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Howard County heads to the polls



By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Polls opened at 7 this morning, as Howard County voters looked to cast their ballots in this year’s general election, which includes a number of

Leah Hughes, left, and Carolann Moose show their support for their candidates in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this morning, one of 12 polling places in Howard County open until 7 p.m.

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local and state races.

“Things got off to a pretty good start this morning,” Sandra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator, said. “There were a few minor issues with supplies and things like that, but nothing to worry about. Everything seems to be going smooth at all of the polling locations this morning, so we’re rather pleased.”

Howard County voters have several local races to weigh in on, including the battle for the Precinct 4 seat on the commissioners court, as incumbent Democrat Gary Simer is squaring off against GOP candidate John Cline. Cline won the Republican nomination in March by defeating Roy Don Beauchamp, while Simer went unopposed in the primaries.

Also on the ballot is the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court, as Republican nominee Donnie Baker faces Democratic nominee Jim Sinclair. Incumbent Jerry Kilgore lost the contest for the Republican party’s

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GOP seeks to keep grip on state posts

DANNY ROBBINS
 Associated Press

DALLAS — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and other Republican incumbents sought to keep their party’s grip on statewide offices as Texas voters head to the polls today.

The race between Dewhurst, who has held the job since 2002, and Linda Chavez-Thompson, a labor leader and vice chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, was at the top of a series of downballot races that promised few, if any, deviations from the state’s Republican norm.

Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott was going after a third term against former U.S. Senate candidate Barbara Ann Radnofsky. Abbott touted lawsuits he has filed against the federal government. Radnofsky, who unsuccessfully sought Kay Bailer Hutchison’s Senate seat in 2006, said the suits are politically motivated.

Today’s voting brought an end to the nastiest race of the year, in which Republican Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and Democratic challenger Hank Gilbert hurled accusations and insults at each other. The race was a rematch from 2006, when Staples won by 13 percentage points.

Staples was quick to point out that Gilbert, a former gubernatorial candidate,

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The “White Ghost” of Pack 501 was a favorite to win Scout pushmobile races Saturday in the First Baptist Church parking lot, but that honor went instead to “Old Dependable” out of Pack 305. See results, Page 3A.

Re-Creation USA ready to perform at Big Spring VAMC

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

The idea of performing before an audience made primarily of elderly veterans may not be the dream of most aspiring singers and dancers, but then, the young people of Re-Creation are anything but average.

Representing Re-Creation USA Inc. — which provides a national program of live entertainment for America’s hospitalized Veterans in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes — the entertainment troupe will perform it’s “Broadway!” show at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home Wednesday.

According to Iva Jo Hanslik, volunteer coordinator for the VA Medical Center, the emotional effect the show has on the veterans is outstanding.

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Giants win it all

Rangers raise bar but fall short in World Series

ARLINGTON (AP) — After Michael Young went around the Texas Rangers' clubhouse hugging teammates, he stood at his locker wearing a World Series shirt — and a determined look.

"We fell short," Young said. "But we've raised the bar. And every guy that said something talked about holding the trophy next year."

The clubhouse doors remained closed for an extended time following the 3-1 loss in Game 5 of the World Se-

ries on Monday night that gave this year's trophy to the San Francisco Giants.

While champagne was being sprayed as part of a wild celebration in the visiting clubhouse down the hall, Rangers coaches and players took some time

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Michael Young,
Texas Rangers

to reflect on an unprecedented season that came to a disappointing end.

"To come this far and not get it done, it hurts a little bit," outfielder David Murphy said.

"You have to use it as motivation to come back next year, and get here

and take the next step."

The Rangers had never won a post-season series or even a home playoff game before this season, the franchise's 50th.

Now they are American League champions, though the World Series title eluded them because their best pitcher and biggest bats fizzled at the worst possible time.

Ace left-hander Cliff Lee, the prized

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Ready to Roll

With no play-in game, rest, Lady Steers confident about playoffs

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Excuse the Big Spring volleyball team for feeling like its in uncharted territory — or at least territory the Lady Steers haven't been in for a while.

No play-in game to get into the playoffs. Check. Some much-needed rest before the playoffs. Check. No defending state champion waiting to pounce the Lady Steers in the bi-district round. Check.

All that has Big Spring feeling like it has a chance to go deep in the playoffs this season, as opposed to last year. It starts with Vernon at 6:30 p.m. today at Albany High School in Albany.

"Usually, there's a play-in game," said the Lady Steers' Bridgette Tuitt, referring to the game against San Angelo Lake View last season. "We finally get a chance to actually build ourselves up. We're just a different team this year."

On paper, comparing this year's Lady Steers and last season's may not be that difficult. Both teams made the playoffs.

This year's squad sees a difference, however, that will keep them from bowing out of the playoffs early.

Getting the opportunity to rest a little bit and the way they finished the season may be the driving force behind the Lady Steers this post-season.

Big Spring took care of Brownwood Oct. 26, sweeping the Lady Lions for second place in District 5-3A. A loss would have extended

the season, forcing an extra game against Brownwood to determine second place and the Lady Steers are thankful that didn't happen.

Middle blocker Taylor Seaton said getting the chance to rest this season before the playoffs does wonders for the Lady Steers. All the players have had to do is focus on Vernon.

"I think that takes the pressure off," the junior said. "You're not — you just got done fighting for the last spot then you have to go in and play someone else. You get a little bit time to breathe. Coach had a chance to go look at the team we were playing. I think that takes a lot of the pressure off so we can just focus on playing."

Might rest be harmful to a squad that is on a roll, winning seven of its last nine? The Lady Steers don't think so. Head coach Lynn Osborne said her team plays better fresh.

The Lady Steers have confidence, too, built from those seven wins in nine games.

Head coach Lynn Osborne said the win against Brownwood at home to end the regular season is something her team plans on building on. Even with the loss in three sets at Abilene Wylie — ranked No. 3 in the state — Big Spring bounced back to end the regular season on a high note and Osborne was impressed with that.

Speaking of ranked teams, there won't be one for the Lady Steers to face in the bi-district round this

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Carson Reibe passes the ball in one of the Big Spring volleyball team's games this season. The Lady Steers begin the bi-district round of the playoffs against Vernon at 6:30 p.m. today at Albany High School in Albany. Albany is about 45 minutes outside of Abilene.



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Zeslie Johnson shoots a jumpshot against Lubbock Christian JV Tuesday.

Off to a good start: HC women thrash LCU JV

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Porsche Young felt like all freshmen women's basketball players should during their first collegiate game.

"I was excited and nervous," the guard from Oklahoma City said. "I came out and my hands were sweating. But it was fun, it was a good experience."

Young might have said she was nervous, but she didn't play like it.

The freshman shined in the Howard College Hawks' season-opening win over Lubbock Christian Junior Varsity 114-44 with 25 points,

eight rebounds and eight assists.

She didn't outdo one of the veterans on this team, sophomore Twyla Ards, who led with 30 points, along with seven steals. Taniqua Ards and Tasha Tubbs chipped in 18 and 13 points, respectively.

Sounds like head coach Earl Diddle has a couple of good guards on his hands. What's more impressive to him, though, is how well his team executed Tuesday.

"Really pretty good, for having three returners,"

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Washer tournament

There will be a washer tournament Nov. 6 at La Vedra Club park, with trophies for first, second

and third place. Registration is on Nov. 6 and the entry fee is \$20 per person. The deadline to register is noon and the tourney starts at 1 p.m. Every player must use their own washer. Call Larry at 466-9969 to enter or for more information.

