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HC tightens purse strings

Officials will receive the same funding from state as last year

BY LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

The decrease in student enrollment has prompted officials with the Howard County Junior College District to tighten up the purse strings.

"This year's budget is tight just to the fact we have had a decrease in enrollment, which of course means our revenue was down for both our San Angelo budget and the Big Spring budget. Our SWCID (SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf) budget is tracking right on target." Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told college trustees Monday at their monthly meeting held at the Big Spiring campus. "We working together to slow



Sparks

down our spending to get through this budget year."

One item officials do know going into next year's budget process is the amount of funds coming from the state, which was allotted at the last legislative biennium meeting, Sparks said.

"We know that we have the same appropriation as last year," she said. "We will go ahead and approach the budget expecting enrollment to be around the same amount which will then mean we will be reducing the budget with the exception of our SWCID budget. We expect the SWCID budget to track the same enrollment pattern as the past year."

In other business, trustees learned construction on the San Angelo campus is quickly coming to fruition

"Despite 30 weather days,



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Howard College trustee Marie Ethridge draws for name placement on the May 10 election ballot. Ethridge, who holds one of three at-large position up for election, will be competing against fellow incumbents Dr. John Freeman and Dr. Charles Warren, as well as local businessman Cole Morgan.

we are still on track to complete the academic building by Aug. 13 and the student services building one month after that," John Parsons, District Chief Facilities Operations Officer told trustees. "We are moving so far along

that we will be starting tours for our Howard College faculty and staff and this Friday, we will be conducting four separate tours because there are a lot of people who have been seeing the buildings going up, but they haven't had

an opportunity to be close up. We're excited about that."

Parson added the pre-engineered metal building which will house maintenance is nearly complete as well as

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File photo

Dr. Keith Graumann will direct the Big Spring Symphony as the orchestra and various singing and entertainment groups perform the music of Queen on Friday.

Music of Queen features local and national talent

By BILL McCLELLAN
 Managing Editor

The music of Queen will be performed in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium March 29 by Jeans 'n' Classics, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers, the Community Chorus and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Keith Graumann.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for seniors. Students 8 to 18 years of age will be admitted free.Students under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are on sale in Big Spring at the Chamber of

Commerce, Heritage Museum, HEB and Blum's Jewelers. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 7 p.m. on March 29. The concert begins at 8. A handicapped entrance is on the east side of the building.

Dr. Graumann said the concert is sure to please everyone.

"Linda Lindell, director of the Big Spring Symphony Chorus and Anna Gann, director of Big Spring High School's Rhapsody and Meistersingers, have assembled some of the best vocalists in town to perform the music of Queen with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and

Jeans 'n' Classics this coming Saturday," said Graumann.

"We are anticipating a great show."

The Queen concert is sponsored by Area Wide Phone Book and SuperRod.

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Pots and Prints to draw area students

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

Much ado about Raku.

A Pots and Prints workshop is scheduled Friday at Howard College's Hall Center for the Arts for students from area high schools.

Big Spring High School art department, under the direction of instructor Judith Ter-

eletsky, along with Stanton High School will be participating. Supplies are donated by HC Art and UTPB Art departments. The workshop is free for all students who wish to participate.

Reserve a space through Stacy Slaten of Howard College. Contact her at 432-264-5115; Cell: 432-935-1018; or ss-

laten@howardcollege.edu.

Any persons wanting to watch ceramics set on fire at their convenience that day are also welcomed. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Raku ceramics is a technique using controlled fire to combust ceramic pieces. The workshop also includes carving linotypes in printmaking.

Students are encouraged to wear school t-shirts for photo-documentation throughout the day.

UT Permian Basin art professor Mario Kiran's "Pots n Prints" project was selected to receive an Art Works grant from the National

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Obituaries

Juanelle Sparks Fort



Juanelle Sparks Fort, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 24, 2014, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Craig Holstedt officiating.

She was born Feb. 21, 1940, in Big Spring and was a longtime resident of Big Spring. Many may remember Juanelle as being selected Miss Howard County in 1956. She was a member of the Big Spring High School Class of 1957. Juanelle married Richard W. (Dick) Fort, who preceded her in death in August of 1992.

Juanelle spent 24 memorable years as a travel agent in San Angelo and Austin, from which she

enjoyed world travel herself before retiring after 9/11. Juanelle returned to Big Spring that same year to be with family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Rick Fort and David Fort, both of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Kristin Fort of Austin and Layne Scales and husband, Joe; and one great-granddaughter; Ella Scales, all of Rochester, Minn.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Pearl Lindsey Sparks; a brother, Robert Allen Sparks; and a sister, Lucy Hoover.

The family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2222.

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

Paid obituary

Maxine Crane



Maxine Crane, 87, of Sand Springs, died Saturday March 22, 2014, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center in Big Spring. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 8, 1927, to Minnie and Willie Holmes in Booneville, Miss. She has been in Howard County for more than 50 years. She married Jesse Crane in Junction, Texas,

in 1979. She worked at Cowper Clinic and Hospital and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring as a LVN.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Crane of Sand Springs; two sons, Roger Clyde Kendrex of Nebraska and Richard Eugene Kendrex of Nevada; one daughter, Elaine Berard and husband, Sully, of Louisiana; one stepson, Jesse Crane III.; and two stepdaughters. Daphne Crane of Big Spring and Katrina Painter and husband, Corde, of Brady; one sister, Willie "Pete" Holmes of Palmer; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

KiAna Vanderbilt

KiAna Vanderbilt, 7, of Big Spring, died Saturday March 22, 2014, in Ward County. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

Diane Herrera

Diane Herrera, 51, of Coahoma, died Saturday, March 22, 2014, in Ward County. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

Police/Sheriff

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

- MICHAEL ANTHONY CASTRO, 24, of 3803 Connally, was arrested Monday on a charge of noise.
- JOHN MICHAEL SOLIS, 46, of 3531 Shell Ave., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO, 29, of 3718 Hatch, was arrested Monday on three warrants from another agency.
- NICOLE AGUILAR CASTILLO, 27, of 516 E. 16th St., Colorado City, Texas, was arrested Monday on three warrants from another agency.
- BILLY RAY MCKEOWN, 26, of 326 E. 27 St., San Angelo, Texas, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- STACY JANE JORDAN, 43, of 1602 Lincoln Ave., was arrested Monday on warrants for parent contributing to nonattendance – two counts.
- TERRY MARQUEZ, 29, of 1412 Stadium Ave., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- JOSHUA LEE JUNKIN, 26, of P.O. Box 448, Big Spring, was arrested Tuesday on charges of public intoxication, expired registration – two counts, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only, driving while license invalid – two counts and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- DUSTI DARLENE MURPHY, 38, of 240 S. Main, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- HIT AND RUN was reported at the 700 block of E. 14th St. and the 1900 block of Runnels.
- DISTURBANCE reported at the 700 block of E. FM 700 and the 3300 block of E. FM 700.
- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 3300 block of E. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 15000 block of North County Road 9.

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.
- TERRY MARQUEZ was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO was booked by BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution, unlawful possession of marijuana and driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.
- JOHN MICHAEL SOLIS was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.
- BILLY RAY MCKEOWN was booked by BSPD on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals: fail to provide.
- NICOLE AGUILAR CASTILLO was booked by BSPD on charges of disregard stop sign, expired motor vehicle inspection and violate promise to appear.
- JOSHUA LEE JUNKIN was booked by HCSO on charges of public intoxication, display expired registration – two counts, driving while license invalid and fail to maintain financial responsibility.
- DUSTI DARLENE MURPHY was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

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Anthony 'Ant' Herrera

Anthony "Ant" Herrera, 30, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 22, 2014, in Ward County. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29	Sun 3/30
77/53 Showers with the chance of some thunder in the morning, then skies turning .	82/48 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	78/46 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	81/54 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	86/57 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM

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Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- Tuesday:
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. One patient transported to SMMC.

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Take note

• A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

• Relocation Rescue, a non-profit animal rescue, is holding a “Paint Your Pet” fundraiser event 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry. We supply all the materials needed for participants to paint a picture of their pets while enjoying a silent auction, wine and cheese, hors d’oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun. For more information call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol, or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. April 4 Mike & Friend; April 11 Prowlers; April 18 Prowlers; April 25 Midnight Express.

• Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2014. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club website at www.westexags.com

• Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair. Theme this year is “Hummingbirds.” Pat-

terns are from easy to more difficult, so you do not have to be an expert. Squares may be picked up at the Heritage Museum front desk Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Healthy Woman and American Cancer Society present “Be a Superhero” on April 16. A Lunch n Learn will take place at 11:30 a.m. and the Healthy Woman event – snacks provided - will be at 5:30 p.m.

Both events will be held in the Senior Circle Room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. ACS Relay For Life Specialist Manny Negron will be delivering information about the 20th anniversary Howard and Glasscock Counties Relay For Life.

