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Janell Davis, center, of Big Spring's 1953 Hyperion Club, introduces Mike Pacino, campus operations administrator for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and Caylar Widick, Boys Ranch personnel representative. Pacino spoke about the Boys Ranch, a residential childcare and educational facility north of Amarillo, Wednesday to the Hyperion Club.

Helping children change direction

Boys Ranch representative speaks to local club Wednesday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

"A change of direction is what a child in trouble needs"
 - Cal Farley.

Big Spring's 1953 Hyperion Club hosted a presentation Wednesday about an opportunity in Texas for kids who need a change of direction.

The talk on Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, a residential childcare and educational facility in the Texas Panhandle north of Amarillo, was given by Boys Ranch Campus Operations Administrator Mike Pacino at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts.

"What happened today is what we try to do all over the country," Pacino said. "We try to talk to civic organizations and let those folks know, because that's the leadership in their areas. We try to let them know what the Boys Ranch is about and what we're doing for children from all over the country. Without

the support of people all over the United States, Boys Ranch wouldn't exist. We take no state or federal funds, and we don't charge for our services, so it's imperative that we get our message out to leadership groups."

Pacino said that Boys Ranch's focus is on helping children and providing what's best for them — even if those things are found outside Boys Ranch itself.

"We are a Christ-centered organization, and we're there to support and help build families and children," he said. "If we can get them back together, our goal is not to graduate that child from Boys Ranch. That will happen, but our goal is to strengthen those families and get those families back together."

Farley, born in 1895, served in World War I, and during his time as a soldier, became a world-class wrestler. After retiring from the service to Amarillo, he joined the Am-

arillo Gassers, a small pro-baseball team. Noticing that many young to teenaged boys would hang around unsupervised after baseball games let out, he formed a series of organizations to provide activities for them: the Maverick Boys' Club and Kids Incorporated.

"There was a group of kids, especially when the Depression started and their dads took off to find work somewhere else and never came back, there was a group of boys that never went home," Pacino said. "They were running the streets at night. Cal wanted to try to figure out what to do for those kids."

Farley became a successful businessman running discount stores. One of his business connections, a rancher and landowner named Julian Bivins, donated 120 acres and an

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All clear: Phil sees shadow, predicts six more weeks of winter



Photo by Alan Freed/The Punxsutawney Spirit
 Punxsutawney Groundhog Club Vice President Jeff Lundy presents Punxsutawney Phil's selected scroll to the crowd gathered at Gobbler's Knob on Thursday morning in Punxsutawney.

By **ZAK LANTZ**

The Punxsutawney Spirit
 PUNXSUTAWNEY — It's 1 a.m. on February 2, and I'm just leaving work. That is not such an abnormal thing. As the editor of The Pun-

sutawney Spirit, it's not all that uncommon for me to leave at this time.

As I take a left-hand turn off Sycamore Street and on to West Mahoning Street (that's our Main Street), I don't see a lot of traffic, and there aren't all that many people in sight. I don't have to go all that far from The Spirit's office on Pine Street before things take a turn from the ordinary, though.

As I make my way through town on my way home to catch a few minutes of

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Kenneth Means, a resident of Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, decorates a brown bag which will be used in the Food2Kids program.

Lending a helping hand

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

On Wednesday afternoon six residents of Big Spring Center for Skilled Care were out placing stickers and coloring brown paper bags. It's part of a week-long community project for the residents of the nursing and rehabilitation center.

Once all 500 bags are complete, they will be filled by Food2Kids volunteers next week and distributed to area school children who qualify. Food2Kids is an outreach program started by members of First Methodist Church a few years ago and has now grown into a life of its own. A few days out of the month, vol-

unteers meet at the old Lakeview High School gym to sack food for hundreds of Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends.

Sara Shufeldt, president of the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care's residency council, said she was searching for ways the residents could contribute to the community when she read about the program in the Big Spring Herald.

"We decided that was would be a fun project for our 'kids' around here," Shufeldt said.

According to Michelle Rodriguez, activities director, this will be an ongoing monthly project for the residents.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CAITLIN JANA CHAVEZ**, 20, of 307 N.E. 11th St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams), possession of marijuana (5 to 50 lbs.), driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, and violation of operator/driver license restriction; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **MIKEAL LANDARREAN CHAVERA**, 20, of 707 E. 16th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **FRED JUAREZ**, 31, of 1210 Wood St. was arrested on warrants for open container in a motor vehicle - passenger, and failure to appear.
- **CRUZ GUTIERREZ JR.**, 24, of 1306 Stanford Ave. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200

grams) and possession of marijuana (5 to 50 lbs.).

- **BRANDON JAMAAL KEE**, 32, of 1207 Donley was arrested on charges of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information, evading arrest or detention, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on another outstanding warrant.
- **GREGORY ANTOINE CARTER II**, 25, of 1005 Long Meadow Dr. in DeSoto was arrested on warrants for disregarding a stop sign and bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **MARY JACQUELINE CERDA**, 54, of 421 Edwards was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch).
- **ROSENDO RODRIQUEZ DE-ANDA**, 27, of 1803 Grafa Ave. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 51, of 3606 Piper Rd. was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (threat or

offensive touch).

- **JAMES ANDERSON FORTENBERRY**, 32, of 6305 E. Midway Rd. was arrested on charges of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch), terroristic threat (family/household), and unlawful restraint; and on outstanding warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 1700 block of East Third Street, and the 1500 block of South Johnson Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3600 block of Piper Road.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy and the 1500 block of Scurry Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6300 block of East Midway Road and the 400 block of Edwards Boulevard.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger Street.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 51, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault class C.
- **GREGORY ANTOINE CARTER II**, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for running a stop sign and violation of promise to appear.
- **MARY JACQUELINE CERDA**, 54, was booked by BSPD on a charge of assault class C.
- **MIKEAL LANDARREAN CHAVERA**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **CAITLIN JANA CHAVEZ**, 20, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams) and possession of marijuana (5 to 50 lbs.); and on warrants for driving

with an invalid license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, violation of operator/driver license restriction, and failure to appear/theft.

- **RUBEN ANTHONY CISNEROS**, 21, was booked by DPS on warrants for delivery of marijuana (1/4 oz. to 5 lbs.) in a drug-free zone, and two counts of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (4 to 400 grams).
- **ROSENDO RODRIQUEZ DE-ANDA**, 27, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$100 to \$750).
- **JAMES ANDERSON FORTENBERRY**, 32, was booked by HCSO on charges of assault/family violence (threat or offensive touch), terroristic threat (family/household), and unlawful restraint; and on warrants for passenger unsecured by seatbelt and failure to appear.
- **CRUZ GUTIERREZ JR.**, 24, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled sub-

stance (4 to 200 grams) and possession of marijuana (5 to 50 lbs.).

