wanted to be a policeman, ever since he was a little boy," she said.

David Hofer is the second officer to die in the line of duty in Euleless, a suburb of more than 53,000 residents west of Dallas and east of Fort Worth. The other of-

ficer was Michael Williamson, who was killed by a drunken driver in 1982, according to the city website.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Ray S. Valencia, 74, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

James Zackariah "Zack" Seely, 41, died Sunday. A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 11:00 AM at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Mark Edwin Fort, 59, died Monday. A memorial service will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at The Refuge Church, in Lubbock.

Juan Hernandez, 85, died Wednesday. A vigil will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

FOOD

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food sacks to qualifying students at Goliad, Marcy and Moss elementaries.

To volunteer, a person

can show up during the sacking time, according to Muffet Bomar, Food-2Kids coordinator. The next sacking dates are March 27-28 at 5:30 p.m.

The Lakeview High School gym is located at 1107 NW Seventh St. To get there, take

Gregg Street north and turn left on Father Delaney Street, which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Father Delaney Street turns into Seventh Street. Continue down the street and drive over the railroad tracks. The

school is on the left.

For more information, call 432-935-3998.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary is one of two Rotary Clubs in Big Spring. The Greater Rotary meets at noon Fridays at the Settles Hotel while the Big Spring Ro-

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On Saturday only, office personnel will accept cash in the exact amount of the fine. No change will be given.

Officials in Green's office said anyone who wishes to find out if they have an outstanding warrant and/or the exact amount of the fine can call 264-2226 or 264-

2228.

Individuals can appear before Judges Green or Robert Fitzgibbons at the Howard County Courthouse, 200

S. Main, Big Spring, today and Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or before Judge Shaw at 110 N. First St., Coa-

homa today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. All three judges will hold court on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon only.

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Poster Contest February 1 to March 4th

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Categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12

Any media may be used to create a flat poster

(such as pencil, paint, crayon, colored pencil)

Poster size 8.5" by 11" and 22" by 28"

Poster should be original and created by an individual student not a group or team.

The Theme "We All Need Trees" should be on the poster and entry form signed on the back.

Although young students may need help in planning posters it is encouraged that the student complete the posters by her/himself. Entries completed by students in their own handwriting and coloring usually score better than those designed by adults.

Contact Judy at 432-267-1871 ext. 3 or

Judith.Tereletsky@tx.nacdnet.net for more information.

Trees not only provide paper for artists to draw and paint on but have been a source of ideas for artists throughout history.

Trees provide many things to the earth and its people. Can you unscramble some of these things? 1. xeyngo 2. odow 3. parpe 4. ehsad 5. yuteab 6. meoh rfo rdsib nda anmlais 7. ontiprocte ormf idnw 8. irtinsipona



Answers: 1. oxygen 2. wood 3. paper 4. shade 5. beauty 6. home for birds and animals 7. protection from wind 8. inspiration



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Signature of Parent or Guardian

DEADLINE IS MARCH 4, 2016

Further information contact: Judy at 432-267-1871 Ext 3 or Judith.Tereletsky@tx.nacdnet.net

In Brief

Parnell wins Odessa tennis tourney

The Big Spring Steers had an impressive showing at the Odessa Broncho Tennis Invitational last weekend.

Morgan Parnell won the number one girls singles competition, beating the number one players of Odessa, Odessa Permian and Midland Lee. Number two girls singles player Robbie Downing finished in second for Big Spring.

Josh Baker and William Grigg lost in the finals of number one boys doubles to Odessa Permian, and Sean Rios and Travis Johnson finished fourth on the number two side. Brandon Hilario and Blake Marshall finished fourth in the number one and number two boys singles tournaments.

The number one girls doubles team of Braylee Cantu and Daisi Salazar finished second after losing in the final to Odessa, and the number two team of Elisa Hernandez and Gabriella Medina finished in fourth.

The Big Spring Steers tennis teams will look to continue their solid play Friday and Saturday in the Seminole Varsity Tournament.

Four Lady Buffs named to All-District teams

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes were honored with four players being named to the All-District teams.

Senior Madi Roman and sophomore Chasidy Grantham were named 1st Team All-District after impressive seasons, and senior Kaylee Kemper and junior Kendall Phillips were named to the 2nd team.