The free event is open to the public. To RSVP call, Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721.

• The Prom Closet will be back this year to provide beautiful barely worn or never worn prom dresses at no charge for area girls. For more information call Christian Fair at 816-3573.

• We are in need of donated items for our garage sale fundraiser, this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anyone is interested in donating, drop-off times will be on Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 S Lancaster. For more information, call 267-7015.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center’s Yellow Rose Café has been temporar-

ily closed to the public for routine repairs and maintenance. The café will remain closed until repairs are complete. A completion date for the project has not been set. Patient meals will continue without interruption throughout the process. The hospital will issue an announcement release once the Yellow Rose Café is ready to reopen. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For more information, contact Amanda Duforat, marketing coordinator, at 268-4699.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. “The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,” Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or

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• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people’s lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300.

QUEEN

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Lineup for Queen show with the Big Spring

Symphony Orchestra:

“One Vision”
“A Night of Magic”
“You’re My Best Friend”
“Radio Ga Ga”

“Love of My Life”
“Another One Bites the Dust”
“Killer Queen”
“I want to Break Free”
“Under pressure”

Intermission

“We Will Rock You”
“We Are The Champions”
“Flash”

“You Take My Breath Away”
“Who Wants to Live Forever”
“Don’t Stop Me Now”
“Somebody to Love”
“Bohemian Rhapsody”

“Fat Bottomed Girls”

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Richard Bloom, 66, died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Gail Cemetery.
Maxine Crane, 87, died Saturday. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Diane Herrera, 51, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
Anthony "Ant" Herrera, 30, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
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COLLEGE

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the north parking which only needs work on the light poles before completion.

“The South parking lot asphalt is complete,” he said. “We are still waiting for the striping before we can use that.” A round about drive, truck driving range and

underground utilities were projects Parsons listed as having been completed.

In other business, trustees:

• Approved posting notice for the May 10 trustee election which will determine three at-large positions. Candidates for the position are local businessman Cole Morgan and incumbents Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge and Dr.

Charles Warren. Each candidate drew for a name placement on the ballot at the meeting.

• Rejected a bid for an air handler unit for the Big Spring campus. This is the second time trustees rejected a bid for this project. In both instances, only one bid was made, officials said, and both came in over the projected budget. Officials received approval from trustees to

seek other options to secure the work.

• Approved changes in the district investment policy for clarification purposes only, according to officials, and also approved changes in the board handbook to reflect that policy change. Also trustees approved an update of language for a policy regarding nepotism in the board handbook and a change in

the employee handbook to come in line with the Affordable Health Care Act requirements.

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

RAKU

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Endowment for the Arts. The grant allows the professor to take ceramic and printmaking workshops to communities that would not be able to attend the workshop because of expense or distance.

Using a portable printmaking press and raku kiln, along with other art supplies, Kiran, UTPB Associate Professor of Art Chris Stanley and undergraduate art students will demonstrate techniques of traditional and contemporary methods used in printmaking and ceramics. Student will also get to try their own hand in the arts processes.

In August 2012, the NEA received 1,547 eligible applications for Art Works grants requesting more than \$80 million in funding. Art Works grants support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. UTPB is one of one of 817 non-profit organizations

receiving a combined \$26.3 million in grants.

Kiran and Stanley are visiting outlying communities to teach ceramic and printmaking workshops to local artists, teachers and teenagers in schools in Southwest and West Texas.

To contact Andrea Medlin call the Herald at 263-7331.

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DAILY PRAYER

Give us strength, dear Lord, to deal with adversity.

Amen

The case of Sandoval-Perez

The story of Josue Noe Sandoval-Perez, an illegal immigrant recently deported back to his native Mexico, perfectly captures the chaos of our broken immigration system — and for all sides of the debate. Settled in this country for 16 years, Sandoval-Perez appears to have been the good father and hard worker his champions portray. But his dilemma does not offer an argument for ignoring the country's immigration laws.

Along with millions of others, Sandoval-Perez came here and stayed here because of general scorn for those very laws, on the part of American employers as well as undocumented foreigners. The Senate immigration reform bill would put enforceable laws on the books and end that contempt.

Here's the story: Sandoval-Perez arrived in El Paso in 1998 with someone else's ID. He was immediately deported but successfully sneaked in two days later, joining his wife and baby, already in the country illegally.

The family had been living peacefully in Kansas City when Sandoval-Perez was asked for identification over a minor matter, and he came up with several fake ones.

The police eventually learned that he had returned to the U.S. illegally after a deportation. Had the immigration reforms passed, he would have been eligible for amnesty.



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Sandoval-Perez was not afraid of work, having held jobs at a cabinet factory and scrap yard, but as noted, the story is not all positive. The jobs could have gone to citizens or legal immigrants. The flood of cheap undocumented labor depresses wages and benefits for low-skilled Americans who do get such jobs.

Twelve years ago, Matthew Reindl, owner of a woodworking factory in Great Neck, N.Y., testified before the House about his difficulty competing with rivals employing illegal immigrants at far lower wages and giving almost no benefits. Interestingly, his workers were nearly all immigrants themselves but documented.

Some very questionable assumptions have popped up in the Sandoval-Perez saga.

The man's wife complained that immigration authorities had dropped Josue off in Matamoros (over the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas), which The New York Times described as “a violence-ridden Mexican border down.”

An injustice? Matamoros is home to almost a half-million Mexicans. Can the solution for their sometimes-difficult lives be to move everyone en masse to the U.S.?

Tragedy is, Matamoros used to be a great tourist draw, with restaurants and stores lining its main drag. Immigrant advocates should be careful about portraying other countries as hopeless places no sane person would want to live in.

Indeed, the fairly open border with the United States hasn't been especially good for the

countries sending their unemployed this way. It has reduced pressure on their often-corrupt elites to open their economies and provide employment.

Meanwhile, the developing nations have ended up losing many of their most ambitious sons and daughters to the United States. These are not only dedicated workers but potential shakers-up of the old order.

Sandoval-Perez is now in Mexico City accusing President Obama of “discrimination” for not stopping the return of illegal immigrants with prior deportations.

He doesn't get it; everyone doesn't have an automatic right to live and work in the United States, however good one's character and intentions.

On the other hand, the United States government never made this clear — that is, until the Obama administration stepped up enforcement. The immigration reforms would put teeth in the law and thereby end the confusion.

No one should want the Senate bill to become law more than the immigration hard-liners. But they'll have to get over their no-amnesty obsession and let millions of illegal immigrants who have dug deep roots under the sloppy old rules stay. That's the price of order, and it's a humane one.

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Opposing voter ID laws in name of race is insulting to minorities

This is a headline we should never see in the United States: “Federal Judge: Yes, Arizona and Kansas Can Require Voters To Prove Their Citizenship.”

The fact that this issue would be disputed at all is astonishing. That it is legally contested is stunning. That the prime mover in initiating the legal challenge is our own federal government, which has a compelling interest in ensuring the integrity of the election process, is mind-blowing.

Who would have imagined just a few short years ago that in 2014 the executive branch of the federal government and a good chunk of its legislative branch would be dominated by radical community organizers wreaking havoc on the rule of law and our cherished principles of equal protection under the law and the impartial administration of justice?

I feel like I'm living inside some Red-conspiracy fiction novel that could never get published because it's too unlikely to survive the incredulity even of readers with a generous willingness to suspend disbelief.

Both Kansas and Arizona passed new voter-ID legislation requiring new voters to provide a birth certificate, a passport or other documentation to prove their citizenship.

But the U.S. Election Assistance Commission rejected requests from these two states for help in changing federal election registration forms.

The existing federal registration form doesn't require proof of citizenship, only that new voters sign a statement declaring their citizenship.

How do you think the Internal Revenue Service would respond if we all said it would have to take our word for our income and expenses based on our “declarations” and we were not going

to furnish 1099s, W2s or expense receipts?

What would the NSA say if all airline passengers simply refused to show their driver's licenses at airport security checkpoints?

Is the integrity of our elections so unimportant to President Obama, Attorney General Holder and the rest of the Democratic cabal that they refuse to impose the slightest checks against voter fraud?

Well, some horrendously naive people take these leftists at their word that they believe voter fraud is a “rare” phenomenon, even though 46 states have prosecuted cases of voter fraud since 2000.

Do you think they don't know about the pernicious activities of ACORN, with which they were joined at the hip?

Some people also take Democrats at their word that they believe initiatives for voter-ID laws are being driven by “racist” conservatives who want to suppress minority turnout in elections.

This, too, is maliciously twisted thinking, most likely born of liberal projection.

Democrats need look no further than their own consistent efforts to suppress the military vote.

I know a lot of conservatives, and I've never met one who thinks this way.

What we want is to make sure the election process is fair, that only people who are eligible to vote are allowed to vote and vote just once.