Senior Night

All parents of senior football players, managers, trainers, cheerleaders and band members are encouraged to meet at Memorial Stadium at 6:15

p.m. Friday. Seniors will be recognized during the Steers' last home football game against Snyder. Call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685 if there are any question.

Steer Booster Club

Come support the Steer Booster Club from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Verizon store on Gregg Street. There will be Steer Gear, hot dogs and much more.

Obituaries

Delbert Stanley

Delbert Stanley, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born March 13, 1924, in Winters and married Barbara Jo Olson on Nov. 19, 1949, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Oct. 17, 2005.

Delbert served in the United States Air Force during World War II. He came to Big Spring in 1945 after his military service and farmed in Howard County for 50 years before retiring. He had served as secretary of the Howard College Foundation board of directors, served on the Farm Bureau board of directors and was voted Farmer of the Year in 1989. Delbert enjoyed hunting, fishing, water skiing and acrobatic diving. He was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Dickey Stanley and wife Cinda of Kingsland; one grandson, Dr. Logan Stanley and wife Courtney of Marble Falls; two great-grandchildren, Weiss Hyatt Stanley and Klein Bennett Stanley of the home; and two brothers, Dealon Stanley of Big Spring and Quenten Stanley of Sugar Land.

He was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Meagan Shea Stanley on April 11, 1997.

The family suggests memorials be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 749596, Los Angeles, Calif. 90074-9596; or to 14th and Main Church of Christ Building Fund, 1401 Main St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Alice Barrier

Alice Barrier, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at Grand Saline. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- GILBERT DIAZ LOPEZ JR., 41, of 710 S. Douglas, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- JUNIOR JONES, 24, of 1404 E. 14th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- PATRICK RIOS JR., 21, of 610 S. Goliad, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
- JAMES EARL MAGERS, 49, of 1511 Tucson, was arrested Monday on warrants for criminal mischief, terroristic threat (three counts) and assault causing bodily injury.
- LACI KAMRYN HARRINGTON, 21, of 604 Goliad, was arrested Monday on warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
 - In the 1400 block of Sycamore.
 - In the 1500 block of 11th Place.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.
- JUDY ANN MATA, 41, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and public intoxication.
 - ANSELMO HILARIO JR., 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - MARTIN DIAZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in

consumption of alcohol.

- TONY RAY BINGHAM, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- GINA MARIE HERNANDEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- MIRANDA SAIZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for public intoxication, no driver's license (two counts), violation of a promise to appear (four counts), failure to appear (three counts), unrestrained child under 5 years of age, possession of drug paraphernalia and no seat belt.
- SONIA RENEE STRAUGHTER, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for criminal mischief, failure to appear (six counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.
- GRACIE OLIVARES, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JESSICA MARTA HERNANDEZ, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and unrestrained child under 5 years of age.
- RUDOLPH AVALOS JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on an Austin parole violation.
- ALBERTO JOSE GALLEGOS, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a Dawson County warrant for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- ADOLPH LEON LABBE JR., 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on an Austin parole warrant and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- GARY LEW CHRANE, 59, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDREW STEVEN BAILON, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- ZACHARY RYAN BROWN, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- JOSEPH CONTRERAS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- RUDOLPH GUTIERREZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- JOSE LUIS RIVERA, 22, arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOSHUA IZAEH RODRIQUEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for expired driver's license and failure to appear.
- NINFA MORENO GARCIA, 54, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for assault – family violence.
- MOSES CRUZ CANALES, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor and municipal warrants for running a stop sign and violation of a promise to appear.
- GONZALO GONZALES, 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on warrants for credit/debit card abuse (three counts).
- JERRY LIN WHITE, 41, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- MARY ELIZABETH VALENCIA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and violation of a promise to appear.
- ROBERT W. PARRISH, 47, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JUAN ARNULFO CARDINA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear.

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- SERGIO VALLENTE TORRES, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of minor consuming alcohol.
 - ELEUTERIO PADRON, 61, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - GILBERT LOPEZ JR., 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on an indictment for aggravated sexual assault of a child.
 - SAMMEAL R. GRAY, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
 - DEBRA LOPEZ, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - JEFFERY DON CATE, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 - ROBERT OLIVER PULLIN, 64, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
 - JUNIOR JONES, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - PATRICK RIOS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
 - JAMES EARL MAGERS, 49, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat (three counts), criminal mischief and assault causing bodily injury.
 - LACI KAMRYN HARRINGTON, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license and failure to appear.
 - ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 70, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of urinating in public.
 - ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- Note** — According to HCSO officials, Ysidro Diaz, 20, who was reported Monday as having been arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol and transferred to the county jail, was actually Martin Diaz, 18. The mistake was discovered after Diaz was bonded out by Kennedy's Bail Bond.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Highway 350 and Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. 11th Place. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Hoosier. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. 13th Street. Service refused.

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he said. “We’ve got a whole group of freshmen coming in, so I was really pleased with our unselfishness, team effort, our execution for first game out of the gate.

“It was probably, as I told our team, the best execution and team development game that we’ve had since I’ve been here.”

That’s not an understatement, especially with Twyla and Young.

Twyla was relentless on defense with the seven of the lady Hawks’ 22 steals. Midway through the first half, the Hawks got four consecutive steals, two from Twyla, one from Kali Jerrell and another from Tubbs. Jerrell’s steal led to a bucket from Young. Twyla took one of her steals back for a layup and the other led to another score from Young. After Tubbs took her steal back for a score at the 6:38 mark in the first half, the Hawks essentially put the game out of reach 38-14.

Howard College had 39 points off turnovers Tuesday against LCU JV. The

Big Spring swimming: results from Saturday’s Big Spring Invitational

Girls		Sydney Hernandez, Bianca Griego, 5:34.84
Boys		
200-yard medley relay		200-yard medley relay
5 th – Amanda Grisham, Rebecca Loya, Meagan Grisham, Mehan Larson, 2:35.10		3 rd – Drew Breckenridge, Rickey Garza, Andrew Johnson, Caleb McMahon, 1:57.94
200-yard freestyle		200-yard freestyle
7 th – Bianca Griego, 3:05.24		7 th – Andrew Johnson, 2:32.56
50-yard freestyle		50-yard freestyle
8th- Rebecca Loya, 30.04		2nd- Drew Breckenridge, 24.10
11 th – Meagan Larson, 31.58		5 th – Justin Pearson, 26.43
14th- Mari Carrillo, 32.34		8 th – Rickey Garza, 28.17
20th- Crystal Lugo, 36.89		10 th - Jesse Rodriguez, 29.41
100-yard freestyle		100-yard butterfly
6 th – Rebecca Loya, 1:10.82		2 nd – Andrew Johnson, 1:11.54
9 th – Meagan Larson, 1:14.76		100-yard freestyle
10 th – Mari Carillo, 1:14.86		2nd- Drew Breckenridge, 54.43
15 th – Crystal Lugo, 1:31.18		3 rd – Caleb McMahon, 55.17
200-yard freestyle relay		6 th – Justin Pearson, 1:04.66
5 th – Megan Larson, Rebecca Loya, Amanda Grisham, Meagan Grisham, 2:08.51		11 th – Zhamarcus Butts, 1:13.71
7 th – Bianca Friego, Mari Carrillo, Crystal Lugo, Sydney Hernandez, 2:22.23		200-yard freestyle relay
100-yard backstroke		3 rd - Drew Breckenridge, Rickey Garza, Andrew Johnson, Caleb McMahon, 1:43.99
8 th – Amanda Grisham, 1:31.05		4 th – Zhamarcus Butts, Layelle Montanez, Justin Pearson, Trevor Shaw, 1:54.55
100-yard backstroke		100-yard backstroke
9 th – Sydney Hernandez, 1:37.02		7 th – Caleb McMahon, 1:10.90
400-yard freestyle relay		100-yard breaststroke
6 th – Mari Carrillo, Crystal Lugo,		4 th – Rickey Garza, 1:20.65
		13 th – Layelle Montanez, 1:32.35
		17 th – Trevor Shaw, 1:44.70

Hawks’ 3-point shooting wasn’t bad, either. They were 16-of-22 from beyond the arc. Twyla hit the most with five, Young had four and Tubbs had three.

