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## Run 2 Love 2 Run kicks off Saturday

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Love to run? Looking for a way to lend a helping hand? The annual Run 2 Love 2 Run 5K, organized by Permian Basin Events, is right up your alley.

The Valentine's Day themed run/walk, scheduled to kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb.

11 at the Big Spring State Park, will benefit the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas.

"This is the second year we have done this benefit for CASA," said Cherise Felty, event organizer. "We usually have a purpose that we do each race. We donate to a

**What: Run 2 Love 2 Run**  
**When: 10 a.m. Saturday**  
**Where: Big Spring State Park**

lot of different causes...CASA will actually be out there. They will have a table set up and handing out candy (Hershey's) Kisses."

The event will start at the State Park headquarters, and Felty encourages everyone to get there early.

"Because it is at the state park, they will close the gates after 9 a.m., so they need to come before that," said Felty. "I wanted to stress also that it's better to register online so we don't run out of

shirts. They're guaranteed a shirt if they register online; sometimes we run out of shirts. It costs more when they register on the day of the race. They can register the morning of, it just costs a little bit more."

Felty thanked the race's sponsors.

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## Gales's Bakery and the Salvation Army team up to deliver singing telegrams

**By SANDRENA KONING**  
 Staff Writer

Singing telegrams and decadent Valentine's treats are quite the hit at Gale's Bakery this month.

On Valentine's Day, couples will have the opportunity to purchase themed singing telegrams, complete with live singing/music, festive treats, and fresh flowers. The fundraising partnership with Lt. Josh McKain of the Salvation Army and their "Val-O-Gram" have been a success the past couple of weeks, according to Gale Pittman of Gale's Bakery.

"It started off slow, but it's going strong," Pittman said. "...The phone has been ringing off the hook today."

Gale's Bakery is donating a portion of their proceeds to the Salvation Army. \$30 of each \$50 Valentine's Day package will be donated to the Salvation Army, according to Lt. Josh McKain. Pittman has already seen success in raising funds.

"About \$150 dollars have been raised," Pittman said.

According to Pittman, McKain has been reaching out to the community for volunteers for singing, playing instruments, and helping to deliver baskets on Feb. 14th. McKain will also join the volunteer effect with his vocal skills to help serenade local couples.

"I've been told they have enough for two groups," Pittman said.

"I thought this would be a good fundraiser," he continued. "We had a group that did them in years past at the state hospital."

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## Love is in the air



HERALD photo/Sandrena Koning

Gale Pittman of Gale's Bakery frosts some cookies this morning. Pittman has joined with the Salvation Army to hold a fundraiser on Valentine's Day.

## UBS hosts two blood drives in February

**By AMANDA ELSTON**  
 Managing Editor

Just in time for heart health month, United Blood Services is hosting two blood drives in Big Spring in February. Back in Motion Chiropractic will be hosting the first drive on Friday and Big Spring High School will be hosting the second drive on Tuesday, Valentine's Day.

"Big Spring is probably one of the most incredible communities as far as blood donation goes," said Linda Grace of United Blood Services. "Especially the high school. That drive is sponsored by the student council."

Those donating blood, whether at Back in Motion or Big Spring High School, will be entered to win a 50" flat screen TV, courtesy of Cecil Ross Investments out of San Angelo. In addition, those donating blood at Back In Motion will be receive a car wash coupon for Mighty Car Wash, a custom Valentine's Day t-shirt, and Valentine's Day candy.

"Everyone who enters in the timeframe from Feb 6-Feb 18th will be entered for the TV," said Grace. "It is open to everyone that donates in the San Angelo region, which goes up to Big Spring and out to Brownwood."

Back In Motion's drive will be held in the Bloodmobile from 12:30 to 3:30

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## Kenya court blocks closing of world's biggest refugee camp

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A Kenyan court ruled Thursday that the government must not close the world's largest refugee camp and send more than 200,000 people back to war-torn Somalia, a decision that eases pressure on Somalis who feared the camp would close by the end of May.

Kenya's internal security minister abused his

power by ordering the closure of Dadaab camp, Judge John Mativo said, adding that the minister and other officials had "acted in excess and in abuse of their power, in violation of the rule of law and in contravention of their oaths of office."

Rights groups Amnesty International, Kituo cha Sheria and the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights

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## State bound Forsan High School debators

Courtesy photo/Forsan ISD

The Forsan High School debate team has qualified for the UIL state tournament to be held at the University of Texas in Austin. Team members Genesis Caldwell and Price Tarbet won four rounds and took home silver medals during the UIL district tournament on Monday. They will compete in the state tournament on March 13 and 14. Team members Alysa Le and Autumn Guidry took home bronze medals and are the alternates for the state tournament. The team is coached Shaun McVicars.



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## Obituaries

## Jose Hilario



Jose Hilario, 48, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He was born July 29, 1968, in Big Spring. He worked in management of Corporate Business Development for 27 years. He enjoyed disc golf, Texas Rangers, and the San Francisco 49ers.

He is survived by his wife, Christy Hilario of North Richland Hills; one daughter, Natasha Hi-

lario of North Richland Hills; one son, Jovi Hilario of North Richland Hills; granddaughter, Jhaielynn Gonzalez of North Richland Hills; parents, Victor and Maria Hilario of Big Spring; sister, Lisa Hilario of Big Spring; three brothers, Mike Hilario of Colorado City, John Christopher Hilario of San Antonio, and Victor Hilario of Midland; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jose and Jesusita Lopez; and paternal grandparents, Victoriano Sr. and Guadalupe Hilario.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Julian Acosta



Julian Acosta, 60, of Big Spring, died Jan. 26, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Services will be held in Michigan on a later date.

He was born Dec. 27, 1956, in Dade County, Fla., to Eloise and Julian Acosta Sr. He has been a resident in Big Spring since 2008, moving from Michigan. He was a farmer.

He is survived by three daughters, Amanda Wenger of Hart, Mich., Paloma Acosta of Twin Lake, Mich., and Sarah Herbert of Big Spring; five sons, Edward Acosta of Big Spring, Fernando Acosta of O'Donnell, Will Trevino of Rockford, Mich., Jerry Trevino of Kilgore, and Mike Trevino of Grant, Mich.; his father: Julian Acosta Sr., of Grant, Mich., and nine grandchildren.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one son, Julian Jacob Acosta.

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

## Connie Barnett



Connie Barnett, 66, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, at her home.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Connie was born on Oct. 31, 1950, in Carlsbad, N.M. to Juanita Scogins Faulks and Raymond Faulks. She has been a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a graduate of Alladin Beauty College and was a hairdresser for a number of years at Eloise Hair Fashions, LaContesa, Attitudes, and Chatterly's. She was a member

of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband Lynn Barnett of Big Spring; six children, Lori Kirby of Big Spring, Tracy McElvaney and wife Paige of Firestone, Colo., Josh Richter of St. Clarisville, Ohio, Amanda Gillespie and husband Steven of Big Spring, Shannon Stuteville and husband Tony of Big Spring, and E.D. Barnett and wife Stephanie of Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Tracy Faulks of Big Spring, and Bill Faulks and wife Jeanina of Athens; one sister, Ella Williamson and husband Mel of Big Spring; one uncle, Horace Nesler of Lone Oak, Ark.; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials to Relay for Life.

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

## Erlinda H. Luna



Erlinda H. Luna, 70, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, in a local hospital.

Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 16, 1946, in Ft. Davis, Texas, and married Ysabel Luna March 7, 1964 in Pecos, Texas. He preceded her in death Jan. 24, 2004.