I wish more minorities would vote for Republican candidates, but neither I nor any other conservative or Republican I've ever met would support suppressing minority votes just because they vote disproportionately Democratic.

Guy Benson of Townhall reports that after Georgia implemented its voter-ID law in 2007, which was upheld in court, the state saw an increase in minority voter participation in the next two election cycles.

How could any intellectually

honest person maintain that it is unfair, unreasonable or unconstitutional to require all voters to provide documentation to verify that they are who they say they are before being allowed to vote?

What you need to understand is that with this bunch of Democrats everything is about politics.

For them, the end justifies any means, and their paramount end is to get Democrats elected, and so they will pursue it, even at the expense of the integrity of the system. This is undeniable given their opposition to voter-ID laws.

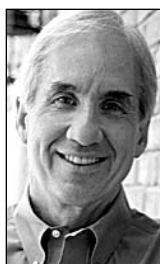
What other conclusion can we draw from their opposition than they want to increase Democratic votes with voters who abuse the election process?

Unless you have a very low opinion of minorities, how could you conceivably argue that it is racist to require that all voters prove their identity as a condition to voting? If anything racist is involved here, it is in the suggestion that minorities are too incompetent to furnish their IDs. How could you disrespect minorities any more than that?

If people can't muster their ID — I don't care who they are — then they don't deserve the privilege of voting, and people who want to protect their right to do so without ID are on their face suspect.

It is a crying shame that our federal government is run by partisan Democrats who are waging war against the integrity of the election process, the rule of law and the sovereignty of the several states. I pray more people wake up to this reality.

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News in brief

China demands satellite data from Malaysia on lost jet as bad weather delays search

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — China demanded that Malaysia turn over the satellite data used to conclude that a Malaysia Airlines jetliner had crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, killing everyone on board, as gale-force winds and heavy rain on Tuesday halted the search for remains of the plane.

The weather is expected to improve so that the multinational search being conducted out of Perth, Australia, could possibly resume Wednesday. But the searchers will face a daunting task of combing a vast expanse of choppy seas for suspected remnants of the aircraft sighted earlier.

“We’re not searching for a needle in a haystack — we’re still trying to define where the haystack is,” Australia’s deputy defense chief, Air Marshal Mark Binskin, told reporters at a military base in Perth as idled planes stood behind him.

Australian and Chinese search planes spotted floating objects in an area 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) southwest of Perth on Monday, but none was retrieved. Now, with the harsh weather and a 24-hour delay in the search, those objects and other possible debris from the plane could drift to an even wider area.

In remarks to the Malaysian Parliament, Prime Minister Najib Razak cautioned that the search will take a long time and “we will have to face unexpected and extraordinary challenges.”

Chinese kin of Flight 370 passengers protest at Malaysian Embassy, furious over death claim

BEIJING (AP) — Furious that Malaysia has declared their loved ones lost in a plane crash without physical evidence, Chinese relatives of the missing marched Tuesday to the Malaysian Embassy, where they threw plastic water bottles, tried to rush the gate and chanted, “Liars!”

The Chinese government, meanwhile, demanded that Malaysia turn over the satellite data it used to conclude that Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 went down in the southern Indian Ocean with no survivors after turning back from its flight path to Beijing on March 8.

Among the flight’s 239 passengers, 153 were Chinese nationals, making the incident a highly emotional one for Beijing, and the government’s demand reflected the desire among many Chinese relatives of passengers for more conclusive information on the plane’s fate.

Nearly 100 relatives and their supporters marched to the embassy in the late morning, wearing white T-shirts that read “Let’s pray for MH370” as they held banners and chanted for about three hours. “Tell the truth! Return our relatives!” they shouted. There was a heavy police presence at the embassy, and there was a brief scuffle when some relatives tried to get past police to approach journalists, but no effort was made to break up the demonstration. The group presented a letter of protest to the embassy before getting into several buses and departing.

Novel analysis of satellite data, knowledge of physics helped narrow Malaysian jet search

HONG KONG (AP) — Investigators are closer to solving an international aviation mystery thanks to a British communications satellite and classroom physics.

A masterful analysis of a handful of faint signals sent from Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 to an Inmarsat satellite led officials to conclude that the Boeing 777 crashed in a remote part of the southern Indian Ocean, with all 239 lives likely lost. Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak called the effort “a type of analysis never before used in this investigation of this sort.”

More precise information about the plane’s last position is helping authorities refine the search being undertaken by planes and ships in seas 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) southwest of Perth, Australia. Investigators had precious little information to examine otherwise because the transponder, iden-

tifying the jet to air traffic controllers, was deactivated about the same time the jet veered off course from its original destination, Beijing, early March 8.

US, allies seek to isolate, punish Russia; Moscow shrugs and strengthens its Crimean foothold

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The thrust of his diplomatic efforts still focused on Ukraine, President Barack Obama met Tuesday with a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin as he continued his efforts to isolate Moscow over its incursion into Crimea.

In a last minute addition to his schedule, Obama sat down with Kazakhstan’s President Nursultan Nazarbayev in a long room at the U.S. embassy, with the two countries’ flags set up behind them. U.S. officials offered no details about the meeting’s agenda, but Nazarbayev is part of a Russia-centered economic bloc focused on Eurasia.

Kazakhstan is the second largest country by territory and economy to emerge from the former Soviet Union. Nazarbayev has maneuvered between Russia and the West during more than two decades in power. Kazakhstan’s energy resources and strong economy give it some independence from Moscow.

Obama was also diving back in nuclear security summitry and further sideline overtures on Tuesday as his four-country, weeklong trip entered its second day.

Still, as the United States redoubled efforts to pressure Russia out of its aggressive pose, the Russian annexation of Crimea began to take root and Moscow shrugged off Obama’s drive to leave Putin in the cold.

Fears rise that more than 14 died in Washington state mudslide as dozens still missing

OSO, Wash. (AP) — First there was a “whoosh.” Elaine Young said she thought it might be a chimney fire, a rush of air that lasted about 45 seconds. But when she stepped outside there was ominous silence. Something felt very, very wrong.

And then she saw it. Behind the house, a suffocating wall of heavy mud had crashed through the neighborhood.

Dark and sticky, the mile-long flow Saturday heaved houses off their foundations, toppled trees and left a gaping cavity on what had been a tree-covered hillside. In the frantic rescue, searchers spotted mud-covered survivors by the whites of their waving palms.

Now, days into the search, the scale of the mudslide’s devastation in a rural village north of Seattle is becoming apparent. At least 14 people are confirmed dead, dozens more are thought to be unaccounted for or missing, and about 30 homes are destroyed.

Obama to propose ending NSA’s systematic sweep of telephone records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House wants the National Security Agency to get out of the business of sweeping up and storing vast amounts of data on Americans’ phone calls.

The Obama administration this week is expected to propose that Congress overhaul the electronic surveillance program by having phone companies hold onto the call records as they do now, according to a government official briefed on the proposal. The New York Times first reported the details of the proposal Monday night. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the plan.

The White House proposal would end the government’s practice of sweeping up the phone records of millions of Americans and holding onto those records for five years so the numbers can be searched for national security purposes. Instead, the White House is expected to propose that the phone records be kept for 18 months, as the phone companies are already required to do by federal regulation, and that it be able to preserve its ability to see certain records in specific circumstances approved by a judge.

According to a senior administration official, the president will present “a sound approach to ensuring the government no longer collects or holds this data, but still ensures that the government has access to the information it needs to meet the national security needs his team has identified.” The administration official spoke late Monday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the proposal before it was officially announced.

Businesses mount religious objection to health law’s birth control coverage at Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices are weighing whether corporations have religious rights that exempt them from part of the new health care law that requires coverage of birth control for employees at no extra charge.

The case being argued at the Supreme Court on Tuesday involves family-owned companies that provide health insurance to their employees, but object to covering certain methods of birth control that they say can work after conception, in violation of their religious beliefs.

The Obama administration and its supporters say a Supreme Court ruling in favor of the businesses also could undermine laws governing immunizations, Social Security taxes and minimum wages.

The justices have never before held that profit-making businesses have religious rights. But the companies in the Supreme Court case and their backers argue that a 1993 federal law on religious freedom extends to businesses as well as individuals.

Expert: ‘Miracle that nobody died’ when Chicago commuter train crashed up escalator at airport

CHICAGO (AP) — The crash of a Chicago commuter train that derailed and plowed up an escalator at one of the world’s busiest airports would have been far worse, and likely fatal, had it not happened how and when it did, a transportation expert says.

Federal investigators are staying mum about what may have caused the Chicago Transit Authority train to jump its tracks around 3 a.m. Monday, screech across a concrete platform and crash up a heavily used escalator that takes travelers and workers into O’Hare International Airport. Investigators were expected back on the scene Tuesday.

“It is a miracle that nobody died,” said Joseph Schwieterman, a transportation expert at DePaul University.

