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Teen wounded in Thursday shooting

Police arrest 16-year-old for alleged role in 'gang-related' incident

Herald Staff Report

A Facebook argument apparently turned violent for a pair of local teenagers Thursday.

One Big Spring teen is recovering in a Lubbock hospi-

tal and another is in custody following a Thursday morning shooting incident.

Answering a "shots fired" call, Big Spring Police Department officers responded to 1610 Oriole St. shortly after 8 a.m. Thursday. There, they found a 16-year-old male sub-

ject inside the residence suffering from gunshot wounds to the right hand and left arm.

The teenager, who police have not identified, was immediately transported by ambulance to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center

emergency room, according to a BSPD news release. He was later transferred to a Lubbock hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Investigators on the scene discovered that an unknown assailant had stood outside the residence and fired at least

six shots through the home's picture window, striking the victim as he slept on the living room couch.

There were several other people asleep at the residence at the time, including an in-

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Kissed by Jack Frost



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Crossroads residents woke up to another frosty morning. The Weather Channel is predicting sunny weather through the weekend.

Symphony in concert Saturday

Special to the Herald

Love is in the air — and in the orchestra. The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will present the third subscription concert of the 2014-2015 concert on Saturday. Close to Valentine's Day, the Symphony will perform works about love and romance.

Also featured will be 12-year old violin prodigy Elizabeth Aoki.

"She has performed in numerous concerts and has played for world leaders," BSSO Conductor Keith D. Graumann said. "She has been a soloist at Lincoln Center. At the age of 6 she was the youngest prizewinner in a young artist concert competition."

Aoki began her musical training at the age of 5 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and now studies at the Juilliard School. She will perform Paganini's



AOKI

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Vaccine skeptics fine unlikely allies in conservative GOP

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI**

Associated Press

DENVER — As vaccine skeptics fight laws that would force more parents to inoculate their kids, they are finding unexpected allies in conservative Republicans.

Though the stereotype of a vaccine skeptic is a coastal, back-to-the-land type, it's generally been Democratic-controlled states that have tightened vaccination laws. This week, Democrats in two of those states — California, where a measles outbreak was traced to Disneyland, and Washington state — proposed eliminating laws that allow parents to opt out of vaccination for personal reasons.

Meanwhile, in Maine, Republicans are objecting to a similar effort. In Minnesota, only Democrats have signed on to sponsor a bill to make it harder to avoid vaccinating children. And last year in

Colorado, it was largely Republicans who squashed an effort to force parents to get a doctor's approval if they chose not to inoculate their kids.

"This boils down to, does the government force everyone to conform or do we empower everyone to make decisions on their own?" said Colorado state Sen. Kevin Lundberg, a Republican who did not fully vaccinate his children and led the fight against last year's bill.

This year, Colorado Republicans introduced a bill stating that parents have the right to make all medical decisions for their children, legislation that was cheered by vaccination opponents Thursday at a hearing.

American skepticism toward vaccinations dates back at least to the Revolutionary War, when George Washington was initially reluctant to inoculate his troops against smallpox.

"There is a long history to the fight against vaccination, and it does seem to

break down along liberal versus conservative lines," said Kent Schwirian, a sociology professor at Ohio State University. He surveyed people during a 2009 swine flu scare, asking whether they would get vaccinated, and found that conservatives who distrusted government were less likely to support inoculation.

Modern-day vaccine skeptics are hard to pigeonhole politically.

"We're the bridge between the granola moms and the stiletto moms," said Dotty Hagmier, a nurse whose group Moms In Charge includes vaccine skeptics.

A Pew poll found that Republicans are slightly more likely than Democrats to oppose vaccine mandates. In legislatures, the issue has not been purely partisan, with some Democrats joining Republicans to fight vaccine requirements and some members of the GOP pushing

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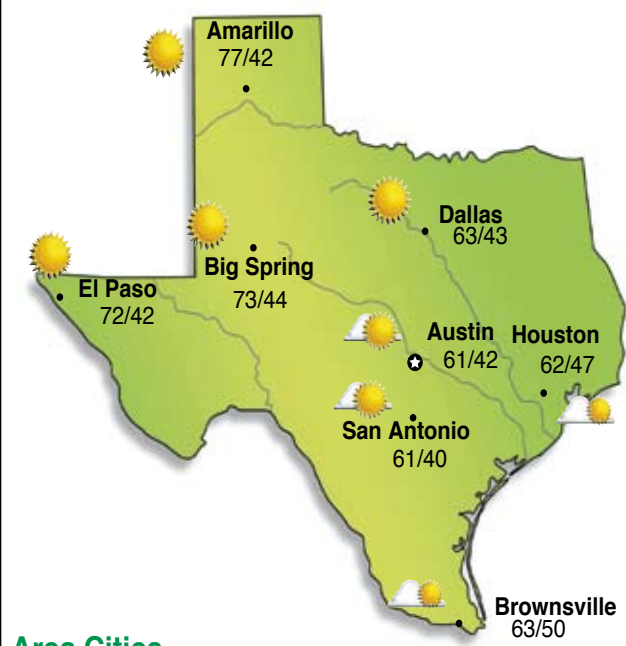
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Austin	61	42	mst sunny	Longview	60	42	pt sunny
Beaumont	61	43	sunny	Lubbock	74	40	sunny
Brownsville	63	50	pt sunny	Lufkin	63	44	sunny
Brownwood	68	40	mst sunny	Midland	73	44	sunny
Corpus Christi	62	49	pt sunny	Raymondville	65	51	pt sunny
Corsicana	61	42	mst sunny	Rosenberg	61	45	cloudy
Dallas	63	43	sunny	San Antonio	61	40	mst sunny
Del Rio	64	43	pt sunny	San Marcos	61	41	mst sunny
El Paso	72	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	45	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	74	50	sunny	Sweetwater	70	46	sunny
Gainesville	63	42	sunny	Tyler	61	44	pt sunny
Greenville	62	42	pt sunny	Weatherford	66	44	sunny
Houston	62	47	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	67	44	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	29	sunny	Minneapolis	32	20	pt sunny
Boston	20	15	mst sunny	New York	28	22	pt sunny
Chicago	30	24	pt sunny	Phoenix	81	53	sunny
Dallas	63	43	sunny	San Francisco	63	57	rain

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SUNDAY

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Paul M. Garrett



Paul M. Garrett, 89, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel with Rick Cunningham of 14th & Main Church of Christ officiating.

Paul was born May 23, 1925, in Fort Stockton, Texas to Annie and Albert Garrett. He joined the United States Navy in 1943 in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a Carpenter's Apprentice 3.

He married Rosemary Wray Jan. 5, 1952, in Big Spring, Texas. After the Navy, he worked in the oilfield during various jobs. He then went to work for Cosden, where he retired. He loved crossword

Obituaries

puzzles, reading exercising and walking the dog. He has been a resident of the community for more than 61 years. He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Paul is survived by his wife, Rosemary Garrett of Big Spring; two sons, Mark Garrett and wife, Michelle, of Elbert, Colo. and Matt Garrett and wife, Marial, of Austin; one sister, Geraldine Jessup of New York; three grandchildren, Stockton Garrett of Elbert, Colo., Mason Garrett of Levelland and Abbey Garrett of Austin; and special friends Mike and Velen Esquivel of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Humane Society, PO Box 823, Big Spring, TX 79721-0823.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

James Frank Warden



James Frank Warden, 69, of Big Spring, formerly of Odessa, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

He was born July 2, 1945, in Oklahoma City, Okla. to Mary

Ellen Warden and Edmund Newsom. He entered the United States Army on June 12, 1964, serving during the Vietnam Era. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Marksman badge. He came to Big Spring from Odessa in 2013.

He is survived by a host of friends.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Bonnie Cofer

Bonnie Cofer, 88, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, in a Grapevine hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Harland B. Birdwell

The Rev. Harland B. "Steve" Birdwell, 86, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, at his residence. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- STEVEN BEJARANO, 26, of 2617 Fairchild was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500—shoplifting.

- SMYTHIA MAE HILARIO, 47, of 5203 Sterling Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- MARIA PEREA, 30, of 3905 W. 17th I-20 13A was arrested on warrants for bail jumping failure to appear/fine only MC and theft, less than \$50.

- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 30, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- SARAH BETH EDENS, 29, of 3201 W. Loop 289 No. 202, Lubbock, Texas, was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- AL THOMPSON III, 35, of 103 Collins Road was arrested on a warrant for theft of service, more than or equal to \$500 but less than

\$1,500.