Erlinda was a longtime resident of Big Spring

and had worked in the cafeteria at Big Spring High School for 25 years. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her four children, George Luna of Big Spring, Norma Chavez of Lenorah, Moises Luna of Dallas, and Kendall Luna of Big Spring; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Luz Vasquez of Brownfield, and Lupe Zarraga of Big Spring; and one brother, Roy Hernandez of Odessa.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Juanita Hernandez; an infant son, Daniel Christopher Luna; and a sister, Emma Carrasco.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Charlie Rene McCalister



Charlie Rene McCalister, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

A wake will be held from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Elder Frank Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 1, 1952, in Stanton, Texas, to Florida Davis McCalister and Leo McCalister. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant with the West Texas V.A. Health

Care System. She was a member of Power House C.O.G.I.C. in Big Spring.

She is survived by daughter Rosalyn McCalister of Big Spring; son Tedric McCalister of Big Spring; and daughter Tadrianna McCalister of Odessa; five sisters, Celestine Turner of Big Spring, Georgia Smith and Mamie Shelton, both of Austin, Moradee McCalister of Midland, and Rosie McCalister of Washington state; two brothers, Doug McCalister of Austin and Leo McCalister of Stanton; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and one sister, she was preceded in death by one son, Todric McCalister.

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

## Weather

**Today:** Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday:** Warmer, Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Saturday night:** Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 40s.

**Sunday:** Windy. Much cooler. Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

**Sunday night:** Colder. Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

**Monday:** Colder. Cloudy with rain likely. Highs around 40. Chance of rain 70 percent.

**Monday night:** Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Highs in the upper 40s.

**Tuesday night:** Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

*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.*

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of North Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Rocco Road.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **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 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of East 15th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 173 on Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy Lane.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of North Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **BUILDING FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ANNAGABRIEL GONZALES**, 26, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #19 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 1510 Eubanks Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington Avenue.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of South Benton Street.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3700 block of Howard County Airport Road and the 1800 block of South Gregg Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 100 block of East First Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• **TIFFANY JO BAKLEY**, 18, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$750 to \$2,500) and theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **ANNA GABRIEL GONZALES**, 26, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

• **WINNIE DENISE KNOX**, 55, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building.

• **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 20, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750).

## 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.

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## Take Note

• The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

• The late Greg Bodin had his first "Photographic Exhibit" at the Heritage Museum a couple of years ago. In his memory, the museum is offering a last look at his talent.

His photographs are on sale one last time through the end of this week only. All sales proceeds will go to his wife, Toni Bodin during this one week exhibit to help with the expenses.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be recog-

nizing Heart Health month with the Healthy Heart, Healthy You event at Hotel Settles.

The event is February 16 and tickets are \$20 per person or \$250 for a reserved table of 10. There will be a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To purchase tickets stop by Scenic Mountain Medical Center or call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699.

• 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 of your time 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.

## FUNDRAISER

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Two different package options are available to personalize the recipient's experience. According to Pittman, both packages have been equally popular.

"We do a jumbo cupcake in a fancy decorated box and six glazed cookies in a decorated box along with a fresh red rose," Pittman said.

There's still time for those who haven't had the opportunity to order their singing telegram. For those that are looking for last minute gift ideas and are interested in helping to support the Salvation Army, Gale's Bakery is still selling the singing telegrams.

"We have plenty of spots still available," Pittman said. "We'll be taking orders through Valentine's Day.

"Given the success of this year's Valentine's Day fundraiser we will continue with it in the future," Pittman added.

To schedule a singing telegram, call Gale's Bakery at 432-606-5002.



HERALD photo/Sandrena Koning

## DRIVE

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p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

"Back in Motion has been doing this with us in excess of 12 years," said Grace. "They do it about three times a year for Valentine's, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Halloween. They always give away really cool t-shirts and they are really encouraging of the life-saving mission."

Big Spring High School students, staff, and faculty can donate at the high school on Feb. 14 from 9:30 a.m.

to 2:00 p.m. in the library.

Those donating at BSHS must stop by the office before entering the library.

"It's cool because the high school drive is actually on Valentine's Day," said Grace. "The student council members and officers are the ones who get people to sign up. They actually even made a video about why students should donate blood. They usually get as many people to donate as the 5A high school in San Angelo. Between the teachers and students that donate at the high schools, they

contribute about 15% of our blood supply."

Walk-in blood donations are accepted but appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment at Back in Motion, call Maegan at 432-2225. To schedule one at the high school, call Ms. Lefever at 432-264-3641. Donors can also call 877-UBS-HERO. Donors must be at least 16 years old. 16 and 17 year old donors must present a minor donor permit and 16-22 year old donors must meet additional height and weight requirements.

"I just want to say I am grateful to the people who live in Big Spring because they know how important it is that blood stays on the shelves," said Grace. "This blood stays local because we service Scenic Mountain Medical Center. They are literally saving lives of the people in their community. It is very important work."

Contact Amanda Elston at 432-253-7331 ext 230 or editor@bigspringherald.com

## RUN

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"I just wanted to give them some credit, because we wouldn't be able to do these races without our sponsors," she said. Sponsors for the race include Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Big Spring Health Food Store, H-E-B grocery, Back in Motion Chiropractic, My Favorite Place massage therapy, Border States Electric, YMCA of Big Spring. Dr. Amy Reese DDS, Adrian Calvio State Farm, Texas Sports Supply, The Convention and Visitors Bureau of Big Spring, and Star Dodge.

For runners interested in racing, prizes will be given for 1st through 3rd place in the male and female divisions for each age group. For those just interested in celebrating Cupid's favorite holiday, prizes will be given for best Valentine's Day themed costume as well.

"Our prizes are going to be different types of stuffed animals," said Felty. "We have prizes for best costume and best time in different categories."

Felty encouraged experienced runners and casual walkers alike to come out and enjoy the event.

"It is totally fine to walk," said

Felty. "We have a lot of people that do that. It's not just for couples. A lot of people come out as a family like mothers and daughters, sons and dads...it is very family friendly."

To register for the Run 2 Love 2 Run 5K, participants are encouraged to register ahead of time online at permianbasinevents.com. Participants can also register the morning of the race at 9 a.m. at the starting line.

"We just want people to know that it's for everyone," said Felty. "You don't have to be a runner. It's a fun way to get started on your fitness goals for this year."

## KENYA

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had challenged the government's order to close the camp, which has operated for more than a quarter-century.

Kenya's government quickly said it will appeal the ruling. "Being a government whose cardinal responsibility is first to Kenyans, we feel this decision should be revoked," spokesman Eric Kiraithe said.

The judge called the order discriminatory, saying it goes against the Kenyan constitution as well as international treaties that protect refugees against being returned to a conflict zone.

President Uhuru Kenyatta's government has not proved Somalia is safe for the refugees to return, the judge said, also calling the orders to shut down the government's refugee department "null and void."

Somalia remains under threat of attacks from homegrown extremist group al-Shabab. Some Kenyan officials have argued that the sprawling refugee camp near the border with Somalia has been used as a recruiting ground for al-Shabab and a base for launching attacks inside Ke-

nya. But Kenyan officials have not provided conclusive proof of that.

President Donald Trump's temporary ban on travel from seven majority Muslim countries, including Somalia, had put added pressure on the Dadaab refugees. Last weekend, about 140 of the Somali refugees who had been on the brink of resettling in the United States were sent back to Dadaab instead.

Said Abuka, a community leader in Nairobi and a refugee for 22 years, said the court ruling would help the Somali refugees. Newborn babies could not be registered as refugees because of the shut-

down of Kenya's refugee department, he said.

