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Filing stagnant for council posts; Deadline March 1

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring say filings for the May 11 election have been moving along slowly as the March 1 deadline for political hopefuls to file their candidacy approaches.



The mayoral seat, along with McLellan the District 5 seat on the council, will be decided by the May 11 contest.

Incumbent Mayor Tommy Duncan has indicated he will not seek a second term in the office, saying he never intended to serve more than one term in the position.

“When I ran for office, I was really reluctant to do so, but I was contacted by several people to step forward and serve the community, and that’s what I did,” Duncan said. “I never intended to serve more than one term.”

The seat has drawn a single political hopeful so far. Local businessman and former Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board president Larry McLellan filed in early February to run for the seat.

McLellan said one of his main areas of focus, if elected, will be the city’s aging infrastructure.

“We have to stop talking about the needs of our city’s infrastructure and start doing something about it,” McLel-

lan said firmly. “We’ve seen steady increases in sales tax revenues over the past few years and we need to begin using that money to address our problems, not pad our

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Region bee bound

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Five Big Spring Independent School District students are hoping to spell their way to Washington D.C.



McCaister



Roberts



Norman



Paradez



Sarmiento

The five spellers will represent their campuses and BSISD when they participate

in the Scripps-Howard Regional Spelling Bee, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday on the Midland College

campus.

The students qualified for

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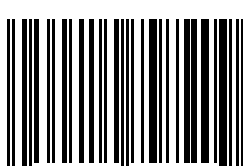
Howard College students show their school spirit during Monday’s basketball homecoming game against Odessa College. The Howard College band, dance troupe, cheerleaders and Howie, the school mascot all performed at halftime of the games Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Legislature at work

Education leaders discuss curriculum, testing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Top public education leaders in both chambers of the Texas Legislature are meeting to discuss high school graduation requirements, standardized testing rules and other proposed changes to the state’s classrooms.

The Senate Education Committee convened this morning. Its members are talking about proposed changes to state-wide exams and a bill by committee chairman Dan Patrick designed to offer high school students more choice to focus on college preparation or vocational training when selecting their classes.

The House Public Education Committee meets later to discuss a rash of bills on high school curriculum requirements, testing and school accountability.



Also set for discussion then are modifications to a currently suspended rule requiring that high school students’ results on end-of-course exams count 15 percent toward their final grades in core subjects.

Texas lawmakers take up \$2B water measure

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers are expected to begin public hearings on a proposed \$2 billion fund to finance water projects across the state.

The House Natural Resources Committee will hear testimony today about using money from the Rainy Day Fund to create a water development bank.

The State Water Development Board says Texans need to spend \$53 billion over the next 50 years to make sure the state has enough water for a growing population. Committee Chairman Alan Ritter has proposed a \$2 billion revolving fund that he says can finance those needs.

Texas has one of the fastest growing populations in the country, and a recent drought has demonstrated the state’s vulnerability.

The proposal is known as the State Water Infrastructure Fund for Texas, or SWIFT.



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Obituaries

Alvin Dudley Jenkins



Alvin Dudley Jenkins, 88, passed away Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, at his residence in Big Spring, Texas. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, at Trinity Memorial Park Chapel with Mike Couch of First Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013.

Dudley, son of Mannie and Mel Jenkins, was born April 27, 1924, in Abilene. Dudley served in the Army during World War II in the Pacific, including the liberation of the Philippines. After serving his country in the Army from 1943 to 1946, Dudley returned to Abilene, where he met Ora Ballew and they married April 14, 1947. During their years of marriage they lived in Abilene and San Angelo for a short time and settled in Big Spring by 1951 to make their home.

Dudley worked as a city bus driver in Abilene, where he met his wife and spent a short period of time working at Banner Ice Creamery and then went to work for Texas Electric Service Co. in 1952 to begin a 34 year career ending as material coordinator. He made lifelong friends who became more like family to him through the years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and held numerous positions through the years.

Dudley is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ora; daughters, Sandra Hughey of Odessa, Virginia Taylor and husband Dale of Big Spring; and one son, Bill Jenkins and wife Dolores of Big Spring.

Also known as Papaw, he is survived by grandchildren, Raymond Jenkins of Merkel, Michael Jenkins and wife Amanda of Little Elm, Derek Hicks of Dallas, Ryan Hughey and wife Jana of Lubbock and Nina Armstrong and husband Mack of San Antonio; four great-grandchildren, Kameron Armstrong, Rylan Hughey, Whittany Jenkins and Mason Jenkins; step-grandchildren, Amanda Blissard and daughters Myka and Aubrey, Casey and Kara Taylor and children Azelyn and Casen and Jessica and John Raymond Barrioz and children Josalyn and Jaicie. He is also survived by a sister, Jody Miller of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; three sisters; and a son-in-law, Norman Hughey in 2009.

Pallbearers will be Dudley's grandchildren, Raymond Jenkins, Michael Jenkins, Derek Hicks, Ryan Hughey and Nina Armstrong. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Henderson and Jeff Alexander.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Lung Association in research for COPD, 8150 Brookriver Dr. Suite S102, Dallas, TX 75247-4053; or Compass Hospice, 602 S. Main, Big Spring, TX 79720, whom the family wishes to thank.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home of Big Spring. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

- RONALD STANLEY HASELBY, 62, of Carlsbad, N.M., was arrested Monday on a charge of urinating in a public place.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 32, of 2513 Dow, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of E. 13th Street.
- THEFT was reported:
In the 7000 block of N. Service Road.
In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- MOSES ANDREW DUTTON, 63, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the

BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – vulgar language and a California warrant for parole violation.

- SALENA MARIE TAYLOR, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ADOLFO FRANCO, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on an attorney general motion to revoke community supervision.
- ADAN ZAVALOTA, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on Travis County warrants for fugitive – driving while intoxicated and fugitive – failure to identify (giving false information).
- JAIME DIAZ-PENA, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a Clark County, Nev., warrant for fugitive – violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- JOSEPH EVERETT BARHAM, 21, was booked into the county detention center Friday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- SIRRON KIRK FLEMING JR., 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on Taylor County warrants for criminal mischief – more than \$50 and less than \$500 (two counts) and a Taylor County bench warrant for possession of marijuana.
- LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ, 18, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for speeding.
- ARON OAKLEY KNUDSON, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRINIDAD CEDILLO, 29, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ, 45, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- ARTHUR LYNN RICHARDSON, 49, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for no seat belt – passenger.
- CRISTA CAROLYN COKER, 22, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a Callahan County warrant for theft by check.
- JOYCE ROBERTSON COFFMAN, 56, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear (two counts).
- TERRY JEFF WEBB, 50, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ISMAEL SAIZ, 51, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.
- CHARLES ALLEN KEY, 33, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- KENNETH EVANS MCGRUDER, 66, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault by threat.
- JACKIE MURPHREE JR., 19, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JODY KYLE ROGERS, 53, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ANDREA DELGADO, 19, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to stop at a designated point, violation of a promise to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and failure to appear (two counts).
- JEREMY JOHNATHAN DAVIS, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA JOEL RIOS, 29, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOHN EDWARD MOSS, 52, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLIE RAY CARROLL, 43, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONALD HASELBY, 62, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROGER HOLMES, 64, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- JOHN FLORES JR., 48, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on an Austin parole violation.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- RONALD HASELBY, 62, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of urinating in public.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 2/20	Thu 2/21	Fri 2/22
66/46 A mix of clouds and sun early, then becoming cloudy later in the day. High 66F. Winds SE at 20 to 30 mph.	61/41 Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	65/39 Sunny and wind. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 6:36 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:37 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	64	46	mst sunny	Kingsville	73	61	cloudy
Amarillo	58	36	pt sunny	Livingston	66	43	mst sunny
Austin	67	49	pt sunny	Longview	62	43	sunny
Beaumont	65	45	mst sunny	Lubbock	60	38	mst sunny
Brownsville	75	66	cloudy	Lufkin	66	44	mst sunny
Brownwood	65	46	mst sunny	Midland	66	48	cloudy
Corpus Christi	69	61	pt sunny	Raymondville	74	64	cloudy
Corsicana	61	43	mst sunny	Rosenberg	68	50	mst sunny
Dallas	62	43	sunny	San Antonio	70	52	cloudy
Del Rio	71	53	cloudy	San Marcos	68	49	pt sunny
El Paso	70	42	windy	Sulphur Springs	60	43	sunny
Fort Stockton	67	47	windy	Sweetwater	64	45	pt sunny
Gainesville	58	39	sunny	Tyler	62	45	sunny
Greenville	59	40	sunny	Weatherford	60	41	mst sunny
Houston	68	50	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	60	40	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	30	rain	Minneapolis	6	-9	flurries
Boston	47	31	rain	New York	46	31	rain
Chicago	19	7	sn shower	Phoenix	67	48	windy
Dallas	62	43	sunny	San Francisco	51	40	rain
Denver	45	22	pt sunny	Seattle	48	35	pt sunny
Houston	68	50	mst sunny	St. Louis	37	18	pt sunny
Los Angeles	56	42	rain	Washington, DC	50	31	rain
Miami	80	61	pt sunny				