- CALEB LEE ROBERTSON, 38, of 102 Merrick Road was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

- THEFT was reported in the area of County Road 38, in the 1700 block of Third St., and in the 200 block of Marcy.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third St.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- SMYTHIA MAE HILARIO, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTRP/theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- STEVEN ROBERT BEJARANO, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than or equal to \$50 but less

than \$500.

- JUSTIN RAY RODRIGUEZ, 24, was booked by the DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

- MARIA TERESA PEREA, 30, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and theft, less than \$50.

- CALEB LEE ROBERTSON, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a Tom Green County warrant for contempt of court, nonpayment/child support.

- SARAH BETH EDENS, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

- CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE, 42, was booked by the BSPD on warrant for disregard a stop sign; display expired registration (two counts); failed to maintain financial responsibility, second offense; and failure to appear (four counts).

Take Note

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Big Spring High School cheerleaders are offering a night of babysitting Feb. 13, from 6-10 p.m. in Steer Gym. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth are eligible. Cost is \$40 for the first child and \$25 per additional child. Cost includes pizza, water, snacks and entertainment. For more information, contact the high school at 264-3641.

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News in brief

Despite outrage over IS slayings, lawmakers expect opposition to granting Obama war powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress will face some resistance in a vote to authorize President Barack Obama's war against Islamic State militants despite international outrage over video of militants beheading their captives and burning one alive.

War authorizations are among the most difficult issues confronting members of Congress.

Several Democrats will be reluctant to approve new war powers unless there is a clear deadline or some way to pay for the military operation.

Some Republicans, strong foes of the president, will object to giving Obama the authority, observers say.

Obama is poised in coming days to ask Congress for new authority to use U.S. military force against IS, the White House said Thursday.

But the top House Republican warned it won't be easy to pass the measure.

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said it will be up to the president to rally support from lawmakers and the public.

"His actions are going to be an important part of trying for us to get the votes to actually pass an authorization," Boehner said Thursday. "This is not going to be an easy lift."

In the U.S. battle against IS, Obama has been relying on congressional authorizations that President George W. Bush used to justify military action after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Critics say the White House's use of post-9/11 congressional authorizations is a legal stretch, at best.

Experts say pilot video shows Islamic State group is raising the stakes in its propaganda

BEIRUT (AP) — A video of a Jordanian pilot be-

ing burned to death was exceptional in its brutality, even for the Islamic State group, and also was a sign that the militants intend to raise the stakes in their propaganda efforts, experts say.

It also offered confirmation to the belief that the airman was killed days or weeks before its release.

The 22-minute clip that appeared on websites Tuesday was a complex, extravagant work that would have taken a significant amount of time and organization to script, stage, produce and distribute, they said.

It also suggested that the demands last week for a prisoner swap for the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kasaesbeh, were a cynical charade to increase the drama around his killing, because he most likely was already dead.

Jordanian state TV had said al-Kasaesbeh, who was flying missions for the U.S.-led campaign of airstrikes, was killed as long ago as Jan. 3, shortly after his F-16 came down in Islamic State-controlled territory in December.

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to increase vaccinations.

The administration of Michigan Republican Gov. Rick Snyder last year required parents to go to a local health department before they could skip vaccinations for their children. In Vermont, Democrats and Republicans alike scaled down a bill in 2012 that would have limited parents' options. Still, people on both sides see a divide forming.

Diane Peterson of the Immunization Action Coalition, which tracks vaccination legislation nationwide, said she has

had difficulty getting Republicans to sign on to a bill to expand vaccinations in her home state of Minnesota.

Vaccination politics erupted into the national spotlight this week when three Republican presidential contenders — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina — seemed to side with parents who oppose vaccinating their children.

Several other prominent Republicans, including House Speaker John Boehner, spoke out in support of vaccinations, and conservatives noted that Hillary Clinton told an anti-vaccine group in 2008 that

she wanted more research into the discredited theory that inoculations cause autism.

Barbara Loe Fisher of the National Vaccination Information Center said she sees no partisan divide.

"This has always been a bipartisan issue," said Fisher, whose organization fights vaccine mandates. "The demographic spans the political spectrum."

The main difference, she said, is that her side has far less money than the pharmaceutical companies and medical groups that she blames for the push to tighten vaccination requirements.

In Maine, Democratic state Rep. Ralph Tucker

has proposed legislation to end that state's exemption for parents who are personally opposed to vaccinating their children. But Republican Rep. Deborah Sanderson said her party dislikes the idea.

"If you're going to mandate that a parent do something that philosophically they are opposed to, that's a tremendous overreach of government," Sanderson said, adding that she still thinks vaccinations are important.

Vaccination opponents are teaming with Republicans — and, they say, some Democrats — to instead create a state office of vaccine safety to monitor problems with inoculations.

CONCERT

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"Violin Concerto Number One" with the symphony.

Maestro John Giordana will be guest conductor.

The symphony's repertoire will include the "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture" by Tchaikovsky, "Oblivion" by Piazzola and "Carmen Suite Number One" by Bizet.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. All students

are admitted free. An adult must accompany children.

Because of renovation at the Municipal Auditorium, the concert will be in the First Baptist

Church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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fant, but no other injuries were reported.

Police were soon able to identify a suspect, the news release stated.

"Almost immediately, information was provided to police from Crimestoppers," the release stated. "The information led investigators to a possible suspect. It was learned that the victim was shot by another 16 year old and the shooting was gang related."

It appears Thursday's incident stemmed from a Facebook argument that lead to threats and then to the shooting, police say.

Investigators learned that the suspect had left

town after the shooting and was in Midland. Midland police were contacted and went to an address on Dakota street and located the suspect and detained him.

Big Spring law enforcement officials went to Midland and transported the suspect back to Big Spring. He was interviewed by detec-

tives and confessed to the shooting, the news release stated.

At this time he is in the custody of the Juvenile Detention Center, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Police are continuing

the investigation and more arrests could follow, officials said.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Smart medicine, foolish politicians

I believe that parents should vaccinate their children. Because children are vulnerable, the media have a responsibility to inform parents about the risks involved when they don't vaccinate their children.

Instead, I see news outlets turning vaccines into a political issue starring anti-science Republicans in need of correction by pro-science Democrats. "Measles moves to forefront for GOP," read the San Francisco Chronicle's Wednesday headline. "Potential presidential hopefuls jump into vaccination debate." You see, GOP Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, an ophthalmologist who should know better, spoke of "many tragic cases of walking, talking normal children who wound up with profound medical disorders after vaccines." Paul also said vaccines are "a good thing" but parents should have "some input." New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, another Republican, said his children are vaccinated but he believes "parents need to have some measure of choice in things." Team Christie sort of walked back that vanilla remark later.

That was too late for The



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Washington Post, which editorialized that Paul's and Christie's comments "call into question their judgment and their fitness for higher office."

To read the Chronicle, you might think that parents in liberal Marin County, California, or a similar low-vaccination-rate enclave have been listening too much to GOP presidential hopefuls. Blue California is one of 17 states that allow "personal belief" exemptions, in addition to religious exemptions. Already, California lawmakers are working on legislation to end the personal philosophy exemption. Here's the problem.

Though Paul shamelessly repeated discredited misinformation about vaccines, he and Christie are right about parental choice. Even the Obama White House thinks so. At a press briefing Tuesday, spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters, "The president believes it shouldn't require a law for people to exercise common sense and do the right thing." I agree.

The problem isn't anti-science; it's that good medicine worked. Vaccines virtually wiped out measles from 2000 to 2010, when there were fewer than 100 cases annually.

Some parents were lulled into a false sense of security. With 90 cases reported in California last month, now they must confront the serious risk measles presents to their children.

Most will wise up. Their doctors and school officials will lecture them. The system will work, and parents will retain their rights.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the percentage of California kindergartners whose parents declined vaccinations has already fallen, from 3.2 last year to 2.5 this year.

As for Paul and Christie, their remarks pretty much reflect what Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton said in 2008. Both Democrats called for more research into whether there is a link between vaccines and autism. They had more political cover because it was not until 2010 that *The Lancet* retracted the 1998 article that started the vaccine-autism conspiracies.

The experts got it wrong. It took *The Lancet* 12 years to fix a huge mistake. So maybe Washington and Sacramento can take a deep breath before deciding there's a pressing need for new laws that trample on parents' rights.