Senior Bailey Wright, sophomore Jenna Evans and junior Rhian Cunningham were named as honorable mentions.

No. 10 West Virginia routs Texas Tech

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Jaysean Paige was introduced on Senior Night at West Virginia as the “country’s best Sixth man.” He certainly may be the Mountaineers’ best man in some time.

Paige and Daxter Miles Jr. each scored 15 points and No. 10 West Virginia closed out its home regular season on senior night Wednesday by trouncing Texas Tech 90-68.

Paige was honored pregame with fellow seniors Jonathan Holton and Richard Romeo III. He connected on 7 of 15 field goals, grabbed five rebounds and had five assists.

A sixth man, Paige was averaging a team-leading 14.3 points per game heading into this Big 12 conference game. No reserve has ever led the Mountaineers in scoring.

“It felt great,” Paige said of the introduction. “All the work I put in and it’s paying off. Just to be acknowledged for something like that in a conference like this means a lot. It builds you up, but you still got a lot to go. I’m just happy where I am and there’s still room to get better.”

Miles broke a slump which had seen him score just a total of 14 points in his last four games. He missed two games with a bad hamstring during the slump. Holton grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

The victory for the Mountaineers (23-7, 12-5) keeps them in sole possession of second place in the Big 12 with a game to go at No. 19 Baylor Saturday. No. 6 Oklahoma swept WVU this year and owns a tiebreaker if needed. The Sooners are 11-6 in the league and will visit TCU to close the season.

Justin Gray’s 15 points and Aaron Ross’ 14 led the Red Raiders (18-11, 8-9).

“I thought we were just manhandled tonight,” said Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith.

WVU’s sixth conference wins represent its most ever in the Big 12, which



West Virginia guard Jaysean Paige (5) splits Texas Tech guard C.J. Williamson (3) and forward Aaron Ross (15) as he drives to the basket during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in Morgantown, W.Va. (AP Photo/Raymond Thompson)

it joined in 2012. Tech’s eight league wins are its most since 2006-07. Its 18 overall wins are the most since 2010.

The Mountaineers scored 12 straight points and led 36-22 with 2:41 to go in the first half. They finished the half ahead 41-26.

Tech shot 55 percent from the field, but WVU forced nine turnovers and outrebounded the visitors by 14. The Mountaineers were 12-0 on the offensive board.

West Virginia’s biggest lead came

with 4:52 to go at 82-55.

Texas Tech made only three baskets during nearly seven minutes of the second half.

The Mountaineers enjoyed a 34-7 advantage in points off 19 Red Raider turnovers.

“I thought we were a lot more active,” Huggins said. “We try to speed people up to make them play a little faster than they want to play. ... The pressure forces you to play faster than you want,” said Huggins.

Obama honors Bama’s championship football team

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bellowing out “Roll Tide,” President Barack Obama on Wednesday welcomed the University of Alabama football team to the White House for the fourth time since he became president and said he must have brought it some good luck.

Obama, sounding confident in his apparent positive influence as well as in the Crimson Tide’s athletic prowess, said he’d like to welcome the team back in 2017 — “but we’ve got this thing called term limits.” He’ll be out of office at this time next year after serving two terms.

Winning four national titles in seven years is historic, said Obama, who compared the feat to “winning a best-of-seven series, except you’re playing 127 teams around the country. The last time a team went on this kind of run was in



President Barack Obama holds a football for a group portrait as he honors the 2015-2016 College Football Playoff National Champion Alabama Crimson Tide football team, Wednesday, March 2, 2016, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington. At right is Alabama Crimson Tide head coach Nick Saban. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

the 1940s. Back then, folks were still wearing leather helmets.”

“I don’t feel like anybody in a leather helmet would do too well trying to tackle Derrick Hen-

ry,” he added, referring to the running back and Heisman Trophy winner who is entering the NFL draft. “Of course, even with modern helmets they didn’t do too

well tackling Derrick Henry.”

Alabama came from behind to defeat Clemson in college football’s national championship game in January.

Obama noted Henry’s SEC record of more than 22,000 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns, but also gave credit for Alabama’s “smothering defense” to center Ryan

Kelly, defensive lineman A’Shawn Robinson and linebacker Reggie Ragland.