"After months of anxiety because of the camp closure deadline hanging over their heads, increasingly restricted asylum options and the recent U.S. administration suspension of refugee resettlement, the court's judgment offers Somali refugees a hope that they may still have a choice other than returning to insecure and drought-ridden Somalia," said Laetitia Bader, Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch.

Al-Shabab has carried out several attacks on Kenya, which sent troops to Somalia in 2011 to fight the militants. The attacks include the

September 2013 attack on Westgate mall that killed 67 people and the 2015 attack on Garissa University that killed 148 people, mostly students.

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Connie Barnett, 66, passed away Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

David Mack "Cheese" Garcia, 2, died Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help the family with the funeral expenses.

Jose Hilario, 48, died December 3, 2016. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Julian Acosta, 60, of Big Spring, passed away January 26, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services will be held in Michigan on a later date.

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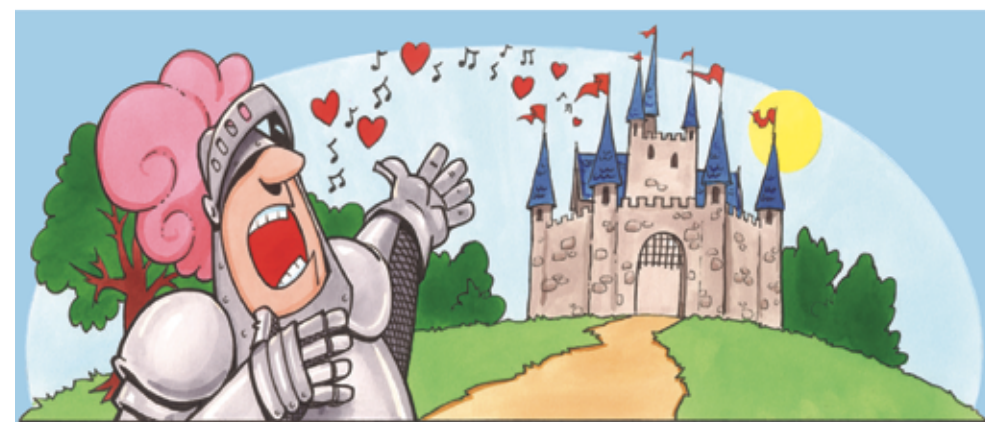
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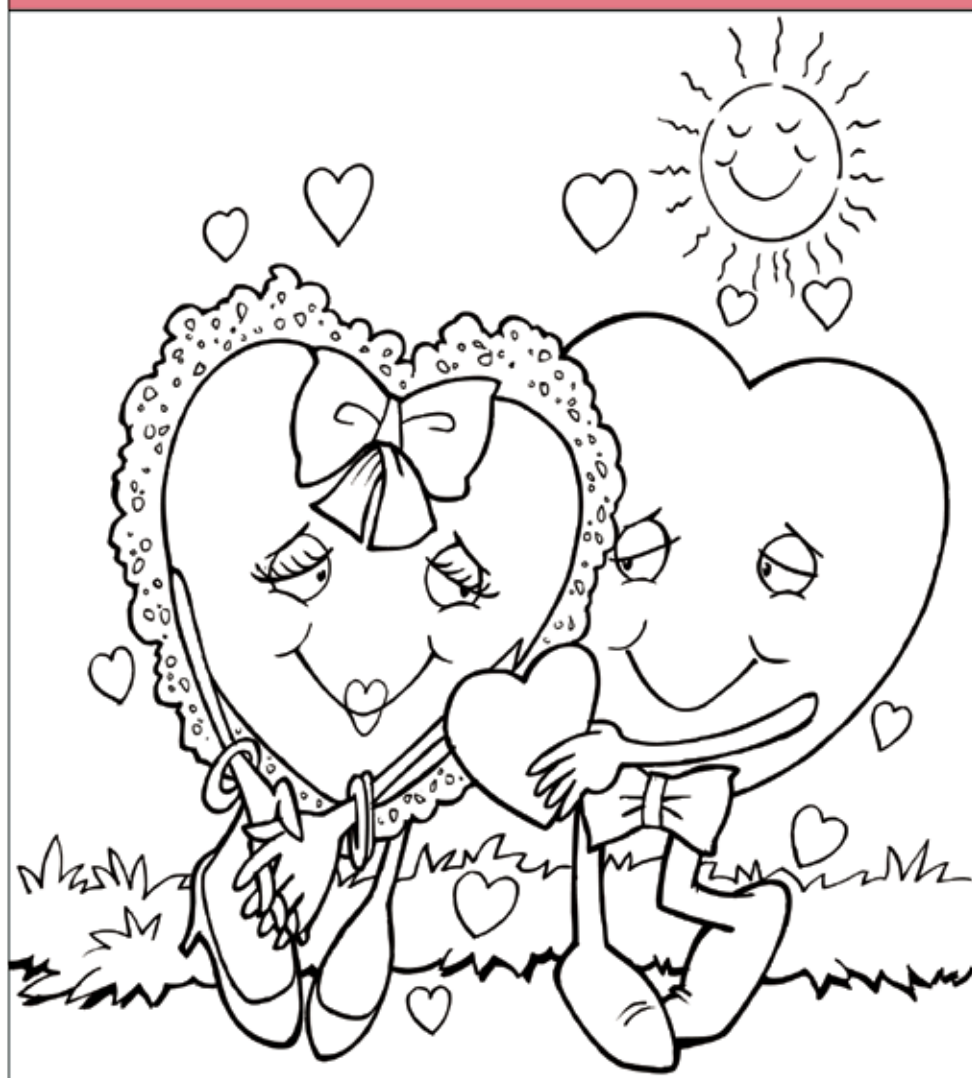
## The History of Valentine's Day Cards

Whether you are five or 15, you have probably exchanged Valentine's Day cards with your friends and classmates. It is a practice that started long ago in the Middle Ages when people told or sang their feelings to one another.

Around 1400, actual written Valentine's Day cards began to appear. Made of colored paper, inks and watercolors, these were done by hand in various styles. While rebus valentines used tiny pictures in place of some words, for example, pinprick valentines were pricked with a needle to look like lace.

Eventually the process of making Valentine's Day cards was moved into factories where workers painted black and white pictures on them and added real lace and ribbons. In the mid-1800s, paper lace was introduced, and by the late 1800s, all cards were made by machine. Today, while some valentines are still handmade, the majority is machine made.

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## Name That President!

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- 7) J \_ \_ M E \_ \_ P \_ \_ L \_ \_

Answers: 1) William Taft, 2) James Garfield, 3) Martin Van Buren, 4) Ronald Reagan, 5) Jimmy Carter, 6) Calvin Coolidge, 7) James Polk

## What Rhymes with Hug?



List 10 words that rhyme with "hug."

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Some answers: bug, chug, drug, dug, jug, mug, plug, pug, rug, shug, slug, smug, snug, tug

## Fact or Fiction? PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE

Did you know that Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were both born in February? Washington was born on February 22, and Lincoln on February 12. Instead of celebrating their birthdays separately, however, many people choose to honor the two and all other presidents on Presidents Day, held each year on the third Monday in February. Here are some questions about the American presidents. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) James Buchanan was the only president who never married. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn into office on a plane. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) John Adams was elected president although he did not receive the popular vote. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) President Rutherford B. Hayes had the most children. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt are the only grandfather-grandson pair to have served as president. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) George Washington was the first president to live in the White House. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Bill Clinton was the only president to serve two terms that did not fall back to back. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Richard Nixon was the only president to resign. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Woodrow Wilson was the first president to speak on television. Fact or Fiction?