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Mitt had the heart but not the guts

Mitt Romney has done a lasting service to America. By returning once again to the dustbin of history, he leaves behind a powerful message for future generations:

When the going gets tough, the tough fold up.

On Jan. 9, Romney told his base — fat cats, plutocrats, magnates, moguls and tycoons — that he was considering a run for president in 2016.

Who else, after all, had better knowledge or experience when it came to protecting the interests of fat cats, plutocrats, magnates, moguls and tycoons?

Romney then did what any canny businessman would do: He assembled a group of people to tell him what he wanted to hear.

He brought together much of the same coterie he had when he ran for president in 2012. This was his innermost clique, his band of brothers, his ring kissers.

He asked them a few questions. Could they raise oodles and oodles of money for him?

Romney has oodles and oodles of his own money.

But if there is one rule of modern campaigning, it is this: When other people are daffy enough to give you their money, there is no reason to risk your own money.

The ring kissers answered quickly.

They could raise tons of money.

No worries.

The nation is full of rich saps. But could the campaign coterie make Mitt warm and likable? Mitt asked.

He had read all these stories the previous time he ran that he was inauthentic. Was there any way he could fake some sincerity for 2016?

Not to worry, those in the coterie said. They would have Mitt mingle with the hoi polloi and find out how the 99 percent live. So Mitt went down to Mississippi State University last Wednesday.

He gave a speech saying that ending poverty was a real goal of his and then stopped at the Little Dooey barbecue joint for a pulled pork sandwich.

He even gave every indication he actually knew what a pulled

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pork sandwich is.

During his visit, he poked fun at Hillary Clinton, saying that he doesn't care about massive speaking fees. "As you may have heard," he said, "I'm already rich."

His coterie was delighted. Romney really seemed to get it. There would be a new Romney for 2016, a Romney 3.0, who would be warm, caring and authentic whenever such emotions needed to be feigned.

Romney led the polls. Although, not everybody was convinced.

I, for one, have a simple rule about polls: When I disagree with what the polls are saying, the polls are wrong.

Which is why on Jan. 14, I tweeted, "There is no significant constituency within the GOP that thinks Romney is the solution and not the problem."

I believed it then, and I believe it now.

The right wing thought he was a phony.

The religious right thought he was a phony.

The establishment wing of the party — a doddering handful of survivors with checkbooks and defibrillators — preferred Jeb Bush and his blueblood credentials.

Who really liked Mitt Romney? Which is to ask: Who really liked a loser?

Romney believed in himself, but he wanted a guarantee that he was going to win.

And his coterie could not deliver that.

Yes, those in his inner circle said, they could raise money and he would probably win the nomination.

But he would get roughed up and might lose to Hillary Clinton.

According to *The New York Times*, Romney's longtime fi-

nance chief, Spencer Zwick, told him that "even if he prevailed in a primary, he would be battered and bruised by the general election."

Tagg Romney, Romney's eldest son, said: "He decided he could be the nominee. The fear was that in order to get there, it was going to be so hard-fought that he could not emerge from a position of strength."

A Romney adviser said: "We thought it was possible. But it would be hard. The polls had him up. That was residual name ID. But he can't carry that for a year. It would have been a fight."

So Romney decided not to fight. Kevin Madden, a former Romney adviser, said that ultimately, it was a question of the head vs. the heart.

Madden is a very smart guy, and I respect him, but I think he's got his anatomy wrong. Ultimately, Romney lacked not heart but guts.

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The presidency is a tough job, and it demands a tough test to weed out those without the stamina and strength to perform in it.

So 21 days after sticking his toe in the water, Romney withdrew it.

"I am convinced that we could win the nomination," he told supporters in a conference call, "but fully realize it would have been a difficult test and a hard fight."

He got some credit from Republicans for dropping out. But some Democrats crowed. "Congratulations to Mitt Romney for finally saying something the American people want to hear," John Dingell, a former congressman from Michigan, tweeted.

Mitt Romney made the right decision.

Why should he want difficult tests and hard fights?

Running for president is a trial by combat. You can't get there by riding in a car elevator.

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Did You Ever Wonder? Laban's daughters

Let's talk about Laban's daughters. While Isaac had two sons, Laban had two daughters. The Bible tells us that Rachel was beautiful, but Leah's eyes were weak. We are left to wonder exactly what this means. History tells us that dark eyes were the norm in their lineage and were considered beautiful, but occasionally blue eyes occurred. Blue eyes would be much more sensitive to the strong sunlight of their des-

ert area. If Leah were almost blinded by the strong sunlight, this could explain why the younger daughter alone tended the sheep. Sages say that since Isaac had two sons and Laban had two daughters, the families had planned that they would marry. Leah, Laban's eldest daughter, would marry Esau, Isaac's firstborn son. Rachel, Laban's younger daughter, would marry Jacob, the younger of Isaac's sons. Evidently, though the two families lived a great distance apart, they stayed in communication. Leah had heard of Esau's reputation, that he exploited women and shirked his responsibility as the firstborn

son. Some of the sages suggest that Leah's eyes were weak from weeping because she knew that she must marry such a man as Esau. This situation was remedied when Esau sold his birthright! Now Jacob held the position of the firstborn, so according to the arrangements made by the families, Leah would have become Jacob's bride. But Jacob was the second son born, and his heart belonged to Rachel. Sometimes it is hard for our human minds to understand God's overall plan, but He had it all worked out from creation. Sometimes it takes bad situations to allow God's plan to work out in human life. Now let's go on with

Jacob's story. Gen 29:20 says, "Jacob worked seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him a few days because of his love for her." When the seven years had passed, Laban did not seem to notice. Jacob had to demand, "Deliver my wife, for my term is fulfilled." Does this give you another clue about Laban's character? So Laban made a big wedding feast and invited many people. Their custom was for women to be veiled. So, either because of too much wine from the celebration or because their bridal chamber was not lighted, Jacob did not know until morning

that his new wife was Leah, the older daughter. "What is this you have you done to me?" Jacob said to Laban. "Was it not for Rachel that I worked for you? Why have you deceived me?" Now Laban tells him, "Such is not done in our place, to give the younger before the elder." He has weaseled out of his commitment by citing a custom of their culture. "But," he says casually, "complete the wedding week of this one and I might as well give you the other one as well...because you are a good worker. And you will have to work for me another seven

years for Rachel!" (I have rephrased Laban's response with sarcasm to emphasize his complete disdain for anyone but himself.) So the next week Jacob was given Rachel as his bride. And although Leah was the 'first wife,' Rachel was the 'primary wife.' In Rachel's tent was where Jacob made his residence. Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. She has returned to enjoy her retirement as a Big Spring resident. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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Ninth annual Lenten Lunches series to return February 25



- Feb 24, First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. The Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church is the first speaker.
 - March 4, First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. Featured speaker is the Rev. Raul Garcia, pastor of Coahoma United Methodist Church.
 - March 11, First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. Monsignor Bernard Gully from Holy Trinity Parish will speak.
 - March 18, Holy Trinity Parish, 1009 Hearn Street. Feature speaker is the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church.
 - March 25, First Baptist Church, 507 W FM700. The Rev. Bill Ivins, pastor of First United Methodist Church will speak.
- Come experience the season of Lent through a simple meal, an inspirational message, and ecumenical fellowship with other Christians.

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring ecumenical Lenten Luncheon series begins Feb. 25 and features clergy from five congregations in Big Spring and Coahoma. The community luncheons will happen weekly starting at noon on Wednesdays from Feb. 25 through March 25, during the season of Lent. Donations to cover the cost of the meals appreciated. The schedule is as follows:

Church News

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Sunday worship services at 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walterhouse, and wife, Debbie, welcome you to be a part of this growing congregation. Sunday worship services are held inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. Wednesday night at 6 p.m., BHDC meets for Bible study and fellowship at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. For additional information contact Pastor Walterhouse at jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

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We're excited to announce a new five week series titled "The True Love Project" for students in grades sixth through 12th and their parents. This program

focuses on how the Bible defines 'true love,' and maintaining purity until marriage. All interested parents and students are invited to the kick-off luncheon Sunday following the worship service. Participants do not have to be members of First Baptist to attend, and there is no fee.

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Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Living Beyond Myself" which explores key passages in the book of Acts from which the church can learn how to unleash its full potential through the Holy Spirit's power. Titled "Risky Living," this week's exciting message is drawn from Acts 5:12-42, in which we see God answering the apostles' prayer for boldness (Acts 4:29), miraculous wonders and healing through Jesus' name, persecution of the apostles, and divine deliverance. If you are unable to attend, join the service through the web stream at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes for all ages gather, and greeters are available to assist you in finding your class.