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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The Howard College dance troupe performs Monday night during homecoming activities with basketball games with Odessa College.

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News in brief

Senators working on immigration overhaul weigh uniting families vs. employment needs

WASHINGTON (AP) — If America is a nation of immigrants, it's also a nation of immigrants' husbands, wives, parents and children — and their brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews too.

That could begin to change under legislation being written in the Senate, where the nation's longstanding emphasis on family-based immigration is coming under scrutiny.

Unlike most other industrialized nations, the U.S. awards a much larger proportion of green cards to family members of U.S. citizens and permanent residents than to foreigners with job prospects here. About two-thirds of permanent legal immigration to the U.S. is family-based, compared with about 15 percent that is employment-based, according to the Migration Policy Institute. The remainder is largely humanitarian.

It's a lopsided ratio that may change under a bill being crafted by a Senate bipartisan negotiating group that is aiming to release legislation next month.

Several senators involved in the talks said employment-based immigration must increase to help American competitiveness and the U.S. economy. High-tech companies have been pleading for more workers, and some Republicans, in particular,

believe the educational backgrounds and employment potential of prospective immigrants should be a bigger part of the calculus in awarding green cards, the permanent resident visas that are the key step toward citizenship.

With source of fire that disabled Carnival cruise ship known, Coast Guard seeks to learn more

ATLANTA (AP) — Now that investigators have determined the origins of the engine-room fire that paralyzed a Carnival cruise ship at sea for five days, they will try to learn more about the cause, the crew's response, and why the ship was disabled for so long.

A Coast Guard official said Monday that a leak in a fuel oil return line caused the engine-room fire that disabled the Carnival Triumph in the Gulf of Mexico, leaving 4,200 people without power or working toilets for five days.

Cmdr. Teresa Hatfield addressed the finding in a conference call with reporters. She estimated that the investigation of the disabled ship would take six months.

Hatfield said the Bahamas — where the ship is registered, or flagged — is leading the investigation, with the Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board representing U.S. interests in

the probe. The vessel was in international waters at the time of the incident.

She said investigators have been with the massive 14-story vessel since it arrived Thursday in Mobile, Ala. They have interviewed passengers and crew, and forensic analysis has been performed on the ship.

House Democrats in Colorado narrowly pass gun control bills

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's Democratic-controlled House has narrowly passed a handful of gun control bills, signaling a political shift in the wake of recent mass shootings and pressure from the White House.

"Enough is enough. I'm sick and tired of bloodshed," said Democratic Rep. Rhonda Fields, who sponsored a bill limiting the size of ammunition magazines. Fields, whose son was fatally shot in 2005, represents the district where a gunman opened fire at a suburban Denver movie theater last summer.

The bill was among four that the legislative chamber passed Monday amid strong resistance from Republicans, who were joined by a few Democrats. The ammunition restrictions measure passed 34-31 after three Democrats joined all Republicans voting no.

House lawmakers began debating Friday.

BEE

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Saturday's event by winning spelling contests at their respective campuses, said Robin Ritchey, BSISD spelling bee coordinator.

The five campus winners are:

- Big Spring Junior High School seventh-grader Rachel McCalister, daughter of Sharon Carter and Carnel Carter, whose winning words were "opulent" and "implicit."
- Marcy Elementary's Daniel Roberts, the son of Mike and Jenifer Roberts. His winning word was "flirtatious."

- Goliad Elementary fifth-grader Marli Norman, the daughter of Amy Briseno.
- Washington Elementary fourth-grader Mikayla Paredez, the daughter of Jerry and Marlina Paredez.
- Moss Elementary fifth-grader Anthony Sarmiento, the son of Tony and Jennifer

Sarmiento. His winning word was "convention." The winner of Saturday's regional event advances to the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee, to be held later this year in Washington, D.C.

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FILING

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general fund. It's good to have a healthy general fund, however, there's work that needs to be done. It's time to take action."

Also to be filled in the May 11 election is the District 5 seat on the council, currently held by Craig Olson, who has also indicated he will not seek a second term.

"I will not seek re-election for the Dis-

trict 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council," Olson said. "One term is enough. Ongoing business commitments, as well as recreational activities continue to require constant attention. I know (the citizens) will understand."

The seat has yet to attract a political hopeful, according to officials with the city of Big Spring administration. Prospective candi-

dates can pick up filing packets from city hall — located at 310 Nolan St. — until March 1.

The election itself will be coordinated by the Howard County Elections Administration Office. For more information on filing, contact Big Spring City Hall at 432-264-2513.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Wrap us in your loving grace, dear Lord, when times seem unbearable.

Amen

Liberal media: Obama's front line

It seems the liberal media are more concerned about Sen. Marco Rubio's midspeech sip of water than about President Obama's State of the Union commitment to double down on his disastrous policies.

What will it take for once-reasonable people to become alarmed at the state of this nation's fiscal condition, its stagnant economy and its egregious unemployment? Is there no number of irresponsible liberal policies from an extremist liberal president that will exceed their willingness to tolerate? Do liberal media — and rank-and-file Democrats, for that matter — believe that this recklessness can go on forever?

Knowing President Obama's capacity for fiscal folly and for scapegoating others for problems he's caused, even I find it hard to believe he could stand before the nation and masquerade as a Washington outsider — as a crusader against the squalid conditions he is engineering and exacerbating.

Are these media people truly engulfed in as blinding an ideological fog as it seems? Or are they just cynical co-conspirators in Obama's deceitful self-depiction as a model bipartisan who is actually seeking a “balanced approach” to resolving our fiscal crisis — as opposed to leveraging the crisis to further gouge the “wealthy”?

Balanced? We all know — it's undeniable — that we have a spending problem and that we are not taxed too little.

Our government is bloated beyond belief, and Republicans have already joined Obama in raising the rates and reducing the deductions for the evil ones. Yet he continues to resist meaningful entitlement reform and real spending cuts and all the while deceives the American people with the scandalous whopper that he has already implemented more than half the

cuts we need to “stabilize” the debt problem.

Shame on the media for allowing him to get away with this! Shame on them for not refuting his misrepresentations about the enormous cost and tax increases unfolding with Obamacare.

While Obama is obstructing solutions for real crises and manufacturing phony ones (gun control), he is accusing Republicans of conducting “business by drifting from one manufactured crisis to the next.” No other occupant of the Oval Office has come close to such an adolescent level of projection — of falsely accusing his political opponents of the very tactics he has employed. But his cohorts in the media and elsewhere gleefully give him a pass.

They sit silently as Vice President Joe Biden boasts that the administration will not permit the Constitution to get in its way of imposing further restrictions on guns.

They say nothing as Obama proposes draconian solutions for mass shootings that violate the Second Amendment, downplay the real cause of the problems and outright ignore scientific research.

