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## Aggravated assault charged after man allegedly steals car

**Herald Staff Report**

Aggravated robbery charges have been filed against a man who police say stole a car from a local business, led officers on a high speed pursuit, and fled into an employee-filled business before giving himself up.

Michael Brandon Fossee, 29, is in custody in the Howard County Detention Center following a lunch-time rampage Wednesday that could have turned deadly.

At 12:25 p.m. Wednesday, police were called to 87 Auto Sales, 111 S. Gregg, in reference to an alleged armed robbery.

"While enroute, officers were advised the suspect had stolen a gray Cadillac from the business," said Sgt. Tony Everett, Big Spring



Fossee

Police Department public information officer. "Howard County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jimmy Mayes observed the suspect vehicle traveling north on Highway 87."

Mayes gave chase and according to the report, the vehicles reached speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour before the Cadillac turned into Boyce Galzanizing, located at the intersection of U.S. 87 and Moore School Road.

"Fossee exited the vehicle brandishing a semi-automatic firearm," Everett related.

The suspect sought refuge in a building on the premises. Officers said there were approximately 15 Boyce Galzanizing employees in the building at the time, and all safely escaped out a back door.

"After a short standoff, Sgt. Mayes talked Fossee out of the building, at which time he surrendered," said Everett. "It was found that Fossee had displayed the firearm at 87 Auto Sales and had fired two rounds inside the building. No one was injured in the course of the robbery."

## Candidates speak out



Calvio

Fitzgibbons

Walker

**Running for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 (Republican)**

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## Don't forget

Early voting for the March 4 primary continues through 5 p.m. Friday at the election office, located on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Tuesday — election day — polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the county.



HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin  
**Coming along nicely is the MUGS Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Facility located on the corner of Alamesa and Wasson. Workers were busy putting up outer walls on one of the buildings early Saturday.**

## Texas AG promises appeal to gay marriage ruling

**CHRIS TOMLINSON**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office was working on an appeal Thursday of a federal judge's decision to lift the

state's ban on gay marriage.

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia ruled a day earlier that the ban was unconstitutional. But the judge is allowing the law to remain in place to give Abbot time to appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, noting that the issue will likely end up at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Abbott, the leading candidate to replace Republican Gov. Rick Perry, took a conciliatory tone after the ruling. He said "there are good, well-meaning people on both sides" of the same-sex marriage debate, but he in-

sisted that states have the right to set their own marriage laws.

He said Texas voters did just that in 2005, by passing a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between a man and a woman.

"As the lower court acknowledged today, it's an issue that will ultimately be resolved by a higher court," Abbott said, adding that Texas would begin that process by appealing to the 5th Circuit.

In his ruling, Garcia said marriage was an individual right that a voter-approved constitutional amendment

couldn't deny. He said his decision was not made "in defiance of the great people of Texas or the Texas Legislature," but in compliance with the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court precedent.

"Without a rational relation to a legitimate governmental purpose, state-imposed inequality can find no refuge in our United States Constitution," he wrote.

Garcia's ruling added to a tangled web of court rulings, state laws and

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## Trudy Page



Trudy Page, 46, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, in a Dallas hospital after a long battle with pulmonary hypertension. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Tom Koger officiating.

She was born Jan. 27, 1968 to Minnie and Clifford McAllister in San Angelo. She married

Dennis Page April 29, 1983. She was a Baptist and enjoyed spending time with her family. She had been a distributor for the Dallas Morning News.

She is survived by husband, Dennis Page of Big Spring; son, DJ Page, of Big Spring; her mother, Minnie McAllister of Ballinger; her father, Duane McAllister, of San Angelo; a brother, Justin McAllister, of San Angelo; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Jenny McAllister; her uncle, Archie Earl Healms; and her grandmother and grandfather.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Viola Hillger

Viola Hillger, 85, of Big Spring, died Wednesday Feb. 26, 2014 at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at the Garden City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

## Nancy Kimble

Nancy Kimble, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

## William Howard 'Willie' Martin

William Howard "Willie" Martin, 69, of Cleburne, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2014. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 2/28	Sat 3/1	Sun 3/2	Mon 3/3	Tue 3/4
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Plentiful sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High 82F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 20s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 6:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM

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## Obituaries

### John Wade Moody Jr.



John Wade Moody Jr., 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, in a nursing home in Big Spring, Texas. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014, in the Nalley-Pickle-Welch Chapel with Dr. John Marshall, deacon of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, officiating with Deacon Connie Fowler assisting. A graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson, Texas at a

later date.

John was born to John Wade and Myra Lyndell Bruner Moody on Sept. 9, 1931, in Jefferson, Texas. He was a graduate of Jefferson High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army from

### Marianne Frances (Sparby) Garmaker



Marianne Frances (Sparby) Garmaker, age 69, of Big Spring, Texas, formerly of Coon Rapids, Hibbing and Beardsley, Minn., died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 23, 2014. Marianne was born Dec. 18, 1944, in Litchfield, Minn. She spent most of her life in Minnesota. She was a Methodist and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Before her retirement, she worked as a caretaker and

aide for disabled and handicapped homes.

She is survived by her loving life partner, Roger Andrews of Big Spring; a son, Kraig and his wife,

August 1954 to April 1956 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a journalist for 50 years employed at various newspapers in North and East Texas, including the Marshall News Messenger in Marshall, Texas, a television station in Shreveport, La., and the Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

He is survived by his niece, Lyndel Moody of Big Spring; nephews, John Moody and David Moody, both of Big Spring; and his sister-in-law, Katherine Moody of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, John Wade and Myra Lyndell Moody and his brother, Robert Moody.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church St. Andrews Day Fund, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring, TX 79720.

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

Jeanette, Garmaker; daughters, Dawn and her husband, Obie McClary, and Deanne and her husband, Jim McCullough; sisters, Marilyn and her husband, Dennis Stotesbery, and Marlene and her husband, David Alberts; brothers, Doug and his wife, Vaunee Sparby, Charles and his wife, Dawn Sparby; grandchildren, Clinton, Clifton, Clayton, Clarkston, Christian, Calvin, Hunter and Colton; and many loving relatives and friends. She will be missed by all those who she touched and loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Esperance Sparby; and one brother, Arlyn Sparby.