AWANA(Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) meets at 5:30 p.m., and all area children grades kindergarten through sixth are welcome. It's 'goofy glasses' night, so wear your most outrageous eye-wear.

Evening worship service starts at 6 p.m., and Pastor Lindsey leads us through an ongoing exploration of the Old Testament in the message. Youth also gather at 6 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study; contact Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for location.

The Mission Center(food pantry and clothes closet) will be open at 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. The Center is located on Lancaster, one block behind HEB.

The Ladies' Bible Study groups resume at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. We will be focusing on how to live in defiant joy in Margaret Feinberg's new study "Fight Back With Joy." All area women are invited to attend.

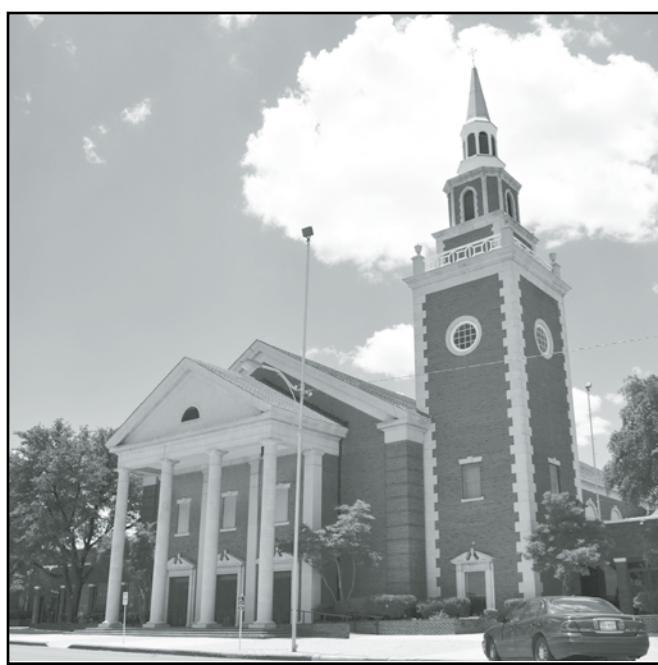
Mother's Day Out program is held Tuesdays and Thursdays; contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about openings.

Wednesday evenings begin with a meal served in the Family Life Center, followed by activities which include: Adult Choir practice, prayer time and Bible study, children's mission groups, and Saturate Youth Group. Join us Feb. 11, for hamburgers and hot dogs. FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring. Services are held each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The 10:50 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will wrap up a message series entitled "Walking with God." The



series is designed to help congregation members focus on God's call to live in holiness of heart and life. This Sunday's message is titled "Hands on Prayer" and is taken from I Chronicles 4:9-10.

This Sunday is also Boy Scout/Cub Scout Sunday. All Scouts are encouraged to wear their scouting shirts to worship. Members of Troop 1 will also be helping to lead worship at 10:50 a.m. Sponsored by First United Methodist Church, Troop 1 is the oldest Scout Troop in the United States west of the Mississippi River.

At Wednesday Noon Bible Study, Pastor Ivins is

continuing his study in the Book of Acts. Meal service begins at 11:50 a.m. in Garrett Hall. There is a small fee for the meal.

Also on Wednesday nights, a church-wide meal is served in Garrett Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Groups for all ages begin at 6 p.m. and the adult Celebration Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night.

On Sunday, Feb. 15, First United Methodist Church is launching a church-wide study titled "24 Hours That Changed the World." No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this study, participants will walk with Jesus step-by-step through the last 24 hours of his life.

All adult Sunday School classes will meet jointly in Garrett Hall during the Sunday School hour. Our various Sunday School teachers will share the teaching responsibility from week to week. Children and youth will also cover the same material in their various groups and Pastor Ivins will tie everything together in his weekly sermons.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the first of our annual Lenten Lunches will begin. Held in conjunction with other churches in Big Spring, it is an opportunity for Christians of all denominations to gather in unity as we focus our hearts on the Lord's journey to the Cross. Kicking off the Lenten Lunch series is Pastor Mark Lindsey who will be speaking at First Presbyterian Church that day.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

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First Presbyterian Church — Big Spring

Our church wishes to express appreciation for the life of Herald Editor Bill McClellan and condolences to his colleagues at the paper. He will be missed.

On Wednesdays, the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. and the Chancel Choir rehearsal at 6 p.m. The Children's Choir meets at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday afternoons, followed by the Young Women's Choir at 5:10 p.m.

The Male Chorus meets at 5:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The Youth Group meets for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by handbells and regular meeting.

The Children's Sunday School classes continue their study of "Down through the Roof" with a drama component this Sunday and an art component next week, both led by Paula Farquhar.

The Service Committee will hold its Hygiene Products drive Feb. 8-15. Please begin collecting individual size shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, etc. to give people in need.

Lucy Odom is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany is Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11. 20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present "Sing with Joy" by G.F. Handel as the offertory anthem.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11 a.m.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will begin a new series titled, "Ordinary People." This series will examine many of the people found in the Bible to see that they were not the ones who were great. Only God alone is great. Our message this week is called "Who Am I?" and comes from 2 Samuel 7:18-22.

Our men's breakfast will be Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Four Sands Café.

On Wednesday evenings, we are currently involved in a Bible study in the Book of Exodus, tracing back the elements of God's plan that got us to this point in history.

On Sunday evenings we are doing an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through Scripture and

can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

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Sunday Service begins at 9 a.m. with Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. The adult class began a new bible study. We are studying the books "James & Jude." The youth are studying "120 Bible Stories."

Jill Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew's sermon is based on Mark 1:29-39.

We are starting a new bible study on Wednesday evenings titled "The Foundations" by Ken Ham. Everyone is invited to attend. A meal is served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation class has moved to Monday's at 6:30 p.m. Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts."

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Our 2015 New Year series is titled, "Love Completely." Our January topic focus was "Loving One Another." For the month of February, we will focus on the timely subject of romance.

The Fifty and Over small group ministry will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 at K.C. Steak House. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the church office. The "Brigade" our men ministry will be gathering at 7 p.m. at 703 Colgate, Feb. 10. Please bring a favorite dish to share with the other men in attendance.

Feb. 13 and 14 join our "Marriage Enrichment" ministry in attendance at this year's 2015 Marriage Conference: XO Live Conference at Gateway.

Our single's ministry is partnering with Life

Church for a Valentine's Day Blowout. Saturday Feb. 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Beans World Café. There will be live entertainment provided by Corey Norris and coffee drinks will be available for purchase.

Lastly, join us each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. for mid-week Bible Study. Our current subject is the Study of the Book of Titus. CCC offers classes for all ages. We serve a free breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge. Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, that cultivates an atmosphere of faith so lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services. The church is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or more information, contact 432-264-0015; or find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring. Our website is www.cccbigspring.org

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Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Children's Church at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday evening youth activities are Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday night we have church supper followed by prayer meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning, listen to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m., and you can listen to a live broadcast of our service or watch live by going to our webpage.

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

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Playoff run begins tonight for Big Spring girls

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The official start of the 2015 girls' high school basketball playoffs isn't scheduled to start for another week. The unofficial playoffs, at least as far as the Big Spring High School Lady Steers are concerned, get started much sooner.

As in tonight. Big Spring, coming off back-to-back losses to Lubbock Estacado and Levelland, will find themselves in need of a win over rival Snyder this evening to keep pace with Estacado in District 2-4A playoff berth. The two teams enter

tonight tied for the No. 3 seed with identical 4-4 records in district play.

The importance of the the Lady Steers' matchup with Snyder isn't lost of BSBS head coach Stacy Smalley or her team. A win keeps their postseason hopes alive.

"We're not going to take them lightly," said Smalley, who has guided the team to a 14-15 record in her first season at the helm. "We can't let them come in and get any confidence. We're going to have to play hard the whole game."

For Big Spring, a win over the Lady Tigers would clinch at least the fourth-place play-



Snyder vs. Big Spring

What: District 2-4A basketball. **When:** Tonight, starting at 5 p.m. with JV games. Varsity games will tip off at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Steer Gym. **Radio:** KBST and KBYG

off berth by giving it a sweep of their two-game series with Snyder. It would also enable them to keep pace with Estacado, which is facing Sweetwater tonight at home.