Obama said the team isn’t defined solely by its on-field performance. Alabama is first in the Southeastern Conference and third among top 25 teams in graduation rates, he said. The players have also volunteered hundreds of hours at retirement homes, hospitals and schools around Tuscaloosa.

Obama also commended coach Nick Saban for continuing to help Habitat for Humanity build homes to replace those that were destroyed after a powerful tornado struck the Tuscaloosa area in 2011.

“Everybody recognizes excellence when they see it and nobody’s had more sustained excellence as a football program at the collegiate level than the Alabama Crimson Tide,” the president said. “Congratulations.”

Rangers beat World Series champ Royals 6-2 in Cactus League

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Promising prospect Kyle Zimmer tossed two scoreless innings for the World Series champion Royals before the Texas Rangers rolled to a 6-2 victory over Kansas City in their Cactus League opener Wednesday.

“I’m excited to get the first one going and hopefully there’s a lot more to come,” said Zimmer, who is trying to make the big league roster after injuries stunted his rapid rise through the minors.

The Royals managed one hit, a double by Mike Moustakas, off Col-

by Lewis and the Rangers bullpen through the first six innings. Lewis is coming off knee surgery in October.

“We’re just going out there and getting our work in,” said Lewis, who walked two in the first to load the bases before escaping the jam. “Just trying to get into pitching shape.”

Nomar Mazara hit a three-run homer in the ninth and finished with four RBIs for Texas. Patrick Kivlehan and Doug Bernier also drove in runs as Texas took the game from its campus co-tenant.

Jorge Bonifacio homered in the sixth for Kansas City and Parker Morin went deep in the eighth.

Chien-Ming Wang, John Lannan and Peter Moylan also made scoreless appearances for the Royals, who took the field for the first time since beating the New York Mets in Game 5 of the World Series.

“It’s nice to do something different,” Royals manager Ned Yost said. “We’ve been practicing. We’ve been taking batting practice. Now we get out on a big diamond in front of a crowd and start playing again.”

STARTING TIME

Rangers: Lewis fared better than he did in his spring debut a year ago, when he allowed six runs on five hits — three of them homers — and a walk

in one inning against Kansas City.

Royals: Zimmer got help from a double play turned by promising shortstop Raul Mondesi Jr. to get through the second inning. The big right-hander struck out Elvis Andrus to cap his day.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish threw 20 pitches from a full-size mound in his second bullpen session Wednesday. Pitching coach Doug Brocail said Darvish, who had Tommy John surgery last March, will continue throwing every two or three days. He is not expected in the rotation until mid-May or early June.

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Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Glasscock County Taxpayers

Garden City, Texas — New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Glasscock County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are age 65 or older. "Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Priscilla A. Ginnetti, Chief Appraiser of the Glasscock County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you." This includes information about the following programs.

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

Property Tax Exemptions — Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax

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exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the "freeport" exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

Appraisal Notices — Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Property Taxpayer Remedies — This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions — A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Productivity Appraisal — Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding

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year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners — Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication — In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values — Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 N. Main St., PO Box 155, Garden City, TX 79739, Phone 432/354-2580. More information and application forms are available on the appraisal district's website at www.glasscockcad.org and also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/.

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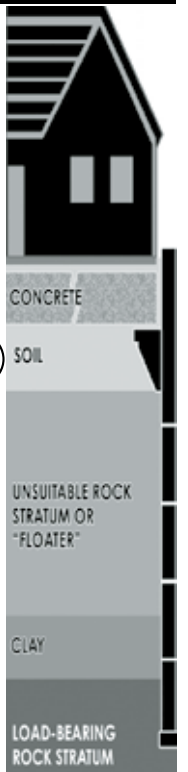
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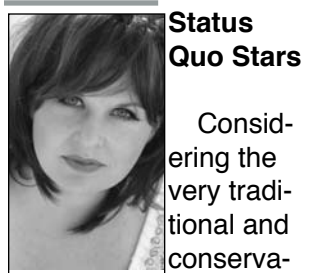
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Status Quo Stars