A family celebration of her life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to 1266 White Lake Drive, Duluth, MN 55803. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- MICHAEL CASEY JONES, 21, of 804 W. Interstate Highway 20 No. 209 was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.

- MICHAEL BRANDON FOSSEE, 29, of 4100 S. Highway 87 trailer 86 was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

- ADAM MONTEZ VIERA, 29, of 1907 S. Main was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

- NICKOLAS ANTONY SALVATO, 36, of 1011 50<sup>th</sup> St., Galveston, Texas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at Stallings off Interstate Highway 20.

- THEFT was reported at the 4100 block of E. FM

700, the 2000 block of Monticello and the 100 block of W. FM 700.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 800 block of Debra Lane and the 700 block of E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- LAYLA ANN DUNNAM was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- MICHAEL BRANDON FOSSEE was booked by BSPD on a charge of aggravated robbery.

- ADAM VIERA was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

## Support Groups

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### MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

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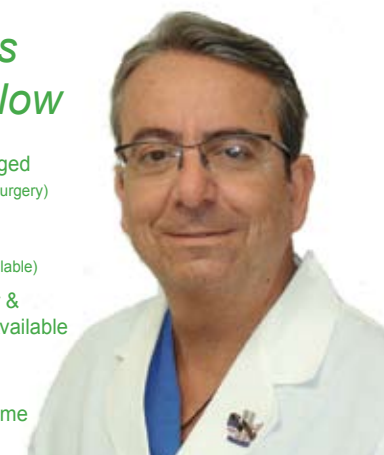
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**News Briefs**

**Gunmen seize government buildings in Ukraine's Crimea; pro-Western government formed in Kiev**

SIMFEROPOL, Ukraine (AP) — Dozens of heavily armed gunmen seized control of local government buildings in Ukraine's Crimea region early Thursday and raised the Russian flag, mirroring the three-month protest movement that drove Ukraine's pro-Russian president into hiding last week.

The moves escalated tensions in Ukraine, whose population is divided in loyalties between Russia and the West. Some 150,000 Russian soldiers carried out military exercises and fighter jets patrolled the border, as a respected Russian newspaper reported that Moscow is sheltering fugitive Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich.

In a statement published by three Russian news agencies, the fugitive president said he is asking Russia's protection from "extremists" and that he still considers himself to be Ukraine's legitimate leader. An unnamed Russian official said that his request was "satisfied in the territory of Russia," the Russian agencies said.

Oleksandr Turchynov, who stepped in as acting president after Yanukovich's flight, warned that any move by Russian troops off of their base in Crimea "will be considered a military aggression."

In Kiev, lawmakers were expected to approve the new government that will face the hugely complicated task of restoring stability in a country that is not only deeply divided politically but on the verge of financial collapse.

**AP Exclusive: Airport phone system didn't give dispatchers location of LA airport shooting**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles International Airport police dispatcher who received a call seconds after a gunman opened fire last year didn't know where to send officers because no one was on the line and the airport communications system didn't identify that the call was coming from a security checkpoint emergency phone, two officials told The Associated Press.

A screening supervisor in the sprawling airport's Terminal 3 picked up the phone but fled before responding to a dispatcher's questions because the gunman was approaching with a high-powered rifle and spraying bullets, according to two officials briefed on preliminary findings of a review of

the emergency response to the Nov. 1 incident. They spoke only on condition of anonymity because the final report won't be released until next month.

One of the officials likened the situation to a 911 call but police not knowing what address to go to. Airport dispatchers knew something was wrong but didn't know where to send help because the system didn't identify locations of its emergency phones. After asking questions and receiving no answers, the dispatcher hung up. An airline contractor working in the terminal called dispatch directly from his cellphone, and officers were dispatched 90 seconds after the shooting.

Douglas Laird, a former security director for Northwest Airlines who owns an aviation security consulting business, said most emergency phone systems he's seen indicate the origin of a call.

If "dispatch doesn't know where the call is coming from, that shows there's a serious flaw, obviously," said Laird, who has conducted security surveys at about 100 airports around the world. He was not involved in the review of the LA airport shooting.

**Tax overhaul bill joining immigration, trade on the shelf**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ordinarily, the late-winter introduction of major legislation by the chairman of a powerful committee might signal a major push in Congress for an election-year accomplishment.

That's not the case with tax reform, which now takes its place in the "do not disturb" corner with immigration legislation, trade bills and an increase in the federal minimum wage.

When Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, unveiled his 182-page summary for revising the tax code on Wednesday, it marked the beginning, the high point and the end of the issue for the current Congress.

**Republican Arizona governor vetoes religious bill that angered gays in rebuke of party right**

PHOENIX (AP) — Republican Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer slapped down the right wing of her own party, vetoing a bill pushed by social conservatives that would have allowed people with sincerely held religious beliefs to refuse to serve gays.

The conservative governor said she could not

sign a bill that was not only unneeded but would damage the state's improving business environment and divide its citizens.

Senate Bill 1062 had set off a national debate over gay rights, religion and discrimination and subjected Arizona to blistering criticism from major corporations and political leaders from both parties.

Loud cheers erupted outside the Capitol building immediately after Brewer made her announcement Wednesday night.

Brewer pushed back hard against the GOP conservatives who forced the bill forward by citing examples of religious rights infringements in other states.

**Nutrition labels on food packages would highlight calories and sugars**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those "Nutrition Facts" labels that are plastered on nearly every food package found in grocery stores are getting a new look.

Calories would be in larger, bolder type, and consumers for the first time would know whether foods have added sugars under label changes being proposed by the Obama administration. Serving sizes would be updated to make them more realistic. A serving of ice cream, for example, would double to a full cup, closer to what people actually eat.

The proposed overhaul comes as science has shifted. While fat was the focus two decades ago when the labels first were created, nutritionists are now more concerned with how many calories we eat. And serving sizes have long been misleading, with many single-serving packages listing multiple servings, so the calorie count is lower.

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Trudy Page, 46, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Marianne Garmaker, 69, died Sunday. Private family services will be at a later date.

William Howard "Willie" Martin, 69, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Viola Hillger, 85, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at the Garden City cemetery.