- **SUZANNA MONTEZ HILARIO**, 30, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).
- **MATHEW ROMAN JIMENEZ**, 18, was booked by DPS on two warrants for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (4 to 400 grams); and on a warrant for delivery of marijuana (1/4 oz. to 5 lbs.) in a drug-free zone.
- **FRED JUAREZ**, 31, was booked by BSPD on warrants for open container in a motor vehicle - passenger, and failure to appear.
- **BRANDON JAMAAL KEE**, 32, was booked by BSPD on charges of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information, evading arrest or detention, and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.); and on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.)/going off bond.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Wren St.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of West 11th Place.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported

in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Algeria.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on Meadowbrook Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was re-

ported in the 300 block of South Owens Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Young Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4600 block of North County Road 21. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

- The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will perform a "Winter Wonderland" concert Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Doors of the auditorium will open at 6:30 p.m. for seating.
- The symphony, under the direction of guest conductor John Giordano, will perform "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" by Sergei Rachmaninoff; "Academic Festival Overture" by Johann Brahms; the overture from "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" by Richard Wagner; and "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy" by Pyotr Tchaikovsky. Guest performer Steven Dong, a 16-year-old pianist, will be featured in the Rachmaninoff piece.
- Tickets are available at H-E-B, the Big Spring Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, Blum's Jewelers, and the Big Spring Convention and Visitor's Bureau.
- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours for you and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.
- The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.
- If you want additional information about getting

your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

Meetings

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.
- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Stovall

Dorothy Stovall, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at her home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today: Cooler, sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday night: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and patchy drizzle. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of showers 20 percent.

Saturday: Warmer. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday night: Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday: Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

AP/National Weather Service reports for Borden, Scurry, Martin, Howard, and Mitchell counties including the cities of Gail, Snyder, Stanton, Big Spring, and Colorado City.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- 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.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 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.

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“This is something they can feel good about,” Shufeldt said. “It gives you a good feeling about yourself, and it will help to feed students.”

Shufeldt said she was attracted to the program because of the impact it has on the youth of the community.

“They (the students) will have something to eat and some don’t have anything to eat on the weekends,” she said.

Rodriguez added the nursing and rehab center holds other outreach community events including a bingo day and lunch the second Friday of the month. Bingo day is open to all seniors and begins at 10:30 a.m. with

lunch provided after.

The next Food2Kids sacking session will be 5:30 p.m., Feb. 6 and 7. All volunteers are welcome. To get to the old Lakeview High School take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

For more information about the Food2Kids, call 432-935-3998. Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is located at 3701 Wasson Road.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Sara Shufeldt, president of the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care residency council, decorates a bag for the Food2Kids program Wednesday afternoon.



Photo by Alan Freed/The Punxsutawney Spirit

Punxsutawney Groundhog Club President Bill Deeley (right) interprets the Groundhogese spoken by Punxsutawney Phil at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney on Thursday morning. Phil directed Deeley to the scroll that reported he had saw his shadow, and therefore predicted six more weeks of winter. Pictured holding Phil is co-handler Ron Ploucha, who was serving as a handler for the final time this year.

PHIL

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shuteye, things start to seem a bit different. Town is still quiet, but there are signs of life beginning to emerge — a person walking down the sidewalk in a groundhog hat, bright lights surrounding town, traffic.

You’ve heard of the calm before the storm? Well, this is the peacefulness before the prognostication. This is no ordinary day in Punxsutawney. It’s Feb. 2. It’s Groundhog Day! Once a year, the

population of Punxsutawney takes a quick turn upward for a day, as thousands of people pour into town to hear what Punxsutawney Phil — the Seer of Seers and the Prognosticator of Prognosticators — has to say about the weather forecast.

And so, we fast-forward just a few short hours, and Punxsutawney is no longer quiet and peaceful. There’s a buzz about town, as many people — some who have come from far away to visit and some who have lived here their entire lives — prepare to make the trek to

meet Phil at Gobbler’s Knob.

Some are hoping for an early spring — with warmth and sunshine on their minds — while others are hoping for six more weeks of winter as they think of the warmth that comes with their favorite cold-day activities, from skiing to sipping cocoa.

The early-morning festivities begin around 3 a.m. at Gobbler’s Knob, as the most faithful fans begin to board buses or to walk up the hill toward the biggest party in town.

At 6:30 a.m., things start to feel more of-

icial, as Mary Sarah — a 21-year-old singer/songwriter known best for her time on “The Voice” — performs a beautiful rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

At that point, one of the annual traditions up on the hill takes place, as fireworks rock the early-morning sky over top of Punxsutawney. There’s no doubt that Phil and his crew announce his presence with a “bang.”

From there, the entertainment — Inner Circle members Dave Gigliotti (Thunder Conductor) and Dan McGinley (Moonshine),

Phil’s official prognostication — 2017

At Gobbler’s Knob on Groundhog Day, we celebrate a worldwide holiday. It’s mighty cold weather you’ve been braving. Is it winter or is it summer you’re craving? Since we’ve been up all night and starting to tottle, I, Punxsy Phil, shall not dawdle. My faithful followers, I clearly see — a perfect, clear shadow of me. Six more weeks of winter it shall be.

along with eight high school seniors known as the Philettes — return to the stage to keep the crowd dancing and warm for the final hour before the official forecast is given.

Jeff Lundy, Groundhog Club vice president, welcomes the crowd at 7:11 a.m., and after wishing everyone in attendance a happy Groundhog Day, Lundy introduces his fellow Inner Circle members.

At that point, he turns things over to Groundhog Club President Bill Deeley, who welcomes the crowd and joins Max, the grandson of late Inner Circle member Bob Roberts, in rapping on Phil’s door to wake him.

When Punxsy Phil emerged from his stump at 7:18 a.m., Deeley pointed out his feisty demeanor, as the crowd welcomed him with a loud cheer.

Deeley didn’t waste any time speaking to Phil in his native language, Groundhogese, and selecting the proper scroll. The full text of the scroll ap-

pears above, but the crowd’s disappointed response told the whole of the story.

Most in attendance were obviously hoping for an early spring, because Phil, having seen his shadow, reported six more weeks of winter, and the crowd let out an audible sigh.

And just like that, it was over — at least for another year.

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Hollis Kennemer, 85, passed away Saturday. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dorothy Stovall, 85, passed away Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation for James Weaver will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, February 3, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Memorial Celebration for Greg Bodin will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2017 from 2:00 until 3:00 PM at the Heritage Museum.

FARLEY

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abandoned courthouse to allow Farley to start the first Boys Ranch.

“He moved nine boys out there, hired one man to take care of them. Of course the man was married and his wife came with him. She probably did most of the work anyway,” Pacino said. “Then they started getting donations from the area ranchers and farmers: tractors, seed for their gardens, that type of thing. The ranch started to grow, and within five years they had 120 kids, all boys, and all from the Texas Panhandle area. Reader’s Digest came out and wrote an article called ‘Alley Cowboys’; that went nationwide. Hollywood got involved and got interested in this place, and came out and visited with Cal Farley and they made a movie out there in 1945 called ‘Boys Ranch’. MGM made it, and that made us nationwide.”

Farley began getting calls asking for admission into the ranch’s program for kids from around the nation.

“He said, ‘Yeah, we can do that, but we’re going to have to have support from those areas too.’ So he started traveling around the country promoting Boys Ranch,” Pacino said. “He got help from Roy Rogers, Roy and Dale (Evans) both. Bob Hope came out and did a big fundraiser for us in 1949 to build us a big water tower. So we had a lot of folks from Hollywood start to get interested in us, and when that happens, things start to snowball.”

Pacino said that Boys Ranch today covers about 12,500 acres and includes working farm and ranch land and nearly a million square feet of indoor space.

“It’s a large place,” he said. “We have 27 homes. Right now we’re building our 28th. They have about 8,000 square feet per home. They

house up to 12 kids and two house-parent families. It actually takes three house-parent families to cover two homes, because they’re on six days and off three.”