Answers:  
1) Fact. Buchanan once got engaged, but his fiancée died. He remarried a bedfellow until his death.  
2) Fact. Johnson was sworn in by Judge Sarah T. Hughes on a plane from Dallas, where John F. Kennedy had just been assassinated.  
3) Fiction. It was his son, John Quincy Adams, who was elected president without the popular vote.  
4) Fiction. The Roosevelts were cousins. William Henry and Benjamin Harrison were the only grandfather-grandson pair.  
5) Fiction. The Roosevelts were cousins. William Henry and Benjamin Harrison were the only grandfather-grandson pair.  
6) Fiction. Although Hayes was the father of eight, John Tyler was the father of 15.  
7) Fiction. The White House was not finished until the term of John Adams.  
8) Fiction. Clinton served two terms back to back. Grover Cleveland was the only president to serve two terms that fell back to back.  
9) Fiction. Nixon resigned on August 8, 1974.  
10) Fiction. Wilson was the first to speak on radio. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the first to speak on TV.

### Big 12 to withhold 25 percent of revenue share from Baylor

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP College Football Writer

The Big 12 Conference said Wednesday it will withhold millions of dollars in revenue from Baylor until an outside review determines the university and whether it complies with Title IX guidelines and other regulations in the wake of a campus sexual assault scandal.

The league said it would withhold 25 percent of future revenue distribution payments to Baylor. Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Baylor has already received a \$10 million payout for part of 2016-17 and the league expects a total payout of \$34 million for each of its 10 schools. The league will withhold 25 percent of the remaining projected \$24 million payout — or about \$6 million this year.

The Big 12's board of directors voted unanimously to withhold the money. Baylor did not take part in the vote.

"By taking these actions the board desires to ensure that the changes that were promised are actually made and that systems are in place to avoid future problems," said David Boren, the University of Oklahoma president and Big 12 board chairman. "The proportional withholding of revenue distribution payments will be in effect until the board has determined that Baylor is in compliance with conference bylaws and regulations as well as all components of Title IX."

Baylor is not being fined; the money is being placed in escrow pending a third-party verification of Baylor's reform efforts. But the sanction is the first by the Big 12 since the school in Waco, Texas, was hit by a wave of complaints that it repeatedly or intentionally mishandled sexual assault allegations, many of them involving football players.

Baylor fired coach Art Briles last year and parted ways with university President Ken Starr and athletic director Ian McCaw after an investigation by a law firm found allegations of sexual assault brought to the school were not dealt with appropriately.

The nation's largest Baptist university still faces at least six federal and state lawsuits as well as a federal civil rights investigation into claims the

school and football program ignored, mishandled or tried to cover up reports of sexual or physical abuse and other criminal misdeeds across campus for years. One court filing last week alleges more than 50 acts of rape by more than 30 football players over a four-year period, and that Baylor football promoted a culture of "sex, drugs and violence."

Most of the allegations stem from a highly successful time for the football program: From 2008-2015 under Briles, Baylor went from perennial doormat in the Big 12 to a championship contender, winning consecutive football titles in 2013-14. Baylor hired Mack Rhoades away from Missouri to be its new athletic director last year and brought in former Temple coach Matt Rhule to take over the football program.

Baylor was given 105 recommendations for reforming its Title IX process by Pepper Hamilton, the firm that handled the initial investigation. Interim President David Garland said the university considered the recommendations a "mandate."

"Baylor already had planned to hire an outside auditor to audit the implementation of our enhanced practices, and we welcome the Big 12 Conference's request of an independent review," Garland said in a statement. "While the withholding of conference distributions is an unexpected financial event, we do not deem these ac-



AP photo

In this Oct. 10, 2015, file photo, Baylor head coach Art Briles watches the second half of an NCAA college football game against Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. The Big 12 conference said Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, it will withhold 25 percent of Baylor's share of conference revenue until an outside review of the athletic department determines whether the school is in compliance with conference regulations and Title IX guidelines following its sexual assault scandal that has rocked the school. Baylor fired coach Art Briles last year and parted ways with university President Ken Starr and athletic director Ian McCaw after an investigation by a law firm found allegations of sexual assault brought to the school were not dealt with appropriately.

tions to materially impact the overall financial position of the university. We pledge our full cooperation, and we will work with the Big 12 Conference to conduct the audit as expeditiously as possible."

Bowlsby said earlier this week Baylor has made "significant progress" on the recommendations from Pepper Hamilton.

Bowlsby said the conference was limited in what actions it could take against Baylor because it does not have an investigative arm and its bylaws do not necessarily cover the school's alleged transgressions. He said the Big 12 would rely on the findings of the federal Office of Civil Rights, which enforces Title IX, and the NCAA to determine possible punishments for Baylor.

"But the board has some prerogatives that they've discussed from

time to time," Bowlsby said in a telephone interview. "It's not a clear-cut process. I would say as you start to see comments come up about legal services being asked for (by football players) or there being some measure of documented cover up or steps to keep the lid on things, as came out last week, that's when my antenna start going up because you begin to think about extra benefits for student-athletes and I'm sure the antenna is going up at (NCAA headquarters) in Indianapolis."

When the NCAA sanctioned Penn State in 2012, using the findings of the Freeh Report, the Big Ten followed with sanctions of its own that included ineligibility for the conference football championship game and a fine equal to the school's conference bowl revenue payout, approximately \$13 million.

### Lady Steers are playoff bound



File photo

Logan Terrazas shoots for two during a game earlier this season. The Lady Steers will head to their first playoff game on Monday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. vs Burkburnett in Albany. The boys' first playoff game is TBA.

### Leonard scores 32, Spurs beat Sixers 111-103

By ROB MAADDI  
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kawhi Leonard shook off a calf injury and delivered another stellar performance.

Leonard scored 32 points, Tony Parker added 18 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Philadelphia 76ers 111-103 on Wednesday night.

"He's got the whole package," teammate Manu Ginobili said. "He's the main reason we're getting all these wins when we're not playing well."

Leonard was back in the lineup after missing one game because of a quad contusion. He shot 9 of 18 and hit all 11 free throws for his 16th 30-point game.

"I think we were playing a little hesitant at times on the floor, just not being aggressive and being direct enough in what we wanted to do," he said.

Sixers coach Brett Brown was impressed.

"I think Kawhi is one of those unique players we're seeing grow before our eyes," Brown said. "He might be the best two-way player in

the NBA."

Jahlil Okafor had 20 points and eight rebounds, and Dario Saric also scored 20 for Philadelphia, which has lost five straight games.

The Sixers were again without star center Joel Embiid.

The rookie missed his seventh straight game because of a left knee contusion.

Philadelphia is 13-18 with Embiid, 5-16 without him. The Spurs bounced back following a loss at Memphis and improved the NBA's second-best record to 40-12.

After trailing the entire game, the Sixers pulled within 87-85 on a pair of free throws by Okafor with 7:35 left. But San Antonio went on a 16-5 run to put it away.

Danny Green's 3-pointer made it 103-92 with 2:14 to go and sent fans to the exits.

"I'm totally impressed with the Sixers," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We didn't play a good 48 minutes. We played good the last three, four, five. We didn't move that well.

We didn't get that many assists. We held the ball. We turned it over. It was very disappointing."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Dewayne Dedmon added 10 points and 11 boards.

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Brown said of the Spurs: "It's the Holy Grail of sport. ... To attain annual success for 18, 19 years, that's the Holy Grail. That's culture. That's what you dream about building here."

TRADE RUMORS

Okafor, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2015 draft, has been mentioned in several trade rumors and could be heading somewhere before the trade deadline later this month. "I'm here now," Okafor said.

