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1 dead after car hits train

3rd fatality in 3 days in Martin County

Herald Staff Report

STANTON — The identity of the victim in a vehicle-train crash in Stanton has not yet been released.

According to area media reports, one person was in vehicle which collided with a train just inside Stanton on Business 20 Monday evening.

The Martin County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident.

Only one person was in the vehicle at the time of crash and no one on the train was injured, reports stated.

The body will now be transported for an autopsy.

This was the second vehicle fatality in Stanton since Saturday.

According to area media reports, two people were killed in a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate 20 in Martin County.

DPS officials said state troopers are still trying to identify the two killed in the accident. More information was expected to be released this afternoon.

Murky morning



HERALD photo/Julie Bass

Heavy fog descended upon the Crossroads area this morning, limiting visibility on roads. The fog burned off by mid-morning.

Symphony takes the stage Saturday

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Big Spring High School Auditorium Saturday.

Under the direction of conductor and musical director Dr. Keith Graumann, and with the guest artist Jeans 'N Classics musical group, accompanied by vocalist Michael Shotton; the music provided for the evening will be that of the Eagles. The audience will be able to hear such songs as Hotel California, Te-

quila Sunrise, One of These Nights, Life in the Fast Lane, Best of My Love and Desperado.

The Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens.

Students are free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, Blum's Jewelers, HEB and the Heritage Museum.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday.

What: Big Spring Symphony Orchestra

Where: Big Spring High School auditorium.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Officials seek to replenish execution drug supply

BY **MICHAEL GRACZYK**

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Texas' prison agency is scrambling to find a supplier to replenish its inventory of execution drugs, which will be used up if the state goes forward with two lethal injections scheduled for this week and next.

Prison officials only have enough pentobarbital for the scheduled executions of Manuel Vasquez on Wednesday and Randall Mays on March 18, but they don't know how they will conduct lethal injections on four others scheduled for April.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice declined to say why it has not been able to obtain more pentobarbital from the same compounding pharmacy that provided the current batch of the powerful sedative last March. The state switched to that source several months after its previous supplier cut ties, citing hate mail and potential litigation after its name became pub-

Although Texas, traditionally the nation's busiest death penalty state, faces the most imminent deadline for replenishing its pentobarbital supply, other states are experiencing similar problems.

lic through an open records request from The Associated Press.

Prison officials have since waged a legal battle to keep the name of its latest supplier secret, but it's unclear how much longer they can do so after a state judge last year ordered the agency to divulge the source. That ruling is on hold pending the outcome of the state's appeal.

Prisons spokesman Jason Clark said the state's lawyers have advised the agency not to comment on whether the current supplier has backed out or whether the judge's order has affected its ability to find a supplier.

Although Texas, traditionally the nation's busiest death penalty state, faces the most imminent deadline for replenishing its pentobarbital supply, other states are experiencing similar problems.

For example, South Carolina ran out of pentobarbital — part of its three-drug execution formula — when the drug expired in 2013, and the state has been unable to replenish its supplies because it can't find a company willing to sell them anymore, Corrections Director Bryan Stirling recently told the AP. The state's last execution was in 2011, and no new executions have been scheduled be-

cause cases are tied up in the appeals process.

If Texas executes Vasquez and Mays as scheduled, a new supply of pentobarbital will be needed by April 9 when Kent Sprouse is scheduled to die for the shooting deaths of a North Texas police officer and another man in 2002. Three other prisoners are set to follow Sprouse to the death chamber in April, and at least one more is set for May.

"We're focused on multiple fronts," Brad Livingston, the Texas agency's executive director, told the AP last month before a prison board meeting in Austin. "We're not ruling anything out, but clearly securing additional pentobarbital is part of our game plan."

Livingston was traveling Monday and not available to provide an update.

While Texas prison officials administratively could change the lethal drug they use, a method change would require legislative action.

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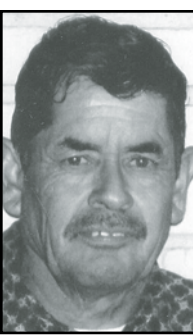
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Obituaries

Rosalio (Chalio)
Vasquez Montejano

IRAAN — Rosalio Vasquez Montejano 63, of Iraan, was called home to the Lord peacefully on Saturday, March 7, 2015, in Iraan, Texas. He was born in Pecos County, Texas on Sept. 4, 1951. He married Emily Garcia Montejano on Aug. 27, 1980, in Iraan, TX.