Considering the very traditional and conservative Capricorn lunar influence of today and the impending change of Mercury and Mars, this is a time to savor the status quo. Take stock and cherish what's good about the way things are. At the very least, account for the present by making a note, snapping a picture or keeping the receipt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Progress will be thwarted by too many opinions. They can't all be right, and they can't all be wrong. You're the one to sort this out. There must be a consensus if the group is to move forward!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Showing off is never cool, and yet how are you going to let them know what you can do if you never perform it or even mention it? Today you'll walk that fine line between standing out

and fitting in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some people complain to sound big, when actually it only makes them sound weak, insecure and ill-equipped to do what it takes to make a situation work. As far as you're concerned, complaining is a red flag.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a score to even. The other person might not think so, but you have your own way of accounting, and in your book, things won't be quite right until you execute a certain chain of action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If it can be done, you'll find a way to do it. Whether or not it's worth doing, well, that part might be out of your hands, as an authority figure is likely to request much that falls under the category of "your job," whether you like it or not.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People want to know about you, but you're feeling shy and perhaps inclined to avoid the subject of you altogether. It would be

a mistake to let the day slip by without revealing at least a little about your remarkable life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Bottom line, this certain someone sees something different in you. You're attractive in your uniqueness, and if you continue to be so intriguing you'll soon gain a fan for life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A sacrifice will prove that you're committed. But if you give too much, this will backfire on you. Over-giving could be taken as a sign that you care more about what the other person thinks of you than you care for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what you're doing and where you're going. You'll find the way, the alternate way, the scenic route and the shortcut. And you'll generously help anyone else headed in the same direction as well!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you come up against someone's pride, go gently. Keep in mind that this

person may feel like he or she is fighting for life itself. That's the power of ego. Pride is all some people feel they have.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Not feeling quite as driven? The break from ambition will be healthy for you. Bonus: If you just go along for the ride, you'll wind up at the same destination as you would if you were in the driver's seat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Improvement will be simple for you. Name the problem and solve it. If it's too big, make it smaller. If it's still too big, make it smaller still, until it's small enough to solve.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 3). More attention, respect and money are coming your way over the next seven weeks. You'll put your money where your heart is this month, buying into only what contributes to your happiness and health. The social calendar heats up in May and a tight relationship forms. December shows you paying dues; it will pay off in 2017. Libra and Sagittarius adore

you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 49, 23, 41 and 17.

NUMEROLOGY FUN WITH THE NUMBER SIX: What's your magic number? You can find it by adding up all of the numbers in the day you were born until you get one digit. For instance, all the numbers in 3/3/2016 add up to 15, then 1 + 5 = 6, so the final number is six.

If six is your magic number you have been known to take personal responsibility for the state of mankind. You were committed to raising the vibration of the planet before you even knew you could. If there's anything that bugs you, it's excess. You try to use what you own, and if you have no use for it you also have no problem selling or giving it to someone who does.

And though you are repelled by material waste, you believe that your emotional energy is never wasted. You invest yourself fully in life and expect magic and adventure as a return. Often you get just the

reward you were looking for.

QUOTE FOR SIX: "20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -- Mark Twain

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pisces Jessica Biel and her Aquarian husband Justin Timberlake are an example of astrological neighbors becoming best friends and lovers. Aquarius is the realm of friendship and Pisces of spiritual connection, so this relationship balances real-world fun with deep meaning. Look for Biel in the upcoming drama "The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea."

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a very loving mother of two adult daughters. "Jane" has a child with her ex and another with her current husband. "Cindy" is married with one child and one on the way.

At first, things with Jane were great. We helped them furnish their house with all new appliances, and also helped financially when they asked. Three years ago, we had a falling out and now Jane doesn't call, text, email, nothing. When we see each other in public, she is civil, but otherwise, treats me as if as if I were dead.

We are not allowed to see our grandchildren, although our ex-son-in-law allows us to see the one grandchild when he has visitation.

Cindy, who also receives financial help when she asks, lets me see my grandchild only once a month for four hours. She sometimes allows me to Skype, but no more than once a week, if I'm lucky. When she had a miscarriage a few years ago, I tried my very best to console her, but she wouldn't let me near her for two weeks. Others were allowed to be there, but not her own mother. She won't let me talk to her about

her current pregnancy. I want to be a part of their lives, but we can't get past this silence. I have offered to pay for counseling, but they refuse. I have asked, begged and pleaded for one-on-one time, to no avail. What hurts the most is that I don't even know why they are angry with me. Any advice would be so gratefully appreciated. -- A Loving, Crushed Mother

Dear Mother: Your daughters may not be angry. They may be trying to create some space between your life and theirs, and don't know how to do it in a more loving fashion.