They are mute as Obama makes his dictatorial threats to take unilateral executive action if Republicans refuse to comply with his demands for more business-killing programs in service to the gods of global warming.

They dutifully disregard the inevitably negative consequences of Obama's calls for increases in the minimum wage. At what point do these self-congratulatory people feel a tinge of remorse for promoting policies that harm the people they promise to help?

Are they honestly unaware that there is a level beyond which you harm, rather than help, people by exploding our food stamp rolls, forcing employers to pay wages higher than they can afford, extending unemployment benefits and legislating other transfer payments?

Does it ever occur to them that we wouldn't need to have all these counterproductive programs of “compassion” if our most beneficent president would

quit smothering the private sector with his onerous spending, taxes and regulations?

Apparently not, because we see no curiosity from them, much less any criticism, about Obama's grandiose plan for universal preschool for every 4-year-old in the United States, while he opposes school choice solutions to help free inner-city children from inferior schools. We see no economic analysis that would show the inverse relationship between the amount of money the federal government has poured into education and the results it has produced.

I don't expect the media to understand, let alone affirm, that it's free market competition, not government central planning, that has created wealth in this country, but how about a modicum of honesty from them about the utter waste and failure of Obama's stimulus package, which he promised would get the economy moving again?

Then again, how can we realistically expect the leftist media to hold the perennially unaccountable Obama to account for anything in his 2013 SOTU address when they have wholly ignored his broken promises from past SOTU speeches, such as his pledge to cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term, his assurance that his stimulus plan would save or create 3.5 million jobs in two years, his avowal that Obamacare would result in universal health insurance coverage and his declaration that he would create gazillions of green energy jobs?

America's liberty burns while the media fiddle.

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The anti-Washington candidate

Republicans are seen, and most Republicans see themselves, as the anti-government party. Republican solutions to most of the country's problems begin with, or at a minimum include, shrinking the size, scope and spending of government — unless you're discussing the military budget. Democrats, in stark contrast, mostly believe the government can be and has been an instrument of both social justice and economic growth.

Somebody much smarter than I, with a dollop of cynicism, once observed that American voters send pro-government Democrats to Washington to be sure voters get all the benefits and services the federal government offers and that those same voters send anti-tax Republicans to Washington so that they, the voters, will not have to pay for those government services.

An old Irish saying held that the Devil was an angel until he started knocking his old hometown. There is no recorded evidence that President Barack Obama has ever heard this line. But he certainly does, especially for a Democrat, spend a lot of time knocking his adopted hometown of Washington — a place he has spent the better part of six years of his life and a couple of billion dollars in order to live in its most prestigious public housing.

To a crowd in Seattle, the president announced, “It's good to be outside of Washington.” Nevadans heard Obama declare: “You know, it's always a pleasure to get out of Washington. Washington is OK, but it's nice taking time to talk to Americans of every walk of life outside the nation's capital.”

Cannon Falls, Minn.: “So I am very pleased to be out of Washington.” Strongsville, Ohio: “Good to be here in the Buckeye State. And it's even better to be out of Washington for a while.”

Why so eager to leave D.C.? To Asheville, N.C.: “Not much listening” (in Washington), too much “political point-scoring.”

To Racine, Wis.: “But it's wonderful to be here, and it's just nice to get out of Washington.” Columbus, Ohio, heard the president criticize sharply the “kind of game-playing we've gotten used to in Washington,” while Denver learned that “a lot of folks have lost confidence in Washington.” So voters don't much like or trust Washington? Neither, if you listen to what he has said, does their Democratic president.

Who can argue, after Obama became the only U.S. president since hero Dwight David Eisenhower, to win a majority of the popular vote in successive national elections, that voters have not been charmed or impressed by the president's anti-Washington lyrics?

But missing from such rhetoric is the Democrats' historic summons to a public sector that abolished slavery, ended racial segregation, saved the Great

Lakes and built the world's greatest higher education system.

Absent is the inspiring call of John Kennedy: “Let the public service be a good and lively career. And let every man and woman who works in an area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and with honor in future years, ‘I served the United States government in that hour of our nation's need.’”

This is about much more than words or quotes.

It is about a national mood and spirit that an American president can influence or even inspire. After thousands of Americans, during the New Frontier, volunteered to join the brand-new Peace Corps, skeptics were astonished.

Perhaps the best explanation for that remarkable outpouring was offered by a young woman who became a volunteer: “I'd never done anything political, patriotic or unselfish, because nobody ever asked me to — Kennedy asked.” Will the same be said 50 years from now about Americans who had been inspired to public service — that Obama asked?

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Newspaper Golf

Be an engineer and design a golf club and golf ball made out of newspaper and masking tape. Draw a picture of what your club will look like.

Next, dive into technology and make a sturdy club.

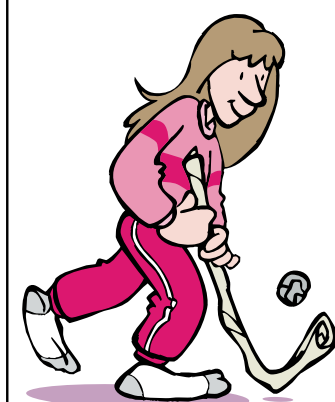
Then, roll up newspaper to make a golf ball and cover it with tape.

What can you use as a target for your golf ball? Try a plastic container, a cup or ... ?

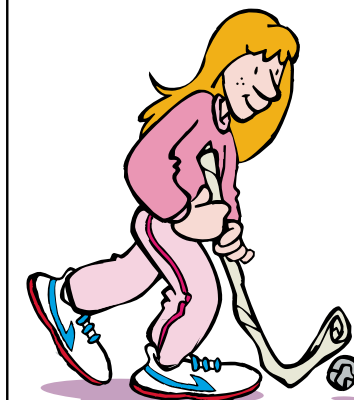
Design a challenging course around your home or in the backyard.

Once you have your clubs, a ball and a course, play a game of golf with a friend or family member.

Remember that in golf, the lowest score wins.



How many differences can you spot between these pictures?



Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GOLF in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



Write On!

Fastest Ever

Write a paragraph about a fast animal or machine, include at least three facts and one opinion.

YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE STEM ZONE™

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. Chevron and the United States Golf Association (USGA) are bringing science to life by showing how STEM studies play a big role in the game of golf. This page is the first in a series of special Kid Scoop pages created through this partnership.

FUEL FOR THOUGHT WHICH IS FASTER?

Do the math to find out.

RUNNING CHEETAH
(30 x 2) + 10 = _____ MPH

PRO BASEBALL PITCH
(31 x 3) + 3 = _____ MPH

PRO HOCKEY SHOT
(33 x 3) + 1 = _____ MPH

PRO TENNIS SERVE
(54 x 2) + 47 = _____ MPH

PRO GOLFER DRIVE
(58 x 3) + 1 = _____ MPH

Some people think golf is a slow game. But it clocks some of the **highest speeds** in the world of sports! Hitting a ball hundreds of yards into a tiny hole with the least strokes possible requires some serious speed.

Sir Isaac Newton



No relation to Sir Isaac.

Speed in the STEM Zone™

Speed is about *motion*. An English scientist named Isaac Newton came up with ideas about motion that have been tested and proven again and again. His ideas are called **Newton's Laws of Motion**.

NEWTON'S FIRST LAW OF MOTION:

Any object at rest will stay at rest, until a force causes it to move. An object in motion will stay in motion, until a force causes it to stop.