Rosalio is survived by his wife, Emilia Garcia Montejano of Iraan; Son, Daniel Montejano of Iraan; daughters, Ludi Baiza and her husband, Edgar Baiza Sr., of Odessa, Michelle Montejano of Odessa, Rebecca (Becky) Leal and her husband, John Leal, of Azle, Rosa Barrera and her husband, Oscar Barrera, of Iraan.; brothers Jaime Aranga of San Angelo, Rogelio (Indio) Gonzales of Odessa, Rudy (Speedy) Gonzales of Odessa, and sister, Rosa Sandefur and her husband, Steve Sandefur, of Odessa; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Rosalio Gar-

cia Montejano Jr.; his brother, Rolando Gonzales, his mother, Santos Vasquez Montejano; and his father, Ben Montejano, his sister Amelia Fuentes and her husband, Bisente Fuentes, and biological parents Francis Segura Gonzales and Dario Gonzales.

Rosalio (Chalio) retired from TxDOT in Iraan after 27 years of service. He was currently employed by Leo and Sons of Iraan. Rosalio was a kind hearted, caring and hard working man and always willing to give the shirt off his back to someone in need. He loved to see beautiful scenery, play lottery, and read lots of books of the world. Rosalio was a great family man and his memories will forever be remembered and he never met anyone he called a stranger. He had open arms for everyone.

The Rosary was held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Sheffield, Texas.

Funeral Mass will be held on today, March 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Sheffield, with burial following at the Restland Cemetery in Iraan.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Roy Cervantes Jr.



Roy Guerrero Cervantes Jr., 35, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 6, 2015, in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Roy was born Aug. 13, 1979, in San Jose, Calif. He moved with his parents to Big Spring. Roy was a fun-loving guy who enjoyed barbecuing for his family and socializing with friends. He also loved

music.

He is survived by six daughters, Patience Lysette Cervantes, Analicia Carmelita Cervantes, Anisa Muniz Cervantes, Lasara Elexis Cervantes, Brooklyn Audrey Castro and Scarlett Nolarose Cervantes; one granddaughter, Aubrielle Rae DeLeon; his mother, Carmen Jimenez Cervantes; two brothers, Emanuel Cervantes and wife, Leticia, and Francisco Cervantes; four sisters, Guadalupe Castro and husband, Hector, Carmen Cervantes, Elizabeth Cervantes and Miracle Gonzales and husband, Manny; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Guerrero Cervantes Sr.

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

Donald Couvillion



Donald Couvillion, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Feb. 2, 1930, in Marksville, La. After graduating from Louisiana State University, he entered the Air Force, where he served for 20 years. He was a pilot who loved all aspects of flying and flew many military and corporate jets

and cloud seeded for CRMWD.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anne; children, Janene Lindholm and husband Randy, Michelle Calhoun and husband Daniel, and Andre' Couvillion and wife Yvonne; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring No. C-32, Midland, TX 79705.

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

Take Note

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will have its annual Pancake Supper March 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Howard College cafeteria. Cost is \$6 per person and proceeds go to fund club projects throughout the year. For more information, call 432-270-2218.

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• 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.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- TINA MARIE COSLOW, 34, of 507 N, Lancaster was arrested on a warrant for drug paraphernalia.
- CECILY VALENCIA, 25, of 202 N.E. 3rd St. was arrested on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility and fail to appear.
- KIERSTAN JOANN ROSE, 23, of 809 Wyoming St. was arrested on a warrant for other agency.
- JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ, 25, of 1409 Park St. was arrested on warrants for 3 warrants for other agencies.
- KRISTINA DEANN FITZPARICK, 33, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of N. Lancaster St. and the 1000 block of N.W. 2nd St.
- THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1500 block of E. 5TH ST. and at the intersection of WB and 181A.
- RUNAWAY was reported in the 1100 block of Austin St.
- IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Robin St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the 200 block of Sandlin Rd.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg St.
- ATTEMPT TO LOCATE was reported in the 2500 block of W. 16th St.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 803 Baylor Blvd.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Nolan St.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 70 inmates at the time of this report.

- KIERSTAN JOANN ROSE, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft by check.
- VANESSA C. OLIVAS, 32, was booked by the OTH on a warrants for tampering with governmental records and theft over \$20k by a public servant.
- KRISTINA DEANN FITZPATRICK, 33, was booked by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no liability insurance, no drivers license, and violate promise to appear.