Or their husbands may have objected to your presence. And if your daughters are close, they may be feeding on each other's grievances.

It will do you no good to keep pounding at this. Back off. You also can stop loaning them money if you choose. You don't owe it to them and it obviously doesn't influence their level of affection. Enjoy the time you do get to spend with the grandchildren, and fill your hours with other activities that bring you pleasure. Counseling for yourself may help you accept this, and we hope your daughters will come to appreciate you

again soon.

Dear Annie: You've printed several letters from parents and grandparents complaining that they never receive a thank-you note.

My mother-in-law was also disappointed that one of her grandsons never acknowledged the checks she sent for birthdays and Christmas. To change the situation, she sent a card mentioning the enclosed check, but she didn't actually enclose it. The grandson promptly called to thank her, and also to say that she'd apparently forgotten to put the check in the envelope. -- J.

Dear J.: Your mother-in-law sounds like a very clever woman.

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

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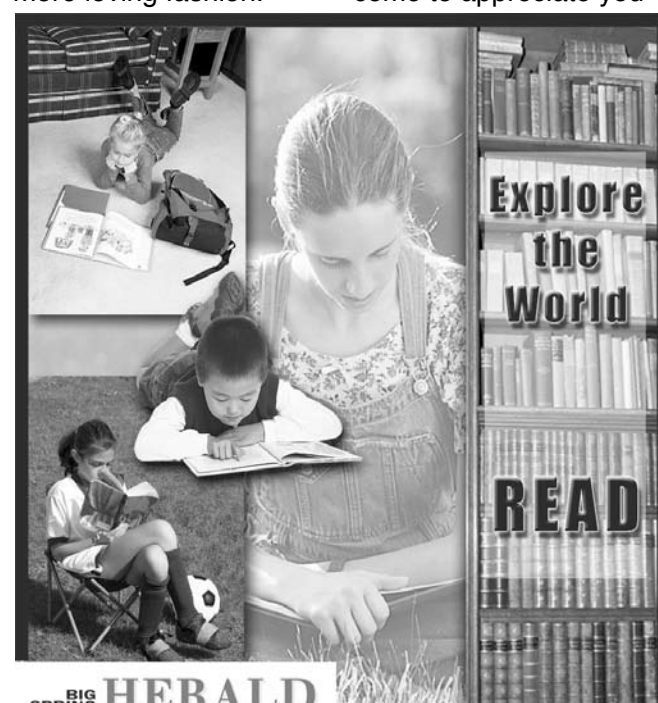
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By Steve Becker

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 ♦ A 6
 ♣ A 10 5 4 2

WEST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ Q J 10 6
 ♦ 8 7 4 2
 ♣ Q J 8 3

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

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 5 4 3
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ K 7

The bidding:
 South 1♠
 West Pass
 North 2♣
 East Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

The ace is cashed first to guard against the singleton queen in the West hand.

If the finesse succeeds and the suit is divided 3-2, your mission is accomplished, and if your left-hand opponent shows out on the second round, you still make five tricks by returning to dummy to repeat the finesse.

The spade setup in today's hand resembles the aforementioned combination, but there's an important difference. Observe that if, after losing the first three heart tricks, you cash the spade ace before attempting a finesse, East later scores a trump trick, and you go down one.

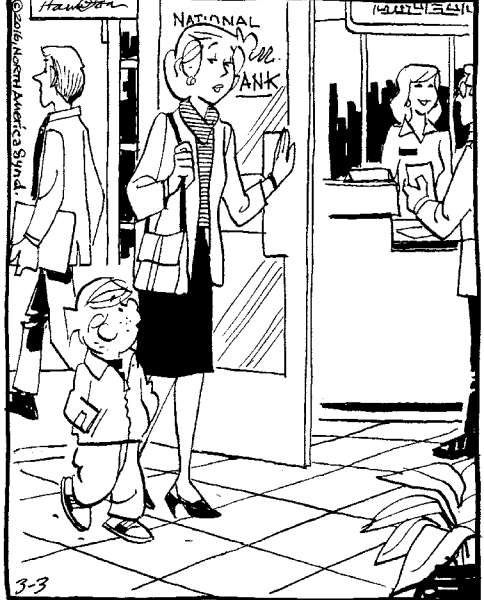
The big difference in the present case is that you can't afford to cash the ace to guard against a singleton queen in the West hand because you expend dummy's all-important nine in the process, making it impossible to pick up the Q-8-x-x in the East hand. The proper method of play is to lead the jack and take a first-round finesse. If you do, you make the contract.