TIP-INS

Spurs: Leonard has now scored in double figures in 81 straight games — the longest such streak by a Spurs player since Tim Duncan's 91 straight in 2002-03. ... Popovich said Brown is the "most incredible positive force I've ever been around."



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The trouble with reading, saying and doing things to bolster your self-esteem is that every attempt to raise your opinion of yourself backwardly affirms that you have a low opinion of yourself. Fortunately, as the moon shifts into the passionate, fiery realm of Leo, the solution gets simple: Stop thinking about yourself, and focus on the task at hand.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your journey in the world of commerce may have a few bumps. Handle business, however inconvenient it may be. The customer is not always right, though it behooves the merchant to lend the benefit of the doubt.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Take up space and command attention with your communication style. You'll gain the support of authority figures and the approval of those who see you as an authority.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There are many ways to say it. Because of your desire to leave people with a good feeling, you'll give thought to how you're going to relay information from important news to the simplest of salutations.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Artistic expression is stress relief. A regular creative practice ensures that you'll be not only calmer and more centered but also quite masterful at the craft of your choice.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll have your choice of a few different investments. It will be better to invest in a person than it will in an object or commodity. Tonight: Fortune favors you when you express your love in actions instead of words.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-**

**Sept. 22).** People will have a strong need to categorize you today, only because they're trying to figure out where you fit into their lives. Just don't let them define you. You define you; and that definition is ever-evolving.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** If love is a game, this will be a prize winning round. Hand on the buzzer, you're ready to come up with the right answer. Make your move. Don't wait to be sure.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your close friends and loved ones will want to know what you think, but beyond that there is little to gain (and much to lose) from discussing personal and political views with the general public today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're probably feeling nostalgic for another time. It was no better or worse than this time really, but it was lovely and inspiring in its own way. Channel the energy of the past into today's work.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Driven people do not find it difficult to push themselves hard. The real challenge for an overachiever is in setting limits that will lead to optimum gains over the long term.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You never know who is hurting inside. When in doubt, reach out. Your handshakes and hugs are healing. You won't regret being a little more friendly or affectionate than was really necessary.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Without regular injections of fun and excitement, relationships get stale. Brainstorm on the subject, because the answer will be out of the ordinary.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 9).** You can be subtle and sly when you need to be, and you'll maneuver a situation that requires diplomacy. You'll advance through the politics of a scene and become quite powerful. March and June offer a different kind of work and the chance at big money. A special friendship will

send you on a July adventure. Scorpio and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 25, 34 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm so focused on my children, getting them to their activities and caring for them, that I often pass a mirror and cry. I'm dumpy! I always thought that I'd be a cool mom, glamorous -- or at least kept up. What is a Libra to do to get back to being presentable?"

In this era of celebrity moms it's easy to get caught in the trap of thinking that unless you're rocking the hair, makeup and wardrobe 24/7, you're just not pretty enough to be caring for your kids. But dear Venus-ruled Libra, I truly believe that right now you are more beautiful than you have ever been in your life, regardless of your wardrobe, weight or lack of eyelash extensions. The love that you pour into your children makes you beautiful. It can't help but be this way. Motherhood, done correctly, is a form of ego-death that the Zen monks

meditate for decades to achieve. That you would die for your kids is a no-brainer. In some ways you do die for them, a little every day. You lose track of yourself. Sometimes that's just part of the deal. When it's important to you, you'll re-create yourself. Just know that right now, you are a great beauty because of who you are on the inside.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Carole King is one of the great treasures of American pop music. This prolific singer-songwriter has had seven top-10 albums, including the iconic "Tapestry," which spent nearly six weeks on the Billboard Top 200 chart. Her sun, Mercury and Venus in musical Aquarius is accented nicely by three major Taurus influences in her natal chart. Taurus rules the voice.

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Annie's Mailbox

Colder Relations

**Dear Annie:** I have lived within a day's drive of my eldest sister for many years. Several years ago, as she was getting back on her feet after a divorce, I went to visit for Christmas.

I had a great time. But after that, things seemed to get progressively tenser with each visit.

She started participating as a foster parent for infants and canceled a Christmas visit to us on short notice because she had to look after her first child over the holiday. I tried to be

supportive of her new endeavor, but when I asked about the family situation that put the child in foster care, I was snippily told, "That's confidential. I can't talk about that."

She is hurt that I am ignoring her now. But she has yet to invite us for a visit since canceling the Christmas visit several years ago. Email communication gets twisted, and she doesn't call by phone. She signs her emails, "May God bless your day," and when I told her that bothers me, she got very defensive. Even if she were

to invite me, I'm not sure I would want to go. If it were a short trip to see her for a short visit, I think I could manage that. But it's an eight-hour trip, and then I would be captive to her rules for a couple of days. It's more than I could handle. I am not really interested in staying in a motel in order to visit, and I expect she would be really hurt if I were to do so. And I have had enough of God blessing my day. What am I missing? -- Puzzled

**Dear Puzzled:** First, I don't think there's any puzzle

piece that would click and snap everything into place along with it. Your sister's behavior has very little to do with you and everything to do with where she is on her own path to self-discovery.

Perhaps you two could plan a trip somewhere halfway between your town and hers. The neutral ground might help you both relax. Try engaging her in an open, honest, judgment-free conversation. Tell her that you're proud of her for committing to taking care of a foster child, and ask her how that idea came to her. Seek to understand.

And keep in mind that in the aftermath of her divorce, your sister could have gone in any number of dark directions. Instead, she found solace in faith and charity. Good for her.

**Dear Annie:** I've recently read some letters to you about servers in restaurants. Personally, one thing that grates on my ears like fingernails on a chalkboard is when a server addresses me and says, "How are we?" Then he or she asks, "Are we ready to order?" or "Are we celebrating something special?" I can't stand the

"we" thing. Servers are not part of our experience, other than waiting on us. Is this something new training includes, or is it a personal choice? I've even gone so far as to ask why my server used "we," but I don't remember what the answer was. At any rate, I'd sure prefer it if they said, "How are you?" and "Are you ready to order?" -- Annoyed Patron

**Dear Annoyed Patron:** Servers' livelihoods depend on tips, and studies have shown that personable little gestures from a server, such as drawing a smiley face on the check, inspire patrons to leave bigger tips than they otherwise would. Warmth is rewarded. So that might explain the "How are we?" phenomenon. I get that it peeves you, but try to empathize with your server rather than be irritated by her. She's just doing her job.

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By Steve Becker  
Unusual defensive play

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 5  
♥ A 5  
♦ K Q 1 9 5  
♣ K Q 10 4

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

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 4 2  
♥ 10 8 2  
♦ 7 4 3 2  
♣ A 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 8 7 6  
♥ Q 4 3  
♦ 8 6  
♣ J 9 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ 1♥ 1♠ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — two of hearts.

In most deals, the key to the winning defense lies in making use of information gained from either the bidding, the play or both. In the present case, for example, East has to make a very unusual play to stop declarer from making three notrump.

The first step in the right direction, after West leads the heart deuce and dummy plays low, is for East to ask himself what his partner's heart holding is likely to be.

West can't have four hearts,

which would give South only the Q-x for his three-notrump bid, nor can West have a doubleton, because he would have led the higher of his two hearts rather than the deuce. East concludes, therefore, that West and South both have three hearts, with South holding the queen.

East's next step is to project the probable outcome if he takes the heart king at trick one and returns a heart at trick two. Declarer will almost surely attack diamonds next, forcing out East's ace. Another heart lead to South's queen will establish East's hearts but render them useless for lack of a further entry card.