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legal opinions across the country that is expected to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court. There are civil rights lawsuits in 24 states asking courts to overturn bans on state gay marriage bans, and gay rights groups have won recent victories in other conservative states, including Utah and Oklahoma.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said this week that state attorneys general were not obligated to defend local laws if they believed the laws violated the U.S. Constitution. Democratic attorneys general in at least six states — Virginia, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Oregon and Nevada — have declined to defend same-sex-marriage bans that have been challenged in court by gay couples.

"It's really a dizzying pace," said Linda McClain, a constitutional law professor at Boston University.

She said most judges declaring bans unconstitutional have relied on a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that overturned much of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, ruling that it failed to recognize legal

same-sex marriages. But she also noted that both sides of the debate are using that 5-4 ruling, which called the failure to recognize gay marriage demeaning to homosexuals but also reinforced the principle that states set marriage laws.

Gay rights groups across the country have filed lawsuits using the first part of the ruling. In Texas, Abbott bases his argument on the second.

The Utah case is now before the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, but Texas falls under the conservative 5th Circuit based in New Orleans.

"I think it's pretty clear to see there may be multiple rulings by multiple circuits that will force this issue back to the Supreme Court," Abbott said. "We all think this is an issue that will be decided by the Supreme

Court." The two couples who brought the case in San Antonio celebrated their victory Wednesday, but acknowledged it was only a first step.

Mark Phariss and Victor Holmes filed a lawsuit arguing that Texas' ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional denied them the fundamental right to marry because of their sexual orientation. Cleopatra De Leon and Nicole Dimetman filed a lawsuit saying Texas officials violated their rights by not recognizing their marriage conducted in

a state where gay marriage is legal.

"Growing up with my mom and dad, I envied their marriage because I really didn't think I'd have something like that," Phariss said. "Reading that decision, it was the first time I realized, yes I can get married."

Another gay couple filed a separate lawsuit in federal court in Austin. In that case, two men argue that the ban discriminates against them based on their gender. That case is scheduled for a hearing later this year.

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5	4	6	8	3	1	7	2	9
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# Q&A with the candidates

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In advance of the March 4 primary elections, the Herald submitted questionnaires to the various candidates (only candidates in contested Howard County races were queried). This is the second in a series of articles containing the candidates' responses.

## Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 (Republican)

Dale Walker

**Q:** Please discuss your qualifications for the office of Justice of the Peace.

**A:** I have 25 years of County law enforcement and civil process experience. JP's handle civil process on a daily basis.

I have administrative experience, including 8 years experience as Sheriff here in Howard County.

I have numerous hours of training of Texas Penal Code, and Code of Criminal Procedures (which is used on a daily basis by the JP)

I have a masters Certificate in law enforcement (highest certificate available)

I will be fair and impartial and use my knowledge of Texas laws, and common sense on civil cases.

I will be in the office full time and running it with professionalism and integrity

**Q:** What are the major issues facing the JP office in the coming months?

**A:** The office is a very busy office, and it will only get busier with the population growth. The office is currently vacated and it needs a judge immediately. The new judge needs to have a good understanding

of Texas laws and civil practice so the backlog of work can be immediately handled. The office needs someone with my experience and knowledge. The office is still receiving traffic citations from the TX DPS, and County Deputies, and civil process from small claims suits. The position needs filled by someone that can immediately go to work.

Linda Calvio

**Q:** Please discuss your qualifications for the office of Justice of the Peace.

**A:** I was born and raised in Howard County and have raised two daughters in this great community. I have served on several boards and committees. I am currently and have been for seven years a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program. Justice of the Peace has a job description and duty of its own. The training I will receive as your justice of the peace is parallel with the numerous hours of training I have already received, working in this community for the past 30 years and currently at Victim Services and a liaison for the 118 District Court. I am great communicator, have good listening skills, am able multitask, and I'm compassionate and approachable to people of all ages. Being bilingual is a huge asset in our growing community. I will work hard with the highest of integrity to represent all the citizens of Howard County to the best of my ability.

**Q:** What are the major issues facing the JP office in the coming months?

**A:** I appreciate the added work that Justice of the Peace Green and



DALE WALKER

his office have done, to keep this office going. Anytime you have an office that has been vacant for a period of time there is a period of adjustment. My previous training will help me address any issue that will come in the months to come.

Robert (Bob) Fitzgibbons

**Q:** Please discuss your qualifications for the office of Justice of the Peace.

**A:** I have been a resident of Big Spring for 54 years. I have been married 32 years and have raised two children in Big Spring. I have faithfully served the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County as a police officer for 30 years. I was a front line supervisor for eight years and have been in administration as lieutenant for 12 years. I have held a Master Peace Officer certification since 1999 and I have been an instructor since 1989. I

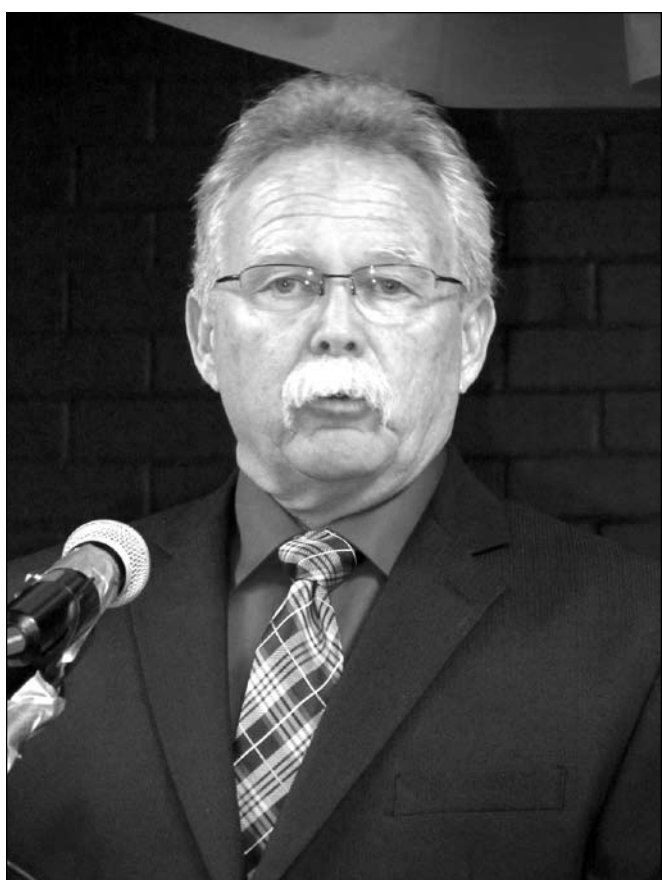
have more than 3,300 hours of law enforcement training that covers criminal law, family law, traffic law and many other areas, that gives me the knowledge to be an effective JP. With this training and experience, I will be able to evaluate cases heard in court and render a verdict based on the evidence presented. I have testified in hundreds of cases and I am familiar with the court system and how it works.