Should both Big Spring and Estacado win, and No. 8 Lev-

elland edge Lamesa in their contest, the District 2-4A race will become an all-out scramble for second. In that scenario, all three teams would enter the final game of the season tied for second with 5-4 records. The Lady Steers have split their two games with both Lamesa and Estacado. Lamesa and Estacado have split their two outings, as well.

A three-way tie would likely benefit the Lady Steers more than Lamesa or Estacado. The Lady Steers will close out the regular season on the road against Sweetwater, the district's worst team, on Tuesday. Estacado travels to

Lamesa for its final contest. All of which means, Snyder enters tonight's matchup in a must-win situation. A loss to the Lady Steers, combined with an Estacado win, would eliminate Snyder from the postseason chase.

A Snyder win would leave Big Spring in a must-win situation Tuesday in Sweetwater. Should they beat Sweetwater, they could likely play either Lamesa or Estacado in a one-game district playoff for the No. 4 seed.

Seniors Julianna Rodriguez and Jackie Castillo lead Big Spring into the contest, as

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Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Doomed in the Dome

Hawks drop 90-77 decision to South Plains

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Turnovers and fouls.

Both came back to haunt the Howard College Hawks big time on Thursday evening in front of a large crowd in the Texan Dome in Levelland. The Hawks, simple got into early foul trouble and then compounded the problem with too many turnovers en route to a tough 90-77 loss to the South Plains Texans in a key Western Junior College Athletic Conference showdown.

With the win, South Plains moved one game ahead of the Hawks in the WJCAC standings with a 9-1 mark. The Hawks slipped to second at 8-2.

Howard College kicked off the final game of their three-game road swing with a bang. Sparked by a strong inside game by Travis Charles and a clutch three-pointer by Sam Finley, the Hawks exploded early on. The team outscored South Plains by an 11-2 clip in the first few minutes of play.

South Plains, thanks to two quick fouls on HC point Rob Gray that forced the Hawks' high-scoring guard to the

bench, battled its way back in the final 10 minutes of the first half. The Texans hit a late run and pushed themselves into the half with a slim 6-point lead, at 39-33.

The Texans continued to push their advantage at the start of the second half. South Plains reeled off a 24-14 run in the initial 9:14 of the second half and pushed its lead to 16, at 63-47.

The Hawks attempted to rally late in the second half. Finley buried a three pointer with just over 7 minutes left to cap a 15-7 surge that cut SPC's lead to eight, at 70-62.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, fouls hindered the HC comeback. The Hawks lost 6-foot-11 forward Lis Shoshi to fouls with 6:24 left to play.

Gray played much of the second half with four fouls.

The Hawks never recovered from there.

With the win, South Plains salvaged a split of their two WJCAC games with the Hawks.

Howard College, which has dropped two of its last three outings and slipped to 17-6 for the year, will return to play on Monday when they host Clarendon College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



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Howard College's Henry Wilson is fouled while driving inside for a layup during the Hawks' matchup with South Plains on Thursday in the Texan Dome in Levelland. South Plains won the game, 90-77, and moved into first place in the WJCAC standings.

Late basket lifts South Plains to 55-53 win over Lady Hawks

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

South Plains Texans scored a layup with 6 seconds left in regulation on Thursday and rallied to claim a 53-51 victory over the Howard College Lady Hawks in the Texan Dome in Levelland.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks slipped to 0-9 in WJCAC play and to 6-17 for the season. South Plains improved to 4-5 in conference and to 8-15 overall.

The Lady Hawks, who have played well in their last four games, more than held their own against SPC ear-

ly on. Abigail Flores nailed back-to-back three-pointers midway through the first and handed HC a 10-4 lead.

South Plains fought its way back, though. The SPC women used an 11-0 run moments later to sprint into a 24-19 halftime lead.

Howard College staged a rally of its own early in the second half. Rosemary Rits spearheaded a 14-9 run in the first 5:32 of the half and knotted the game at 33-33 with a trey from the left win.

Monica Perez and Courtney Jeffcoat took control from there. Per-

ez sank two three-pointers in the next seven minutes and powered HC to a 51-49 lead with 1:02 left.

South Plains' Paris Townsend knotted the game at 51-51 just 19 seconds later. Following an HC turnover, SPC took over possession and ran 34 seconds off the clock before Johnesha Major hit Tanee Ramos on the baseline for the game-winner.

Flores led all HC scorers in the game with 10 points. Bria McCullough and Tamara York both added nine.

The Lady Hawks hosts Clarendon on Monday.

Paul disses female referee

CLEVELAND (AP) — Clippers guard Chris Paul was critical of referee Lauren Holtkamp following a 105-94 loss to the Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Paul was assessed a technical foul in the third quarter by Holtkamp, who worked with officials Ken Mauer and Eric Lewis. Los Angeles was given five technicals — four in the third quarter, three of them in a 52-second span.

Paul got his technical with 10:17 left in the third. Following a free throw by Cleveland, the Clippers were attempting to inbound the ball when Holtkamp, one of two female officials in the NBA, stepped in. Paul questioned her and was slapped with the technical.

"The tech I got was ridiculous," Paul said. "There's no way that can be a technical. We try to get the ball out fast every time down the court. When we did that, she said, 'Uh-uh.' I said, 'Why uh-uh?' and she gave me a technical. That's ridiculous. If that's the case, this might not be for her."

Clippers coach Doc Rivers also received a technical and forward Matt Barnes was ejected in the third by Lewis after getting his second "T."

Barnes got tangled up with Cavaliers forward Kevin Love, shoved him and got the technical. He got the second one when he complained about teammate Jamal Crawford getting called for a charging foul.

Little League sign-ups to resume Feb. 7

Big Spring Little League sign-ups will continue on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 at the Springtown Plaza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The league is open to players ranging in ages from 4-16. Parents should bring their children's birth certificate.

Registration is \$90 per child and the league provides the entire uniform.

Sign-ups will also be held Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also on Feb. 9-13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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Howard College's Jeterika Smith shoots over the top of a SPC defender during the second half of the Lady Hawks' 53-51 loss in Levelland.

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Statement of Qualification for Professional Services to assist the District with evaluating the feasibility of various desalination and aquifer storage and recovery projects. Copies of the Request for Proposals are on file and may be examined in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Copies may be obtained by contacting Ms. Jennifer Posey, Manager of Business Services at 432-267-6341.

There will be a non-mandatory pre proposal meeting at the offices of the Colorado River Municipal Water District 400 E. 24th Street Big Spring, Texas 79720 at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2015 #8610 Feb. 6 & 19 March 5 & 26

Legals

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2015, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2014, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

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Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2014. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during

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Jen is chronically tired and at her wits' end. I know she doesn't want to hurt the woman's feelings, but the fact that they live in adjoining duplexes doesn't turn them into best friends. Jen has no interest in hanging out with her. What can she do? -- Frustrated Co-Worker

Dear Frustrated: We understand that you feel

sorry for Jen's situation, but you seem overly involved in her dilemma. If Jen wants this woman to leave her alone, she simply needs to tell her in plain English that she needs her rest and does not want to be disturbed. It would be a kindness for Jen to set aside a time when she is willing to entertain this woman, but otherwise, she should make herself unavailable, no matter how much knocking goes on, and say "sorry, no" when asked to visit or be of assistance. No one can take advantage of you without your permission.

Dear Annie: I was wondering whether you knew of any guidelines regarding how to address mail to unmarried couples, families with multiple last names, and same-sex couples. This has been a problem for me when mailing Christmas greetings, and I will soon be sending out bridal shower and wedding invitations.

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alphabetically. If the same-sex couple is using the same last name, it is "Mmes. Jane and Mary Smith" or "Messrs. John and Richard Doe." For informal invitations, it's OK to use first names and "and Family" where applicable. Thank you for reminding us that some folks still care enough to do it right.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Sister-in-Law," who complained that her sister-in-law makes comments about her food. The last straw was when she said, "If they put that in front of me, I would get sick to my stomach immediately."

When I am faced with large servings of food, I feel not just overwhelmed but actually nauseated. It's a genuine physical feeling. So maybe the sister-in-law was not making a negative remark about her companion's food, but rather about her own sensitivities.