Once East recognizes that playing the king of hearts at trick one will almost surely lead to a dead end, it should not take him long to find the winning defense. Accordingly, he plays the jack of hearts at trick one!

Declarer cannot survive this blow. The best he can do is take his queen and attack diamonds, losing the king to the ace. East returns a heart to dummy's ace, but declarer is fighting a losing cause from then on. He can score four diamonds, two hearts and two spades, but as soon as he leads a club, West rises with the ace and returns a heart, and East collects three heart tricks to sink the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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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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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



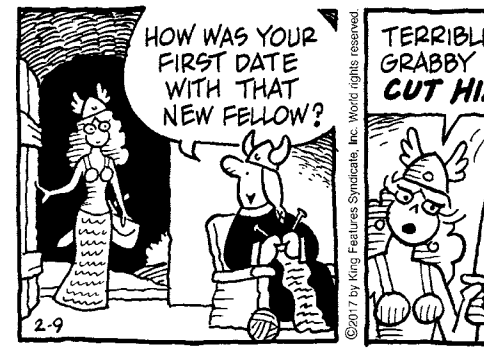
"MY DAD'S THE BOSS OF THIS HOUSE...CEPT FOR GROCERIES, CLOTHES, FURNITURE, PAINT COLORS AND VACATION PLACES."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



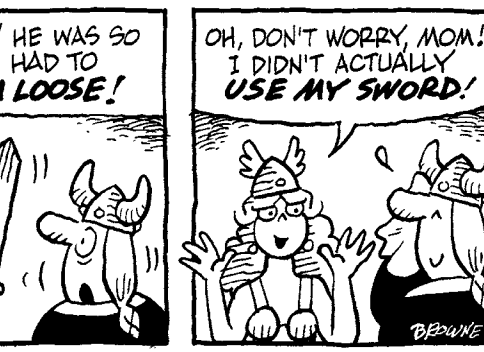
"Wait a minute. I must have lost the button somewhere."

**HAGAR**



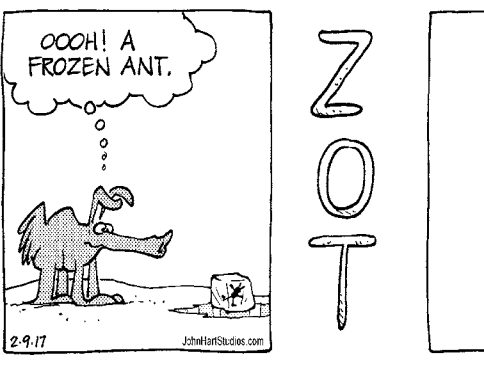
HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DATE WITH THAT NEW FELLOW?

**BLONDIE**



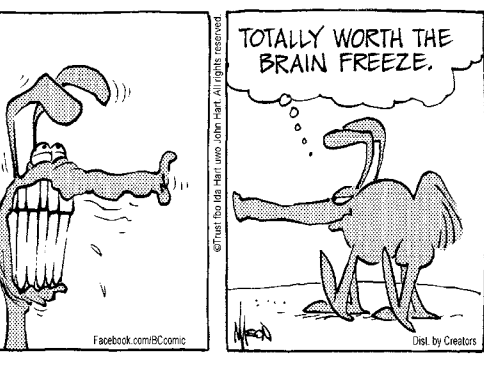
HEY, YO! DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD?! IS THAT YOU, DAG?

**BC**



OOOH! A FROZEN ANT.

**WIZARD OF ID**



TOTALLY WORTH THE BRAIN FREEZE.

**AGNES**



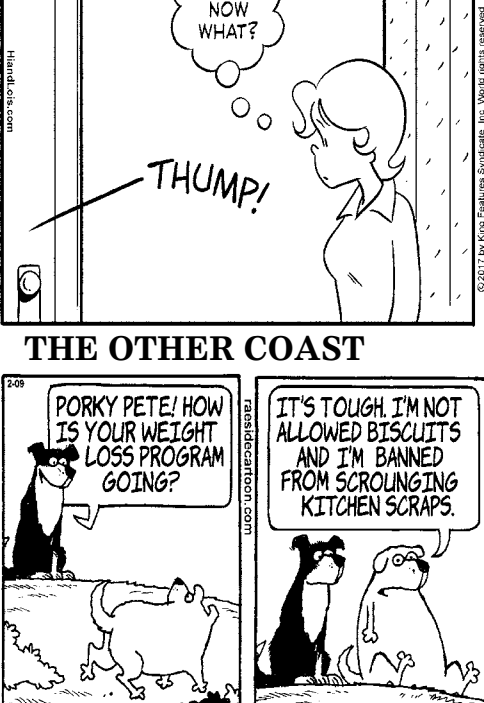
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**HI AND LOIS**



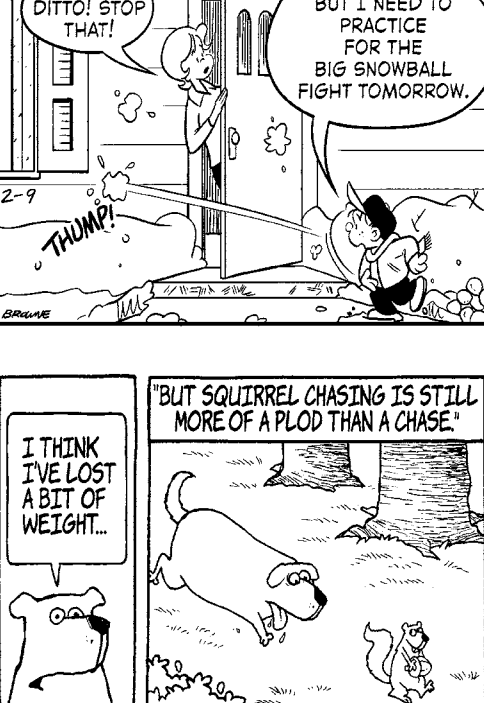
NOW WHAT?

**THE OTHER COAST**



PORKY PETE! HOW IS YOUR WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM GOING?

**SNUFFY SMITH**



REGARDLESS OF TH' FACTS, YOU NEVER WAVER !! YOU ALWAYS KNOW YO'RE RIGHT, ELVINEY !!

**BEETLE BAILEY**



I HAVE TO GO SHOPPING!

**NEWSDAY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- Amalgamate
- Bit of baby talk
- PC photo file format
- Criminal's cover, perhaps
- Steam source
- Jai
- Don't...
- Must involve
- Sorghum storer
- To the point
- Many lipsticks
- Digital library collection
- On the Road narrator
- Leveling wedge
- Red Cross headquarters
- Action flick weapons
- Juárez water
- Business expenses
- Don't...
- Refrigerant brand
- Semester
- Car-wash accessory
- Dot-loving painter
- Enjoys slowly, in a way
- What's left
- Serious risk
- Boone nickname
- School near the L.A. Coliseum
- Pass over
- Joe Jackson, in *Field of Dreams*
- Don't...
- Of serious risk

**DOWN**

- Matching sock
- Vigorous spirit
- Cheery chorus
- West African capital
- Talk trash to
- Cultural pursuits
- Novelist Lessing
- Something comparable
- Spree
- "Tell me more"
- Pal of Masterson
- Heart of the matter
- Metaphors for messes
- Out of date
- "Waiting to hear"
- Something viewed
- Grind together
- Rides a funboard
- Sky-colored
- Ump's reference
- Mulls (over)
- Part of a song
- Thing of value
- Testified
- Sharply bitter
- One right after the other
- Venerable sedan brand
- Comic's concern
- Foul moods
- Wine measure
- Nerve center
- Hair off the neck
- Declined gradually
- Prefix for way
- Exodus
- Seasonal staffer
- Sale disclaimer
- "Just what I was hoping for!"
- Crowd around