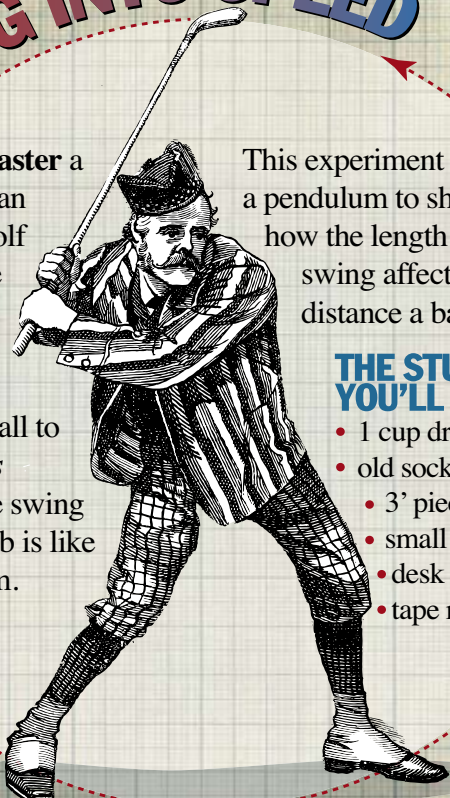
IT'S THE LAW!



(WHICH MEANS THIS BALL WILL SIT HERE FOREVER UNLESS SOMETHING HITS IT.)

SWING INTO SPEED

The **faster** a golfer can make a golf ball go, the **farther** it will travel. How does a golfer get a ball to go faster? *It's science!* The swing of a golf club is like a pendulum.



This experiment uses a pendulum to show how the length of the swing affects the distance a ball travels.

THE STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

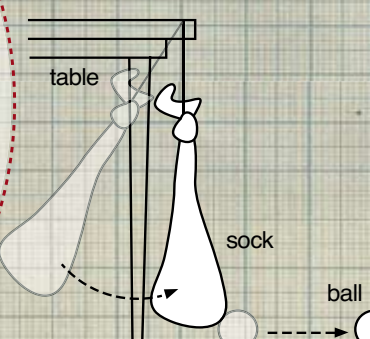
- 1 cup dry rice
- old sock
- 3' piece of string
- small ball
- desk or table
- tape measure

Scientist's Notebook

Question: Does the length of swing change the speed of the ball?

Hypothesis: (Your guess here) _____

PENDULUM OF DOOM!*



Experiment:

1. Pour the rice into the sock and knot the open end.
2. Tie one end of the string around the knot in the sock. Securely tape the other end to the top edge of the table so that the sock hangs just above the floor.
3. Set the ball on the floor so that its side touches the sock. Pull the sock about 3 inches (5 cm) away from the ball. Release the sock and let it hit the ball.
4. Allow the ball to roll to a stop. Measure how far it traveled.
5. Repeat steps 3 - 4, pulling the sock back about 10 inches (25 cm).

Conclusion: Was your hypothesis correct? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What did you learn from this experiment? _____

*This experiment contains no actual doom (unless you use a stinky sock).

STEM Connection:

The swing of the golf club is like the hanging sock pendulum. The weight and mass of the sock stayed the same – but the distance the sock traveled changed. Golfers use their longest clubs when hitting off the tee. A shorter club can't get the same speed.



Extra! Extra!

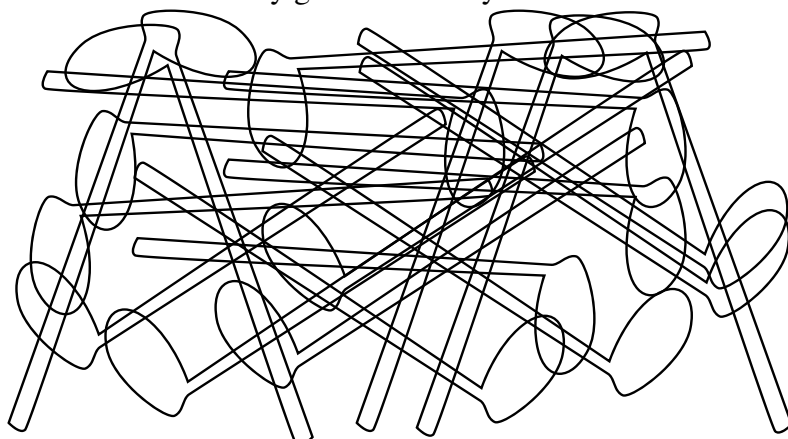
Cause and Effect

The experiment, *Pendulum of Doom*, is an example of **cause and effect**. The length of the swing (“cause”) changed the speed of the ball (“effect”). Look through the newspaper to locate articles and identify **cause and effect**.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify cause and effect.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many golf clubs can you find here?



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Extend simple patterns.

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Double Double Word Search

EXPERIMENT
HYPOTHESIS
SCIENTIST
MOTION
NEWTON
OBJECT
FASTER
FORCE
FLOOR
SPEED
DOOM
GOLF
REST
SOCK
LAW

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

K	E	N	G	R	L	R	I	F	M
O	C	S	S	P	E	E	D	O	O
B	H	O	S	T	F	S	T	R	O
J	W	C	S	I	L	I	T	C	D
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C	F	I	L	N	O	T	W	E	N
T	N	E	M	I	R	E	P	X	E
S	C	I	E	N	T	I	S	T	S
S	I	S	E	H	T	O	P	Y	H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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STEM in Your Future?

Look through the newspaper and online for want ads to identify careers in science, technology engineering or math. Count the different careers. Graph the results.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What did the necktie say to the hat?

ANSWER: "You go on ahead. I'll just hang around."

Bird Poop: The challenge of living

Having survived the impact of a semi's windshield, the raptor stood on its one good leg an hour after surgery.

To enable the bones in the lower part of its other leg to calcify and heal, four fragments had been wired together. Then a splint had been applied.

Three days later the hawk vocalized for the first time. Elation over these sounds was soon dimmed when veterinarian Steve Wade, and vet tech Juli Marshall, noticed the bird's tail was off at an angle.

Apparently, the impact with the truck had also compromised a vital area for successful flights. The bird's ability to steer and slow its forward momentum was questionable. In the intense moments of trying to save its leg and life, damage to the lower part of its spine had not been seen.

Because the end of its tail was now listing to one side, and very evident, X-rays showed the displacement of its last four vertebrae. Since the bones had been pushed about a quarter of an inch out of alignment, another surgery was scheduled.

After straightening the errant bones, Dr. Wade sutured on either side to hold them in

place. Recovery for the leg and the bird's "ruder" would be lengthy.

By the time the last of October had turned into the last of November, x-rays verified the leg was healing and only the last vertebra of the spine was slightly out of line. Each day Juli had felt of the foot on the injured leg to make sure it was warm and viable. Any news of its progress, even when it flexed its tail, had spread quickly throughout the clinic.

In December there was some concern of the red-tailed hawk's usage of the foot on its injured leg. With the innate feeling that the bird would have to rediscover itself, I gave the "go-ahead" for Dr. Wade and Juli to retain it under their care.

Shortly after Christmas, Juli called. Not wanting the red-tail to hurt itself due to its increasing feistiness, she thought it was ready for further rehab in Lubbock. When we picked it up on the second day of the New Year, Juli showed us the x-rays of the leg and spine.

To call the leg a "bad break" would be to understate the bone's disarray. In seeing the last vertebrae of its spine, the fact that it was now usable was overwhelming.

At South Plains, Gail Barnes and I took the red-tailed hawk to a large mew in the barn. Once outside its carrier, it limped with its first few steps. Leaving it to discover its new enclosure and itself,

we left. Later that day, Gail called. "It's on the high perch."

Having once held its injured leg slightly to the side, in the days ahead it would stand erect with both feet side by side. Reports of its flying and using the leg and foot continued.

Later in January the red-tailed hawk convinced Gail it was ready for the flight cage. Its ability to fly easily from one end to the other was heartening.

Wanting no doubt of its ability to stand on, grip, and tear its food, Gail cut in two an eight-inch rat and placed it inside the facility. To eat the rodent, the raptor would have to be atop the carcass in order to hold it while tearing off morsels to swallow. Much later, only remnants of the tough skin were left when she checked to see if it had dined.

Dried grasses, unplowed land, and blue sky were seen as the red-tail was coaxed out of her carrier by Gail's husband, Larry, on the first day of February. After only four steps forward, the large female leapt into the air and embraced the freedom awaiting her.