The ranch offers many “experiential learning” opportunities for its young residents.

“Those kids get involved in all the farming and ranching, and that includes hay production,” he said. “The other programs include transportation, which is auto mechanics, auto body; we do horticulture; we do meat cutting, animal slaughter; we do carpentry, building maintenance and construction. We have our own departments out there. As large as Boys Ranch is and we’re 40 miles from Amarillo, we have staff there all day long that are plumbers, electricians, carpenters; because the maintenance is ongoing. And the kids are involved in that.”

There is also a program in food service

including bakery and cooking, Pacino said.

For more information about Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch, visit www.calfarley.org. Also, look for an upcoming article on Pacino’s presentation in the March issue of “Living, the Crossroads Magazine.”

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Out of Reach

Rainbows are often depicted with a pot of gold at the end. If you have ever tried to follow a rainbow in the sky, however, you know that it is impossible to find the end. That's because rainbows are simply reflections of the sun's rays in raindrops.

The ends of a rainbow may look like they are on earth, but they're really not. This may be one of the reasons leprechauns are known to hide their gold at the end of a rainbow.

According to an Irish legend, any leprechaun caught by a human must tell where they have hidden their pot of gold. As long as they have put their gold at the end of a rainbow, which humans cannot find, their gold will be safe!



Name That Color

Each of the following is a color on the rainbow. Fill in the blanks to name that color.

- 1) G _ _ E _ _ _
- 2) _ _ LU _ _
- 3) YE _ _ _ O _ _
- 4) O _ _ A _ _ G _ _
- 5) _ _ IO _ _ E _ _
- 6) _ _ E _ _
- 7) _ _ N _ _ I _ _ O

Answers: 1) Green, 2) Blue, 3) Yellow, 4) Orange, 5) Violet, 6) Red, 7) Indigo



What Rhymes with Gold?

List 10 words that rhyme with "gold." 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Some answers: bold, cold, fold, hold, mold, old, rolled, scold, sold, told



Jokes and Riddles

Q: What is a cat's favorite color?

A: Purple, of course!

Q: What is green and red all over?

A: An angry shamrock.



Fact or Fiction?

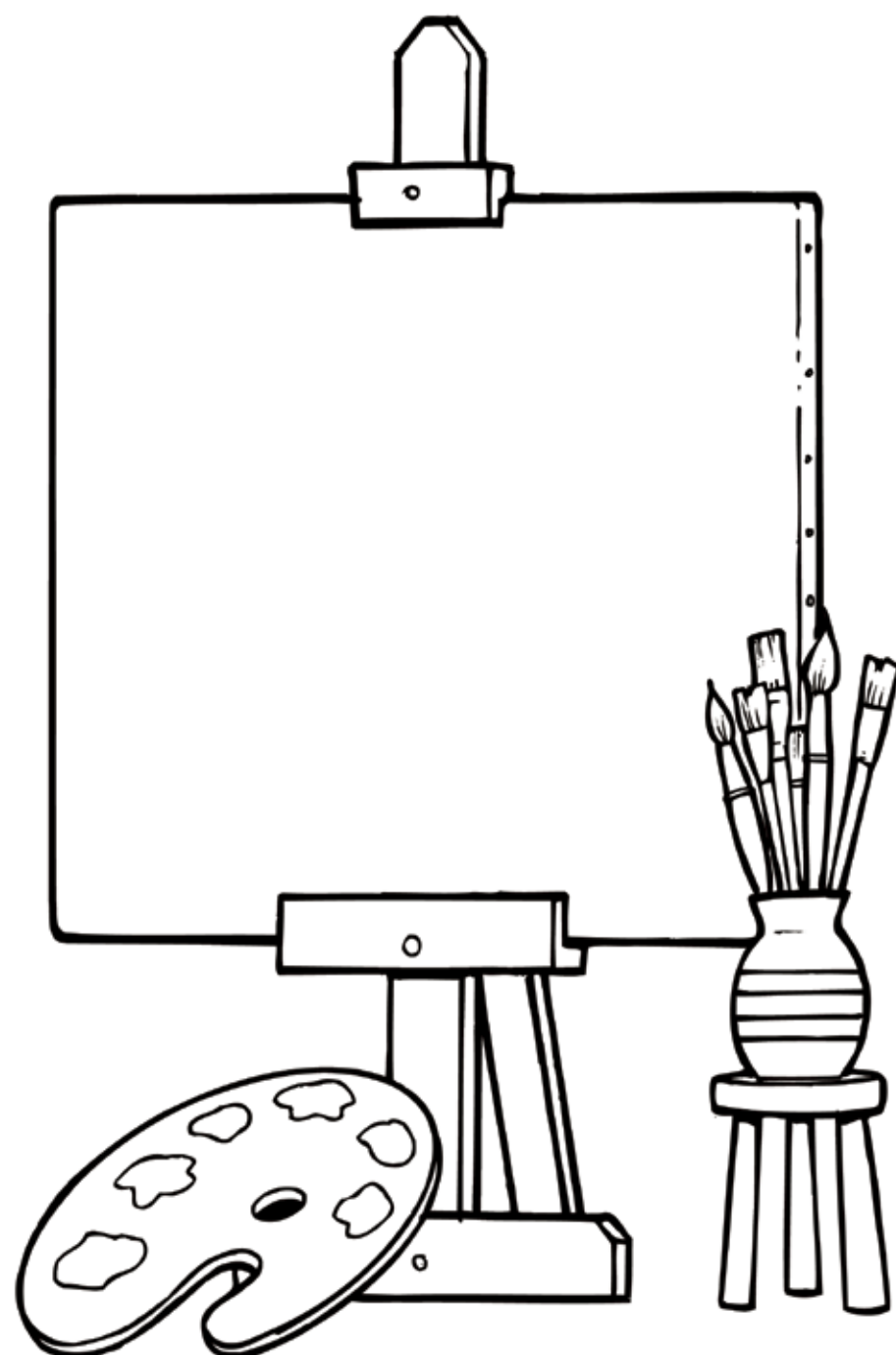
Color Combo Challenge

As Easter gets closer, kids everywhere will be coloring eggs. While some will turn to egg coloring kits, others will use food coloring. Whatever method you use, you may want to know something about color mixing, especially if you plan to decorate your eggs with paint. Here are some questions about color combinations. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Red and purple make orange. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Blue and red make purple. Fact or Fiction?
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- 6) Red and green make brown. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Green and black make dark green. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Purple and black make lavender. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Red and brown make maroon. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Brown and white make tan. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: 1) Fiction, red and yellow make orange, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, white and red make pink, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, black and white make gray, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fiction, purple and white make lavender, 9) Fiction, red and black make maroon, 10) Fact

COLORING PICTURE



Ex-Baylor coach drops suit

Had charged university officials with defamation

WACO, Texas (AP) — Former Baylor football coach Art Briles has dropped the defamation lawsuit filed against four university officials he accused of making false statements against him, according to attorneys in the case.

Briles in December sued the three regents and a university vice president for libel and slander, claiming they falsely stated that he knew of reported assaults and alleged gang rapes by players and didn't report them.

Rusty Hardin, an attorney for the regents, told the Waco Tribune-Herald that the suit was dropped Wednesday.