I believe the transition from law enforcement to Justice of the Peace would be a logical and natural move since I already have training and experience in the laws. I have proven my dedication and loyalty over the past 30 years and would love to continue that service to the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County as Justice of the Peace. Please vote Robert Fitzgibbons, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2.

**Q:** What are the major issues facing the



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ROBERT (BOB) FITZGIBBONS

**JP office in the coming months?**

The major issue facing the Justice of the Peace office is getting the most qualified person in the office. Although the new JP will have to attend

training prior to taking office, the best person would already have a great deal of the knowledge. The issue until the office is filled is that the JP in Place 1 is having to take on some of the load from the Place 2 court.

## Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

Big Spring ISD students received report cards this week — please make sure you check your student's grades and schedule conferences with teachers if needed for any concerns you have.

Washington Elementary Student Council officers and representatives will be assisting at the Varsity Softball Tournament of the Crossroads this weekend by selling t-shirts. This is a service project for these students.

Moss Elementary will be hosting a Family Fun Carnival for the students and their families on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We invite the parents to come and enjoy fun activities with your child!

### Moss Elementary students to take part in national reading challenge

Big Spring students at Moss Elementary are preparing for a nationwide effort to "Read the Most Coast to Coast" on Friday. They are among hundreds of thousands of students who will join in this 3rd annual reading challenge.

Read the Most Coast to Coast encourages students to read more and take part in a one-day effort to beat the record for the number of accelerated reader quizzes taken in one day. Last school year, students set a new one-day record of 4,409,622 quizzes. Friday will be a special day; stu-

dents will be encouraged to read all afternoon. Prizes will be awarded to the students who take the most quizzes that day. All students who participate will receive a Certificate of National Participation.

"Read the Most Coast to Coast is a fun-filled event that enables students at multiple grade levels to join in a shared reading challenge," said Moss Elementary Principal Rosie Lain. "Students are engaging in valuable reading practice, all while taking part in an event that joins students across the country in a collaborative effort focused on reading. We're so proud of our students."

Renaissance Learning's Accelerated Reader is a K12 program that serves as a platform for teachers to manage independent reading practice. Students read books at the appropriate level and then take a quiz to show they understood what they've read. The web-based program provides access to 160,000 quizzes, enabling students to choose from a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction books.

During the event, Renaissance Learning will track national quizzes on its hosted database and share progress online. Educators, parents, and interested community members will be able to see progress toward the national goal at [www.renaissancelearning.com/read-the-most](http://www.renaissancelearning.com/read-the-most).

For more information, contact Donna Bird, librarian, at 432-264-4148

*Melissa Miller is an educational diagnostician at Big Spring High School.*



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## Take note

- Healthy Woman is "Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years" on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Howard College Student Union Building cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. For more information, call 432-270-2218.

- 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 filing 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 [www.yourcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800](http://www.yourcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800)

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- 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](mailto: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.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Jericka Smith and the Howard College women's basketball team will close out their season this evening with a game against Western Texas. The HC men's team can clinch a berth in the Region V tournament with a win over WTC. Games begin at 5:45 at the WTC gym in Snyder.

# Howard ranked No. 1 in NJCAA baseball poll

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Coming into the 2014 season, almost everyone in Big Spring knew the Howard College Hawks' baseball team would be good.

Now the rest of the country is finding out.

The Hawks, fresh off a 4-game sweep of El Paso Community College, moved into the No. 1 position in the National Junior College Athletic Association's baseball rankings earlier this week. The Hawks received 196 points in the poll and jumped eight spots in the weekly poll and moved ahead of former No. 1 Connors State.

The Hawks, who are scheduled to kick off Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this Friday and Saturday against New Mexico Military Institute, entered the week with a 13-1 record. The 13 wins is tied with three other schools for the most victories among junior college teams in the country at this point in the season.

Connors State, which received 192 points, was No. 2 in the rankings.

Delgado Community College, also No. 3, was among the bigger movers in the rankings. DCC climbed from No. 16 in last week's poll to No. 3 nationally.

### Top 20

The following is a look at the latest NJCAA baseball poll for Division I. The rankings are released weekly by the NJCAA via their web site.

No.	Team
1.....	Howard College
2.....	Connors State College
3.....	Delgado CC
4.....	State College of Florida
5.....	Chattahoochee Valley CC
6.....	Central Arizona College
7.....	Spartanburg Methodist
8.....	St. Petersburg College
9.....	Neosho County CC
10.....	Chipola College
11.....	Gulf Coast State
12.....	Alvin CC
13.....	Motlow State CC
14.....	Blinn College CC
15.....	Eastern Florida State
16.....	Tallahassee CC
17.....	Jackson State CC
18.....	Walters State CC
19.....	College of So. Nevada
20.....	Crowder College

The State College of Florida and Chattahoochee Valley Community College rounded out the top five. The State College of Florida was fourth with a 12-3 mark, while CVCC was fifth with a 13-1 record.

Chattahoochee Valley Community College was unranked in the previous poll. They were one of nine unranked teams to make the poll this week.

Central Arizona College, Spartanburg Methodist College, St. Petersburg College, Neosho County Community College and Chipola College finished off the top 10.

## In or Out?

### Hawks looks to extend season with 'must-win' game against Western Texas

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

After months of hard work, sweat and tears, the Howard College men's basketball season comes down to this. Win tonight's showdown with rival Western Texas College or watch the Region V Basketball Tournament from the bleachers.

It isn't the situation the team wanted – or dreamed it would find itself in, but it is one that Hawks' head coach Scott Raines feels can work in his team's favor. The playoffs are starting a game early.