Had the crash occurred during the day, when the trains are often full and the escalator packed with luggage-carrying travelers, far more people likely would have been injured, some even killed, he said. The crash injured more than 30 people, all of whom were on the train, though none suffered life-threatening injuries.

Los Angeles hospital doctors practice communication skills in ‘operating room of the future’

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Before the car-wreck victim reached the emergency room, doctors, residents and nurses at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center knew what to expect by glancing at their smartphones.

The details came in the staccato of text messages: A 35-year-old man had driven head-on into a bus. He suffered major chest injuries. His vital signs were crashing.

This was not just another day in the hospital. It was a laboratory billed as the “OR of the future,” an ongoing experiment aimed at breaking down barriers that bog down care through open communication, better use of technology and teamwork.

In reality, trauma care is rarely this organized. But those who are prized for individual skills are increasingly learning that when it comes to treating trauma patients from accidents, natural disasters or terrorist bombings, communication and coordination can determine whether someone lives or dies.

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Bird Poop: Rhapsody in blue

Through the mesquites and into the junipers, their flight is hurried. Then all is quiet. A moment later, they burst from the foliage. The routine continues.

From the top of a tree, they suddenly descend to the water basin. One perches on the west end, the other to the east.

After dipping their beaks into the water, they quickly tip their heads back, swallow and continue the regimen. Their stopping abruptly keeps my attention.

Across the water, they stare intently at each other. Then deliberately, while still perching on the rim, they lean across until their beaks touch. Lovingly, their beaks are opened just slightly until one grasps the other's. For a second or two, they are one.

Then their tandem flights continue. Two weeks before the first day of spring, they have shown me a new part of their courtship. Anticipating what is to follow is to enjoy the rites of the season and a pair of blue jays.

Finding the location of their nest is almost next to impossible. Their being secretive seems to assure successful nestlings for the future. Once the fledglings leave the nest to explore a newly found world, however, anxious moments ensue for both parents and the neighborhoods in which they live.

A few years ago, a young blue jay was brought to us. Because of its poor flight abilities, a person had kept it in a cage for several days. Although it appeared to be developed enough to be on its own, we chose to observe it in our back yard. It lacked strength and stamina.

Its inability to find food, followed by its ultimate captivity, was offset through diet and exercise. Then it was released. Often, well-meaning, but uninformed, humans interrupt these developmental achievements.

Another year, we observed in our own yard two young jays exploring our fence line. No longer depending upon their first home, they enjoyed new discoveries while their mother was away.



Courtesy photo

From a nest of twigs, small branches, bark, bits of paper, leaves, and dry grass, a blue jay matures into a large bird. Its raucous voice often alerts the neighborhood of perceived dangers. Also frugal, it will often hide food for later use.

When she returned with a treat for each, she gently scolded them for being out in the middle of the lawn. Hungry for the food she carried, they were easily coaxed toward a shaded area offered by a large yaupon.

With each trip, their mother encouraged a short flight from the shrub to the live oak tree nearby. Finally, they were successful in their attempt. Each managed to reach a lower limb.

The seemingly carefree twosome continued to frolic among the branches whenever their mother left for a while. Once back, she would fly directly to the oak after hearing their welcoming cries.

Year before last, we watched as a young blue jay waited for the parental "go ahead" to approach a water dish in our side yard. Both parents warily looked in every direction. Soon the juvenile was also scanning the mesquite branches, and grasses below, for any sign of danger.

Finally, one of the parents flew to the nearest elevated dish. Quickly, it returned to its branch. Repeating this

behavior six times, the older blue jay did not stop to drink until having demonstrated to its offspring, a routine for survival.

While it mimicked the actions of its parents, the youngster never would have learned the nuances of self-preservation if taken out of its environment.

Yesterday, a calm overtook a fading day. Our back porch lent to the enjoyment of spring-like temperatures. A blue jay seen in the back lot suddenly flew toward our back yard. After landing in our live oak, it immedi-

ately went back to the mesquites, where another jay waited. The darkening of evening would protect their nightly slumber even as it caused us to retreat inside.

Their brief appearance was incentive enough to anticipate

the dangers they might encounter in raising their family. When and if they bring them to the water basins will probably be in April.

The parents will continue to brighten our side yard, residence, and back lot with their bright blue crested heads, backs, wings and tails. The black necklace crossing their breasts before heading upward toward the back of their heads is noticeable. Their gray-white under parts are drab in comparison to the accents of black and white barring on their wings and tail.

Although the juveniles' coloration will be similar to that of their parents, they will lack the crested embellishment of the older birds.

A continuing appreciation of parenting skills has come from lengthy observations of these birds.

Seemingly old-fashioned, blue jays are a paragon of discipline in raising their young.

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

Odds and ends

Ireland needs shaggy sheep for 'shearing Olympics'

DUBLIN (AP) — Do you own a shaggy sheep? Ireland needs ewes.

The Irish require at least 6,000 sheep as hosts of this year's Golden Shears World Championships. But they're

more than 1,000 short with just weeks to go before an event dubbed "the Olympics of sheep shearing."

Organizers said Monday they need ewes, aged 12 to 14 months, to ensure that all competitors are supplied similarly shaped sheep. Prices for such animals in Ireland are running

high, and farmers are under pressure to sell them before the May 22 start of the four-day competition in Gorey, south of Dublin.

This year's event features competitors from 38 countries from China to Chile, including defending champion shearer Gavin Mutch of Scotland.



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Iran, Nuclear Weapons and the "Interim Agreement"

Is this the time to relax—or rather *increase*—economic sanctions on the Islamic Republic?

Despite evasions, denials and equivocations, it is clear that Iran continues to pursue the holy grail of nuclear weapons. A temporary agreement recently struck between Iran and Western powers does nothing to disable Iran's nuclear weapons development, yet it does loosen hard-won economic sanctions against the Islamic Republic. In fact, Iranian diplomats brag that the agreement fails to inhibit them in the least and that their nuclear program will not be stopped. Does it really make sense to relax pressure on Iran, or should the U.S. and Western powers line up additional sanctions should Iran fail to discontinue nuclear weapons development?

What are the facts?

The P5 + 1 group of world powers—the U.S., China, Russia, France, Great Britain and Germany—celebrated when Iran recently agreed to a six-month interim agreement calling for the Islamic Republic to suspend enrichment of 20% uranium. In return, the P5 + 1 agreed to allow Iran to access \$4.2 billion in previously blocked funds, and the U.S. agreed to apply no new economic sanctions for six months. Yet Iranian foreign minister Mohammed Javad Zarif says, "We did not agree to dismantle anything," and its president Hassan Rouhani promises Iran will absolutely retain its enrichment capability.

U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged that if Iran fails to abide by the interim agreement or to dismantle its nuclear weapons development, he would seek additional economic sanctions and possibly resort to military action. A bill currently before Congress—the Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act—would impose just such additional sanctions on Iran if it breaks the interim agreement or does not cease its nuclear weapons program following expiration of this agreement. In other words, the bill formalizes exactly the diplomatic consequences the President has threatened. No wonder the Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act is currently supported by at least 59 U.S. Senators.

Distressingly, the President has threatened to veto this act if passed by the Senate. The White House fears that the threat of new sanctions—even though they would not go into effect unless Iran fails to comply—could derail current nuclear disarmament talks.

What are the stakes? The primary targets of the Iranian ayatollahs' fanatical zeal are the U.S. (the "great Satan") and Israel (the "little Satan"), perceived as being America's agent in the Middle East. Since Iran now possesses long-range ballistic missiles, the United States, Europe and many Arab nations are in mortal danger of attack by that country. Indeed, as Senate Foreign Relations Committee member Sen. Richard Durbin notes, "If these [current] negotiations fail, there are two grim alternatives—a nuclear Iran, or war, or perhaps both."

Even short of such a war, a nuclear-armed Iran would be in unquestioned dominance of the Middle East and of its oil supply, the energy life blood of the entire world. It would surely cause intolerable disruption of the U.S. and international economies.

Israel, however, is the most immediate target of Iran's fury. Iran's unquenchable hatred of Israel is based on the conviction that "nonbelievers" have no legitimate place in the Middle East. Iran's leaders have repeatedly threatened Israel with destruction once they come into possession of nuclear weapons.

Israel is such a small country that one or two nuclear weapons strategically dropped on its narrow coastal territory would destroy it. Indeed, the effects of a nuclear attack on Israel are too horrible to consider. There can be little doubt, for example, that such an attack would turn the entire Middle East into a war zone, leaving wide-spread destruction and a worldwide economic disaster in its wake. Clearly this outcome must be prevented at all cost, and no effort should be spared to keep the hands of the ayatollahs off the nuclear trigger.

What is the solution? Of course, most Americans share the President's hopes that Iran can be persuaded to set aside its nuclear ambitions—and its vendetta against Israel—through diplomacy and other peaceful means. But one thing is certain: It is crippling Western economic sanctions, backed by the threat of force, that have recently driven Iran to the negotiating table.