Courtesy photo

Having overcome a broken leg and spine, the red-tailed hawk was released on the first day of February. Rising above the horizon, she then easily attained enough speed and height for her first leisurely glide.

For a moment, she disappeared behind a leafless mesquite in the foreground. When she reappeared, with

her powerful flight, she had put a considerable distance between her mentors and the space she claimed. Having

reached an acceptable forward speed, she spread her wings and enjoyed her first graceful glide. Becoming a tiny dot, she would disappear on a clear day.

Upon seeing the hawk gain its freedom via iPhone, some of the phrases from a popular 1970s song came to mind. Although it is a lament about an impending demise, the person remembers moments cherished from the past.

In the ensuing days since the release, the beauty of those thoughts has continued. "When all the birds are singing in the sky, Now that spring is in the air... we had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun..."

Faced with death by the roadside, or a crippling injury that would prevent its release, the red-tailed hawk had accepted the challenge of living. The skillful veterinarian, his vet tech, and volunteers had given back to nature a survivor for hopefully, many more "seasons in the sun."

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

You deserve a factual look at . . .

The Truth About the Muslim Brotherhood

Is it a moderate Egyptian party committed to democracy . . . or a jihadist group seeking to create an Islamist empire?

With the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi now president of Egypt, many wonder whether he will promote democracy and Middle East peace. But what do the Muslim Brotherhood's history and its leaders' pronouncements tell us? Is their goal to create a free democratic system . . . or hijack democracy in the service of an Islamist revolution?

What are the facts?

Founded in Egypt in 1928, the Muslim Brotherhood has been an immensely powerful force in Middle East politics, now boasting chapters in 80 countries. Its mission statement: "Allah is our objective; the Quran is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader; Jihad is our way; and death for the sake of Allah is the highest of our aspirations."

The Brotherhood's founder, Hassan al-Banna, stated that the group's goal was to create an empire governed by Islamic religious law and an autocratic caliphate. He claimed "It is in the nature of Islam to dominate, not to be dominated, to impose its law on all nations and to extend its power to the entire planet."

In 1948, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood assassinated the Egyptian Prime Minister, and the group was banned in Egypt in 1954, after it attempted to assassinate Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. A Brotherhood splinter group assassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

The Muslim Brotherhood's most influential leader was Sayyid Qutb, a racist, anti-Semite, misogynist and hater of the United States. His pro-Islamist and anti-Western hatred had enormous influence on Ayman Zawahiri, who went on to become a key mentor of Osama bin Laden and is today the number-two leader of al-Qaeda.

Despite its murderous history, the Muslim Brotherhood claims to have renounced violence—but it makes notable exceptions, including approval of terrorist acts by its Palestinian wing, Hamas, whose charter calls for the murder of Jews and the obliteration of Israel. What's more, former Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Commander Muhammad Madhi Akef declared he was "prepared to send 10,000 jihad fighters immediately to fight at the side of Hezbollah" during the Lebanese terrorist group's 2006 war against Israel.

Given its history of murder and warlike declarations, the Brotherhood's claim to non-violence rings false. Consider finally a September 2010 sermon by Muslim Supreme Guide Muhammad Badi, who explained the "change that the [Muslim] nation seeks can only be attained through jihad . . . by raising a jihadi generation that pursues death just as our enemies pursue life."

While some pundits minimize the Muslim Brotherhood's threat, there's no doubt that the group fanatically opposes the United States, Israel and Western values, or that it will use both democratic and violent means to defeat them. Nor should we doubt that the Brotherhood is a powerful, well-organized political force that, if given enough power, would use it to crush the democratic process and turn Egypt into an anti-Western, fundamentalist Islamic state. Can we afford this risk?

While many pundits have declared the Brotherhood a moderate group, it is working rapidly to seize absolute control of Egypt, starting with a new constitution that favors Islamists and gives president Morsi power to name the prime minister, Supreme Court judges and heads of all public institutions. Parliamentary elections, to have been held in February, are postponed indefinitely. There have been four times as many "insulting the president" lawsuits in Morsi's first days in office than in all 30 years of former president Hosni Mubarek's reign.

We know that the Bolsheviks in Russia, Nazis in Germany, Islamists in Iran, and Hamas in the disputed Palestinian territories all started out as minority parties whose rise to power during political upheaval began democratically and ended in dictatorship—following the insidious pattern of "one man, one vote, one time." Given the Muslim Brotherhood's Islamist philosophy, we can expect the same in Egypt.

What can we expect from the president Morsi's government? In 2006, the Muslim Brotherhood demanded that Egypt develop nuclear weapons. Recently a Brotherhood leader told interviewers that abolishing the Egyptian peace treaty with Israel would be one of the new government's first orders of business and that Egypt should prepare for war with Israel. In 2010 Morsi himself called on Egyptians to "nurse our children and grandchildren on hatred" of Jews and referred to Zionists as "descendants of apes and pigs."

For Christians, who make up 10 percent of the Egyptian population and continue to be victims of violent attacks, rule by the Brotherhood is a nightmare, curtailing their rights to worship publicly or hold high office. As for women, the Brotherhood insists that they be segregated, their bodies covered in public, and that girls undergo genital mutilation.

To assess the Muslim Brotherhood's commitment to democracy, we should heed the words of its Spiritual Leader Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who maintains that "The civilizational-jihadist process . . . is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house . . . so that it is eliminated and God's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

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PARENT'S CORNER

All about the 'what ifs'

I was chatting with my friend and fellow worker, Don Bolin, recently and he made the comment: the rest of your life is just a decision away. I've thought a lot about that comment and agree that he is so right and we are making decisions constantly.



DARRELL RYAN

Decisions are part of our lives, some major and some minor but there is no avoiding them and our decisions certainly bring their consequences and many making the determination of our life journey.

Some of the consequences bring joy and happiness and some are devastating and we wish we had made other decisions. It's at times like this we say to ourselves, "if only" I had another chance; "if only" I could make that choice again.

All of us have experienced this in our lives. It's not necessarily the worst thing in the world to be aware of how life could have turned out differently, but inevitably, those images cast a long shadow over the life we are actually

leading.

Clearing our minds of the "if only's" is difficult but if we will think back to some of the times we have had such thoughts and ended up getting exactly what we wished and still found that we were not satisfied. The "if only" type of thinking is damaging to our human spirit because a desire or longing to be somewhere different or be doing something different or to have different circumstances is extremely stressful.

It's really putting our happiness on hold. It's forgetting to appreciate the life we have because we are thinking of what life could be, "if only"! It is virtually impossible to be happy if our mind is focused somewhere else.

It is so important that we learn to enjoy our life where we are in this moment of time. We must remember that happiness is the journey, not the destination; it's the enjoyment of looking forward to the destination but finding pleasure in the ride along the way.

My grandpa used to tell me that wherever I am, enjoy it as much as possible because if I do then I won't be there for long. I have discovered his words are so true because if I am fully engaged and finding enjoyment in what I'm

doing, it will bring out the best in me and my life and "if only's" will be few and far between.

It's good to remember that our decisions, however small, can have a lasting effect on our life. Depending on what we've done, our life could have been easier or harder than it is; however, the really important thing is to focus on the life we have now.

But through all this I have also learned that a few "if only's" aren't bad. They help to remind me that I don't have to be satisfied with every part of my life. If something is not fulfilling and I could do something differently then why not give it a try. It might make the future the best one possible. Use our "if only's" to remind us of how much potential our life has.

In fact, I prefer to change the perspectives and make them into 'what ifs'. What if I decided to change some part of my life? What would the future look like?

We can get excited about these "what ifs", because they don't belong to a life that has passed us by. They're part of a future that has yet to come.

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Howard College's Goran Huskic (left) and David Joseph go for a rebound while teammate Ladon Carter looks on during a game earlier in the season. The Hawks defeated Odessa College, 94-83 Tuesday, improving to 10-3 in WJCAC play.