"It's should be a great game," said Raines, who has guided Howard College to a 23-6 record in his first season at the helm. "It'll definitely have a playoff atmosphere to it as both teams want a win. To be honest, if we are going to have to be in a must-win situation it's probably good for us. As a player, it is easier to get up for a game like this."

"We're pretty excited about it,"

### WJCAC Standings

#### Men

Team.....	Conf.	Overall
x-South Plains .....	12-3	25-4
Howard College .....	11-4	23-6
New Mexico JC .....	11-4	23-5
Odessa College .....	10-5	22-7
x-South Plains .....	10-5	22-7
Frank Phillips .....	5-10	15-14
NMMI .....	3-12	13-14
Clarendon .....	3-12	8-20
Midland .....	3-13	11-18

#### Women

Team.....	Conf.	Overall
x-NMJC .....	12-1	21-5
x-Odessa .....	11-2	21-6
x-South Plains .....	9-4	15-11
x-Midland .....	8-6	18-11
Frank Phillips .....	5-9	17-10
Clarendon .....	4-9	12-14
Howard College .....	3-10	12-16
Western Texas .....	1-12	6-18

he said.

Howard College, which enters the final game of the regular season tied with New Mexico Junior College for second in the

Western Junior College Athletic Association standings, needs to win desperately. A win would give the Hawks at least the No. 4 seed heading into the Region V Basketball Tournament, which begins on March 5 in Lubbock.

A loss? Well, due to WJCAC tie-breaker rules, a loss would end Howard College's season. The Hawks would finish fifth in the conference standings as New Mexico Junior College, Odessa College and Western Texas all hold tie-breaker advantages.

Western Texas, like Howard College, rolls into the contest fighting for its postseason life. The Westerners, 22-7 overall, are currently fifth in the conference standings at 10-5.

A win over the Hawks would move Western Texas into a tie with Howard College – and Odessa College should it lose its final game against No. 5-ranked South Plains College in Levelland. In that scenario, WTC and Odessa

See **HAWKS**, Page 11

## Lady Steers claim 14-7 win over Bulldogettes

The weather outside may have been cool, but the Big Spring High School Lady Steers were red hot on Tuesday afternoon en route to claiming a 14-7 win over cross-county rival Coahoma at the BSISD Softball Complex.

"The team made some strong steps in the right direction," said BSHS head coach John R. Sparks. "The whole team seemed to come alive and start putting the ball in play, moving people around the bases as well as just having the confidence it takes to be successful in the box. I was very proud of the team effort."

Big Spring's win was sparked by a stellar effort by freshman pitcher Ysabel Solis. She had five strikeouts, and kept the Bulldogettes off balance most of the night.

Despite struggling at the plate in the middle innings, the Lady Steers were led offensively by Valerie Goodblanket, Jaci Aguilar, Makenzie

### 'Crossroads' begins today

The Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan varsity softball teams will be among a large group of West Texas teams competing in the Crossroads event beginning today at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

Big Spring plays one pool game today, against Permian JV. On Friday, they will play Jim Ned at noon and then face either Midland JV or Coahoma.

Bracket play begins on Saturday.

Roberts, and Mercedes Ruiz. All went 3-for-5 at the plate.

"We had our down moments on defense, but the young ladies found a way to battle through and play good, solid defense in the end," said Sparks.

## Steers to face Graham today

The Big Spring High School Steers will kick off play in the "Best of the West" baseball tournament in Snyder today.

The Steers open with a first-round matchup against Graham at 4 p.m. The team will play two games on Friday, facing Perryton at 10 a.m. and Pecos at 4 p.m.

BSHS' final game will be against Snyder, at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

## Late change sends Steers to Crowley

The Big Spring High School Steers found themselves scrambling to fill an unexpected open date on their baseball schedule earlier this week.

After San Angelo ISD officials cancelled the upcoming Lakeview Invitational Tournament, which was slated for March 6-8, the Steers found themselves with a hole in their schedule.

They remedied the situation by entering the team in the 2014 Crowley ISD Varsity Baseball Tournament. The tournament will be played on March 6-8 in Crowley.

The Steers are scheduled to open the three-

day event with pool play on Thursday. They will face Everman at 2:30 p.m., and play North Crowley at 5 p.m. Both games will be played at the North Crowley High School field.

Big Spring will begin championship bracket play on Friday with a game against Crowley. The contest is scheduled for an 11 a.m. start at the Crowley High School field.

The winner of the BSHS-Crowley game will play either Seguin or Sherman in the semifinals at 6:30 p.m.

The finals will be played at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.



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### Still scratching ...

Beau Lucas and the Grady Wildcats will be competing in the Class A Region I tournament on Friday. Grady plays Nazareth at 1 p.m. at South Plains College in Levelland.

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**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday 8-?, 705 Oak Glen. Children and adult clothing, baby items, toys, housewares, home decor, furniture, much more.

**MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale:** 710 Galveston Street, Saturday 8:00-2:00. Some furniture, clothing, lots of misc. items.

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**YARD SALE:** 2308 Marcy Drive, Saturday 8-? Housewares, furniture, some kitchen items and lots more.

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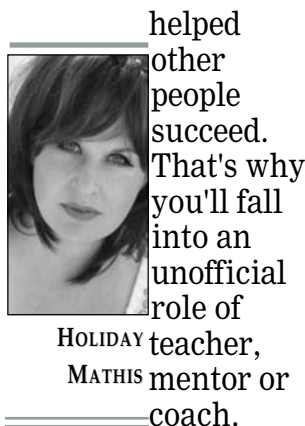
Aquarius Moon Celebrates Friendship

The Aquarius moon is the sort that has never met a stranger. Much harmony is created from the assumption that all people are either friends or soon to be friends as the moon dances through this part of the sky. It's an excellent time to celebrate the relationships that make life easier and more enjoyable.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You want to see all of the lovely places and people you possibly can. Tempting new circumstances and persuasive friends will combine to surprising effect.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You make good decisions quickly these days. Because of this, you'll appreciate a boss or partner who gives you plenty of leeway. You neither want nor require much supervision.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You will feel like you have succeeded when you know you have