“We have a lot of shooters,” Diddle said. “But if you live by the jump shot, you die by the jump shot. Give LCU a lot of credit. They double-teamed our post and we’ve got really good post players. It was hard to get the ball in there for a while.”

Although the score might not show it, Diddle said the LCU did well limiting the Hawks’ options offensively. It’s just his team executed well and he expects a tough game when the Hawks have to visit Lubbock Nov. 19.

With seven new faces on the team this season, Twyla is pleased how well the Hawks played Monday, but they still have a lot more gelling to do. It’s a long season.

“We still have to work on a lot of stuff,” she said, “but we pretty much know where everybody is at now.”

Howard College Men

The Howard College men’s basketball team opens its title defense against Wayland Baptist University JV at 7 p.m. today in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks are led by sophomores Joe Bright and Carlos Emory.

Men’s Caprock Bowling results

Team Standings:

1. The Real Deal 42, 2. Pollard 42, 3. Team 6 38, 4. United Country 36, 5.

And 1 36, 6. H&S Construction 36, 7. Claiborness 34, 8. Cilligan 32, 9. Those Guys 32, 10. The Veterans 32, 11. Team 8 30, 12.Team 2 22, 13. Boozz Brutha’s 20

Last week’s scores:

The Real Deal 8, Pollard 8, Team 2 8, The Veteran 8, Team 6 6, Claiborness 6, And 1 4, Team 8 4, H&S Construction 2, Culligan 2.

PLAYOFFS

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year.No Canyon Randall on tap for Big Spring. However, Osborne notes that Vernon is a tough team to beat, even though Big Spring’s opponent may have some weaknesses.

“They play good defense,” she said. “They’ve got some good hitters. They just don’t have real high contact point (with the ball), so we’re hoping to be able

to block them, make them have to go around. Not a real big team.”

Second place in the district meant a lot to the Lady Steers.

Osborne said it gives the Lady Steers the best route to state in the playoffs instead of being the last team and having a more difficult one. Just because it’s the best route though, doesn’t mean it’s easy.

Osborne said her team has to have one characteristic in order to get through each round this season. It’s some-

thing that gets all teams through the marathon that is the playoffs.

“Tenacity,” she said. “Just not giving up. That’s not an option. Losing is not an option. You’ll see those teams, it doesn’t matter if they’re down five points, you can just see them keep cranking away and they’re never out of it, even when you’ve got them down.”

The winner of the Big Spring-Vernon bi-district playoff game faces Kennedale in the area round.

Vikings cut ties with Moss

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — In his last act with Minnesota, Randy Moss stepped to a podium to fawn over the New England Patriots, criticize the Vikings for ignoring his strategic advice, and announce his plan to interview himself the rest of the season instead of letting reporters do it.

So much for that boost to Brett Favre’s passing attack.

Moss’s second go-round in Minnesota was far less successful than the first, not to mention swift and, simply, bizarre. After four games and three disappointing losses, coach Brad Childress showed Moss who was boss by telling Vikings players in a team meeting Monday afternoon the six-time Pro Bowl wide receiver was being let go.

“This decision was made based on what we thought was in the best interests of the Minnesota Vikings, both in the short and long term,” Childress said several hours later in a team-issued statement. “We wish Randy the best as he moves forward in his career.”

Just four weeks ago, Moss was gushing about his return to Minnesota, where he looked forward to seeing those purple No. 84 jerseys in the crowd more than five years after the Vikings first dumped him in a trade.

The deal that brought him back last month from the Patriots cost the Vikings (2-5) a third-round draft pick and more than \$1.5 million for those four games.

“I was shocked by it a little bit, but again I think it was something we have to stand behind,” linebacker Ben Leber said, adding: “I’m not sure what the motivation was or what they’re thinking, but it certainly is a surprise when you think you trade for a guy a couple weeks ago and then release him a few weeks later.”

Moss, who was fined \$25,000 last week for failing to cooperate with the media and make himself regularly available for interviews, hugged several former Patriots teammates as well as coach Bill Belichick on the field Sunday after the Vikings lost 28-18.

RANGERS

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midseason acquisition Texas got to win games like this, was definitely better in Game 5 than in the Series opener, when he had his worst postseason outing ever. Still, it wasn’t good enough to beat Tim Lincecum.

No matter how well the free agent-to-be might have pitched in maybe his last start for the Rangers, Lee got no help from a potent lineup that went from slugging to slumping.

“They outpitched us the whole series,” Lee said. “Against this lineup, that’s highly impressive what they did with the ball. A lot of credit goes to their pitching and defense. It was outstanding, and they flat-out beat us.”

The Rangers led the majors with a .276 batting average in the regular season. Their meager .190 average in the World Series was the third-lowest ever, and they scored only 12 runs — five in the last four games while being shut out in two.



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“Old Dependable” took first place under the direction of Pack 305 during the Scout pushmobile competition Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Scouts enjoy friendly competition

Special to the Herald

Saturday, more than 30 local Cub Scouts from four different packs brought their best hand-made cars to First Baptist Church for the area’s annual pushmobile races, hosted by Pack 305.

The Scouts, ranging from 6 to 10 years old, began practicing the new hair pin-shaped track at about 9:30 Saturday morning. After practice, there was a grand-entrance where all the Scouts walked their cars around the track, led by the American flag. Then Pack 305 led the flag ceremony that

included the national anthem. This ceremony also signified the time for practice was over and the racing was about to begin.

First up were the Tiger Cub dens from each pack, the youngest Scouts. When the dust settled on these races, it was Pack 501 beating Pack 305’s Tigers by less than three seconds. Next was the Wolf dens, the second grade boys, which was won by Pack 305’s den. Pack 29 from Elbow beat the field and won the Bear den category.

Next were the Webelos Scouts. They are the oldest

boys in Cub Scouts, preparing to join a Boy Scout troop in the spring. Scouts and parents lined the track for this most awaited race. The boys participating in this race have competed against each other for three years. The newly built “White Ghost” of Pack 501 was the favorite to win, but Pack 305’s yellow car, also known as “Old Dependable” by the boys, was last year’s champion.

Pack 501 had a seatbelt malfunction at one of the mandatory stops, where the boys switch drivers, costing them valuable time and opening the door for Pack 305’s Webelos, which

edged them out by 30 seconds.

The largest trophy was for “Best Car of Show.” Three judges scored the cars for appearance and safety. The judges liked the airbrushed tiger on the seat of Pack 305’s Tiger Cub car and unanimously picked the orange and black striped car for Best of Show.

Pushmobile racing is just one of many activities that Cub Scouts enjoy throughout the year. Anyone interested in becoming a Cub Scout or a Boy Scout can contact the Buffalo Trail Council at (432) 570-7601.