Expressed mathematically, the reason for preferring the immediate finesse is that if the spades are divided 4-1, with West holding a singleton, the singleton will be a low spade four times as often as it will be the queen. Hence, the percentages strongly favor a first-round finesse.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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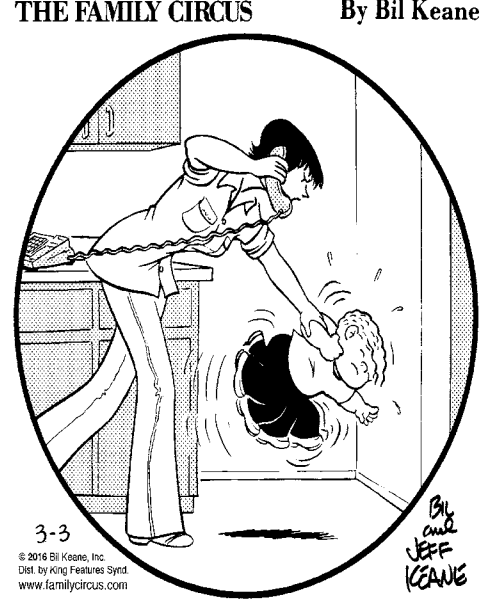
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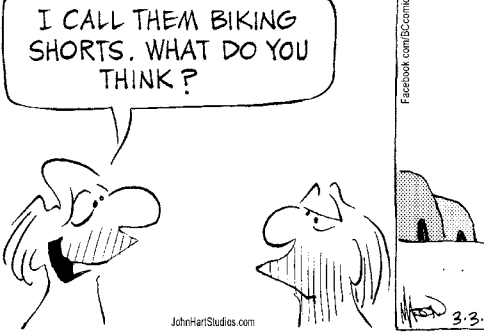
MOM, THERE'S STILL SNOW ON THE GROUND. WE SHOULD FEED THE BIRDS!

BLONDIE



LISTEN, BUMSTEAD...DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I GAVE A RAISE TO EVERYONE WHO ASKED FOR IT?

BC



I CALL THEM BIKING SHORTS. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WIZARD OF ID



HE HAS A CARRIAGE. WHY DOES HE STILL MAKE US DO THIS?

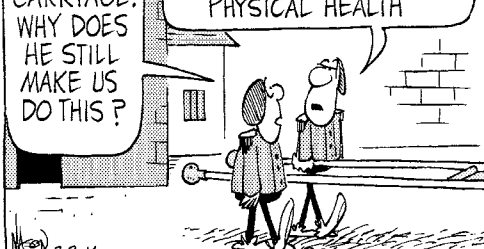
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 3, the 63rd day of 2016. There are 303 days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On March 3, 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. In 1845, Florida became the 27th state. In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established. In 1913, more than 5,000 suffragists marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., a day before the presidential inauguration of Woodrow Wilson. In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut. In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution. In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from the Lake County Jail in Crown Point, Indiana, along with another prisoner, Herbert Youngblood. In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II. In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon. Comedian Lou Costello died in East Los Angeles three days before his 53rd birthday. In 1966, death claimed actor William Buxton at age 79 and actress Alice Pearce at age 48 in Hollywood. In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board. In 1985, coal miners in Britain voted to end a year-long strike that proved to be the longest and most violent walkout in British history. The comedy-drama series "Moonlighting," starring Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis, premiered on ABC-TV. In 1996, Israel declared "total war" against the militant group Hamas after a bus bomb in Jerusalem killed 19 people, including the bomber, the third such suicide attack in eight days. Ten years ago: President George W. Bush arrived in Pakistan to meet with top officials, including President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, to discuss the war on terror. Former U.S. Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham was sentenced by a federal judge in San Diego to more than eight years in prison for corruption. (Cunningham, whose sentence was cut by 392 days for good behavior, was fully released from custody in June 2013.) Five years ago: Seeking to repair damaged relations, President Barack Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon agreed during a White House meeting to deepen their cooperation in combating drug violence and declared a breakthrough in efforts to end a long-standing dispute over cross-border trucking.