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helped other people succeed. That's why you'll fall into an unofficial role of teacher, mentor or coach.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You pride yourself on your emotional resolve, but it's fine to lose it now and then, too -- everyone does. You could connect with another in a shared release.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Money is a good way to create security, but it's not the only way, and it's not even the best way. Today you will strengthen your position in life through efforts that have nothing to do with finance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you can remain neutral in the situation this afternoon, you'll save yourself a lot of time and trouble. However, some things are worth getting involved in, especially in the case of defending the defenseless.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of the wonderful things you'll experience today include a warm handshake, kind eyes and an invitation to sit and talk. It's good to be with people who are rich in the talent of empathy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have to buy the whole box of cereal even though all you really want are the marshmallow charms, and that's just like relationships. Their sweetest qualities come with other ingredients.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do you have the feeling that you're not like the others and that the best thing you could do for the group is to take charge and make things happen? Well, you're right.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hugs heal. Give and get them. The people who don't readily make that kind of contact need it the most. The next best thing is a warm greeting and a listening ear.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The person with the best idea isn't always the winner. It is the person who earns the most emotional engagement who will be the victor in this afternoon's scenario.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are feeling more energetic, decisive and courageous than you were yesterday. Plan your next move today, but don't make it until tomorrow.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 27). The most basic daily occurrences have special meaning in March because you're with someone you love. April brings a professional leap, and it happens after you apply what you learned last year. The glitch in May will prove to be a highlight in your life's design. June features romance and celebration. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 29, 31, 34 and 19.

**MERCURY RETROGRADE ENDS**. It's the last day of the Mercury retrograde, and there won't be another

until June 7. As the ruler of communication and day-to-day activity stations to change directions, there's an excellent opportunity to observe our daily lives from a detached perspective and review what is and isn't working well. But how can we achieve such a detached point of view when we are so busy and inside ourselves?

One of my favorite ways is a mental exercise I call The Visit With Future Me, in which I imagine going to visit my future self in her home and sitting down for a good chat and a nice hot cup of tea. For reasons I don't understand, my future self lives in a ranch home in the middle of a field and is somehow involved in costuming. My future self is a compassionate listener, and I'll bet yours will be, too, if you try this exercise. If I ask her for guidance, she'll give it readily, and often, surprisingly, it is not what I thought she would say. Many helpful and odd occurrences have come out of

something I learned during a visit with Future Me, and I hope your relationship with Future You will be equally fulfilling.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Rapper Kelly Breeding is an integral part of B5, an R&B music group of five talented brothers. The group got its start in competitions and was featured on Radio Disney before touring stadiums with the likes of 'N Sync, Usher and more. Breeding was born when the sun and Venus were in artistic Pisces and communication planet Mercury was in fast-talking Aquarius.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

shown is contrary to what we want our children exposed to. Can't some great producer or film school graduate figure that out? They would be surprised to know how many parents no longer allow their kids to go to the movies, and that means no money in their pockets.

Please, let's protect their innocence as long as possible before they have to see the world's ugliness passed off as entertainment. -- Mom

**Dear Mom:** If all kids truly stayed away from PG-13 movies that contained too much violence, sex and foul language, change would come. Unfortunately, that's not what happens. Your daughter and her friends might stay home, but most kids don't.

We, too, wish Hollywood would

stop pandering to our most base instincts, but as long as the money keeps coming in, that's what is going to be out there. The only movies guaranteed not to have such material are those rated G and PG. Beyond that, parents have to read reviews and use their best judgment.

**Dear Annie:** My parents, who were both from West Virginia, met in college and settled in New York. We spent our childhood summers on our grandparents' farms, and I couldn't wait to go back. I work now as a special education teacher and live in a small village in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Every summer, my sisters and I get together in New York. Last summer, we met at the home of one sister who married into wealth. Although I have been

ignoring her occasional criticisms about my hair, makeup, clothes and shoes for decades, this summer was particularly difficult. Late in the evening, she began a long satirical monologue about how cheap and ugly my shoes were. A few of the others chimed in, but I don't hold it against them. They were doing it to avoid being her next target. After all, they live near her and have to endure her ostentatious behavior often. I couldn't wait to leave.

I value family, especially now that we are older and two of my siblings have passed away. But I'm beginning to wonder. By the time I leave these gatherings, I feel disrespected and diminished. I have close friends in West Virginia who love and value me. I'm wondering whether I should bow out of these summer

reunions and limit my exposure to Christmas only. -- Thank God I'm a Country Girl

**Dear Country Girl:** You certainly don't have to subject yourself to such poor treatment frequently, but have you told your sister how her belittling comments make you feel? She may not realize how much she is hurting you and that her nastiness destroys the family closeness you crave. She may claim that she was "only joking," but still, give her the opportunity to clean up her act before you take drastic action.

**Dear Annie:** "Tired of Living the Lie" states that her children are hurt because they feel their happy childhood was a lie. It WAS a lie. I am sick of hearing how people put up with a lousy marriage for

"the sake of their children." You do your children a far greater disservice by raising them in a dysfunctional, loveless facade of a marriage than you would raising them as a single parent.

You need to cherish, love and honor yourself before you even think of finding another man. Don't quit counseling. -- I Moved On

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5:PM	News ABC	Casa	Two Men	News	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Yohanán	Martha	Rifleman	The Fighters	Movie: Face/Off, Joan Allen	Castle (DVS)	106 & Park: Top 10	Jessie	Around Pardon	SportsCenter	
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Mentir Para Vivir	Big Bang	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	Seinfeld	Rik	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	The Fighters	Cops	Castle (DVS)	BE - Holly-wood	ANT Farm	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	
7:PM	Count-Down	Por Siempre	American Idol	Big Bang	La Impostora (SS)	Commun Parks	Fam. Guy	Upd	Parks	Gilligan	The Fighters	Cops	NBA Bas-ketball: New York Knicks at Miami Heat.	BET Honors 2014	Movie: Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	
8:PM	Grey's Anatomy	Lo Que la Vida	Rake (DVS)	Crazy	En Otra Piel (SS)	Game Night	Fam. Guy	Light of the Southwest	Western	Heroes	The Fighters	Cops	IMPACT Wrestling	Game	Jessie	Olbermann	SportsCenter	
9:PM	Scandal	Qué Pobres	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	(:01) Elemen-tary	Camelia La Texana	Parenthood	King of the Nerds	Chasing Shackleton	Rhoda	Saint Hoods	Cops	NBA Basket-ball: Brooklyn Nets at Denver Nuggets.	Game	ANT Farm	Olbermann	SportsCenter	
10:PM	News	Impacto	Arsenio Hall	News	Noticias	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	Twi. Zone	The Fighters	(:01) Movie: Road House, Sam Elliott	TBA	Game	Dog	Olbermann	SportsCenter	
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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2014. There are 307 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 27, 1814, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op. 93, was first performed in Vienna. (Also on the program was Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92, which had premiered in Dec. 1813.) On this date: In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress. In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking. In 1922, the Supreme Court, in Leser v. Garnett, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote. In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire as justification for suspending civil liberties. In 1939, the Supreme Court, in National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., effectively outlawed sit-down strikes. Britain and France recognized the regime of Francisco Franco of Spain.