The lawsuit that was filed in Llano County also asserted that Baylor officials conspired to damage Briles' reputation and keep him from getting another coaching job. It sought damages for emotional distress and likely ending his career as a coach "on any level."

Briles' attorney, Ernest Cannon, told KWTX-TV of Waco on Wednesday, that the lawsuit was never about money.

Cannon told the station he was sorry the issue didn't get resolved "for all the Baylor people, so they could know the truth."

The attorney said Briles wanted some peace in his life and to put as much distance as possible between his family and Baylor.

In a response they filed with the court last month, Reagan Ramower, chief operating officer for Baylor, and three regents, including Chairman Ronald Murff, said as a public figure Briles would bear the responsibility of proving any falsehood. The four men had requested a jury trial.

HC squads in action



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard College's KJ Riley puts up a shot during recent action. HC's men and women's teams travel to Clarendon College tonight. The women tip off at 5:45 p.m., with the men's game following at 7:30 p.m.

Mejri has 17 rebounds to lead Mavs to win

DALLAS (AP) — Salah Mejri combined to play only nine minutes in Dallas' recent victories over San Antonio and Cleveland. The Mavericks got another nice victory Wednesday night, and Mejri wasn't left out of this one.

The Tunisian center had 16 points and a career-high 17 rebounds, Seth Curry scored 22 points and Dallas beat the Philadelphia 76ers 113-95 for its third win in a row and fifth in six games.

The 7-foot-1 Mejri played 21 minutes with Andrew Bogut out of action and helped Dallas — the NBA's worst-rebounding team — set a season high for boards and rebound the Sixers 51-39.

He scored 10 points, all on dunks, early in the fourth quarter to help the Mavericks lead by 22.

Mejri's point total was one shy of his career high for points.

"They've been looking for me now that I'm a 'hot player,'" said Mejri, laughing as he made air quotes to highlight his sudden scoring prowess. "When it's there, it's there. I felt like I needed to join the party with everybody else because we had two big wins on back to backs."

Harrison Barnes added 16 points for Dallas, and Devin Harris had 14.

Jahlil Okafor led the 76ers with 16 points, and Ersan Ilyasova added 13 points and 10 boards. Philadelphia played without starters Robert Covington (bruised right hand) and Joel Embiid (left knee contusion).

The Mavericks led by just four points with three minutes left in the third



AP photo
Philadelphia 76ers center Jahlil Okafor (8) drives against Dallas Mavericks forward Harrison Barnes (40) during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Dallas Wednesday.

quarter, but Harris hit back-to-back 3s to start a 13-5 run that gave the Mavericks an 81-69 lead.

"It happened so fast," Okafor said. "We didn't get stops, they hit a bunch of 3s. We turned the ball over. We also missed shots that we always make or usually make."

Mejri then scored 10 of Dallas' first 12 points in the fourth, opening the lead to 93-74.

TIP-INS
76ers: Rookie Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot made the first start of his career in place of Covington and scored seven points.

Mavericks: Mejri reached his season high in rebounds in the first half alone, with 12 boards in just 11 minutes.

Guards J.J. Barea (left calf strain) and Deron Williams (left big toe sprain) and Bogut (right hamstring strain) missed another game.

YOGI BEARS DOWN

Yogi Ferrell, who scored a career-high 19 points against Cleveland on Monday, had 11 points and five assists in 38 minutes Wednesday in just his third game with the team. He even blocked a shot by Okafor, who is 11 inches taller.

Ferrell also brought the crowd to its feet late in the third quarter when he knocked the ball away from Philadelphia's Sergio Rodriguez on a fast break and his momentum carried him headfirst into the first row of spectators.

"I'm going to get out there and communicate with my guys defensively, and offensively I'm going to run the team," Ferrell said. "Make the smart pass, knock down the shot if it's open and just be a catalyst."

RIGHT ON THE BUTTON

The Mavericks used a

26-8 run to turn a nine-point second-quarter deficit into a 50-41 lead before the Sixers scored the last six points of the half.

The run started after a Dallas timeout in which coach Rick Carlisle drew a picture of a reset button on his clipboard and had Curry push it after the guard had three first-quarter turnovers. Curry and Barnes combined to score the last 13 points of the run.

"I had to get my mind right and get into the game," Curry said. "That was just a fun thing he did in the timeout that got me going."

UP NEXT

76ers: Stay in Texas with a visit to the Spurs on Thursday, the second game in a four-game trip.

Mavericks: Visit Portland on Friday, their first of two matchups in five days with the Trail Blazers.

Big 12 signing day recap

The Associated Press

A look at how Big 12 schools fared on national signing day:

BAYLOR

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Xavier Newman, OL, DeSoto, Texas. The 6-foot-3, 300-pound Under Armour All-American was a highly touted prospect as a center or guard, and had offers from more than a dozen Power Five schools. He originally committed to Colorado before visiting Baylor after coach Matt Rhule got the job.

Best of the rest: Trestan Ebner, WR, Henderson, Texas. Had 57 catches for 1,074 yards and 16 TDs as a senior, when he also had five sacks as a defensive back.

Late addition: Justin Harris, DE, Gonzales, Louisiana. Originally committed to UCF last summer, the 6-5, 250-pounder had at least 10 other offers, including Texas A&M and Purdue, before an official visit to Baylor last weekend.

Ones that got away: Half of Baylor's highly touted 22-player signing class last spring never went to Waco after former coach Art Briles lost his job. The Bears also lost several early commits, including five-star linebacker Baron Browning, who verbally committed in the summer of 2015 before his junior season at Kennedale (Texas) High. Browning, ranked by 247Sports as the No. 11 overall recruit, is now an early enrollee at Ohio State.

How they'll fit in: With the Bears down to about 70 scholarship players last season, including a dozen seniors, the new signees help build back up roster numbers. There are 14 defensive and 13 offensive players in this class, including 11 linemen (six on defense, five on offense).

IOWA STATE

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Ray Lima, DL, El Camino Community College (California). Lima is 6-foot-3 and 310 pounds and is expected to start next season after emerging as one of the best defensive tackles in junior college. Lima had a long list of Power Five suitors, and the Cyclones have a glaring need for impact defensive linemen. Fellow junior college lineman Matt Leo should also help in 2017.

Best of the rest: Devon Moore, QB, Waterloo West (Iowa). Players like LB O'Rien Vance and WR Josh Johnson might have gotten more buzz, but Moore is one player that Iowa State needs to see fulfill his potential. Moore threw 29 TDs as a senior and committed to Iowa State on Campbell's first day as coach.

Late addition: Keontae Jones, DB, Colerain, Ohio. Yet another talented prospect Campbell snagged from his home state. His brother, Deshaunte, played extensively as a wide receiver in 2016 and looks like a future star.

One that got away: Kam White, DB, Clinton, Mississippi. A four-star recruit, White gave a verbal commitment to Iowa State before more prestigious programs got involved.

How they'll fit in: In a lot of ways, Campbell is building his program like Kirk Ferentz built his at rival Iowa. Iowa State's latest class is heavy on versatile, three-star kids from the Midwest who came from winning prep programs.

KANSAS

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: RBs Octavius Matthews and Dominic Williams. Matthews has the ability to play running back or in the slot, while Williams capped his prep career as one of the state's leading rushers. Both should be able to help the Jayhawks immediately.