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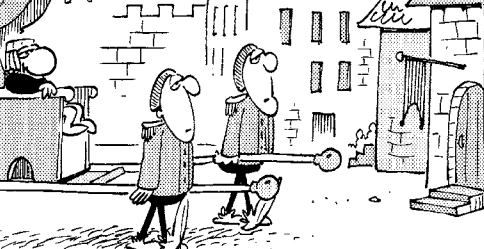
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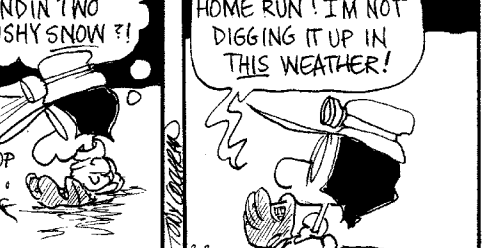
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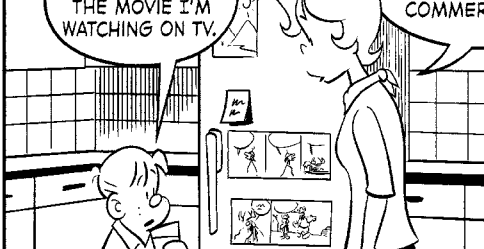
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DOG MOVIE REVIEWS



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HUMBLE ABODES

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Answer to previous puzzle: CPAS AFLAT HASH RICH SOUTH OGLE UNTO HESHE ROAR STOPPESTERINGME TORSO NAPS DIORAMA WOK CHAD VIA SPARE NOBODYLIKESANAG BULGE NFL CELS CRY BICYCLE OUCH GLASS DONT GOONABOUTIT UHOH NIOBE NOLO MINE ICEES GLOW POOR CELLO ELSE

Academic Star Student of the Week

*Nina Ortiz
Forsan High School*

Senior Nina Ortiz has been a great asset to Forsan High School. During her four years she has been an important member of the band, the UIL Academic team, and track and field. Nina has also served as manager of the football team, basketball team and softball team. She is also the yearbook editor. In addition to her busy extracurricular schedule, Nina has pursued the highest level of classes offered at Forsan High School, including dual credit classes. She is in the top ten of her class. She intends to pursue her education at Howard College in the fall. In her spare time, Nina enjoys reading and watching movies. She is the daughter of Danny and Roxanne Ortiz.



Congratulations, Nina!



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A Forsan Elementary student reads over a story during the national ReadQuest event.

Forsan Elementary students take part in national ReadQuest

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Elementary students here seriously hit the books Friday.

Students at Forsan Elementary took part in ReadQuest, a nationwide reading event, Friday. They were among thousands of students who joined in this annual reading celebration for K-12 students.

ReadQuest celebrates reading with a one-day event that encourages students to read and share their discoveries. Students read books and nonfiction articles, and completed Accelerated Reader comprehension quizzes on what they read.

Parent volunteers and Forsan High School student aides joined the event, as well as older students reading to younger students. A Coke float party was served to the class/classes that earned the most points and passed the most tests. All students received a Certificate of National Participation.

“Our students are thrilled to be participating in ReadQuest this year. We’re expecting as many as three hundred twenty-six students to contribute to the shared reading effort,” said Hanna Carter, principal. “Our students will gain valuable reading practice, build close reading skills, and grow as readers.”

Renaissance Learning’s Accelerated Reader 360 is a K-12 program that engages students in personalized independent reading practice and close reading of nonfiction articles. The web-based program provides more than 175,000 quizzes and 1,200 high-interest nonfiction articles.

Steer Pride Corner



At left, Big Spring Intermediate School students Lana Cerda, Walter Norman, Emily Cerda, and Orianna Baca show off the medals they won at the Special Olympics. The BSI students placed in the basketball skills drill.