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## Newsday Crossword

NOT REALLY EASY by Bruce Venzke Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

**ACROSS**

- Necklace feature
- Beats or bests
- Aficionado
- Japanese verse form
- With: Fr.
- Siberia's locale
- Call off a project
- It's a breeze
- Great enthusiasm
- Nourished
- New Orleans medical school
- Karamazov brother
- Mambo king
- Puerto
- There's nothing to it
- Swan Lake princess
- Laundry challenge
- "That's awful!"
- Barrel wood
- Major hurricane of 2008
- Feedback, for example
- Confiscates
- Piece of cake
- Ornery fellow
- USMC low-rankers
- City on the Rio Grande
- Source of some milk
- Lacking flavor
- Snap
- Italian wine
- \_\_ day (frequent vitamin dose)
- Very, very bad

**DOWN**

- Start of many French restaurants' names
- Byway
- Verdi masterwork
- Mountaintop access
- Defer, with "off"
- Certain scout's quest
- Roman poet
- Coat-rack projection
- Comic's routine
- Chastise
- Former Voice of America org.
- Twain teen
- Slowly vanish
- Swan Lake apparel
- Confront
- Thoroughly investigate
- Propane holder
- Do decanting
- Brink
- Fix up, in brief
- Tasty dish
- Pale yellow
- Home-decor giant
- Crane construction
- Admiring murmurs
- Noisy bugs
- Bridge support
- "Let yourself in"
- Ghost Mine ailer
- Space-saving letters
- 1040-EZ, e.g.
- Artemis' twin
- Green sci.
- Isolated
- Asked earnestly
- Negligible
- Croft of video games
- River to the English Channel
- Prefix meaning "trillion"
- First grandmother
- View from the shore

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# Lady Steers run to Long Sleeve Relays crown

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers opened their 2014 high school track and field campaign with a bang on Feb. 21, running to the team championship at the Long Sleeve Relays in Hamlin. As a team, the BSHS girls won eight events and rolled to 134 points.

Big Spring dominated the relay events, rolling up 60 points by winning the 4x100-, 4x200- and 4x400-meter races in grand fashion.

In the 4x100-meter race, Autumn Minter, Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Julianna Rodriguez

and Kaytlen Matthews teamed for a time of 52.07 seconds. Their final mark was nearly a second faster than Anson, which finished second at 52.85.

The Lady Steers were even more impressive in winning the 4x200-meter title. Vanderbilt, Minter, Rodriguez and Matthews completed the race in a time of 1:51.25 and finished more than 3 seconds faster than Anson.

Anson finished with a time of 1:54.90. Hamlin was third at 1:55.79.

Big Spring finished off its relay hat trick with a dominating performance

in the 4x400-meter race. The Lady Steers' team of Rodriguez, Matthews, Morgan Seaton and Faith Roberson won the race going away, finishing almost 9 seconds ahead of runner-up Hamlin. Big Spring's final time in the race was 4:17.86.

Hamlin completed the four-lap race at 4:26.11.

The Lady Steers were just as impressive individually in the meet. The team won five events, including two by Roberson.

The BSHS standout won the girls' 400- and 800-meter titles. In the 400, she legged out a

winning mark of 1:01.29. Teammate Erin Pollard gave the Lady Steers a 1-2 effort in the race. She places second overall at 1:06.03.

Roberson won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:30.11.

Minter gave Big Spring a gold medal in the girls' 100-meter dash. She covered the course in a time of 13.26 seconds and edged out Snyder's Shanice Cobb by one-tenth of a second.

Karina Alvarado notched a first-place finish in the girls' 1,600-meter run. She finished the race with a time of

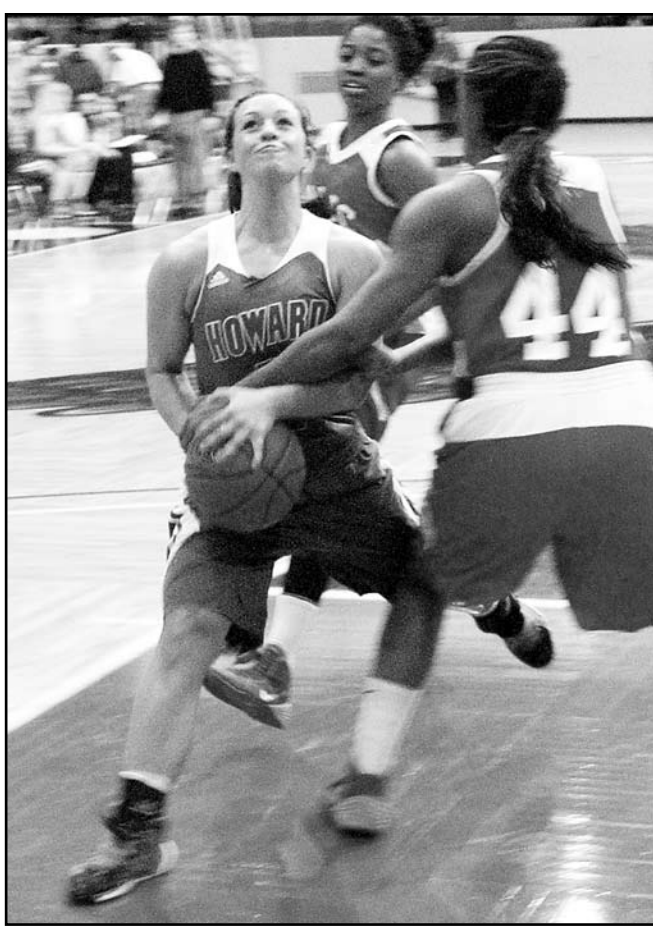
6:10.81. Alvarado almost picked up a second win. She was second in the 3,200-meter race.