Best of the rest: QB Peyton Bender, a junior college transfer, remained committed to the Jayhawks despite late overtures from Georgia, and the big-armed quarterback can make all

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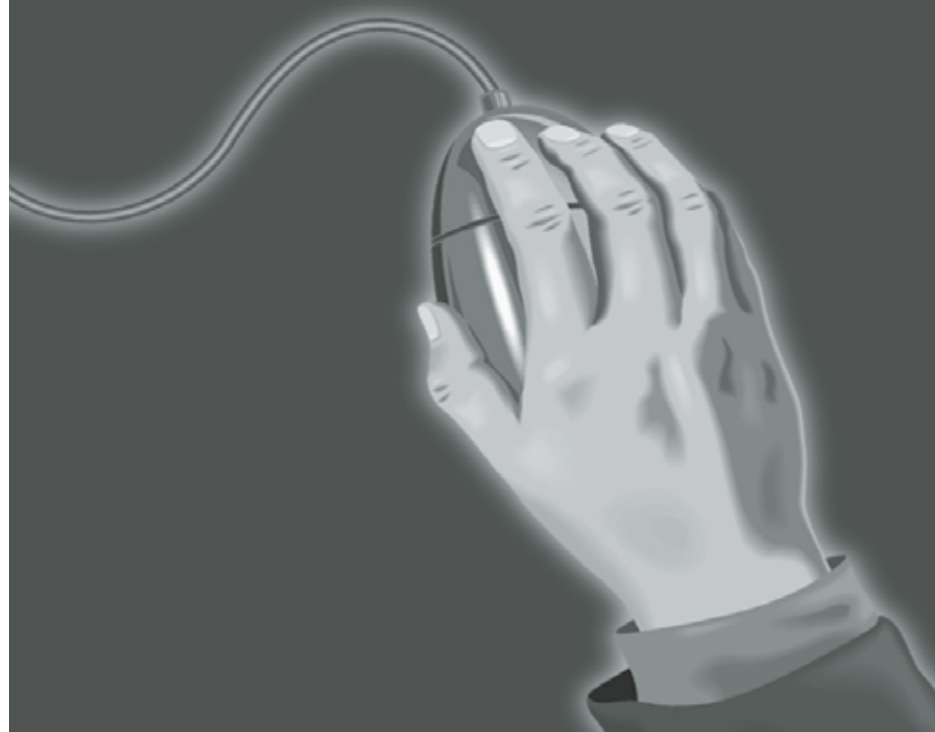
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Venus Coal-Walker

Venus will walk over the hot coals to dive straight into the passionate fire of Aries tomorrow. Venus represents love, the work we love, pursuits of beauty and attractions of all kinds. Aries represents war, action and might. There's more friction than fit in this pairing, but don't be too quick to call it a disastrous match. Much good comes of friction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If a person seems always either up or down and never balanced, it's a sign that you are in for a roller coaster ride should you choose to get close. People line up for such rides, which are usually expensive and brief.

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). Choose teammates who want to win. They'll help you to victory. But more importantly, choose teammates who want to play, who love the game and who have the will to prepare. Just being around these types is a win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There was a time when you were intimidated by the prospect of calling someone you don't know. Today you'll look forward to the surprise and education that always comes from a fresh contact.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In business, the bottom line is ROI: return on investment. Why not make ROI the bottom line in everything you do today? When you're clear what you're getting out of each action, you'll choose most efficiently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Make no promises. Give no quick answers. This especially applies to feedback. Receive the tips, acknowledge the tipper and then take time to reflect and assimilate the implications.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today's cosmic gift is talent for storytelling. Creative people will be drawn to your tales. This is could be the start of a community. Listen as well as you present and you're golden.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is fully formed. You see the potential in others, and you will also have excellent ideas about how to direct it. Those are best shared exclusively with those who ask for help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Team efforts don't always have to be equal so much as mutually satisfactory. Sometimes you have to take yourself out of the equation in order to make sure that the other person is pulling his or her weight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've paid your dues, and maybe you think others should pay theirs, too, before they get to enter the "cool club". Then again, things have changed so much since you started. Consider creating a new policy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You can accomplish more. The limitations are in your mind. Look at the one who is doing it differently. Study the competition. What do the gurus have to say? This is an information-gathering period.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are chasing an object of affection that is chasing another object of affection, and this is how love makes the world go around. Hopefully you won't lose heart. Did you notice that you're also being chased?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Which approach is best? Should you push and drive your team, or should you lift and support them? Both ways are valid and needed at different times. Test the waters. Get a better reading of the situation and the group.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2). Your excitement surges as a gleaming goal appears within reach. The final 10 percent of the journey is the hardest stretch. New challenges at work in March invite you to experiment and play.

Singles meet someone special in June. September brings physical strength and the willpower to become quite fit. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 44, 19 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have such a horrible, gut-wrenching, wretched crush on someone who is totally, utterly out of my league. This person is practically famous, or at least very popular in my town. He is gorgeous in every way, physically and in his heart. He is talented and is on the verge of being very successful. He could have anyone, since every woman who gets around him tends to stand there are drool. I wake up in the middle of the night thinking about him and I can't go back to sleep. He's turned me into a distracted zombie. But he'll never love me back; I just know. I'm not his type. Is there anything I can do to win him? He's a Pisces and I'm a Libra."

I have good news for you, Libra. This isn't love, and it will

pass. I encourage you to get to know this fantasy Pisces so that you can bring him into a more realistic perspective. He's just a person, not a god. You can use your infatuation to teach you more about who you want to become. Take note of the qualities you ascribe to your Pisces, because these are the same qualities you want to embody and are growing toward in your own journey.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Latin American musical prodigy Shakira melded her many influences to create a unique brand of pop music. Shakira is an Aquarius with a well-rounded chart, representing a beautiful balance of air, earth and water influences. She lives up to the Aquarian reputation for outstanding philanthropy, having founded a charity to create schools for poor children in her homeland of Colombia.

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Annie's Mailbox

Shaddup

Dear Annie: My wife and I just visited good friends we've known for over 40 years.

The hostess talked from "good morning" to "good night." What a performance!

At dinner, I was able to get a word in

and remark that we had seen a moose on the road to their house. As was typical for the hostess, she butted in before I was done talking, and in a minute or so, she was talking about what her aunt Sally Smith's neighbor, Joan Nobody, had for dinner at her daughter's birthday party. Why would any intelligent person

have any interest in this? These are people we don't know, and there was nothing special about the dinner. I would rather have kept talking about the moose.

I now never want to visit them again. My wife tells me I am a social misfit and am being unreasonable. I feel our hostess is out of touch with polite behavior. Your thoughts? Please sign me -- Tired of Boring, Never-Ending Chatter

Dear Tired: The hostess is the real social misfit here, but everyone is too polite to let her know it. Do visit them again. But when

this woman interrupts you, you must gently snag the conversational reins again. Let her speak for a minute before reminding her that you were in the middle of speaking. Say something like, "You stopped the moose dead in his tracks." A little humor will keep the tone friendly and spare the hostess some embarrassment.

Dear Annie: I'd like to add something to your response to "Tears and Fears for the Victims All Over," who wondered how to help when witnessing violent or unpleasant situations. I have been in such situations,

too, and in a couple of instances, I have gone over and asked whether there was anything I could do to help. Obviously, one does not want to put oneself in harm's way, but for events such as the ones "Tears and Fears" described, what I might suggest also, seeing as there were automobiles included in the scenarios, is for the people who see what is happening to take the license plate down or take a brief video of the incident using a cellphone. Getting the license plate would enable them to contact the police after the fact and possibly get some action taken in that way. I was once being chased by someone on the freeway in the Los Angeles area. I took the license plate down and called the police when I got home. They told me that they would go out and talk to the person.