Hawk men down Wranglers, ladies stopped by Odessa

By BRIAN MCCORMACK
Sports Editor

The Dorothy was rocking during Monday's basketball homecoming. Fans were treated to music by the Howard College band, a performance by the HC dance troupe, a display by the cheerleaders and a skit by Howie, the animated Hawk mascot.

But the main event was the rematch between the surging Hawks (23-4, 10-3) and Odessa College, which HC completed the season sweep of with a 94-83 win.

Cameron Forte and Jacob Thomas each scored 26 points in the high-scoring affair, with teammates Phillip Miller adding 20 and Rico Richardson chipping in 10.

The victory put the Hawks in a position to win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, in which they have posted a 10-3 record.

Mark Adams, HC men's head coach, said his team is starting to come together as a cohesive unit just in time for a regional tournament appearance.

"We've always had the individual talent," Adams said. "The challenge is always trying to get them to put the team first. They are doing that now. They are playing for each other and now we have a chance to finish strong and have a great year."

Averaging nearly 70 percent from the field goal range, the Hawks — who were up by only five points at the intermission — began to leave the Wranglers in the dust as the second half wore on.

"We put together 40 minutes of good basketball," Adams

explained. "It was the first time we are able to that at home all year, and it was the best we have shot all year. This win put us in a position to have a chance to win the conference, but we still have unfinished business. We need to close out the season strong and get a few more wins."

Next on the schedule for HC will be a road trip to Wetsren Texas College in Snyder on Thursday before finishing up the season next week in front of a home crowd against New Mexico Junior College and finally, Frank Phillips College.

Regionals will be held in Lubbock beginning March 6.

The Lady Hawks dropped another WJCAC bout Monday to Odessa College, falling to the Lady Wranglers for the second time this season, 65-57.

But if you rely on numbers to tell the tale, the Howard College women may be a lot better than their 17-11 record suggests.

Another number to consider is 4.5. That's the average margin of loss in points for the Lady Hawks, who have been competitive in nearly every game until the end.

Five is another important number for HC — as that's the number of starters Head Coach Earl Diddle has been forced to replace since the start of the season.

Personal issues led to the departure of three of Diddle's original starting players and most recently, point guard Marion Lemonnier was sidelined due to a badly strained hamstring.

Despite all the adversity, Diddle

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Jerry Buss, Lakers' owner dead at 80

(AP) — Jerry Buss had been a chemist and a mathematician long before he bought the Los Angeles Lakers in 1979. The self-made millionaire with a head for business and an impresario's heart immersed himself in the NBA with every skill he acquired along the way.

With his personal alchemy and charisma, he blended two generations of marquee basketball stars and big-name coaches into 10 championship teams. His financial wizardry allowed him to pay top dollar to get the best players and keep them together

without a huge personal fortune.

Buss built a glittering life for himself and the Lakers, playing a huge role in the NBA's move from a second-tier pro sport into can't-miss Hollywood entertainment while polishing his oddly nicknamed franchise into a glamorous global brand.

Magic, Kareem and Big Game James. Kobe, Shaq and Pau.

They were the stars, but Buss created Showtime.

The applause still hasn't died down.

Buss, who shepherded the Lakers from their

1980s dynasty through the current Kobe Bryant era while becoming one of the most important and successful owners in pro sports, died Monday at 80.

"Jerry Buss was more than just an owner. He was one of the great innovators that any sport has ever encountered," said Pat Riley, who coached four of Buss' 10 title teams.

"He was a true visionary, and it was obvious with the Lakers in the '80s that 'Showtime' was more than just Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. It was really the vision of a man

who saw something that connected with a community."

Under Buss' leadership, the star-studded, trophy-winning Lakers became Southern California's most beloved sports franchise and a signature cultural representation of Los Angeles.

Buss acquired, nurtured and befriended a staggering array of talented players and hoops minds during his Hall of Fame tenure, from Johnson, Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy to Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal, Pau Gasol and Dwight Howard.

Baylor's Griner reaches 3,000 points in UConn win

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Brittney Griner and top-ranked Baylor withstood their first serious challenge in two months. Coach Kim Mulkey hopes it will prepare them for the important games ahead.

"This was a great game for women's basketball," Mulkey said Monday night after her team's 76-70 victory over No. 3 Connecticut. "It's not going to be a game that we get on the plane and celebrate we just beat UConn. It gave us a gauge of what to expect. It will help improve (UConn)

and help improve my team."

After building a seven-point lead in the second half, Connecticut had no answer for Griner.

Then again, few teams have during her stellar college career.

The All-America center scored 21 of her 25 points after halftime, including the 3,000th of her career, to help extend Baylor's winning streak to 23 games.

She became the eighth women's player in Division I history to reach the milestone, doing it on two free throws with 1:05 left.

Paralympics refocuses on future without Pistorius

LONDON (AP) — As Oscar Pistorius offered his first defense against a murder charge, the head of the Paralympics tried to reassure members Tuesday that the organization has a strong future even without its star athlete.

International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven told The Associated Press he has been in a state of "shock and disbelief" since Pistorius was charged with premeditated murder in last week's shooting of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius enjoyed a record-breaking Paralympics last year and had been central to plans to maintain the momentum of disability sports. Now, he has pulled out of all future races.

The South African helped generate unprecedented interest in the Paralympics by becoming the

first double amputee sprinter to compete at the Olympics. Craven wants to ensure the Paralympics' progress is not damaged by the fallout from Pistorius' high-profile case.

"We've got so many stars coming through that this will not be an issue," Craven said.

"Even since this tragedy happened, it's still been 'London, London, London' and what happened there — a unique moment in times that still continues in the hearts and minds of people."

And in a letter to IPC members on Tuesday, Craven sought to shift attention from the "difficult and traumatic day" regarding Pistorius to remind how the London Paralympics succeeded in creating "a whole host of young world-class, medal-winning athletes."

Craven pointed to British

sprinter Jonnie Peacock, who deposed Pistorius as 100-meter champion at the Paralympics, and Alan Oliveira, who took the 200 title in front of a crowd of some 80,000 in the London Olympic Stadium.

"It's upon their shoulders that the Paralympic movement will be moving forward, and it's still continuing to be the most exciting times after London," Craven said by phone from the IPC winter sports championships in Spain.

Craven has experienced a "roller-coaster of emotion" since being awakened early Thursday with the news of the shooting. Pistorius said at Tuesday's bail hearing he believed she was a robber and the shooting was an accident.

"Shock and disbelief," Craven recalled of his initial thoughts.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Girl's Basketball Playoffs (Regional)

- Forsan vs. Plains, 6 p.m., Wolfforth.
- Grady vs. Borden County, 6 p.m., Seminole.

Boy's Basketball Playoffs (Bi-district)

- Forsan vs. Bovina, 8 p.m., Lubbock Roosevelt.
- Sands vs. Meadow, 6 p.m., Lubbock Roosevelt.
- Garden City vs. Hermleigh, 8 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Howard College campus.