Hopefully, they will mend fences and stay on good terms. A good relationship with a sister-in-law is to be treasured. I know because I have a great sister-in-law. -- Feeling Better

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Sun and Jupiter Opposition

Is technology the beauty that will lead to a utopian society, or is it a beast that endangers humankind? This is the argument played out as the sun in Aquarius opposes Jupiter retrograde in Leo. As of now, technology is a tool of humans, although many science fiction readers believe that this equation could flip in the future.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Optimism might not come easily, but it will pay off. A sunny attitude will reduce your overall stress levels and help you stay focused on your top priorities, like helping yourself and your loved ones thrive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may feel deprived of what you need, when the reality is that you're only deprived of what you want. It's not that you're spoiled; it's just that you're getting used to something you ought not to. Get back to basics.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Things break along the way, and that's to be expected. You'll have

Tomorrow's Horoscope

time to fix everything, and all will be working properly when you most need it. Until then, see this as an opportunity to research some upgrades.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Look for the superstars in your area of interest, and study them. They are likely people who have helped many others, gone the extra mile and put the universe in their debt, just as you are doing now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Ready or not, start investing your effort in the direction of your big goal. It's going to take hundreds of hours, and for many of those hours, you will have no idea what you're doing. You may as well start learning now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The messages you send will create an echo, except that the feedback is not instantaneous, so it can be difficult to

understand the cause-and-effect relationship. Just know it's there and adjust what you put out accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You strive to communicate heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul, because at the end of the day, this is the communication that will really make a difference. Today this mostly involves listening with your whole being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone wants something. You just have to figure out what they want and give it to them. You'll find out because you assume nothing and ask excellent questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Each dollar has the potential to grow more dollars. This is why you are hesitant to spend on unnecessary, temporal and unmemorable items. You even second-guess certain drink purchases

these days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your mind is occupied with love. This is the reason you have the energy necessary to work on critical items and not much more. The 80/20 rule very much applies today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Watching people react to an entertaining episode of life can be more entertaining than the actual episode. This explains the trend of "reaction videos" on YouTube, and it also explains what happens with you tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no secret solution. Whatever your goal, it will take work. You can get there if you're willing to trade whatever you're doing now for the work you need to do to get to the goal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6). If you've forgotten, the sun will remind you that you're magnificent. To ward against the self-consciousness this may rouse, get on with the business of promoting the people and causes dear to you. Your care is the magic ingredient to motivate others into high production. Your love life is invigorated in May. Sagittarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 1, 11, 24 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Your approach to life makes others want to be near you. TAURUS: Procrastinate unnecessary things while you focus on what's essential to your life: love, sweet love. GEMINI: Love pushes you to do the thing you fear and thus grows your spirit. CANCER: Planning is like rehearsing. Plan carefully what you're going to do with a loved

one, and things will go smoothly. LEO: Consider yourself lucky in love, and you will be. VIRGO: Feeling guilty robs you of your natural charisma. Don't waste time with that. LIBRA: The way to solve your current relationship issue is to work cooperatively with the other person to expand the situation so that everyone wins. SCORPIO: It's just plain smart not to take a chance unless the reward is enticing enough to warrant the level of risk. SAGITTARIUS: Relationships are not like projects that, if well conceived, can run the final stages on autopilot. Relationships need constant care. CAPRICORN: You take pleasure in taking care of others. AQUARIUS: It's best not to assume your partner wants what other people want. Everyone is different. PISCES: The time you have with your favorite people is precious. That's why you'll think of ways to make it more special.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: As the Aquarius sunlight bounces off of the Libra moon, this natural duo will be magnetically drawn to each other. The Libra moon forms an auspicious angle to Mercury in Aquarius on Saturday, making the already snappy conversation between these like-minded air signs sizzle with humor, brilliance and intimacy. It should be noted that this is also an ideal combo for professional relationships.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents. The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass

What would you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠K3♥KJ109♦Q85♣AQJ2
- ♠KQ6♥A4♦J973♣AQJ5
- ♠KQ65♥A8♦AQJ7♣KQ93
- ♠AK4♥J1093♦QJ2♣AQ6

1. Pass. You can't fight city hall. Partner obviously has a bad hand. He passed your opening notrump bid, ran from one-notrump doubled and then passed West's two-heart bid. He might have two or three high-card points, but that's about the most you can expect. It would be wrong to double, since you have no assurance that you can beat two hearts, or to bid two notrump or three diamonds. You stand to lose more than you can gain by taking further action.

2. Three diamonds. The same observations about partner's hand apply here also, but with this distribution there is a much firmer base for competing with a raise to three diamonds.

Your potential losers are two diamonds, a spade, a heart and a club. It

is unlikely that three diamonds can be defeated more than one trick, while East-West can probably make two hearts. Obviously, down one at three diamonds, whether doubled or not, is better than two hearts bid and made.

3. Three diamonds. Here also it is better not to give up. True, partner might not have a face card, but even so, it is hardly likely he will be defeated more than one trick. All he needs is five diamonds to the 10-9 to have a chance for eight tricks.

Of course, partner might have a better hand and make nine tricks, but that is not the primary reason for bidding three diamonds. As before, the opponents are likely to make at least two hearts, and you have a chance to stop them without great risk to your side.

4. Pass. You have to stay put in this case, because there is no way of safely contesting the bidding further. Your potential losers in a diamond contract are a spade, two hearts, two diamonds and one or two clubs. A raise in diamonds could therefore lead to a two- or three-trick set, which would prove especially expensive if you were doubled.

Another reason for passing is that, with your trump holding and top tricks, you might be able to defeat two hearts.

Tomorrow: A 20-point investment.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"WHAT KIND OF NUTS DO YOU LIKE... PEANUTS, WALNUTS...?"

"DONUTS!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?"

"I think maybe one more time."

HAGAR

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"I'LL BE GLAD WHEN THE STORE'S TWO-WEEK TRIAL PERIOD IS UP FOR THAT AX..."

BAW!

BLONDIE

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"DAGWOOD! ARE YOU UP YET?"

"YES!"

"I'VE BEEN UP THREE TIMES ALREADY!"

"I JUST COULDN'T GET ANY OF THEM TO STICK"

BC

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"CONGRATS ON A SUCCESSFUL KILL, THOR. THANKS, PETER."

"I THINK I'LL DOCUMENT THIS ONE."

"THAT'S A WEIRD-LOOKING RABBIT."

"NOTHING WRONG WITH PADDING THE OL' RESUME."

WIZARD OF ID

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"THERE IS A MASSIVE STORM HEADED THIS WAY... YOU MAY WANT TO LEAVE THE BEACH"

"NO WORRIES! WE'LL WAIT IT OUT"

"AT LEAST IT'S A WARM RAIN"

"NORTHERNERS!"

AGNES

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"VALENTINE'S DAY IS A REAL EMOTIONAL GRAB BAG."

"YEAH?"

"YES... PART OF ME YEARNS FOR A NICE CARD, AND PART OF ME FIGHTS THE PANIC THAT I MAY ACTUALLY GET ONE."

"EITHER WAY, I PLAN TO BE DISAPPOINTED"

"IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A PLAN."

HI AND LOIS

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"YOU'RE FUNNY, CHIP."

"HUMOROUS OR ODD FUNNY?"

"BOTH, ACTUALLY."

"SO... IS THAT A COMPLIMENT?"

THE OTHER COAST

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"CARL THE NEARSIGHTED WOLF IS STALKING..."

"THERE'S A SHEEP NEARBY. I CAN SMELL IT."

"OH, YEAH. I'M GETTING CLOSER. IT'S WITHIN PONCING RANGE."

"PREPARE TO BE SAVAGED, SHEEP!"

"YOU DO REALIZE WHAT IT COSTS TO GET SLOBBER OFF A SHEEPSKIN JACKET?"

SNUFFY SMITH

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"ME AN' PEXA WENT TO TH' PITCHER SHOW IN PINEY CREEK !!"

"HOW WUZ IT, LOWEEZY?"

"WUNNERFUL !!"

"WE GOT TH' GIANT SIZE POPCORN WIF EXTREE BUTTER--"

"AN' TH' MOVIE WUZ OKAY, TOO !!"

BEEBLE BAILEY

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"GREG! NOT! WALKER"

"WHY ARE YOU USING A SHOVEL INSTEAD OF A SERVING SPOON?"

"I DON'T WANT ANY LEFTOVERS"

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2015. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his elder daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

On this date:

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1815, the state of New Jersey issued the first American railroad charter to John Stevens, who proposed a rail link between Trenton and New Brunswick. (The line, however, was never built.)