Above all, Iran must decommission its nuclear weapons infrastructure. Yet with Iran's nuclear capability still intact and moving forward and its leaders vigorously asserting that the Islamic Republic will never reduce its 20,000 centrifuges or shut down its Arak heavy-water nuclear reactor or its Fordow enrichment facility, does it make sense to *reduce* the pressure of economic sanctions now? Sen. Robert Menendez, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee believes it's a mistake to relax sanctions: "I am convinced that we should only relieve pressure on Iran in return for verifiable concessions that will fundamentally dismantle Iran's nuclear program."

Since sanctions brought the Iranians to the table, sanctions are clearly the most powerful, peaceful means at our disposal for convincing the Iranians to abandon hopes of acquiring nuclear weapons. But because the Iranians continue to declare themselves steadfastly committed to nuclear development, it's time to ratchet up the economic pressure. The Nuclear Weapons Free Iran Act should be passed now. The survival of the world is at stake.

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Lady Steers run down Sweetwater, 8-6

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers came away with a huge victory on Friday by pounding out an 8-6 win over the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs. And, in doing so, they put themselves right back into the playoff hunt in the District 4-3A softball race.

"I was proud of the girls for playing solid defense, committing only two errors," said BSHS head coach John R. Sparks. "It is an improvement with their confidence."

With the victory, Big Spring snapped a two-game district slide and improved to 1-2 in the district standings.

The Lady Steers went to

work early against Sweetwater. Big Spring sent six batters to the plate in the first inning en route to grabbing a 1-0 lead. Ysabel Solis delivered the big hit for the Lady Steers, driving Mariah Sarmiento home with an run-scoring double.

Sweetwater managed to scratch out a run in the third and tied the game at 1-1.

The Lady Steers had a productive third. They regained the upper hand by scoring four runs on four hits. They racked on another run in the fourth and pushed their lead to 5-2.

Sweetwater rallied to score four runs in the sixth to tie the game at 6-6.

Sparks said the Lady Steers' rose to the challenge from

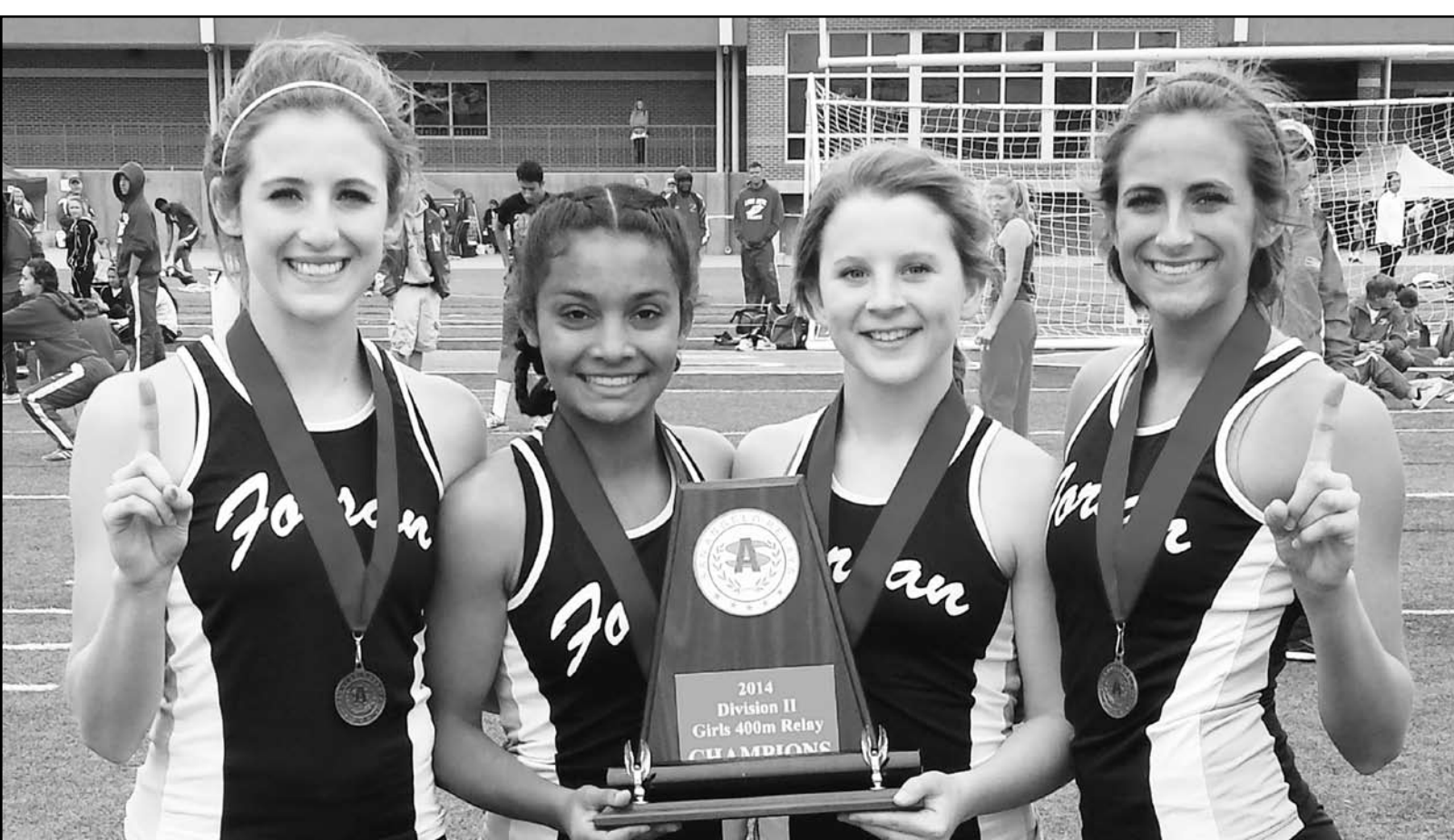
there.

"We focused in, got two runs across the plate in the top of the seventh, then played good defense in the bottom of the inning," he said.

Sarmiento, who went 3-for-4 from the plate in the contest, picked up the win in the circle.

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Bufs shine in San Angelo



Courtesy photos

Forsan High School's Carlee Daniel, Madi Roman, Brittney Hergert and Raegan Haggard won the Division IV girls' 400-meter relay at the San Angelo Relays.

Cervantes, Forsan teams shine at San Angelo Relays

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Forsan High School Buffaloes picked up a record-setting performance from Jeremy Cervantes and a gold medal from the 4x100-meter relay team and cruised to an outstanding showing at the 56th Annual San Angelo Relays on March 21.

Cervantes helped the Buffaloes' boys' track team finish seventh in the Division II (small school division) team standings with a remarkable effort in 1,600-meter run.

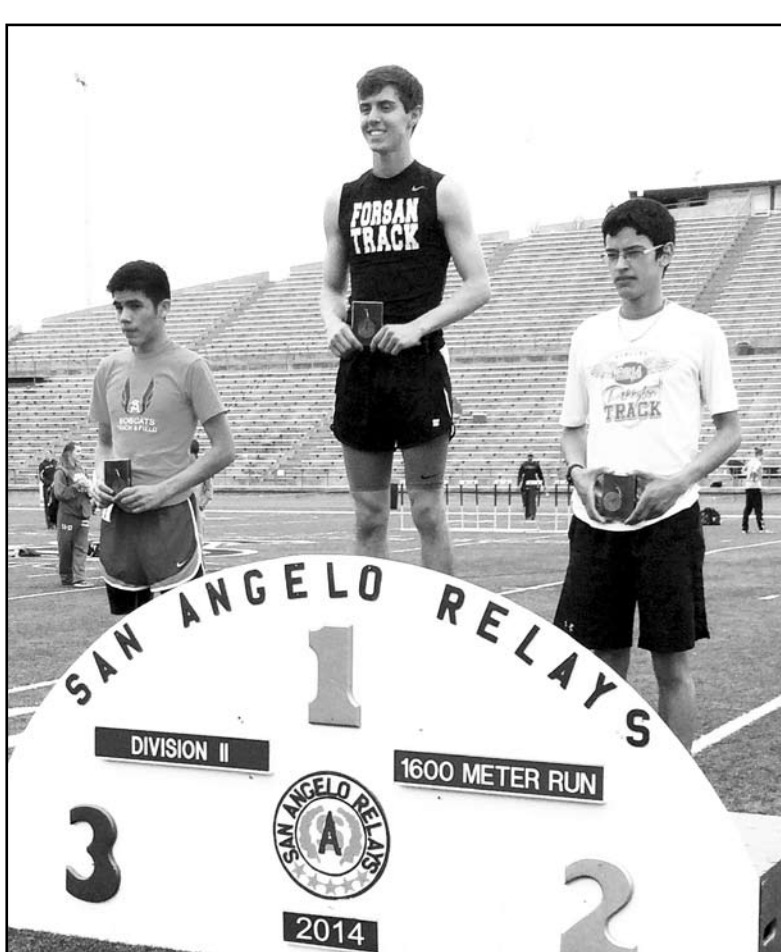
The FHS standout won the race with a time of 4 minutes and 45.56 seconds. His time shattered the Forsan school record in the event, as well as the San Angelo Relays' Division II meet mark.