Sometimes there is more we can do than we realize in situations such as this. I once saw what appeared to be an assault going on in a car in the parking lot of a hospital, and I went over to try to intervene. It turned out that a young woman was having a grand mal seizure in the back

seat, and her father was trying to restrain her so she would not hurt herself. I quickly ran to the hospital and got somebody to bring a gurney out so that the young woman could be taken immediately. Apparently, the mother had gone into the hospital earlier but was not forceful enough at the intake desk to tell the people that her daughter needed immediate help. I said that someone was having a really bad seizure in the parking lot, and they acted immediately.

Thank you, concerned citizens, for the good work that you do to make the world a better place. -- Good Samaritan

Dear Good: Your story of the family in the hospital parking lot underscores how the kindness of strangers can make all the difference. Thank you.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A 100 percent certainty

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K Q 10 7 5
♥ 9 3
♦ 6 2
♣ A 6 5 2

opposing cards.
South wins the opening club lead with the king, cashes the ace of trumps, then leads a club to the ace and ruffs a club. After playing a trump to the king, dummy's last club is ruffed.

WEST EAST
♠ 4 ♠ 8
♥ K 10 6 2 ♥ J 7 5 4
♦ K 10 8 4 3 ♦ J 9 7 5
♣ J 10 9 ♣ Q 8 7 4

The stage is now set for the critical play. At trick seven, South crosses to dummy with a trump and returns the nine of hearts. If East plays low, the nine is allowed to ride, losing to West's ten.
If West returns a diamond, South wins with the queen and later ruffs the queen of hearts in dummy to make the slam. If West returns a heart instead, declarer wins with the queen and cashes the ace, discarding a diamond from dummy. The ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff in dummy then bring the play to a successful conclusion.

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 6♠ Pass
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Note that even if East plays the jack of hearts when the nine is led from dummy, declarer prevails by covering the jack with the queen. West wins with the king, but South's A-8 of hearts produce the same outcome as before. In fact, there is no possible division of the opposing hearts that can avert this result if declarer sets the stage properly from the outset.

At first glance, it appears that making six spades depends entirely upon winning either of two finesses. However, a peck at the West hand reveals that if declarer attempts both finesses, he is headed for defeat.
But a closer examination reveals that South can make the slam without attempting either finesse! Furthermore, the winning line of play should be found without seeing the

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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sudoku

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

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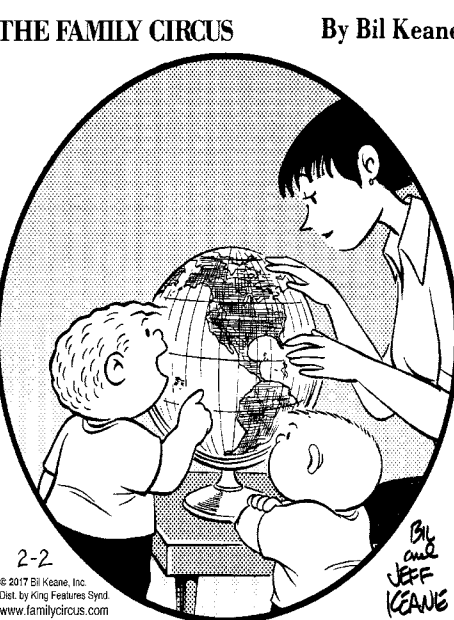
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"I HAVE A FAVORITE CHAIR TOO, BUT MINE IS USUALLY FACING THE CORNER."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

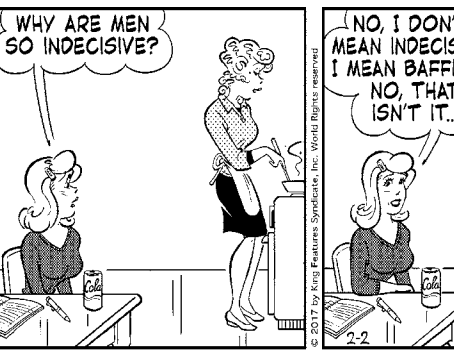


"Neat! Now zoom in and show us where our house is."

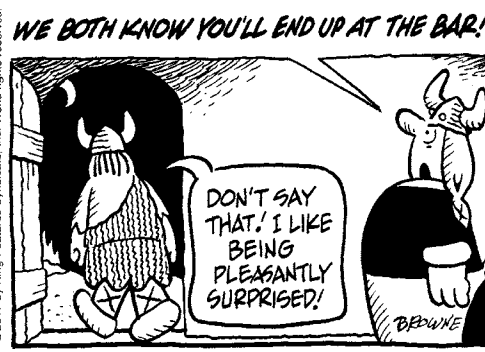
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2017. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 2, 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

On this date: In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated. In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed. In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co. The musical "Shameen Dhu," featuring the song "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral," opened on Broadway. In 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana. In 1932, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" for Brunswick Records.

In 1942, a Los Angeles Times column by W.H. Anderson urged security measures against Japanese-Americans, arguing that a Japanese-American "almost inevitably ... grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

In 1959, public schools in Arlington and Norfolk, Virginia, were racially desegregated without incident.

In 1964, Ranger 6, a lunar probe launched by NASA, crashed onto the surface of the moon as planned, but failed to send back any TV images.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a code-name protested by Arab-Americans.

In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

In 1992, longtime "Miss America" emcee Bert Parks died in La Jolla (HOY-uh), California, at age 77.

Ten years ago: Tornadoes killed 21 people in central Florida. A grim report from the world's leading climate scien-

tists and government officials said that global warming was so severe, it would "continue for centuries" and that humans were to blame. Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued an order making Texas the first state to require that schoolgirls get vaccinated against HPV, a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.

Five years ago: Egyptian security forces clashed with stone-throwing protesters enraged by the failure of police to prevent a soccer riot the night before that killed 74 people. Donald Trump announced his endorsement of Republican Mitt Romney for president, saying the former Massachusetts governor was "not going to allow bad things to continue to happen to this country we all love."

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Disney lion
 - 6 Goldie's daughter
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 - 14 Font like Helvetica
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 - 19 Communion, for instance
 - 20 Looked like a villain
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 - 22 Uncommon Monopoly rolls
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 - 25 Vulture cousin
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 - 33 Palindromic time
 - 36 Venerable kids' cereal
 - 37 Many a lounge act
 - 38 Spot on CBS
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 - 40 Diner listing
 - 41 Without letup
 - 42 Leak out
 - 44 Salada rival
 - 45 Mass arrival
 - 47 Word after wiggle or war
 - 49 Reliable
 - 50 Took a shot
 - 55 East of Eden brother
 - 56 Poe specialty
 - 59 Haywire
 - 60 Home-improvement chain founder
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 - 5 On guard
 - 6 Buddy
 - 7 Suffix for stock
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 - 9 Cartoon screech
 - 10 Barefoot discipline
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 - 13 Vacant lot sight
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 - 21 Yields
 - 23 Leave quickly
 - 24 Overrule
 - 25 Hand-raising ritual
 - 26 iPhone talker
 - 27 Cartel's creation, perhaps
 - 28 Toy Story dinosaur
 - 30 Umbrella parts
 - 32 Increase
 - 34 Spire attachment
 - 35 Circular flow
 - 37 Prod with flattery
 - 38 Preschooler
 - 40 Gulf War missile
 - 41 Tough opponents
 - 43 Helical toy brand
 - 44 Talk up
 - 45 Name on the cover of *I, Robot*
 - 46 Designer Kamali
 - 48 Brutish bosses
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 - 52 Offended
 - 53 A Penn State campus city
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 - 56 Guileful
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 - 58 Dominate, informally

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Parent's Corner: Choices illuminates a person's character

Often things aren't what they seem which means we need to really be careful when assessing the activities around us. Such was the case in the following story.