**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2017. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On Feb. 9, 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II. Daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks moved one hour forward. The SS Normandie, a former French liner being refitted for the U.S. Navy at a New York pier, caught fire (it capsized early the next morning).
- On this date: In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Virginia.
- In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.
- In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected provisional president of the Confederate States of America at a congress held in Montgomery, Alabama.
- In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.
- In 1933, the Oxford Union Society approved, 275-153, a motion "that this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country," a stand that was widely denounced. (On this date in 1983, the Oxford Union rejected, 416-187, a motion "that this House would not fight for Queen and Country.")
- In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.
- In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.
- In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York by CBS.
- In 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.
- In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).
- In 1997, Best Products closed the last of its stores, a victim of the diminishing allure of the catalog showroom concept of retailing.
- In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters in Munich, Germany, that serial numbers and other markings on bombs provided "pretty good" evidence that Iranians were supplying either weapons or technology to Iraqi extremists. British actor Ian Richardson, who portrayed immoral politician Francis Urquhart in the satirical TV drama "House of Cards," died in London at age 72.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama freed 10 states from some of the toughest requirements of the No Child Left Behind education law. The Pentagon formally opened thousands of jobs to women in units that were closer to the front lines than ever before. Former skiing champion Jill Kinmont Boothe, who became a

Answer to previous puzzle

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### Judges' response to Trump criticism: Silence

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's unusually personal criticism of federal judges has drawn rebukes from many quarters, including from Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, but not from the judges themselves.

And that's not likely to change, even if the tweeter in chief keeps up his attacks on judges. Bolstered by lifetime tenure, independent judges should not respond to criticism, no matter how harsh or that its source is the president, said a former judge, a law school dean and a constitutional law professor.

Judges "should basically give the tweets the attention they deserve, which means they should be ignored. This is basically a childish tantrum from someone who didn't get his way. And the judiciary should go about its business and decide cases, including cases involving him," said Vanderbilt University law professor Suzanna Sherry.

Trump's style may be different and his language more coarse, but the comments themselves are not the "threat to judicial independence that some commentators have made them out to be," said University of Pennsylvania law school dean Theodore Ruger.

Former U.S. District Judge Paul Cassell said judges would find themselves in unfamiliar territory "if they start critiquing the Twitter feed of the president."

through the Senate, the man who will help lead the GOP drive to erase and replace the health care law.

The Senate voted 51-48 Wednesday to short-circuit Democratic delaying tactics against Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., Trump's choice for health secretary. Final approval of Price seemed certain, a vote that would elevate the long-time proponent of dismantling President Barack Obama's health care law and reshaping and curbing Medicare and Medicaid. Those goals, for many Republicans, are high on the GOP agenda.

The debate over Price was coming in a week that has so far seen Democrats, eager to show liberal constituents that they are taking a stand against Trump, ferociously but unsuccessfully opposing two nominees for top administration jobs.

Over solid Democratic opposition and two GOP defections, it took a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Mike Pence for the Senate to approve wealthy GOP donor Betsy DeVos on Tuesday to head the Education Department. Under the Constitution, one of the duties of a vice president is to break tie votes in the 100-member Senate.

On Wednesday, the chamber confirmed Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., to be attorney general. That debate was bitter, fueled by Democratic accusations that Sessions lacked a devotion to civil rights laws and wouldn't stand up to Trump.

### Chance and challenge: Japan Inc worried but hopeful on Trump

TOKYO (AP) — President Donald Trump's salvos on trade and currency are rattling Japan Inc., but many here hope Prime Minister Shinzo Abe can sell him a "win-win" package of job creation and investment when they meet this week, averting a return of the Japan-bashing of the 1980s.

Abe moved early to build a personal rapport with Trump, meeting him in New York shortly after he was elected. With Japan's largest export market at stake, its businesses need him to keep at it.

Japan's status as the cornerstone U.S. ally

in the Pacific was reassuringly reaffirmed in a recent visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. Tokyo has reiterated its commitment to spending more on its own security and buying more military aircraft and other equipment from the U.S.

That won't directly affect trade figures, however, which are measured by the private sector.

Japan logged the second largest trade surplus with the U.S. last year, at \$68.9 billion dollars. That's way below China's, at \$347 billion, and on a par with the surpluses run by Germany and Mexico.

### Winter storm could drop a foot of snow on Northeast US

BOSTON (AP) — A densely populated swath of the Northeast was preparing for winter's harshest thump yet, a fast-moving storm that could bring more than a foot of snow, strong winds and coastal flooding.

Some places were poised to experience an atmospheric yo-yo: Philadelphia and New York hit 60 degrees on Wednesday, were expecting at least a half-foot of snow on Thursday and were bracing for bitter cold temperatures Thursday night.

"This is going to be a big punch," said Benjamin Sippell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Massachusetts. "It's originating in the Ohio River Valley and starts cranking as it comes across Appalachia."

The storm was expected to hit eastern Pennsylvania and northern New Jersey with rain early Thursday morning, before changing over to snow in time for the morning commute.

The weather service predicted some parts of the Boston area and eastern Maine would get 12 to 18 inches of snow, New York City 8 to 12 inches and the Philadelphia area 4 to 8 inches.

### Company to resume work to finish Dakota Access pipeline

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — With the green light from the federal government, the company building the Dakota Access oil pipeline said Wednesday it plans to resume work immediately to finish the long-stalled

project. Opponents of the \$3.8 billion project meanwhile protested around the country in an action some dubbed their "last stand."

The Army on Wednesday granted the developer of the four-state oil pipeline formal permission to lay pipe under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota, clearing the way for completion of the disputed project.

"We plan to begin immediately," Vicki Granado, a spokeswoman for developer Energy Transfer Partners, said in an email to The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Work had been stalled for months due to opposition by the Standing Rock Sioux, but President Donald Trump last month instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to advance pipeline construction.

The tribe fears a pipeline leak could contaminate its drinking water. ETP says the pipeline is safe.

### 7 months in, expanded Panama Canal still faces challenges

COCOLI, Panama (AP) — Loaded with more than 6,000 cargo containers, the ship Ever Living prepared for the final leg of its journey through the newly expanded Panama Canal when things hit a snag: The last of the massive steel lock doors failed to open all the way.

The pilots controlling the ship and the captains of the tugboats tethered to huge vessel opted to continue guiding it through the narrowed passage-way, passing nerve-wrackingly close to the side of the locks to avoid running into the stuck door.

"These are things that shouldn't happen," tugboat captain Mauricio Perez said. "Sometimes the only thing we can do is pray."

A little over seven months after authorities launched a much-ballyhooed, \$5.25 billion canal expansion to accommodate many of the world's largest cargo vessels, they have yet to fully work out a significant kink: With little margin for error, ships are still scraping the walls and prematurely wearing out defenses designed to protect both the vessels and the locks themselves.

The Associated Press traveled on a recent voyage by a tugboat guiding the Ever Living through the canal's Cocoli locks toward the Pacific Ocean.