Cervantes' final time was more than 3 seconds faster than the Buffaloes' previous record of 4:49 set in 1991 by J.J. Hollingshead.

Forsan's team of Carlee Daniel, Madi Roman, Brittney Hergert and Raegan Haggard won the Division IV girls' 400-meter relay with a time of 52.03 seconds. Their efforts helped the FHS team place seventh in the team standings in the girls' small-school division.

Daniel, Roman, Hergert and Haggard also placed fourth in the 4x200-meter relay.

Daniel and Haggard also starred individually. Daniel won the 100-meter dash, while Haggard took second in the triple jump.

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Jeremy Cervantes broke the the Forsan school record and the San Angelo Relays' Division II meet record in the 1,600-meter run recently with a time of 4 minutes and 45.56 seconds. The old FHS record was 4:49, set by JJ Hollingshead in 1991.

Armstrong Memorial tournament set for April 26

Area golfers better get ready to break out the clubs and tees soon.

The 2014 J.D. Armstrong Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on April 26-27 at the Big Lake Golf Course.

The tournament will be played as a three-man scramble. Tee times are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on April 26 and for 1:30 p.m. on April 27.

Entry fee is set at \$300 per team. The entry fee includes the cost for mulligans and a meal.

For more information on the tournament call the BLGC clubhouse at (325) 812-2215 or (325) 650-5000.



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Good D ...

Howard Hawks' outfielder Julian Service fields a ball during the Hawks' games with New Mexico Junior College this past weekend. The HC men's baseball team will return to play on March 28 with agames against Midland College in Midland.

Lady Bears beat Cal, advance to Sweet 16

WACO, Texas (AP) — Odyssey Sims and Baylor's two other seniors clasped hands and with wide grins skipped around the home court.

Sims scored 27 points, including a long 3-point, to punctuate a game-turning run she dominated, as Baylor took over in the second half for a 75-56 victory over

California on Monday to advance to the Sweet 16 for the sixth year in a row.

Baylor, plays Kentucky (26-8) on Saturday in South Bend, Ind. That will be a rematch of the highest-scoring Division I women's game ever. The Wildcats won 133-130 in four overtimes in December.

BSHS boys to run in Greenwood

The Big Spring High School boys' track and field team will get in a little extra work this week.

On Thursday, Big Spring will be competing in the Greenwood Track Meet. The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a scratch meeting. The field events will get un-

der way at 3:30 with the pole vault competition. The running events, including the Fat Man Relay for throwers) will start at 5:30 p.m.

School officials announced earlier this week, the BSHS squad would be adding the meet to their schedule.

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Assume you're in four spades and West leads a heart. East takes the A-K and returns the nine, West ruffing your ten and returning a low diamond. You go up with the ace and must make the rest of the tricks. At this point, it might seem that the outcome depends entirely on a successful club finesse.
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The rest of the play is easy enough. You cash the ace of clubs, ruff a club in dummy, ruff a diamond and then ruff your last club in dummy to bring home the contract.
Note that if, when you lead the queen of hearts, West produces a trump — having been dealt three or more of them — you can overruff in dummy and still have the club finesse to fall back on. It doesn't cost anything at all to play the hand this way.
Tomorrow: Artistic manipulation.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. Thas means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Dear Annie: I have played in a local poker league for 10 years and have built solid friendships with these people. Three years ago, a new crew joined our crowd. At first, they were friendly, but in the past two years, one of them began having home poker parties. I was completely caught off guard when I started noticing Facebook posts with all of our friends, and my husband and I were not on the invite list.

I tried to be a good sport and would post comments to let them know I was glad they had a good time, but deep down, I was hurt that people I'd known for a decade didn't seem to mind that we were not there. A few of them commented privately, saying they were not aware it was happening, but nothing changed.

Last year, I was diagnosed with cancer and have undergone radiation. My "don't care" quotient is at an all-time high, so when I noticed once again that we were not invited to a gathering, I commented that it was a slap in the face and amazingly rude to expect me to be courteous and friendly during our poker games when it's obvious that she has no regard for my feelings at all.

I later attempted to extend an olive branch to all of the members of our league (including Miss Rude) by inviting them to my husband's birthday party, but not one of them showed up. Do I need a shrink, or should I just put all of our cards on the table and find out what I've done to make her deliberately alienate me? -- *Royal Flush*

Dear Royal: This sounds like high school with the mean girls and the bullies. There could be any number of reasons why Miss Rude has isolated you -- she doesn't like you, she wants to be in control, she believes you are competition. The real question is why your other friends go along with it. If you have a pal in your group, ask for an honest assessment. But mostly, we think you need new friends.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie My husband and I are childless, over 55 and in the process of downsizing to a smaller home. Our birthdays are coming up. We don't want or need clothes, knickknacks or home furnishings. We donate such items to charity.

While we appreciate their generosity, we have told our friends and relatives that a gift certificate (in any amount) to a restaurant is most welcome. It is a nice treat and an incentive to get out. But few of them choose this option. Last Christmas, we were inundated with clothes and tchotchkes for the home we are leaving.

Would you please address this so our requests aren't ignored? -- *Ft. Myers, Fla.*

Dear Florida: All gifts are just that, and no one is obligated to get you anything, let alone what you are requesting. The proper response is to say thank you and then give the items away. But we understand your frustration. If the same people keep doing this, it's OK to ask them to stop, as you no longer need these items and will give them to charity. You can sincerely suggest that they make a direct donation to the charity instead. If they then ask what you'd actually like, you can tell them.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Unwilling Son," who refused to take a family photo for his parents' 40th anniversary because his mother asked him to wear a white sweatshirt and he doesn't look good in white.

Several years back, we had such a picture taken. I treasure the picture because the family is scattered all over the world. Tell the ungrateful snob to put on the sweatshirt and make his parents happy. It may be the last time they are together. -- *Grandparent in White*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon of Two Faces

The moon in Capricorn encourages us to apply the vigorous Aries solar energy to a task that's challenging and likely to earn the respect of conservative types. If you can impress them, you will impress many more. Later, the lunar influence slips into Aquarius, urging us to give generously and without regard to how hard we worked for our spoils.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some people are huggers, and others are not. You're good at sensing the difference and behaving accordingly. You'll apply that same social judgment to another situation this evening with winning results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You bonded yourself to someone, and now the knot of that tie is turning into a gnarl of attachments. This could be overwhelming to you if you think too much about it. Take one thing at a time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is possible to get a second chance at something you thought was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, although it might occur chiefly because you make it happen with your indomitable will.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have more command over your emotions than you think you do, which you'll find out by taking control of your environment. A cheerful place filled with natural light and happy music will benefit you most.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you rarely, if ever, approach



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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll execute a task that requires the utmost concentration. You'll masterfully turn off the mental chatter in your head to do this, and it'll be like a cinematic penny-drop moment. Impressive!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Spontaneity is charming. Apply it to a relationship, and the results will be magical, but it's even more important to apply it to your daily life. Spontaneous acts will build your confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can honestly say that making a certain person smile or, better yet, laugh is among your greatest joys these days. You might be surprised by who would say the same about you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What if it doesn't work out? What if it does? In the case of today's prospect, the potential downside is equally matched to the upside either way. Relax and think positive thoughts, and all will be well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not fair that you're expected to admit when you're wrong but not when you're right. Though

your relationships, personal life and work with a lack of excitement, you sometimes tend to get more excited, passionate and involved than is wise. You'll get the best results when you stay controlled.

you'll feel like rubbing it in and then topping it off with a nice brag, if you resist, you'll be rewarded for your self-control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You enjoy the challenge of a tough contest as long as it's a game you could potentially win. Be sure to match your skill level to the demands of the game. Figure out your league, and stay in it until you're ready to rise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Neutral colors may look good on walls, but you need a pop of color somewhere. Relationships are the same. Soothing, expected tones are a good foundation, but the surprises keep love alive.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 25). Events will align to point you to a new and meaningful life purpose. This doesn't negate who you've been; it only enriches your experience. Your education leads to an opportunity to double your money in April. July is best for romance and travel. Family and business mix with happy results in August. Taurus and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 17, 9 and 28.

MOLEOMANCY SPECIAL: See the archives for information on birthmarks and moles anywhere on the body above the shins. Continuing on down the body...

Shins: The shins are a complex part of the body because the shinbone is hard and yet amazingly sensitive to pain. A whack on the shins can weaken the entire body. It is usually when we are not watching what we are doing (and thus likely to trip over something small or short) or when we fail to

properly protect ourselves that this part of the body is most vulnerable. Therefore, birthmarks on the shins are warnings to be vigilant in our own safekeeping.