The other day I was grocery shopping and noticed an old man who was grocery shopping with his grandson. The toddler was very disruptive, screaming and yelling at the top of his lungs. I was amazed to see the old gentleman, as he walked up and down the aisles, speaking in a very soft voice.

I listened closely as he whispered over and over again, "We are almost done, Albert. Life will get better, Albert! As he approached the checkout stand he carefully brushed

the toddler's tears from his eyes and again whispered, "Don't be upset, Albert, we will be home soon." The toddler continued to cry as the old gentleman was attempting to pay the cashier.

I stood there in amazement at the man's patience when a young woman in line immediately behind him said, "Sir, I think it is wonderful to notice how sweet you are being to little Albert."

The old man looked up, blinked his eyes a couple of times and said, "Thank you Miss, this is my grandson. His name is John. I'm Albert!"

There is another such story that has a moral different than we expect:

Several years ago, when an ice cream sundae was much less expensive than it is today, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. The waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sun-

dae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier his 35 cents and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. She then understood that he would have liked to have had the sundae but he couldn't, because he had to have enough money left to leave her a tip.

I guess we could say that we never know someone until we understand the choices they make.

We place people in categories to make the world more understandable than the world surprises us. That's the mystery of life. We can have fewer surprises if we seek to understand the underlying motives of others.

Problems seldom exist at the level at which they are expressed, which means we cannot not see things as they are; we see them as we think they are. If we want insights into why people do what they do, we must discover their unstated motives and uncover what they feel but are not saying.

We live in a complex world and life is a bit more complicated than what it was when Popeye used to say, "I yam what I yam and dat's all what I yam!"

So, as George Carlin would say, "Remember to say a kind



word to that little one who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side."

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety



DARRELL RYAN

An up close cultural experience



Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD

Yide Zhang (pictured front row far left) and his parents, Guoming Zhang and Qing Chang, will be returning to Beijing, China soon following a five-month stay in Big Spring. Guoming Zhang was hosted by Dr. Scott Van Pelt at the United States Department of Agriculture. Yide was guest of honor at a party given by the fifth grade students at Forsan Elementary School and teachers held this afternoon. Yide had been a student at Forsan during his time in the United States. It was a great learning experience for the students and teachers.

Long-running Texas evolution debate has big classroom impact

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Board of Education on Wednesday voted preliminarily to ease — but not completely eliminate — state high school science curriculum requirements that experts argue cast doubt on the theory of evolution.

How evolution is taught in America's second-largest state has been a point of contention for years, and the issue isn't yet settled. The board will vote again Friday before a final decision in April and could further tweak curriculums either time. Here are some answers to key questions on Texas's science curriculum:

Q: What are the current standards?

A: Primarily at issue are four parts of Texas' science curriculum.

The most disputed asks biology teachers to have students scrutinize "all sides of scientific evidence" on evolution "so as to encourage critical thinking." Two others mandate lessons explor-

ing the complexity of human cells and the origins of life. The fourth examines gaps in the fossil record that appear to indicate sudden bursts in the development of life, rather than the normally slow evolutionary process — something religious conservatives say shows God could have had a hand in creating life.

The standards were approved in 2009 as an alternative to decades-old curriculums requiring Texas science students to weigh the "strengths and weakness" of scientific theory. They were a compromise between the old standards, which were backed by religious conservatives, and academics who said Texas' curriculum was trying to water down lessons on evolution.

Q: Why are the standards being criticized?

A: Critics say they were adopted for ideological reasons rather than scientific ones, with the intent to cast enough doubt on the

theory of evolution that some students will believe in creationism, or that God created life. In November, a 10-member panel of science teachers and academics recommended removing all four requirements, saying they were confusing and time-consuming for students and had little scientific value.

Defenders of the standards say much about the origin and evolution of life remains a mystery and that young Texans should learn critical thinking that challenges even accepted science.



Steer Pride Corner



Top BSI young scientists

Special to the Herald

The following sixth grade students placed at the BSI local science fair: chemistry, 1st, team of Timothy Ontiveros, Tanner Purcell, and Luke Greathouse; 2nd, team of Emma Miracle, Taylor Partlow, and Aloni Mendez; behavioral social science, 1st, team of Kortney Moore and Ananya Limaye; 2nd, Marco Tan; physics as-

tronomy, 1st, Zareth Castillo; and 2nd Ayannia Anchondo; energy physics, 1st, Gissile Holguin.

The following 5th grade students placed at the BSI local science fair: engineering, 1st, Isaiah Diaz; 2nd, David Villagiana; chemistry, 1st, John Manigali; 2nd, Riley Pirraglia; earth science, 1st, Gabrielle Carter.

The science fair coordinator at BSI is Isabel Garcia.

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the throws. Helping his cause is his familiarity with the Air Raid offense, which he played in at Washington State and coach David Beaty uses at Kansas.

Late addition: Matthews was the biggest surprise of the class, faxing in his letter of intent on Wednesday. He should help cover the loss of running back Ke'aun Kinner to graduation.

One that got away: Grant Polley, OL, Denton, Texas. The Jayhawks were among the first to offer Polley, and he was a soft verbal commitment for a while. He ultimately chose Colorado.

How they'll fit in: The Jayhawks were desperate to add defensive backfield depth after losing three starters to graduation, and they largely accomplished that by signing four recruits. Hasan Defense from Kilgore Community College in Texas and Shakial Taylor from Mesa Community College in Arizona have already signed with the Jayhawks and should be able to help immediately, and safety Antonio Cole from Highland Community College in Kansas was a late addition.

The biggest prize among them could be Robert Topps III, one of the top players from the Chicago area, who has the size at 6-2, 185 pounds to allow the Jayhawks to play more physically.

KANSAS STATE

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Daniel Green, a linebacker was among the top-rated players in Oregon and a rare West Coast find coming out of Portland. He should compete for playing time right away after Elijah Lee declared a year early for the NFL draft. "He's a very aggressive player," coach Bill Snyder said.

Best of the rest: JUCO linebacker Daquan Patton arrives at Kansas State from Trinity Valley Community College in Texas, and the second-team junior college All-American should push early for playing time.

Late addition: Gervarrius Owens, a safety, had offers from Iowa State, Kansas and several other power schools, but chose Kansas State on signing day. He is another crucial signing to help solidify the backfield.

One that got away: Evan Fields, S, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Kansas State went toe-to-toe with schools including Arizona State, UCLA and Notre Dame. Fields ultimately chose the Sun Devils.