Along the way there were multiple

### Price nears Senate confirmation as Trump health secretary

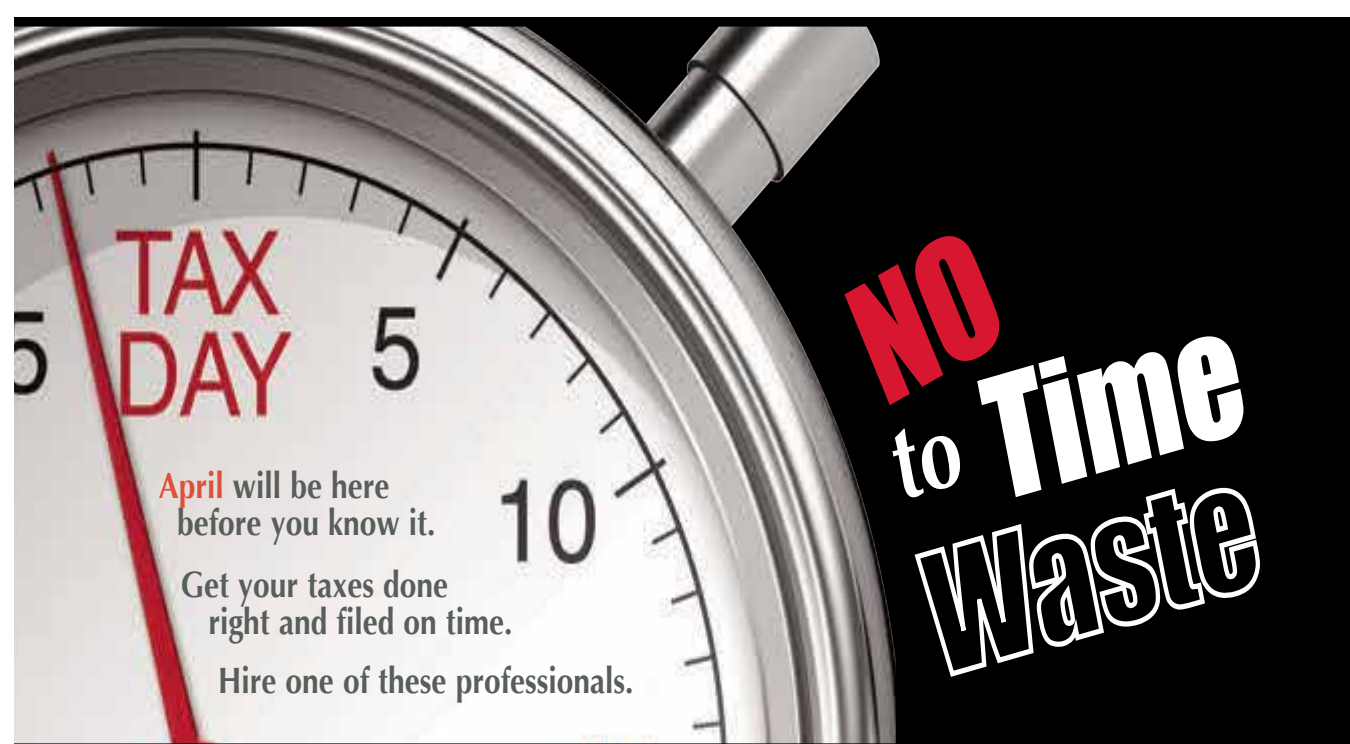
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### Parent's Corner: What your choice of friends say about you

Recently as I was rumbling through my brain, my mind focused on the importance of friends.

We know that they are critical they are to all of us, so let's review some of the characteristics of what a friend really is.

A friend is a person with whom you can do anything, or nothing, and have a great time. A friend is someone who will be there for you when you need them, even though you may be miles apart, or it's been a long time since you've been together.

It's very interesting that when you are talking to a friend that you haven't seen for a long time, your conversation will seem to immediately pick up right where it left off when you last saw them. And it's reassuring that a friend will never die, but will live in the hearts of those they leave behind; with some people you spend time; with others you invest it.

A friend will not just be with you when you cry, but will also cry with you. A friend will never leave you behind, if that's what the crowd is doing, but will face the crowd in your behalf. Friends are so essential to our lives, but if we choose our friends unwisely, they can pull us down and deflate our dreams.

Our friends have the potential to stretch our vision or choke our dreams and those that don't increase us will eventually decrease

us. It has been said, that it is better to be alone, than in the wrong company for the less we associate with negative thinking and negative acting people, the more our life will improve, and if we tolerate mediocrity in others it increases our mediocrity.

A wise man once said, "Tell me who your best friends are and I will tell you who you are." The simple, but true fact of life is that we become like those with whom we closely associate for the good and the bad, so wise is the person who fortifies his life with the right friendships.

Choosing friends is a privilege and one of the most wonderful gifts we have been given. This is something we need to teach to our children, along with the concept of the old saying "birds of a feather flock together."

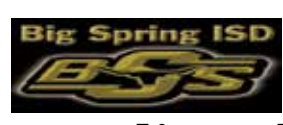
There is another saying, a mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses. As we choose our friends, may we consider many of the slogans we have heard through the years: Don't follow anyone who is not going anywhere, and carefully weigh the advice given by unproductive people.

Choose to rise above the turmoil and don't settle for anything short of your dreams! And consider, if we run with wolves, we will learn how to howl, but, if we fly with eagles, we will learn how to soar to great heights.

*Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety.*



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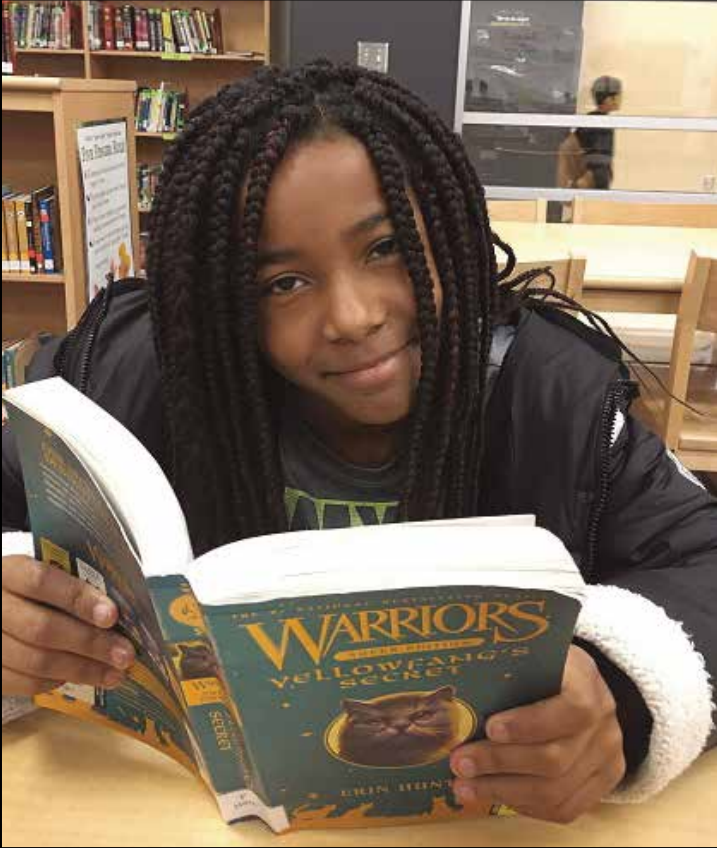


### Steer Pride Corner

#### Leading the way, one book at a time

Washington Elementary School fourth grade student Thalia Vasquez is a reader. You can catch Thalia reading while walking down the halls, in the cafeteria while eating lunch, and during class (uh-oh)! She has admitted that she has had her books taken up in class for reading instead of her doing her schoolwork... and is trying to be better.

Washington Elementary is proud to have Thalia in its midst. She is encouraging other students to read as much as she does, so they can get some of the cool prizes she has won.



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