Left Shin: A birthmark here is a warning that people who are older and/or in a position of authority are not always to be trusted. With age doesn't always come wisdom, and a person in a power position is just as susceptible to wrongdoing as anyone else. This birthmark suggests that it is smart to qualify people before you trust them.

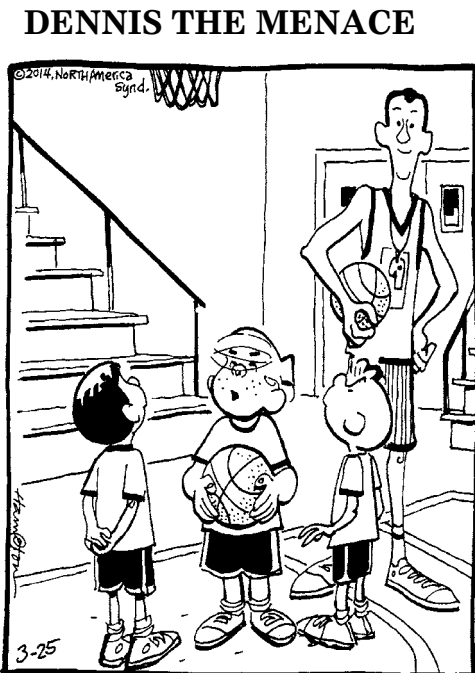
Right Shin: This birthmark warns against trying to go too quickly through life, especially attempting to rise up the ranks before such a position is earned. Pride goeth before the fall. The person who realizes this and stays humble will avoid obstacles.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aries Sarah Jessica Parker launches her first shoe line, SJP Shoes, which this astrologer believes will be a mega-hit, as Parker will utilize the strength of her sun, Mercury and Venus all in the high-energy sign of beginner's luck. An entrepreneurial Capricorn moon ruled the sky on the day of Parker's birth along with several other hardworking earth signs.

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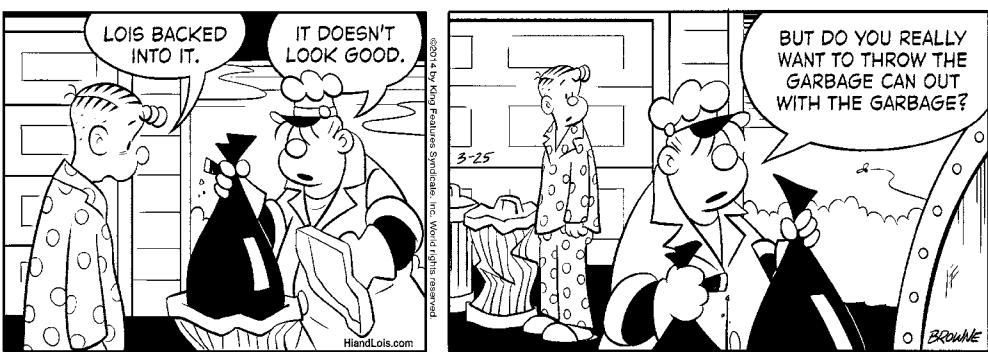
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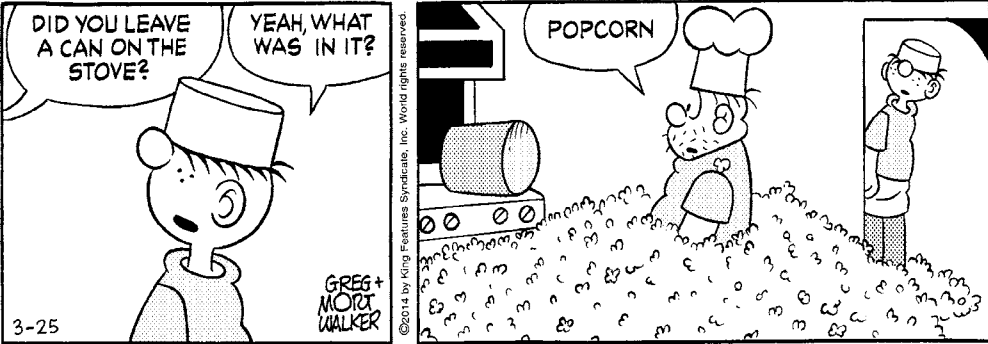
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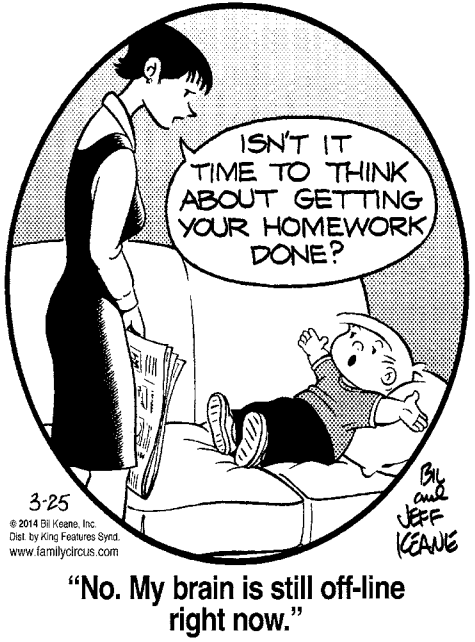


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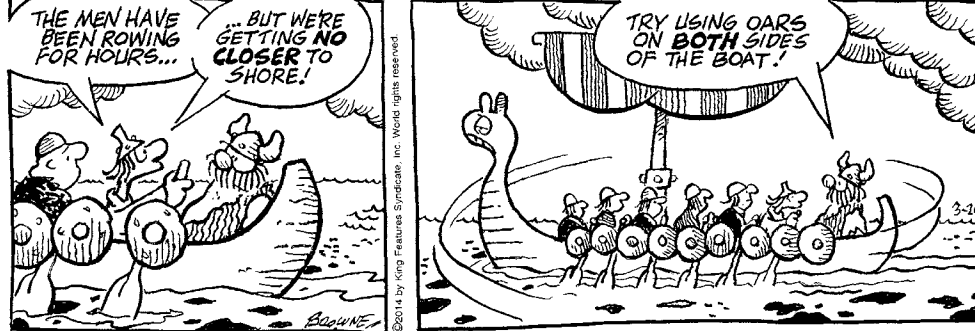
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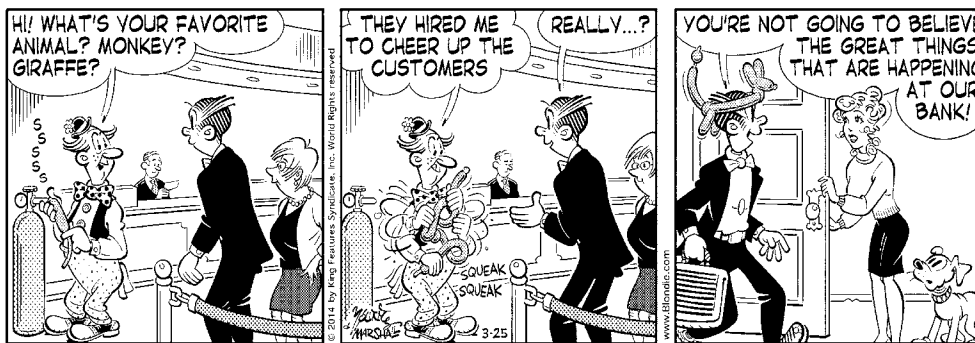


"No. My brain is still off-line right now."