How they'll fit in: The Wildcats played more freshmen than just about anybody in the nation last season, so most of their talent on both sides of the ball will be returning this season. And that means expectations of competing for a Big 12 title are already rampant in Manhattan. Along with linebacker and safety, the Wildcats will have to replace defensive end Jordan Willis, the Big 12 defensive player of the year. There are several in-house candidates, but keep an eye on Xavier Davis, a three-star prospect from Pima (Arizona) Community College.

The Wildcats loaded up on offensive linemen in this year's class, but the biggest difference-maker on that side of the ball might be three-star prospect Chabastin Taylor. The 6-foot-3 wide receiver from Giddings, Texas, could fill nicely the void left by senior Deante Burton.

OKLAHOMA

Top 25 Class: Yes.

Best in class: Robert Barnes, S, Southlake Texas. Best of the rest: Levi Draper, LB, Collinsville, Oklahoma; Addison Gumbs, DE, Hayward, California; Justin Broiles, CB, Oklahoma City; Tyrese Robinson, OG, McKinney, Texas.

One that got away: LB Jacob Phillips switched his commitment to LSU in the past week.

How they'll fit in: The running back position is wide open after Samaje Perine and Joe Mixon both chose to leave school early. Oklahoma signed two of the nation's top 15 running backs in Trey Sermon of Marietta, Georgia, and Kennedy Brooks of Mansfield, Texas, as well as junior college back Marcellias Sutton. Abdul Adams is the most experienced returning back, but the talented newcomers will be hard to hold off. Oklahoma had issues in the secondary last season, so Barnes and Broiles could get early looks.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Tylan Wallace, WR, Fort Worth, Texas.

Best of the rest: LC Greenwood, WR; Garland, Texas; Chuba Hubbard, RB, Alberta, Canada; Patrick Macon, LB, junior college transfer who signed in December.

Late addition: TE Baron Odom, from Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

One that got away: Derek Kerstetter, OL, San Antonio. Switched his commitment to new Texas coach Tom Herman and signed with the Longhorns.

Super Bowl to be no-drone zone

HOUSTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is warning that drones won't be allowed in the airspace around the Super Bowl on Sunday in Houston.

The FAA said in a statement Wednesday that certain aircraft operations including drones will be prohibited within a 34.5-mile radius of NRG Stadium from 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

on Sunday.

FAA Administrator Michael Huerta says, "Drones are becoming much more popular, but they also pose certain safety risks."

The FAA has produced a 20-second video reminding people to leave their drones at home that day. The agency is promoting the video on its website and social media.

How they'll fit in: Oklahoma State needs depth at running back behind Big 12 Newcomer of the Year Justice Hill. Hubbard and J.D. King could step in. Hubbard, a Canadian from Sherwood Park, Alberta, will also run on the Cowboy track and field team.

Oklahoma State also needs to replace Cowboy backs Blake Jarwin and Zac Veatch. Odom and junior college fullback Sione Finefeuiaki will have a chance.

TCU

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Shawn Robinson, QB, DeSoto, Texas. Robinson, the 2016-17 Gatorade Texas Player of the Year, is already enrolled at TCU after leading DeSoto High to its first state championship in December. Accounted for 4,855 total yards and 47 touchdowns as senior.

Best of the rest: Jalen Reagor, WR, Waxahachie, Texas; and Omar Manning, WR, Lancaster, Texas. Reagor, rated the No. 2 receiver in Texas by 247Sports, had 50 catches for 967 yards and 14 TDs as a senior, while also running for three scores and passing for another. Manning had 78 catches for 1,413 yards and 20 TDs the past two seasons.

Late addition: Michael Onyemaobi, DB, Temecula, California. Originally a California commitment, he made his final official visit to Nebraska last weekend, but signed with the Frogs on Wednesday after Patterson had already met with reporters to discuss the signing class.

One that got away: Tyreece Lott, DE, Ardmore, Oklahoma. After verbally committing to TCU in mid-December, Lott changed his mind after an official visit to Oklahoma less than two weeks ago, and signed with the Sooners on Wednesday.

How they'll fit in: Three of TCU's senior starters last season were on the defensive line, so coach Gary Patterson added five defensive linemen and another player listed as a linebacker/defensive lineman. Reagor and Manning could contribute immediately, though initially they likely will be catching passes from senior Kenny Hill next fall.

TEXAS

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Sam Ehlinger, QB, Austin, Texas; and Taquon Graham, DE, Temple, Texas.

Best of the rest: K Josh Rowland, Mississippi Gulf Coast CC, Toneil Carter, RB, Houston

Late addition: Northeastern Oklahoma A&M junior college transfer DE Jamari Chisholm, who didn't have a scholarship offer from Texas until Tuesday night.

One that got away: Two, really. Austin OT Stephan Zable left town for UCLA, and Houston DE K'Lavon Chaisson picked LSU

How they'll fit in: The losing finally caught up to Texas on the recruiting trail. Coach Tom Herman began tamping down expectations for this class weeks ago, calling it a "transition" year. Whether many in this group will compete for playing time as freshmen is unknown. Former coach Charlie Strong lost a lot of games but left new coach Tom

Herman a roster that most see as very talented.

TEXAS TECH

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Jack Anderson, OL, Frisco, Texas. Ranked as the No. 10 prospect in recruit-rich Texas by 247Sports, Anderson chose the Red Raiders over Alabama and Oklahoma among others. The offensive line was a glaring need in recruiting because of injuries, players giving up football and dismissals.

Best of the rest: Riko Jeffers, LB, Garland, Texas. The Red Raiders finished last in the nation in total defense last season, allowing 554 yards per game. A young linebacking group also has some junior college signees so it will be interesting to see whether Jeffers can contribute immediately.

Late addition: Jacob Hines, OL, Long Beach, California. The junior college product committed to Texas Tech last May, changed his mind a few days later and changed it again in December. He could be another important piece in an area of need.

One that got away: Bronson Boyd, WR, Arlington, Texas. One of 12 midterm signees was kicked off the team a little more than a week after joining the program for unspecified reasons. Boyd was the only receiver to get a scholarship offer, but it's already the deepest position on the roster.

How they'll fit in: The Red Raiders loaded up on offensive linemen (five) and defensive backs (six), the top two positions of need. Those two areas accounted for half of the 22 scholarship players who left the program with eligibility remaining over the past 20 months. Two more linemen — Dawson Deaton, Anderson's teammate at Frisco High School, and Will Farrar from suburban Houston — were Texas Tech's other two highest-rated high school recruits.

WEST VIRGINIA

Top 25 Class: No.

Best in class: Kelby Wickline, OL, Jones County (Miss.) JC, son of West Virginia assistant coach Joe Wickline.

Best of the rest: Derek Pitts, DB, South Charleston (W. Va.) HS; David Sills, WR, a former Mountaineer backup who spent last season playing quarterback at California's El Camino College.

Late addition: Isaiah Hardy, OL, 6-7, 340, Lackawanna (Pa.) CC

One that got away: Four-star WR Danny Davis of Springfield, Ohio, signed with Wisconsin.

How they'll fit in: In the high-scoring Big 12, West Virginia has gone hard after junior college transfers to get immediate help, especially on defense. The Mountaineers must replace the entire defensive line, a pair of starting linebackers and most of the secondary. Some of the 10 early signees could see significant playing time in 2017.

"Adding guys who physically are ahead of the curve, which is what junior colleges are about, and getting them at midterm allows you to get that team ready a little bit quicker," coach Dana Holgorsen said.



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