—Submitted by Eric Duncan

VOTE

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nod in March.

In the race for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2 incumbent candidate Kathryn Wiseman represents the Republican party, while Democrat nominee Ricky Hughes is trying to unseat her. Hughes was unopposed in the March party primaries.

The State Representative District 85 seat will also be decided, as incumbent Democrat Joe Heflin faces Republican nominee Jim Landroop.

The District 19 seat on the U.S. House of Representatives is also up for grabs. Republican incumbent Randy Neugebauer faces Democratic nominee Andy Wilson and Libertarian Richard “Chip” Peterson.

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“When you see the expressions on the faces of the veterans during the show, it’s just amazing,” said Hanslik. “There are veterans with tears in their eyes, especially when the kids come out in the audience and perform directly to them, singing sweet love songs and things like that. It’s really very special to them.”

With the show coming through Big Spring once almost every year, Hanslik said the performers become part of the Big

Spring VA Medical Center family.

“It’s totally enjoyable for us and it’s a change of pace,” said Hanslik. “It’s a lot of work to prepare for, but the veterans all love it so much. These kids have so much energy and just love what they’re doing. They love performing for veterans. They pretty much take a couple of years out of their life to do this.”

According to Hanslik, “Broadway!” spotlights songs and stars as America’s young ambassadors to hospitalized Veterans focus on the nation’s best loved

music with dynamic vocal renditions enlivened by intricate, disciplined dance and choreography.

“Re-Creation was founded in 1976 and performs in all 50 states,” Hanslik said. “Credits include appearances at some of the nation’s most prestigious fairs and festivals, at local, regional, state and national corporation banquets and conventions, and at major resort areas. Civic clubs, fraternal groups, schools and public and private

organizations now keep Re-Creation booked for more than 300 concerts each year.”

The show is expected to begin at 2 p.m., according to the Re-Creation Web site, located at <http://re-creationusa.com/>

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failed to pay taxes and pleaded guilty to a charge of theft by check, for which he paid a \$100 fine in 2001. Gilbert said both matters stemmed from a change in accountants more than a decade ago.

Gilbert claimed Staples failed to provide agency employees with proper protective equipment. He also accused the commissioner of using the position to advance politically. Staples responded by saying he has been an advocate for farmers and ranchers.

In contrast, the Texas land commissioner’s race was a lovefest, with the incumbent, Jerry Patterson, and the challenger, state Sen. Hector Uribe, sharing travel expenses to get to campaign events.

Patterson sought his third term in the office, which manages 13 million acres and the state’s coastal areas. It was Uribe’s first attempt at statewide office.

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OUR VIEW

Public hearing on reliever route set for Thursday

Are you tired of how difficult it is to get up or down Gregg Street when several 18-wheelers seem to be in the traffic mix? Or, are you concerned that not having that highway traffic coming through town will hurt business?

Well, the Texas Department of Transportation will give you a chance to express those views and perhaps get a little information about the project at 6:30 p.m. Thursday when it holds a public hearing on the proposed U.S. Highway 87 truck relief route west of Big Spring.

State officials said the hearing’s purpose is to discuss the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed reliever route, as well as present the preferred alignment of the proposed route from the intersection of U.S. 87 and FM 700 north of Big Spring to the intersection of U.S. 87 and FM 33 south of Big Spring.

The hearing will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center at 100 Whipkey Drive. Exhibits and maps of the proposed route will be on display at the civic center from 1 p.m. Thursday until the beginning of the hearing. Registration for the hearing will open at 5:30 p.m.

The proposed project would consist of acquisition of new right-of-way and construction of a four-lane, divided controlled access roadway 14 miles in length that would remove through truck traffic from downtown streets of Big Spring.

Upon completion of the proposed roadway, the current alignment of U.S. 87 would be re-designated as Business U.S. 87. The proposed project has a current estimated cost of \$148 million and would require relocation of some residences and businesses.

Members of TxDOT’s Abilene District staff will be available from 1 p.m. until the beginning of the hearing to answer questions and take comments. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation for the public to comment either orally or in writing. Comments will also be accepted for 10 days after the hearing.

We here at the Herald encourage anyone interested in the proposed project to attend Thursday’s meeting. TxDOT officials have stressed that all interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

We’ll certainly be there.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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Amen

We’ve certainly seen worse

please, I’m begging: Stop! Stop forwarding e-mails about how this is the worst time in the history of America. Stop posting on Facebook that the country is so screwed up that you won’t even vote. Stop listening to TV pundits growling that the America we love is on the verge of collapse because of — pick your poison — socialists, Democrats, Republicans, tea partys or the wicked mainstream media.



CONNIE SCHULTZ

These midterm elections will be a test of character, all right. For voters.

Here’s the part where I’m supposed to talk about how people risk their lives to vote in places such as Sudan, Iraq and Afghanistan. You probably already know that, yet projections indicate millions of you can’t be bothered to vote early or to cast ballots Tuesday. If that’s your view of patriotic duty, then nothing I say at this late hour is going to change your mind.

So let’s talk about the collective mood of America.

Forget those interactive maps on cable TV that reduce our country’s landscape to blocks of red and blue. We are the same gloriously complicated America we’ve always been. We’re quibbling and squabbling at the moment, just like all moments in American history. What an exhilarating tradition.

As Abigail Adams once said, “these are times in which a genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station, that

great characters are formed.”

So let’s not be dummies and just complain about all that’s wrong with America. Think Abigail. Think genius. Celebrate your luck of citizenship. Hug an opponent, even.

OK, maybe not hug. Fist-bump ‘im. You can do that. Yes. You can.

Now, I am not about to claim that I don’t care about the midterm elections. I probably care too much. Blame it on my parents. I’m the daughter of a union activist and a friendly feminist. I was born political and blossomed into a liberal long before I needed a bra. Can’t deny the DNA, friends.

But my enthusiasm has limits, and it’s been sorely tested in this election cycle. People are acting crazy. The first time I saw a Republican Senate candidate insist she was not a witch, I pinched myself to make sure I hadn’t died and taken a wrong turn on my way to the celestial reunion.

Every time I hear a Democrat brag about how much he loves guns, I have to jump on the treadmill and run 2.2 miles. And I hate running.

Still, I’m not about to smack the back of my hand to my forehead and declare America hopelessly divided. I’ve had it up to my arched eyebrows with hyperbole and fear-mongering meant to scare people into voting against their own best interests or, worse, not voting at all.

We are not living in the worst of times. Not even close.

For three days in 1863 in Gettysburg, Pa., Americans fought Americans until nearly 5,500 of them died. Another 22,000 of them were wounded.

In 1917, women were thrown into prison — and some of them nearly died, too — because they

had the nerve to picket Woodrow Wilson’s White House for the right to vote.

In 1942, we rounded up more than 100,000 Japanese-American citizens and Japanese residents — men, women and children — and forced them to live in internment camps on American soil.

Until the 1960s, a big chunk of our country thought it was OK to hang black people from trees and make postcards with photos of their mutilated bodies.

Those were some serious worst times.

Don’t like today’s campaign ads? Turn off the TV; hit the “eject” button on the Barcalounger; and go find the real America. It’s a thrill.

We’ve got plenty of big problems. But dishonest candidates, nasty ads and goofy protesters armed with false facts and three-cornered hats are not signs of Armageddon. They’re just evidence that America’s still working. Not to our schedules, perhaps, and certainly not always to our liking, but democracy isn’t meant to woo or wow. Democracy is supposed to be a long, slow slog.