Matthews added to the Lady Steers' gold medal count in the long jump. She won the event with a mark of 15 feet and 7 inches – 4 inches farther than second-place fin-

ishing Alexie Walsh of Clyde.

Emilie Smith also turned in a solid outing for the BSHS track team. She was sixth in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles races.

Big Spring will return to action tomorrow at the Rattlesnake Relays in Sweetwater.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Sophomore Sarah Stinnett will close out her career with the Lady Hawks tonight. The team's leading scorer, Stinnett is the lone sophomore on the HC women's roster.

## HAWKS

Continued from Page 5  
College would both advance to the postseason due to wins over conference-leading South Plains. The Hawks lost both of their games to SPC this season, including an 83-76 setback on Feb. 6 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Western Texas will also have the revenge factor on its side. The Westerners suffered a 73-66 loss to HC on Jan. 27.

The Westerners come into tonight's showdown with a potent offensive attack. WTC averages more than 78 points per game.

Western Texas is led into the contest by sophomore Devonte Walker. The forward has scored 16.5 points per game this season. He also leads the Westerners in rebounding, averaging 6.2 boards per game.

Walker is far from WTC's lone threat. The Westerners also have three other players averaging double-digits on the offensive end, including sophomore guards Justin Roberson (13.7), Andris Misters (11.9) and Ronnel Jordan (11.2).

Tonight's showdown will also be a big game for the Howard College and Western Texas women. Both teams would like to snap losing streaks tonight, as well as end their seasons on a positive note.

The Lady Hawks, who have dropped their last two games, enter tonight's 5:45 p.m. tip-off with a 3-10 record in conference play. Overall, the HC women are 12-16.

Western Texas come in having lost their last eight contests.



By Steve Becker

## Killing Defense

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 8 4 3  
♥ A K Q J 6  
♦ 10 2  
♣ K 9  
**WEST**  
♠ K 9 2  
♥ 9 8 5 4 3  
♦ K  
♣ A J 4 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ 7 2  
♦ A Q J 9 8 7 4 3  
♣ 6 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ Q J 10 7 6  
♥ 10  
♦ 6 5  
♣ Q 10 8 7 5

The bidding:  
East South West North  
4♦ Pass Pass 4♥  
Pass Pass Dble Pass  
Pass 4♣ Dble Redble  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Until they split up a few years ago, Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff were generally regarded as one of the best pairs in the world. Together they had a magnificent record in national and world championships, deriving their success from a style that stressed simple bidding and technical perfection.

Here is an example of how well they played together. The deal occurred in the 1978 Reisinger team championship, which their team won

handily. Wolff, East, opened with four diamonds, a pre-emptive bid aimed mostly at making it difficult for North-South to enter the auction.

After two passes, North bid four hearts. When this rolled around to Hamman, he doubled. South retreated to four spades, which Hamman also doubled and North redoubled. The bidding then ground to a halt, and Hamman led the king of diamonds.

It did not take Wolff long to find the killing defense. He overtook the king of diamonds with the ace, cashed the queen of diamonds, West discarding a low club, and then led a third diamond, deliberately handing declarer a ruff-and-discard.

This Greek gift did not help South at all. In fact, he now had to go down one regardless of what he did. If he discarded a club, Hamman would ruff with the nine of spades to guarantee himself a trump trick that would sink the contract.

And if South ruffed the jack of diamonds with the ten of spades, which is what he actually did, he would still go down after Hamman discarded a heart on the trick. By discarding, Hamman assured that his K-9-2 of spades would produce a trump trick in one way or another, and this trick, together with the ace of clubs, eventually set the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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## Little League sign-ups set for Saturday

Big Spring Little League will have sign-ups on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

The registration fee is \$85 per child and will provide a full uniform.

Parents must provide a valid birth certificate at registration.

## BS Invitational set for March 7

The Big Spring High School Invitational Track and Field meet will be held on March 7 at Blankenship Field.

The meet will start at 1 p.m. with the field events. The running events will begin at 4 p.m.

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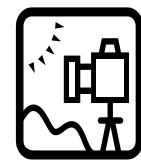
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# BSJHS eighth graders compete in San Angelo meet

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade girls' track and field team opened its 2014 season with a solid performance at the San Angelo Junior High Track and Field meet on Feb. 22. The Lady Steers finished 13th in the final team standings with a 22 points.

Becca Pearson and Kristina Pham highlighted Big Spring's outing. Both managed to finish fourth in their respective events.

Pearson just missed medaling in the girls' high jump. She cleared 4-foot-4 in the event.

Pham was fourth in the 100-meter dash. She

finished the race with a time of 18.72 seconds.

Samantha Solis and Anissa Ramsey also did well. They notched fifth-place finishes in the 1,600-meter run and 400-meter dash, respectively. Solis legged out a time of 6 minutes and

23 seconds in the 1,600. Ramsey posted a time of 1:08.85 in the 400.

The Lady Steers' 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay teams also posted fifth-place efforts. The 4x100-meter squad – comprised of Kalli Hale, Rachel McAlister, Deliah Guz-

man and Pearson – turned in a time of 56.69 seconds.

Ramsey, Marilyn Cerda, Solis and Lindsay Brooks teamed for a mark of 4:45.0 in the 4x400-meter race.

The BSJHS 4x200-meter team was sixth with

a time of 2:02.07. The team is made up of Pearson, McAlister, Hale and Ashley Gonzales.

Individually, McAlister was sixth in the 100 with a time of 13.69 seconds.

Carlie Roberts placed sixth in the discus.

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**Maria Lupe Juarez Durham** Owning a store!

**Pat J Porter** Running a ranch.

**Katie Averette** Architecture

**Ernest Rodriguez** Staying home watching TV, listening to music and still get paid.

**Sherri Alexander Key** Real estate

**Deloras Shubert** Owning a animal shelter where I could take care of them all!! Not turn any away and no animal would go without!!

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