Pictured bottom, left, are accelerated point winners at Washington Elementary School.

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Parent's Corner: On eagles' wings, children learn to soar

I recently read an essay by Frances Hamerstrom who spent her life studying wildlife. In part of her study she was observing a fledgling eaglet and its difficulties in making the decision to take its first flight. She discovered something interesting.

When a baby eagle fledges, which is losing its fluffy baby down and grows its flying feathers, a parent will continue to bring food for the young one and hover over the nest and flap its wings. As the fledgling stretches for food, it mimics the parents and flaps its newly feathered wings.

The subsequent wind that the parent makes causes the baby to rise slightly above the nest, since the baby is also flapping its own wings.

These first flights, inches above the floor of the nest, usually take place when the eaglet is at about 8-10 weeks old. The fledging makes vigorous wing stretches and exercises and is always very hungry. By this time it weighs about one pound more than its parents because it needs the excess to survive the next stage of training which is

hunting, but that must take place outside the nest.

Now, this is the interesting part. Many times a young eaglet is fearful of taking its first flight away from the nest, so a parent will withhold food to force it to leave. The fledglings find their parents increasingly unavailable and discover that they must fend for themselves.

Each time a parent flies in toward the nest the young eaglet eagerly calls for food; but over and over again, the parent comes with empty feet, and the eaglet begins to grow thinner. In his hunger, he pulls meat scraps from the old dried-up carcasses lying around the nest, or he may watch a sluggish carrion beetle and pick it up gingerly and eat it, and doing so he will experience his first kill.

The patience of the parent is working. Days pass, and the young eagle begins losing his body fat and his movements become quicker. He paddles more lightly when the wind blows, and his wings scarcely touch the nest's edge; and from time to time he is airborne for a moment or two.

Parents often fly

past and sometimes feed him. He beats his wings and tatters on the edge of the nest, and screams for food whenever one of them flies by, and they often fly by just out of reach, carrying delectable meals.

And even though the young one is hungry, he becomes more playful as he loses his baby fat, and sometimes, when no parent is in sight, he pounces ferociously on a scrap of prairie dog skin or on old bits of dried bone. He finds himself alone most of the time. He is no longer brooded at night.

Hunger and the cold mountain nights are having their effect, not only on his body but on his disposition. When a late frost hits the valley and night winds ruffle his feathers, his body is chilled. When

the sunlight reaches the edge of the nest, he seeks its warmth; and soon he is bounding in the wind, now much lighter and endowed with firm muscles. Now when a parent flies by, creating an upwind and dangling a bit of enticing marcel in its feet, daring him to fly, the young eaglet is lifted by the wind, and is airborne, flying, or gliding, for the first time in his life. He sails across the valley only to make a scrambling, almost tumbling landing, but as he turns to get his bearings the parent drops the tempting marcel nearby.

Half running, half flying he pounces on it, and eats his fill. After a brief time away from the nest, the young eaglet will attempt to find its way back to the nest. Otherwise the parents con-

tinue to bring food wherever it perches. Eventually it will break the bond with the nest. (It is interesting that eagles will often return to their original nest, or within close proximity, to raise their own family.) One month after leaving the nest the eaglet has learned to soar and climb with the winds. It takes an eagle four to five years after this to become an adult.

To compare this story with us, I read that someday we will discover that our children will follow our example, not our advice. As we consider this parable, may it teach us to become better role models for our young ones, for we are their examples; they learn from us.

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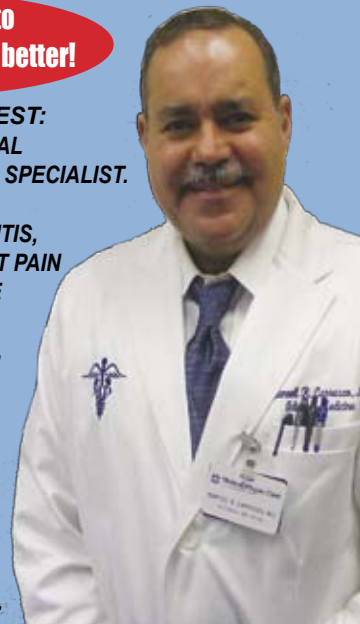
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