No matter what happens on Election Day, life will go on come Wednesday.

Children will board school buses; grown-ups will wake up tired; and Old Glory will flutter on flagpoles from coast to coast. Even if millions of our citizens refuse to vote, America will keep working.

God bless America.

God knows we need it.

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When opportunity knocks

When opportunity knocks at your door, what do you do? One friend said the answer to this question is obvious: “You open the damn door!”

As a woman who has spent much of her life talking herself out of practically everything, opening the door has not been so obvious or easy. I will say that I don’t actually believe that opportunities are chance happenings that fall out of the sky into our laps.

The choices we make and the actions we take move us towards our future. Indeed, what we choose today has an effect on what happens tomorrow. And our attitude, my friends, has everything to do with our decisions and consequently what opportunities are created.

I’ve been saying “yes” to many “opportunities” this year. And my typical answer when someone asks me why I said “yes,” is brief and simple — “Why not?”

You have to understand that me saying “yes” has involved a big attitude adjustment. Remember, I’m the girl who has too often over analyzed and said, “I’m not sure I can, or I don’t think I should.”

Throughout my life, there have been many doors that I could have opened but didn’t.

For me, the decision to travel internationally for the first time ever earlier this year — without my husband — has impacted my life in numerous unforeseen ways. Largely, this has included me getting out of my comfort zone to being open to whatever is new and different in just about every way imaginable — even trying new foods and recipes.

It took me a couple of months to accept an invitation to travel to Italy with a friend and stay in a new friend’s villa on Lake Garda. In other words, no hotel bills! During my indecisiveness, whenever I mentioned my opportunity to anyone, the response was, “How can you even consider letting such an opportunity slip through your fingers?”

Since returning from that trip, I’ve pondered and written about the many insights and revelations that resulted from taking my Italian opportunity by its horns and going for it.

Keep in mind that opportunities come in all shapes and sizes. I’m not talking only about travel ones! Sometimes what makes a new opportunity difficult to grapple with is just that — its newness. Perhaps the opportunity is something you’ve never done before or never imagined doing. It can seem scary or too difficult to try something new and not feasible to venture into the unknown or unfamiliar.

Let’s say you’ve been saving sky miles for years for the trips you may someday take. Why not use some of those sky miles now?

Perhaps you’ve assumed hotel cost is more than you can afford. But have you ever done the research to confirm this assumption?

Or maybe you’ve saved money for years for your retirement. Why not spend some of it today instead of saving it all for a tomorrow that may not be there?

The point is it may just be that there are more opportunities that are attainable and within your reach than you believe. Don’t let unfounded assumptions and uninformed fears tell you differently.

I have discovered approaching my life with an “anything is possible” attitude often results in the proof that it indeed is. There are many reasons for expanding your horizons from your tried and true habits and routine.

My willingness to travel beyond the boundaries of my beloved country has broadened my outlook on life and the possibilities for the rest of my life. Being middle aged is no longer stopping me from attempting to learn and experience new things. I have a fresh appreciation of life and new meaning in life. I’ve discovered increased purpose with a hunger and desire to live life to its fullest that I never felt before.

My trip to Italy opened a door that has remained open. And now I’m preparing for another international adventure with the same friend as we plan to explore cities in Switzerland, Austria and the Czech Republic in route to visit her daughter in Germany. I even have a trip to the west coast of Mexico on the horizon two weeks after I return! And yes, I’m finally using some of my saved up sky miles!

So if you’re waiting around for opportunities to knock on your door, my advice is to stop waiting and start making them happen.

Opportunities begin with a “yes” attitude, which opens doors and keeps them open, making us ready for anything. And when we’re ready for anything, the possibilities and the opportunities become surprisingly endless.

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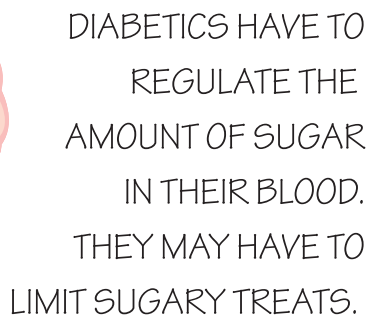
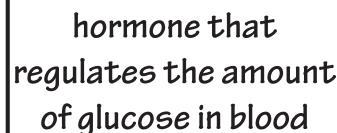
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

gales of laughter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you like to know what the plan is, you also enjoy getting up and taking off on the spur of the moment. A rush of energy comes when you exercise your freedom.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you are the sign of the twins, today your personality will split in more than two directions. You will be many wonderful people rolled into one, and someone dear will tell you so.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are exceptionally lucky when you show your concern for others or your appreciation of them in a tangible way. This will involve something you make with your hands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your schedule is so full that it requires a good deal of effort for you to make time for a needy person. And yet, as you do this, you'll find that the minutes stretch to accommodate whatever you need to get done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your taste is excellent, and your friends and colleagues know it. That's why they consult with you on the details of their projects, outfits and parties. Don't give away all your ideas, though. Save a few for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People will surprise

you. For this reason, it would be dangerous to discount anyone uninteresting. Ask the right question, and a conversation springs to life. Let your curious mind lead the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Financial issues can be handled quickly and painlessly now. If you wait another week, though, things are trickier. An hour spent today tidying up your personal finances will make your life much easier all month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may wonder why people who appear to be much less talented than you seem to be making more money. Study the other things they have going for them. You can apply what you learn to your next move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is so much you are expecting yourself to do that you may begin to feel slightly resentful. Remember, you're the one who made up this to-do list, and you can change it whenever you wish!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll take steps to establish your position at the top of the totem pole. This won't happen overnight, but it will happen eventually if you continue making a consistent effort.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You could stand a little more admiration. There was a time when it would have embarrassed you to have people pointing out your strengths, but you're ready for the attention now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 2). This year, you will be recognized and sought out by those around you. This month, you'll come out on top in a competitive situation. You'll enjoy the work that comes your way in December. Greater financial security will be yours in January. March brings a vacation and a happy change in your domestic scene. Leo and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are:

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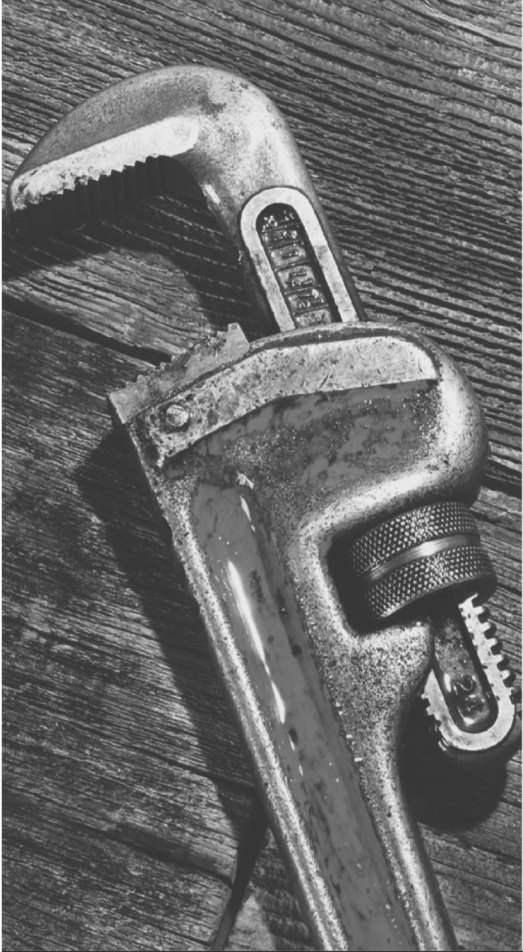