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1922, Cardinal Archille Ratti was elected pope; he took the name Pius XI.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1943, a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

In 1958, British European Airways Flight 609 crashed on takeoff from Munich, West Germany, killing 23 of the 44 people on board.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SPEED TRAPS by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
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Ellis scores 21 points to lead Mavericks past Kings

ACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — One night after getting humiliated by Golden State, the Dallas Mavericks took out their frustration on the struggling Sacramento Kings. Monta Ellis had 21 points and six assists to lead the Mavericks, minus Dirk Nowitzki and Rajon Rondo, to a 101-78 victory Thursday. The Mavericks broke open a tie game in the second quarter when they made nine straight shots, including four 3-pointers, in a 3 1/2-minute span as they outscored the Kings 22-6. Dallas had a 37-20 edge in the second to take a 60-43 halftime lead.

Dallas was coming off one of its worst road games of the season Wednesday, squandering a 22-point lead and allowing Stephen Curry to score 51 points in a 128-114 loss to the Warriors. "Everybody knew it was a big game," Mavericks guard J.J. Barea said. "They beat us and someone scored 51 points against us. You never like that." Dallas outstuffed the Kings and forced 17 turnovers. The Mavericks hit 12 3-pointers and committed just nine turnovers. Dallas led by 23 after three quarters and the cushion never

got under 20 points in the fourth. "It was a game we had to get. Last night was a really tough loss," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "We really wanted to bounce back and we did." Tyson Chandler had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Mavericks. Barea and Devin Harris each scored 15 points, and Richard Jefferson added 14. Carlisle chose to rest Nowitzki on the second night of a back-to-back. The veteran forward, second on the team in scoring at 18.2 points per game, missed his fourth game of the season.



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Big shot ...
Howard College's Monica Perez throws up a three-point shot in the second half of their game against South Plains.

Baseball teams alter schedule

The Big Spring High School varsity and junior varsity baseball teams made adjustments to their schedules. The varsity Steers scrimmage on Feb. 14 against Abilene High is been rescheduled for 10 a.m. The JV will scrimmage Snyder on Feb. 21 at noon at Steer Park.

JH tennis tourney set for Feb. 14

The Big Spring Junior High School Tennis Tournament will be get under way on Feb. 14 at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	33	17	.660	—
Brooklyn	20	28	.417	12
Boston	18	30	.375	14
Philadelphia	11	39	.220	22
New York	10	39	.204	22½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	41	9	.820	—
Washington	31	20	.608	10½
Charlotte	22	27	.449	18½
Miami	21	28	.429	19½
Orlando	15	37	.288	27

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	31	20	.608	—
Chicago	30	20	.600	½
Milwaukee	27	22	.551	3
Detroit	19	31	.380	11½
Indiana	18	32	.360	12½

Cousins, SAC 36 110 339 449 12.5
Randolph, MEM 40 158 325 483 12.1
Chandler, DAL 50 200 403 603 12.1
Gasol, CHI 47 140 423 563 12.0
Vucevic, ORL 46 148 371 519 11.3
Love, CLE 49 108 407 515 10.5
Davis, NOR 44 119 340 459 10.4
Aldridge, POR 44 118 337 455 10.3

Assists

G	AST	AVG	
Wall, WAS	51	521	10.2
Lawson, DEN	48	479	10.0
Paul, LAC	50	477	9.5
Rondo, DAL	43	374	8.7
Curry, GOL	47	379	8.1
Teague, ATL	46	347	7.5
Westbrook, OKC	35	264	7.5
James, CLE	41	304	7.4
Carter-Williams, PHL	41	302	7.4
Lowry, TOR	50	368	7.4

Colorado 22 19 11 55 134 146
Minnesota 24 20 6 54 138 140
Dallas 23 20 8 54 162 167

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	34	12	6	74	157	140
San Jose	28	18	7	63	149	144
Calgary	29	20	3	61	152	132
Vancouver	28	19	3	59	135	131
Los Angeles	21	18	12	54	136	139
Arizona	19	26	7	45	121	173
Edmonton	14	29	9	37	120	172

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 2, SO
Carolina 2, Arizona 1, SO
St. Louis 3, Buffalo 0
Washington 2, Ottawa 1
Florida 3, Los Angeles 2
Anaheim 5, Nashville 2
Tampa Bay 5, Dallas 3
Detroit 3, Colorado 0
San Jose 5, Vancouver 1

Friday's Games
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Fort Wayne at Iowa, 8 p.m.
Canton at Sioux Falls, 8 p.m.
Rio Grande Valley at Texas, 8 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Austin, 8:30 p.m.
Santa Cruz at Idaho, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Reno, 10 p.m.

BOXING
Fight Schedule
Feb. 6 — At Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi, Miss. (ESPN2), Abie Han vs. Sergio Mora, 12, for Taylor's IBF middleweight title.
Feb. 12 — At Chetumal, Mexico, Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Jorge Silva, 10, welterweights; Vic Darchinyan vs. Juan Jimenez, 10, super bantamweights.
Feb. 13 — At the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn. (ESPN2), Boxcino Quarterfinals-Junior Middleweights: Cleotis Pendarvis vs. Ricardo Pinnell; Stanyaslav Skorokhod vs. Michael Moore; Brandon Adams vs. Alex Perez; Vito Gasparian vs. Simeon Hardy.
Feb. 14 — At Tepic, Mexico, David Sanchez vs. Juan Alberto Rosas, 12, for the interim WBA super flyweight title.
At Resorts World Casino, New York, Derric Rossy vs. Akhorr Muralimov, 10, for the IBF North American heavyweight title.
Feb. 20 — At Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), Boxcino Quarterfinals-Heavyweights: Donovan Dennis vs. Steve Vukosa; Razvan Cojano vs. Ed Fountain; Andrey Fedosov vs. Nate Heaven; Mario Heredia vs. Lenroy Thomas.
April 24 — At Madison Square Garden, N.Y. (HBO), Wladimir Klitschko vs. Bryant Jennings, 12, for Klitschko's IBF/WBA/WBO/IBO heavyweight titles.

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with LHP Wade Miley on a three-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Baker, INF Cole Figueroa, INF Jonathan Galvez, C Juan Graterol, INF Nick Noonan and C Eddy Rodriguez on minor league contracts.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Jill Campbell vice president of communications & marketing and Warren Miller director of communications.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Toronto G DeMar DeRozan \$15,000 for making excessive contact with Brooklyn G-F Bojan Bogdanovic during a Feb. 4 game.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Assigned F Cleanthony Early to head coacher (NBADL).
ORLANDO MAGIC — Fired coach Jacque Vaughn. Named James Borrego interim coach.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed G Tim Frazier to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Agrees to terms with running backs coach Stan Drayton.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Butch Barry assistant offensive line coach and Andrew Weidinger and Miles Smith quality control coaches.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Dick LeBeau assistant head coach in charge of defense. Promoted Mike Mulroney to assistant head coach along with coaching tight ends. Named Jason Tucker wide receivers coach. Waived-injured OT Michael Oher.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS —

Announced the retirement of P Mike Renaud.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled F Alex Bolduc from Portland (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Recalled RW Brett Ritchie from Texas (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled D Steven Kampfer from San Antonio (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed Hamilton G Mike Condon to a two-year contract extension through the 2016-17 season. Recalled F Jacob del la Rose from Hamilton (AHL).
WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled F Patrice Cormier from St. John's (AHL). Placed F Evander Kane on injured reserve.
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Adirondack D John Ramage two games for a boarding incident in a Feb. 4 game against Iowa.
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed D Jared Nightingale to a professional tryout. Released G Pat Nagle from his professional tryout.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Mackenzie Weegar from Cincinnati (ECHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
DALLAS — Waived F Brian Span.
COLLEGE
BARTON — Named Ricardo Oliveira men's assistant soccer coach.
COLORADO — Named Jim Leavitt defensive coordinator and Joe Tumpkin safeties coach.
ILLINOIS — Announced assistant football coach Mike Bellamy was suspended for one game next season after the NCAA ruled that he improperly helped a recruit get an associate's degree.