Softball

- Howard College at Lubbock Christian University (doubleheader), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

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Tomorrow’s Horoscope

19). A friend’s motives will come into question. Does this one really have your best interests at heart? Or is there a personal gain overshadowing the arrangement?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a loose connection with hundreds of people, but you’re only tight with a few. The weak ties will be useful now, especially if you have something to sell or promote.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You’ll be involved in the maintenance and upkeep of something you own. This is no day at the beach, but at least it’s something you’ve been expecting. Keep thinking about the treat at the end.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). From time to time, your loved ones do get insecure, especially if you don’t return their calls promptly. Your speedy response will

allay all fear and set a relationship on a better course.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You’ll have the perfect reason to unleash your lion’s roar and make a difference. It’s not that your voice is so loud; it’s that it’s yours. Because of your royal status, your word makes a difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your stance is stronger if you do not try to defend it. Assume that you have a right to feel the way you do, and go forward with conviction. Let the chips fall where they may.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’ve been waiting for a response, and finally it comes. Today will deliver the consequences of a past action. It will likely be highly satisfying to finally close this loop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With your eyes closed, you will peer into

the depths of your own being. The plunge you take feels honest and a little strange. This is a journey you will repeat often in the days to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would love to experience spiritual illumination, but you’ll be happy to settle for a simple explanation of what is going on in your personal life. Friends have objective insights that help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ll live and work in harmony with the same people who once posed a threat to your peace. It’s a sign of how far you’ve come. Your maturity helps you keep it all in perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may not be able to deliver what others want from you in the time frame they would most prefer. Name your terms. Everything is

negotiable. Besides, you are worth the wait, and everyone knows it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Staying on top of details will be challenging. Fall into a routine; create a system. Tonight, a harmonious outcome depends on how willing you are to see another person’s point of view.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19). Intellectual horizons open up this year. An element of mystery and glamour accompanies your March adventures. Interesting friendships develop out of your political and cultural pursuits. April and May are the most romantic months. July is your chance to cash in on training you got or work you did years ago. Capricorn and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 2, 22 and 14.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Nickelodeon star Victoria Justice got her start in show business at age 8 when she told her parents she wanted to model and act. The Pisces pop princess will soon join Kevin Bacon, Matthew Broderick and Fran Drescher in the genre-bending rock movie “Skum Rocks!” Justice was born when the moon and Saturn were in Aquarius, lending a penchant for unusual and imaginative projects.

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CURRENT TAX RECORDS OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE STREET ADDRESS. THESE STRUCTURES JUNK CARS, AND GENERAL CONDITION OF THE LOTS ARE IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 46, ORDINANCE NO. 75, AND ORDINANCE NO. 76. AND THE TEXAS LITTER ABATEMENT ACT, ARTICLES 5 RESPECTIVELY. THE CITY OF COAHOMA PROHIBITS THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ALLOWING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS TO EXIST AND PRESCRIBES THE MANNER NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO SUCH PROPERTY OWNERS TO CORRECT, REMEDY OR REMOVE ANY SUCH CONDITIONS; PROVIDES FOR A PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE CITY MAY CORRECT ANY SUCH CONDITIONS AND CHARGE THE EXPENSES INCURRED THEREBY TO THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY FOR VIOLATION; AND CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, there exist unsafe, unsightly, objectionable, hazardous and unsanitary conditions that are deemed a public nuisance and

WHEREAS, the existence of such conditions, buildings, junk cars, etc. constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the enforcement ordinances and state law will promote the health, safety and

general welfare of the citizens of the City of Coahoma

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Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Coahoma code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to the public health, safety and public welfare. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes and law. Further by advised that the Council has found the following to be necessary:

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The City of Coahoma Ordinance 75 finds it is necessary to preserve and maintain the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Coahoma, Texas.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that junk motor vehicles are unsightly, are a dangerous nuisance to the public and have a negative impact on property use and valuation, therefore, certain regulations related to junk motor vehicles in the city limits of Coahoma, Texas are hereby adopted by the City of Coahoma.

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, “Junked vehicle” means a vehicle that is self propelled and:

1. Does not have lawfully attached to it:

- A. an unexpired license plate; or
- B. A valid motor vehicle inspection certificate;

- 2. Is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or
- 3. Is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:

- A. 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or
- B. 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

You are hereby notified that the Coahoma City Council will meet on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 122 N. 1st, Coahoma, Texas, to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the Standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Council may in its Findings provide for any of the following:

- 1) Remedy, provide for removal or demolition buildings
 - 2) Removal of trash, weeds and/or fire hazard materials
 - 3) Removal of all junk vehicles
 - 4) Any combination of the above
- Should you desire to make a presentation to the Council, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Coahoma City Council in original and six (6) copies:

A) Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description.

B) A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant

C) A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed

D) A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard

E) The legal signature(s) of appellant and their official mailing addresses

Failure to appeal within 5 days or 15 days from the date of this letter shall constitute a waiver of all right to an administrative hearing. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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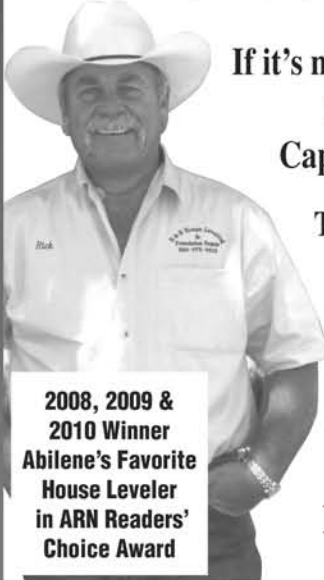
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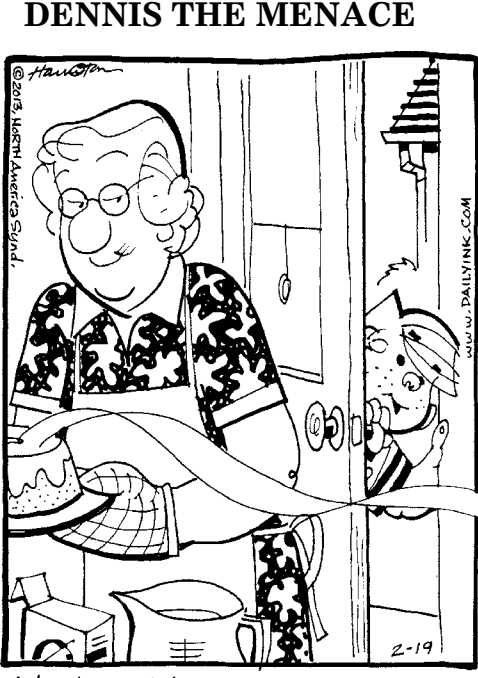
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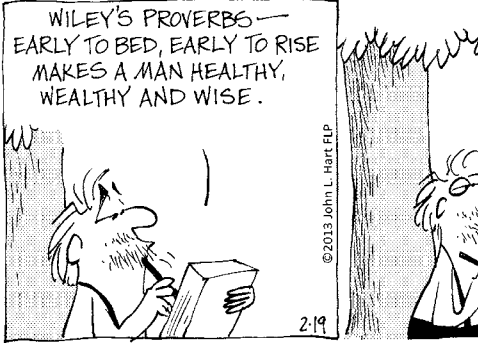
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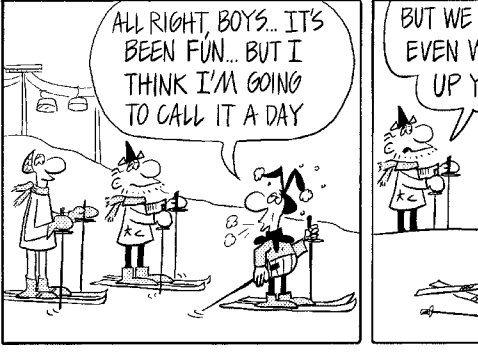