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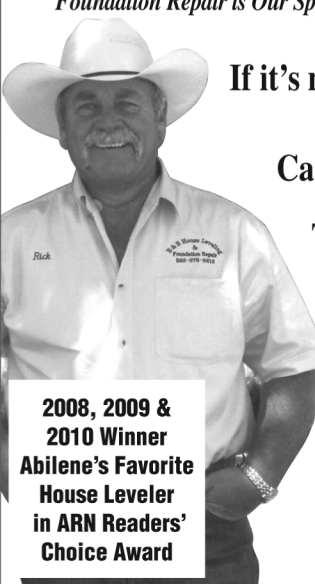


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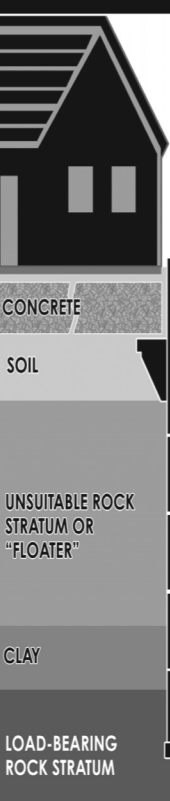
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Bird Poop:

Foundling owl's finally determined to be Titan

As the lift carried the craftsman toward the arched ceiling and open ductwork, he realized that soon the entire structure would be weathered-in. To put himself squarely in front of the metal conduit in order to insert a missing panel, he slowed his approach to a crawl. Inch by inch, he was gently being lifted to the precise area for its installation.

When his head was just below the bottom of the airway, he reached for one of the last panels to be set. Turning back to stop the hoist, he was suddenly staring at a young family inside the metal chamber.

Unable to hold up its head, a newly hatched bird appeared to be about the size of a baby chicken. With its eyes not yet open, and its body covered with a pure white down, the infant lay beside two white eggs on the tattered insulation that had served as a nest.

Quickly lowering the lift, the workman alerted the construction

foreman of his unusual find. "Owls?" his boss queried. "Have to be."

"We're two weeks from being protected from the weather," said the foreman when he called that afternoon. "That ductwork is at the very top of the gymnasium."

When he mentioned the building site was in Grady, we were familiar with the construction we had seen on numerous trips to Andrews. With three nestling thrashers to feed nearly every half-hour, I called the game warden for Howard and Martin County. If he were not to be in the area that day or the next, Art and I would go.

Fortunately for our "baby season" charges, the officer could make the trip to Grady ISD's campus addition the next morning. Close to noon, he delivered two owls and one egg. The family was growing.

Having assumed these were barn owls, I called NightWings in Lubbock. As soon as the babies had been given minced pinkies, we placed them atop the egg in an insulated box. In another small carrier, the thrashers would also make the trip. The handoff in Lamesa to a Lubbock volunteer went smoothly.

Once home, the phone rang. "These aren't

barn owls," said Gayle Barnes, founder of the non-profit. "They're Mississippi kites." Telling her kites don't nest in buildings, I stuck with my identification.

"Barn owls are born naked and their beaks are a pinkish-beige. These birds have black beaks and are covered with down," she continued. In my hurry to sustain them with food, I had not even noticed the difference. Embarrassed, I told her that was my mistake, but they still weren't kites.

Confident in her identification, she had phoned a retired U.S. Fish & Wildlife agent who is knowledgeable regarding birds. "He said kites don't nest in buildings, neither do great horned owls," argued Gail.

"Well, the parents of these birds did. If they're not barn owls, nor great horns, then what are they?" I added.

Later that evening, Gail called again. "Those are not kites. They are great horned owls." Having consulted other resources, she had finally determined the specie. Our difficulty was neither of us had ever handled great horned owls as young as these.

With the Grady gymnasium under construction, parent owls had chosen the tallest structure in the com-



Courtesy photo

Perched on a leather glove, or gauntlet, Titan, the great horned owl, is learning as he grows, or vice versa. Taken to several events, the raptor has readily adapted to being a participant with Gail Barnes in her efforts to educate students and adults regarding wildlife.

munity for the safety of their young. At night they could freely hunt the surrounding cotton acreage and open fields. Hidden by the ductwork during the day, the parents had

successfully incubated the eggs.

The location of the nest had fooled everyone. Normally, barn owls choose buildings, kites frequent trees and great horns settle in

trees, on bluffs and in the used nests of red-tailed hawks. Unfortunately, the adult birds could not anticipate that their cozy abode would be threatened by the completion of the facility.

A few days later Gail and I were on the phone again. Although the third egg had hatched, the infant had succumbed in spite of every effort.

Also, she had noticed a growing problem. The legs and feet of the remaining twosome were splayed. Their only nesting material had been shredded insulation. Trying to push against slick metal when trying to move or stand had caused this weakness. Advised to tie their legs together to correct the problem, Gail felt it could be corrected with time.

Her next call was news that the next youngest had weakened and died. Since the first-hatched was now alone, Gail named it "Tiny Tyke."

Familiar with the developmental stages of great horned owls, she closely monitored it throughout the summer. Having been placed with surrogate parent, Bubo, the youngster was striking in its first plumage. Because of its size and coloration, she felt it was of a masculine persuasion. Apparent even as he progressed through his third, fourth and fifth months, however, was the difference in stance, voice and overall appearance.

Sending us digital pictures, Gail shared continuing, worrisome problems. The right foot did not grip a perch properly. Instead, it turned slightly outward. During a phone call, she had me listen to the bird as he begged