Western Conference

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	37	12	.755	—
Houston	34	15	.694	3
Dallas	34	18	.654	4½
San Antonio	31	18	.633	6
New Orleans	26	23	.531	11

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	34	16	.680	—
Oklahoma City	25	24	.510	8½
Denver	19	31	.380	15
Utah	17	32	.347	16½
Minnesota	9	40	.184	24½

BIG 12 CONFERENCE
Men's Standings

W	L	RCT	W	L	PCT	
Kansas	8	1	889	19	3	.864
West Virginia	6	3	.667	18	4	.818
Iowa St.	6	3	.667	16	5	.762
Oklahoma	6	4	.600	15	7	.682
Baylor	5	4	.556	17	5	.773
Oklahoma St.	5	5	.500	15	7	.682
Kansas St.	5	5	.500	12	11	.522
Texas	3	6	.333	14	8	.636
Texas Tech	2	8	.200	12	11	.522
TCU	1	8	.111	14	8	.636

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
Baylor at West Virginia, Noon
Kansas at Oklahoma St., 2 p.m.
Texas Tech at Iowa St., 2 p.m.
Oklahoma at TCU, 3 p.m.
Texas at Kansas St., 4 p.m.

NBA Development League

East Conference

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Sioux Falls	17	11	.607	—
Fort Wayne	18	12	.600	—
Iowa	16	12	.571	1
Grand Rapids	15	12	.556	1½

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Maine	18	10	.643	—
Canton	16	14	.533	3
Erie	12	18	.400	7
Delaware	11	17	.393	7
Westchester	8	20	.286	10

West Conference

Southwestern Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Austin	19	9	.679	—
Oklahoma City	17	13	.567	3
Texas	15	13	.536	4
Rio Grande	15	14	.517	4½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Bakersfield	20	10	.667	—
Santa Cruz	17	11	.607	2
Reno	12	15	.444	6½
Los Angeles	9	21	.300	11
Idaho	4	27	.129	16½

Thursday's Games
Iowa 107, Delaware 99
Lowe 101, Maine 96
Reno 131, Los Angeles 130
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Oklahoma City at Bakersfield, 10 p.m.

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NBA Leaders

Scoring

G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG	
Harden, HOU	49	405	384	1324	27.0
James, CLE	41	376	251	1071	26.1
Westbrook, OKC	35	310	238	890	25.4
Davis, NOR	44	417	246	1080	24.5
Anthony, NYK	38	343	176	919	24.2
Cousins, SAC	36	297	257	852	23.7
Aldridge, POR	44	410	196	1041	23.7
Curry, GOL	47	386	191	1110	23.6
Griffin, LAC	50	439	237	1123	22.5
Thompson, GOL	46	372	143	1032	22.4
Bryant, LAL	35	266	196	782	22.3
Irving, CLE	48	373	192	1039	21.6
Lillard, POR	50	365	219	1074	21.5
Wade, MIA	35	291	153	750	21.4
Bosh, MIA	41	319	171	867	21.1
Butler, CHI	46	305	289	948	20.6
Ellis, DAL	52	418	159	1060	20.4
Gay, SAC	45	320	224	910	20.2
Vucevic, ORL	46	393	112	900	19.6
Hayward, UTA	49	315	231	944	19.3

Rebounds

G	OFF	DEFT	TOT	AVG	
Jordan, LAC	50	223	458	681	13.6
Drummond, DET	50	250	398	648	13.0

Transactions

BASEBALL

West Conference

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SOCCER
Major League Soccer
DALLAS — Waived F Brian Span.
COLLEGE
BARTON — Named Ricardo Oliveira men's assistant soccer coach.
COLORADO — Named Jim Leavitt defensive coordinator and Joe Tumpkin safeties coach.
ILLINOIS — Announced assistant football coach Mike Bellamy was suspended for one game next season after the NCAA ruled that he improperly helped a recruit get an associate's degree.

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 94, Washington 87
Cleveland 105, L.A. Clippers 94
Dallas 101, Sacramento 78
Portland 108, Phoenix 87

Friday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Okla. City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	33	15	5	71	172	138
Detroit	30	12	9	69	152	129
Montreal	32	15	3	67	132	114
Boston	27	17	7	61	136	127
Florida	23	17	10	56	125	142
Ottawa	20	21	9	49	138	140
Toronto	22	26	4	48	147	160
Buffalo	15	34	3	33	97	184

Metropolitan Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	33	17	1	67	163	145
Pittsburgh	29	14	8	66	147	129
N.Y. Rangers	30	15	4	64	148	117
Washington	27	15	10	64	153	130
Philadelphia	22	22	8	52	142	154
New Jersey	20	22	9	49	115	139
Columbus	21	25	3	45	121	155
Carolina	18	26	7	43	111	135

Western Conference

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	33	12	6	72	155	123
St. Louis	34	13	4	72	165	121
Chicago	31	18	2	64	155	118
Winnipeg	26	18	9	61	146	140

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HC kicks off 3-game series in Houston

The Howard College Hawks are scheduled to begin a three-game road swing in the Greater Houston area this afternoon.

Howard, 2-0 following last weekend's win over the Wayland Baptist University JV, faces Pensacola Junior College at 9 a.m. this morning. They face Navarro and San Jacinto north at Noon on Saturday and Sunday.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Jackie Castillo scrambles to tie up a ball against Levelland. The Lady Steers face Snyder tonight.

SNYDER

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does guard August Alexander and Diamonique Mayes.

Rodriguez leads the team in scoring this season.

Snyder, which is 7-19 for the season, is led by Chelsea Lambaren.

Though not quite in the same situation, the Big Spring Steers will also be facing an important task when they step onto the court this evening. Fresh off an emotionally taxing 56-53 loss to Levelland at

home, Big Spring needs a win over Snyder to strengthen its hold on fourth place in the District 2-4A standings. The Steers currently hold a two-game lead over Sweetwater with three games to play.

BSHS head coach Ian Ritchey said it was vital for his team to put the Levelland loss behind them and take care of business against Snyder, which enters tonight's matchup winless in district.

"We have to shake it off and come back to work," he said. "This is a very important game for us. If we lose this, it puts us behind the 8-ball. They (the players) realize this so I don't think I will have too much trouble motivating them."

Big Spring is led into the contest with one of the district's top 1-2-3 punches in Ty Sealy, Tyler Bryan and Tobby Tannehill. The two 6-foot-4 seniors are both averaging more than 10 points per game this season.

Few, if any, Steers have played as well as Tannehill over the past

District 2-4A GIRLS		
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
y-Levelland	8-0	27-2
Lamesa	5-3	11-12
Big Spring	4-4	14-15
Estacado	4-4	7-22
Snyder	3-5	7-19
Sweetwater	0-8	3-18

BOYS		
Team	Season W-L	Conf. W-L
Estacado	6-0	20-7
Lamesa	4-2	16-8
Levelland	4-2	17-9
Big Spring	3-3	16-9
Sweetwater	1-5	8-11
Snyder	0-6	7-1

Tonight's Games - Sweetwater at Lubbock Estacado; Snyder at Big Spring; Lamesa at Levelland.

few weeks. In that span, he has averaged almost a double-double each night. Against Levelland, Tannehill led the team in scoring with 12 points.

Matt Yanez and Kei-Shawn Broussard have also played well in district.

Big Spring heads into tonight's showdown with a 16-9 record. Snyder is 7-18.

The Big Spring-Snyder varsity boys' game will tip off at approximately 8 p.m.

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Rivalry time ...
Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols talks to his team during a break in a recent game. The Bulldogs will host Colorado City tonight in District 5-3A play.

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BSCC to hold 4-person scramble on Feb. 21-22

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 4-person scramble on Feb. 21-22.

The entry fee for the event is \$120 per player, plus the cost of a cart rental. Private carts are welcome on Saturday and Sunday.

The scramble is scheduled to get under way at p.m. on both days with a

shotgun start.

Entry includes a muligan each day as well as barbecue on Saturday. Practice rounds are available on Friday.

The field will be flighted by first round scores. The number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

For more information call 432-267-5354.

HC women to face Temple in doubleheader on Sat.

The Howard College women's softball team will return to action this weekend when they face off against Temple College in a game that was rescheduled from last week due to inclement weather conditions.

Howard College, 1-1 overall following a split with a series with Weatherford College on Thurs-

day, will begin the twin-bill at noon.

The Lady Hawks opened the season with an 8-2 win over Weatherford on Thursday. The lost the final, 7-6.

Howard College will travel to Ranger on Monday to face off with the Lady Rangers, beginning at 1 p.m.

BSHS cheerleaders to offer Valentine's babysitting help

The BSHS cheerleaders will be offering a night of babysitting on Feb. 13, from 6-10 p.m. at Steer Gym.

Children in grades from kindergarten through fifth grade, are eligible.

The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$25 per additional child. The price includes pizza, water, snacks, and entertainment

Sign-ups will run through Feb. 12.



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