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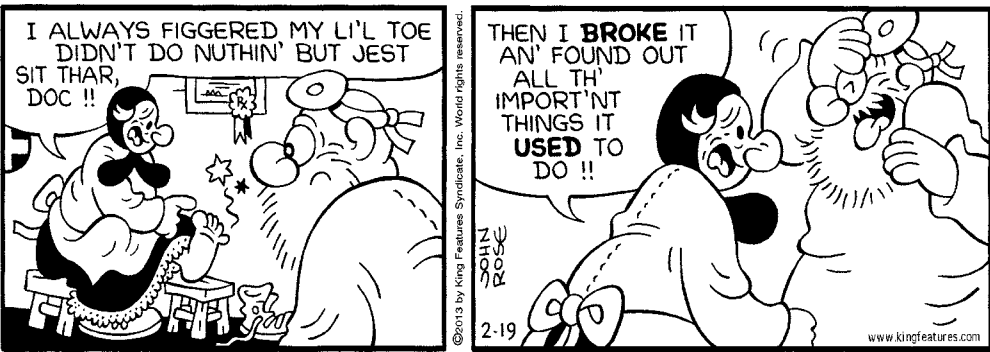
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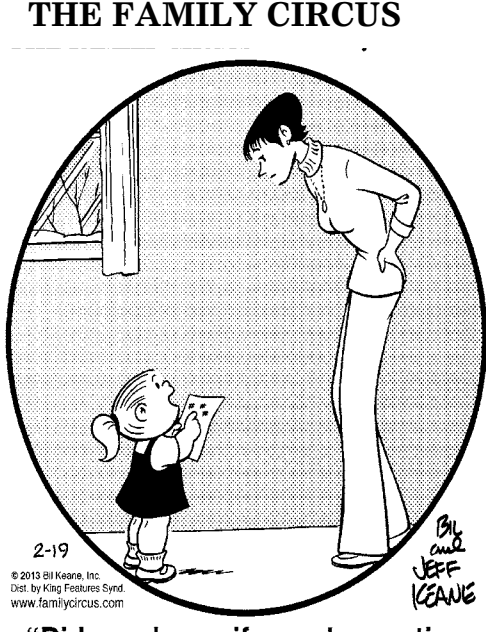
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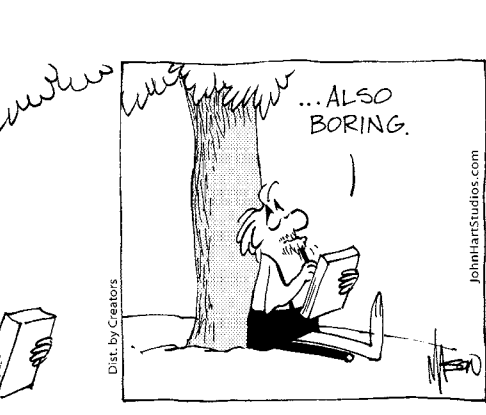
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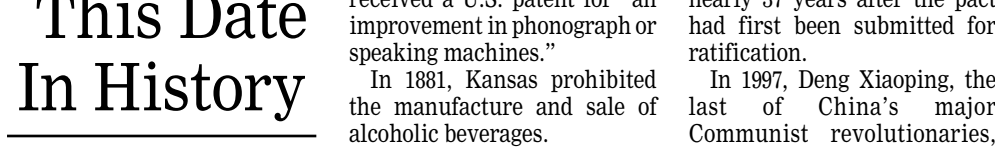
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In 1959, an agreement was signed by Britain, Turkey and Greece granting Cyprus its independence.

In 1976, calling the issuing of Executive Order 9066 "a sad day in American history," President Gerald R. Ford issued a proclamation confirming that the order had been terminated with the formal cessation of hostilities of World War II.

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved an international treaty outlawing genocide, 83-11,

nearly 37 years after the pact had first been submitted for ratification.

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died at age 92.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Smokey Robinson is 73. Singer Bobby Rogers (Smokey Robinson & the Miracles) is 73. Actress Carlin Glynn is 73. Sony Chairman Howard Stringer is 71. Singer Lou Christie is 70. Actor Michael Nader is 68. Rock musician Tony Iommi (Black Sabbath, Heaven and Hell) is 65. Actor Stephen Nichols is 62. Author Amy Tan is 61. Actor Jeff Daniels is 58. Rock singer-musician Dave Wakeling is 57.

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Answer to previous puzzle

PEST	HOWL	STAR
LACE	AREA	REHOE
ATON	LETS	ATONE
YARD	FOSSIL	FUEL
STEER	OSLO	
	REINS	TYRANT
AMA	NOEAR	TRIO
BUST	OUT	LAUGHING
BLAH	SENSE	DEA
REPEAT	STAMP	
	TREE	SITAT
DRAWING	OFF	ROME
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HAWKS

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and his squad have remained a threat to every team they have faced.

“We’re out of it,” Diddle said of his team’s chances of making a regional tournament appearance. “But we have a chance to go 19-11. I anticipate we will play well and go out on a good note.”

Turnovers and missed opportunities have plagued the Lady Hawks, but Diddle said the main reason his squad has struggled is a lack of offense.

“That’s the bottom line,” Diddle said. “When the game is on the line, we have a diffi-

cult time scoring.”

The Lady Hawks can still hold their heads up. Effort was never lacking and most games boiled down to the last few possessions.

“For what he have had to deal with, we have played extremely well,” Diddle added.

Down by only a field goal to begin the second half, HC hung in there until the final moments of play, but the Lady Wrangler defense suffocated Tori Tucker — HC’s leading scorer of the evening with 14 points — to just one basket in the second half.

Anitria Flowers put up 12 points for the Hawks, while Destinee Thrash added nine and Sarah Stinnett and Teiona Tarrant each had eight.

Sudoku Answers on Page 3

sudoku

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

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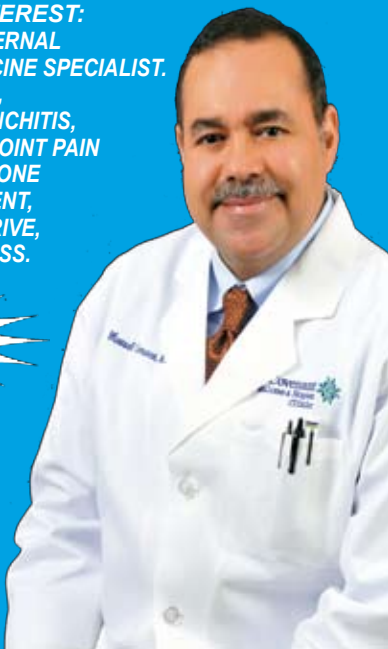
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Howard College's Teiona Tarrant prepares for a rebound during Monday's game against Odessa College. The Lady Hawks lost 65-57, dropping them to a 5-7 WJCAC record (17-11 overall).

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Self-Inflicted Wound

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K Q J 4
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 4 3

WEST

♠ 6 3 2
♥ K Q J
♦ J 6 3
♣ A Q 10 8

EAST

♠ 8
♥ 10 7 5 4 3
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ J 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ A
♦ A K 8
♣ K 9 7 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Assume you're in four spades and West leads a heart. You win with the ace and, let's say, enter dummy with a trump and lead a club to the king. West wins with the ace and, deducing your intended game plan, returns a trump.

You win and lead another club, but West takes it and plays a third round

of trumps. As a result, you eventually go down one, losing three clubs and a diamond.

An unlucky hand, you might say, since the contract would have come home easily had East had the ace of clubs, or had the trumps been divided 2-2, or had West not defended so well. His trump leads prevented you from ruffing two clubs in dummy and so brought about your defeat.

But when you examine the matter more closely, you are forced to admit that the person chiefly responsible for the unhappy outcome was none other than yourself. You could have assured the contract if you had simply led a low club from your hand at trick two, after which nothing could have stopped you from ruffing two clubs in dummy. The trump lead to dummy at trick two opened a Pandora's box that allowed further trump leads by the enemy to frustrate your plans.

It might seem totally unnatural to lead a club away from the king instead of a club toward the king, but that is the kind of play you must sometimes make to ensure a contract. The right play is the right play — even if it seems unnatural.

Tomorrow: To cover or not to cover.

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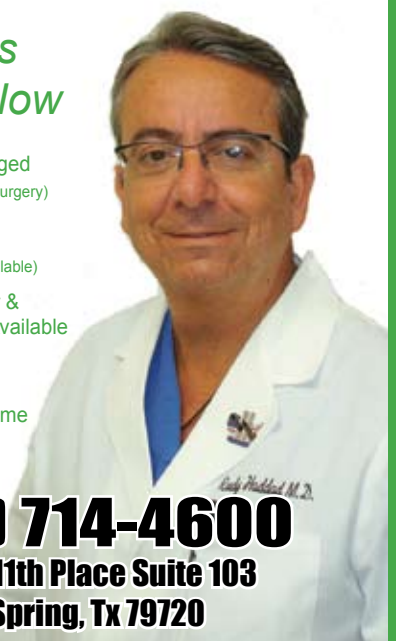
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