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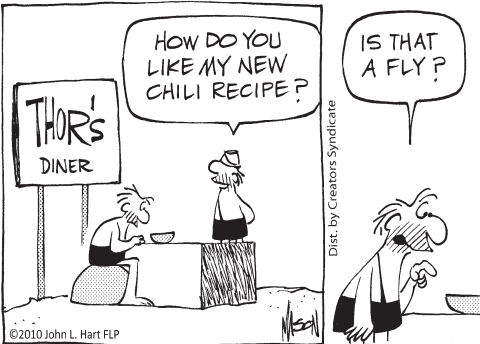
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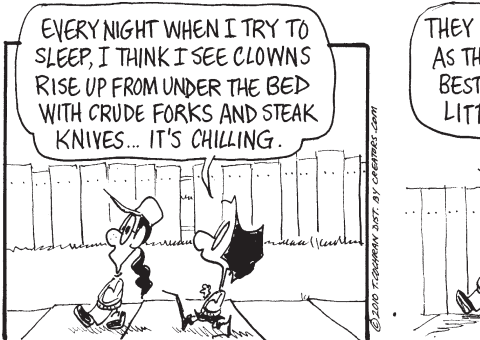
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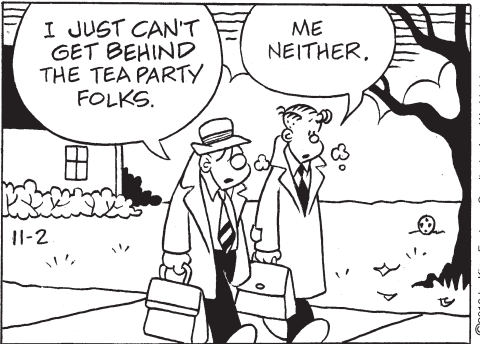
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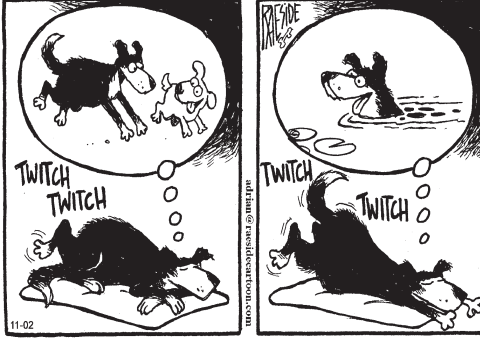
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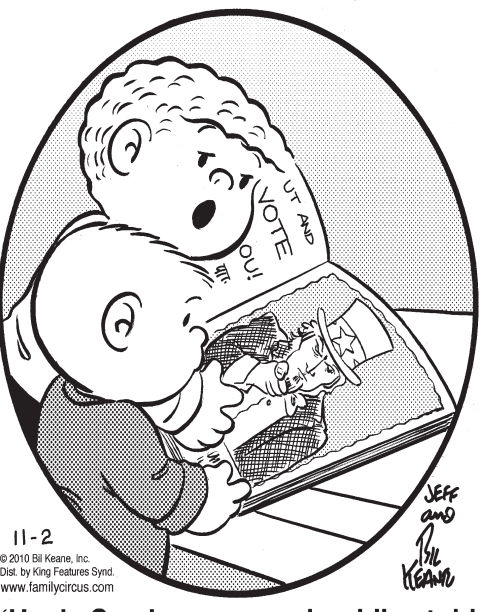
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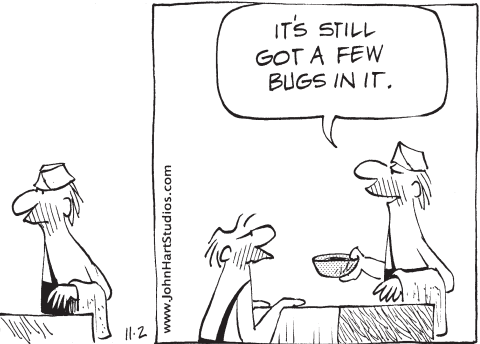


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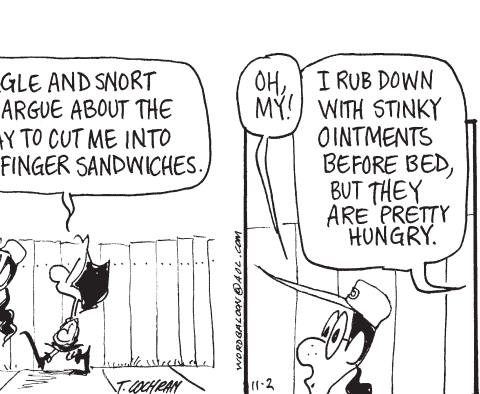


"Uncle Sam's mommy should've told him it's not polite to point."

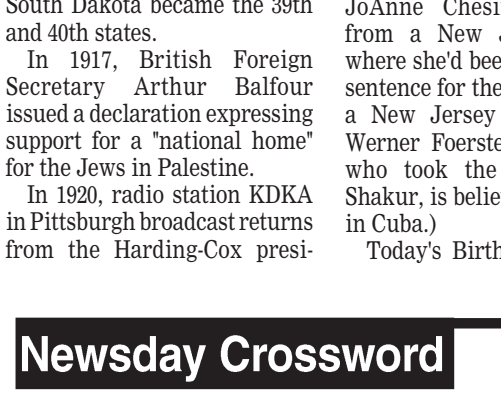
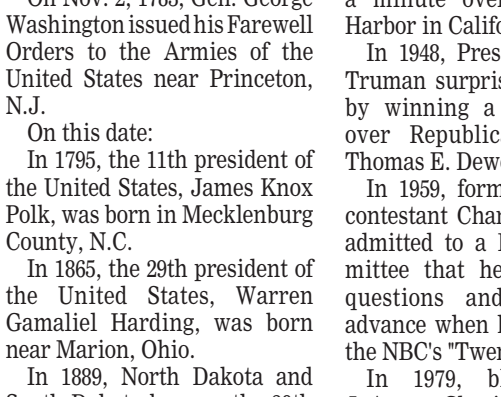
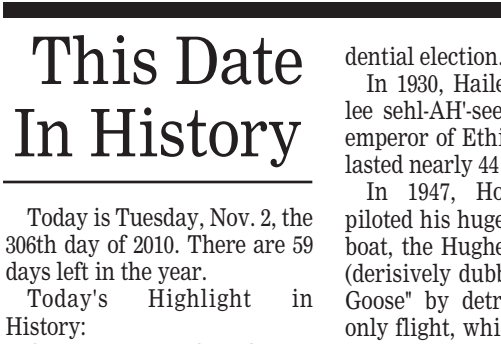
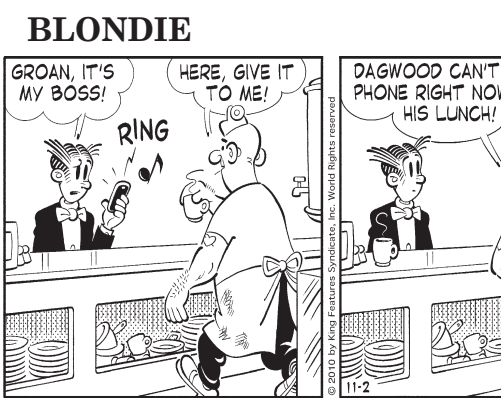
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2010. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1783, Gen. George Washington issued his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States near Princeton, N.J.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Marion, Ohio.

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour issued a declaration expressing support for a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine.

In 1920, radio station KDKA in Pittsburgh broadcast returns from the Harding-Cox presi-

dential election.

In 1930, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sehl-AH'-see) was crowned emperor of Ethiopia (his reign lasted nearly 44 years).

In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1959, former game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC's "Twenty-One."

In 1979, black militant JoAnne Chesimard escaped from a New Jersey prison, where she'd been serving a life sentence for the 1973 slaying of a New Jersey state trooper, Werner Foerster. (Chesimard, who took the name Assata Shakur, is believed to be living in Cuba.)

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-

and-blues singer Earl "Speedo" Carroll (The Cadillacs; The Coasters) is 73. Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 72. Political commentator Patrick Buchanan is 72. Actress Stefanie Powers is 68. Author Shere (shehr) Hite is 68. Rock musician Keith Emerson (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 66. Country-rock singer-songwriter J.D. Souther is 65. Actress Kate Linder is 63. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 53. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 49. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 47. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage is 46. Actress Lauren Velez is 46. Actor David Schwimmer is 44.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Summary stats.

5 Probability quotation

9 Bronze medalist's place

14 Take a risk

15 Purple Heart recipient

16 Dashboard appliance

17 Grad

18 Flag down, as a cab

19 Admission of defeat

20 Popular fall dessert

23 Run away

24 Cone-shaped tent

25 "Oh, phooey!"

27 Makeovers

31 From side to side

35 Little troublemaker

38 Prepare to hem

40 Small game bird

41 Kind of fishcake

44 Group of Girl Scouts

45 River mouth

46 Stitch up

47 Small sofa

49 Sticky pine product

51 Not fooled by

53 Full of the latest info

57 Fifth-rate

60 Frosted dessert

64 Knight's wear

66 Took to court

67 "Step __ way!"