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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 25, the 84th day of 2014. There are 281 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 25, 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland. On this date: In 1306, Robert the Bruce was crowned the King of Scots. In 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the

Continental Congress. In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw because of counterattacking Union troops. In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon (MA'-sih-luhn), Ohio, to Washington D.C., to demand help from the federal government. In 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York. In 1924, the Second Hellenic Republic was

proclaimed in Greece. In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives. In 1964, an acre of Runnymede in Surrey, England, was set aside by the British government as the site of a memorial to honor the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

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ACROSS	59 Fractions of a yard	5 Approached	30 "___ be wrong, but . . ."
1 Glossy fabric	60 Prefix meaning "three"	6 Leave the harbor	33 Argentine dance
6 <i>Green Eggs and Ham</i> author	61 Makes a MONKEY out of	8 Not suitable	35 Help oneself to
11 Police officer	66 Self-importance	9 Sound-related	37 Wonderland girl
14 Lift up	67 Teacher's request	10 Logical procedure	38 Doled (out)
15 Irritate	68 Had in mind	11 Grease MONKEY	41 Balance unsteadily
16 ___ carte menu	69 Lowest royal-flush card	12 Not as new	47 Most enormous
17 MONKEY business	70 Rich cake	13 Ziti or ravioli	49 Fond hopes
19 Highways: Abbr.	71 Like beaches and dunes	18 Of limited width	51 Group of eight
20 Word-of-mouth		23 Minor error	52 Fake, as a signature
21 Deep hole		24 Drama set to music	53 Juliet's love
22 Encountered		25 MONKEY wrench,	54 Serious-minded
23 Robber at a riot		so to speak	56 Taking a cruise
26 And so on		26 TV series installment	59 On the house
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31 ___ and cheese (kids' hot lunch)			64 Finish
32 Irritating one			65 Pig's place
34 Leave out			
36 Deception			
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40 Attended			
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43 Be worthy of			
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46 Cry of disgust			
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58 Wet tar, for example			

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: UMBRELLA

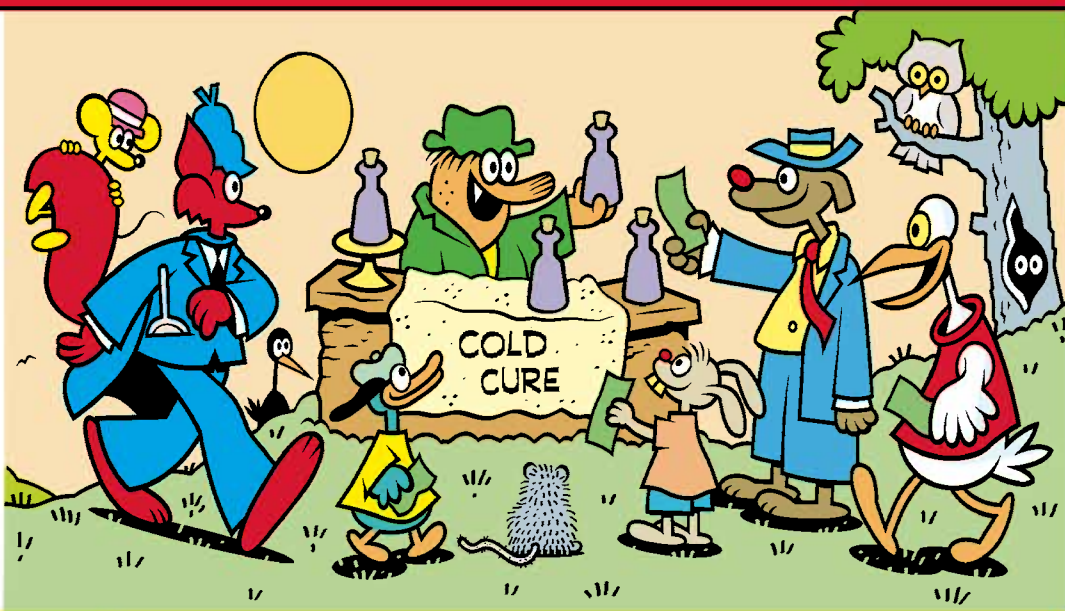
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Shady Shrew is back selling a "miracle cure." This time he claims a brilliant re-search scientist has licensed him to sell a new drink that will kill bacteria that cause the common cold. How does Slylock know that, once again, Shady is lying?

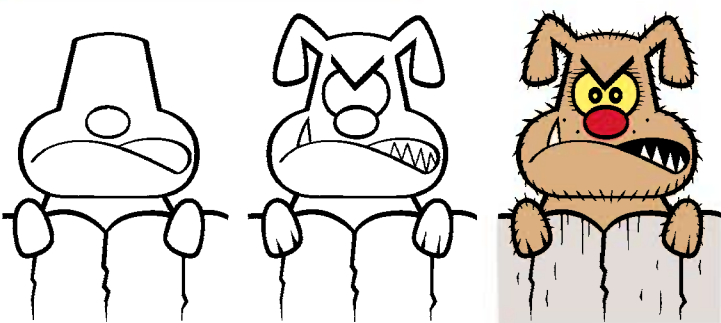
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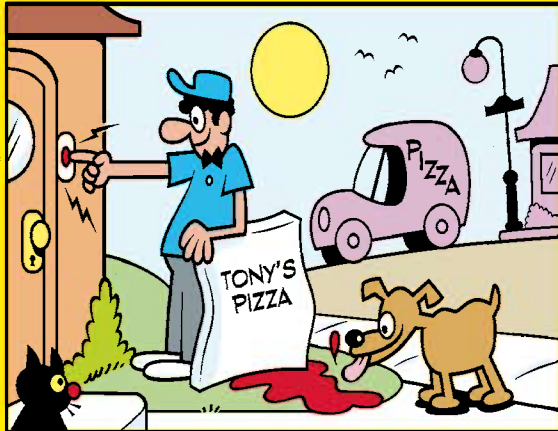
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- 2) XRBE0
- 3) LOBDULG
- 4) LEOLCI

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Snyder: Redskins to assist Native Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder says it's time to put some money behind his claim that his team's nickname honors Native Americans.

Snyder said Monday he's creating a foundation to assist American Indian tribes, even as some in that community continue to assert that the name "Redskins" is offensive.

"It's not enough to celebrate the values and heritage of Native Americans," Snyder said in a letter to the team's fans. "We must do more."

The letter states the Washington Redskins Original Americans Foundation will "provide meaningful and measurable resources that provide genuine opportunities" for Na-

tive Americans. The announcement did not state whether Snyder will personally donate any money to the foundation and gave no other financial details.

A major opponent of the nickname said Snyder's move was "somewhere between a PR assault and bribery." Suzan Shown Harjo, a lead figure in a long-running case that seeks to strip the Redskins of their federal trademark protection, told The Associated Press that Snyder is showing the "same arrogance" that he's shown previously when defending the nickname.

"I'm glad that he's had a realization that Native Americans have it tough in the United States," Harjo said. "All sorts of people could have told

him that, and have been trying to tell him that for a long time."

Snyder again gave no indication he plans to change the team's name. He said he believes "even more firmly" the name "captures the best of who we are and who we can be, by staying true to our history and honoring the deep and enduring values our name represents."

Snyder has come under unprecedented pressure to change the name over the last year. President Barack Obama told the AP in October he would consider changing the name if he owned the team.

Harjo said the refusal to budge on the name will offset, at least in part, the good that is done with the foundation's money.

"Will (the foundation) do much of anything? No. But it probably won't hurt," Harjo said, "except that it will continue the cycle of negative imaging of Native American people in the public arena."

In the letter, Snyder said he and his staff visited 26 reservations over the last four months. He

listed poverty, illness, drug abuse, violence and lack of basic infrastructure as among the problems faced by Native Americans.

"I've listened. I've learned. And frankly, its heart wrenching," the letter said.

Harjo wondered why Snyder, who has owned the team since 1999, is

only just now reaching out to Native Americans.

"It's sort of an admission that he was losing the PR battle," she said. "So now he's gone out to find the real story — as if someone was hiding the real story about pressing needs in Indian country."

and Tori Roemer, Ortiz and Wright in the district.

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Other FHS athletes doing well at the meet included Bree Franklin, who placed fifth in the high jump, and Hergert, who was fourth in the 400.

Also competing in the San Angelo Relays for the Lady Buffs were Rachel Haggard in long jump,

Hannah Beauchamp in the 200, Isabella Rivera, Mila Wright and Nina Ortiz. in the shot put,

STEERS

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Soliz also went 3-for-4 from the plate and had three RBI.

"Everyone did a great job of playing the kind of softball they are ca-

pable of playing," said Sparks. "You could tell they were ready to battle for the win."

Big Spring is scheduled to return to action this afternoon with a game against Greenwood. The first pitch will be at 5 p.m. in Greenwood.

DISTRICT

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Roberson was tied with Wylie's Zeth Zientek for ninth overall.

Sam Harris also played well for the Steers, turning in a round of 92.

Ryan Dimidjian led the Big Spring No. 2 team with a round of 101. Toby Cotton finished at 102, while teammates Justin Rider and Patrick Rodriguez posted scores of 128 and 126, respectively. Zach Bennett did not have a final score.

The top two teams from the three district rounds - along with the top two players not on one of the top three teams - will advance to the Region I-3A tournament, which will be held April 14-15 at the Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock.

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TEAM TOTALS

1. Big Spring I.....	302
2. Wylie I.....	314
3. Snyder I.....	321
4. Monahans.....	328
5. Sweetwater.....	337
6. Wylie II.....	355
7. Greenwood I.....	358
8. Snyder II.....	362
9. Monahans II.....	375
10. Big Spring II.....	457
11. Greenwood II.....	471

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

1. Tyler Bryan, BS I.....	69
2. Jacob Lair, Mon I.....	74
3. Tyler Bilbo, Wylie I.....	75
4. Curry Jones, Wylie I.....	76
5. Tate Kennedy, BS I.....	77
5. Mikey Pappajohn, BS I.....	77
5. Michael Hunt, S'water.....	77
5. N. von Roeder, Snyder I.....	77
9. Zeth Zientek, Wylie I.....	79
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