DOWN

1 Modify

2 Regard highly

3 Grouchy one

4 " __ Fidelis" (Marines motto)

5 Offhand greeting

6 Campus official

7 Leaky faucet sound

8 Not hollow

9 Prefix for cycle or angle

10 Not entirely wrong

11 Admired one

12 Get up

13 Shower affection (on)

21 Prevent from closing

22 Slice of history

26 Make familiar

28 Loud noise

29 How much music is recorded

30 More certain

32 Granola grains

33 Location

34 Whole bunch

35 Believers: Suff.

36 Foal's mother

37 Story line

39 Fishing rod

42 Engine additive

43 Fractions of a gal.

48 List-ending abbr.

50 Bees' collection

52 Desert springs

54 "Yippee!"

55 Onion coverings

56 Thumbs-up votes

57 Cushions

58 Best-selling cookie

59 Prefix meaning "all"

61 Govern

62 Take a break

63 Laudatory poems

65 Motel units: Abbr.

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Voters out before dawn for Election Day

CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The fate of the Democratic Congress was put before voters Tuesday in midterm elections that drew Americans to balloting stations starting before dawn, some clamoring for change, others digging in their

heels against resurgent Republicans. Expectations took hold in both camps that the political order was in for a make-over in these anxious times. vote
In the middle-class Cleveland suburb of Parma Heights, Ohio, Fred Peck, 48, explained his vote for Republi-

cans — and by extension against President Barack Obama's agenda — by pointing to a 20 percent increase in his health care premiums and the declining value of his retirement fund. "I see nothing changing for the better," said Peck, who works in university campus maintenance.

In Pelham, N.Y., Raymond Garofano, 66, who works in packaging for Revlon, voted a straight Democratic ticket and allowed that Obama "is doing an adequate job. Nobody's perfect."

Republicans buoyantly forecast that they would win the House and usher in a new era of shared governance, two years after Democrats sealed victory in the presidency, the House and the Senate and set about reshaping the agenda in a time of severe recession and war. Democrats did not seriously dispute expectations that they would lose the House this time, even while campaigning through the final hours to stem losses.

"This is going to be a big day," House Republican Leader John Boehner, likely to become speaker if the GOP wins the House, said after voting at a church near his West Chester, Ohio, suburban home. He said that for those who think the government is spending too much and bailing out too many, "this is their opportunity to be heard."

Democrats tend to be strong closers, with a vaunted operation by the party, Obama's organizers and unions to get supporters to voting sites on Election Day. This time, they faced a ground game infused by the tea party, less polished than the other side but full of energy.

The midterm elections are a prime-time test for that loosely knit and largely leaderless coalition, a force unheard of just two years ago. Tea party supporters rattled the Republican establishment in the primaries, booting out several veteran lawmakers and installing more than 70 candidates, nearly three dozen of whom are in competitive races Tuesday.

If successful, that conservative movement could come to Washington as a firewall against expansive federal spending, immigration liberalization and more, as well as a further threat to the historic health care law that Republicans hope somehow to roll back.

At a precinct in Windsor Heights, a western suburb of Des Moines, Iowa, several voters said it might be a good thing to have Democrats and Republicans sharing power, and Obama's reach curbed.

"I voted mostly Republican," said Jodi Alberts, 47, an insurance company worker. "I think some of his policies are a little bit too social. We need to rein him in."

Kelly Travis, 46, a homemaker, said of her votes: "I kind of mixed it up. I don't like it when they talk about growing government. I guess I did want to send a signal."

In Thornton, Colo., on Monday, coffee and leftover Halloween candy fueled volunteers at campaign offices of both Senate candidates, Democratic incumbent Michael Bennet and Republican Ken Buck. Republican helper Susan Nalbene, 55, a retired schoolteacher who was phoning voters, said her side was dispirited in 2008. Not now.

"This is more intense," she said. "I know that elections are all important, all a big deal, but this one feels especially important to people."

At Bennet's office, LuAnn Lind, 52, a nurse, said she's been volunteering for Democrats for years and finding it harder now to fire people up. "It's a little less urgent among the people I'm talking to," Lind said. "I'm telling them: 'We don't want to lose ground now. We want to keep the Obama momentum moving forward.'"

Boehner promised Monday to hold weekly votes to cut federal spending, make jobs the top GOP priority and fight to repeal the health law. Former President Bill Clinton, campaigning for Democrats as if his own future were on the line, stumped late into the night in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Florida.

Republicans need 40 more seats to win the House, a goal that polls indicated they might achieve. Races for more than 100 of the 435 seats are competitive.

Republicans need a net gain of 10 to take the Senate, a tougher road that requires them to win every tight race. The GOP also made strong bids to add governors to their ranks and expand in state legislatures.

Voter mobilization efforts have been unfolding for weeks as more than 14 million Americans cast early ballots.

In Nevada, home of the hot Senate contest between Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid and tea-party pick Sharron Angle, registered Democrats and Republicans came out early in similar numbers. In Pennsylvania,

another battleground, more than half the early voters were Republican, by the latest count.

"I need you in the next few hours," Reid told supporters at a rally Monday with first lady Michelle Obama. "Don't hope someone else will work harder than you. You need to knock on that extra door. You need to make that extra phone call."

Some races could go days or more without a winner, thanks to the multitude of expected close contests — in Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, West Virginia, Ohio, Alaska and more — and the persistence of shaky voting systems in some places a decade after the presidential-election counting disaster in Florida.

Hundreds of lawyers from both sides are ready to roll. This was a campaign marked by the ragged anger of partisans and caustic ads by candidates, now spilling into an Election Day that's likely to lead to complaints of voting irregularities, fraud or machine meltdowns — and hair-trigger legal challenges.

One of the most unpredictable races was unfolding in Alaska, where Sen. Lisa Murkowski, upset in the GOP primaries by the tea party's pick, Joe Miller, is trying to win by having voters write her name on the ballot. Democrats injected cash late in the campaign to try to lift their candidate, Scott McAdams, over the other two.

Voters in 37 states are electing governors. Among the most competitive: the contest in Ohio between Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland and former Republican Rep. John Kasich.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Bidding Tells the Tale

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ K Q 10 4
♦ K 2
♣ A 7 5

WEST
♠ K
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♦ J 9 7 6 3
♣ Q 10 8 3

EAST
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♦ A 5 4
♣ K J 2

SOUTH
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♦ Q 10 8
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The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	Dble
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead — three of clubs.

One of the great things about bridge is that every once in a while, even if you've been playing a very long time, you see something you've never seen before. Take today's deal, which cropped up in a local duplicate game.

At most tables, South wound up in two or three spades after East opened one club, West raised to two and North doubled. At those tables where North raised South's two-spade response to three, it was critical that South find a way to avoid losing five tricks. Only one declarer succeeded.

Tomorrow: Hot potato.
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- The Howard County Conservatives Tea Party members will be offering a "ride to vote"

service today If you need transportation to vote, call 394-4314.

Take Note

- Carlos Restaurant, 308 NW Third, is the United Way Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the proceeds received by the restaurant this week will be donated to the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

- * The county health clinic will not be giving flu shots Wednesday but will resume from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 10.

There is no charge; donations are accepted. Regular immunizations will be held from 1-4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

- Free HIV/STD clinic Nov. 9 and 16 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the county health clinic. This is for anyone who is interested in knowing their status, may have been exposed to an STD, or needs pregnancy testing. Testing is free and the treatment is free. All results are kept confidential.

- An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

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