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Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

HOWARD COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM. Howard County has been chosen to receive **\$10,877.00** to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds **must:** 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Howard County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center and St. Vincent DePaul Society participating.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Captain Jeremiah Romack at 432-267-8239 or come by 811 West 5th St. for an application. Applications may also be picked up at the United Way Office, 215 W. 3rd St., 432-267-5201. The deadline for the submission of applications is **March 11, 2015.**

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News in brief

Democrats denounce GOP move aimed at undermining nuclear talks with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats in the White House and Congress accused 47 GOP senators of undermining President Barack Obama in international talks to curb Iran's nuclear program, saying that trying to upend diplomatic negotiations was tantamount to rushing into war with Tehran.

"The decision to undercut our president and circumvent our constitutional system offends me as a matter of principle," Vice President Joe Biden said in a statement.

In an open letter Monday to the leaders of Iran, Republican lawmakers warned that any nuclear deal they cut with Obama could expire the day he walks out of the Oval Office. The letter was an aggressive attempt to make it more difficult for Obama and five world powers to strike an initial agreement by the end of March to limit Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran insists is for peaceful purposes.

Republicans worry that Iran is not negotiating in good faith and that a deal would be insufficient and unenforceable, allowing Iran to eventually become a nuclear-armed state. They have made a series of proposals to undercut or block it — from requiring Senate say-so on any agreement to ordering new penalty sanctions against Iran to threats of stronger measures.

The Republicans' move comes just days after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke to a joint meeting of Congress at Republican House Speaker John Boehner's invitation. In his address, Netanyahu bluntly warned the United States that a deal would pave Iran's path to a nuclear bomb.

Fallout continues at Univ. of Oklahoma over video showing racist chant by fraternity members

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — A racist chant by several members of a University of Oklahoma fraternity that was caught on video led to outrage from the school's president and the organization's banishment from campus, but fallout from the incident

appears far from over.

President David Boren said an investigation is underway to determine if some of the students could be expelled for violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination. The video, which was posted online, shows several people on a bus participating in a chant that included a racial slur, referenced lynching and indicated black students would never be admitted to OU's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

"We are also going to look at any individual perpetrators, particularly those that we think took a lead in this kind of activity," Boren said.

A top high school recruit de-committed from the university on Monday after seeing the video. And an online fundraiser has been launched to help support an African-American cook who worked at the fraternity for about a decade.

The incident also had a profound effect on many of the roughly 1,400 black students who attend the university's Norman campus.

Clinton ignores email controversy, but may address the issue soon

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton may soon address her email practices at the State Department following a week of scrutiny and few signs that it will go away.

The potential 2016 Democratic presidential candidate ignored the issue at a forum Monday while fellow Democrats urged her to speak out — and predicted she would — about her decision to conduct business while secretary of state in a private email account. Republicans are ramping up their attention on the issue.






Clinton was considering holding a news conference in New York within days to address the email controversy directly, according to a person familiar with her thinking.

The possibility of a news conference was first reported by Politico.

At the White House, spokesman Josh Earnest said President Barack Obama indeed knew she was using a nongovernment account during her tenure. Obama had indicated earlier that he only learned of that from recent news reports.

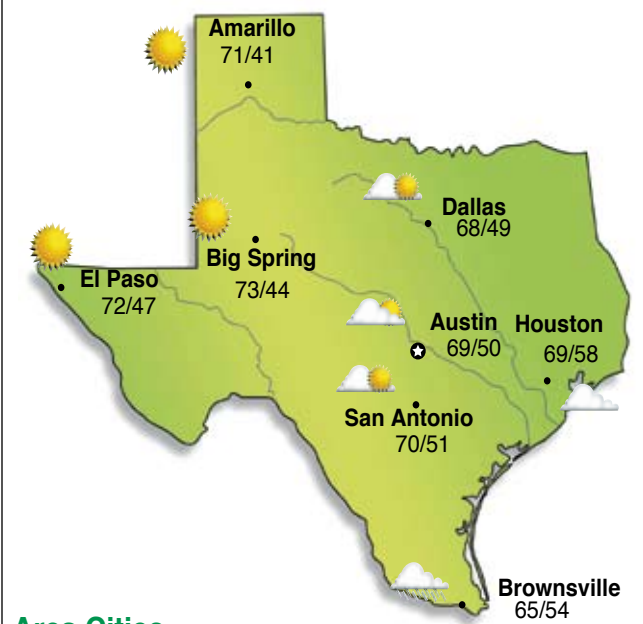
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	44	sunny	Kingsville	67	56	cloudy
Amarillo	71	41	sunny	Livingston	68	55	cloudy
Austin	69	50	cloudy	Longview	68	51	cloudy
Beaumont	70	57	rain	Lubbock	71	39	sunny

SUPPLY

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"At this time, it's not a topic of discussion," said state Sen. John Whitmire, who chairs the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Because pharmaceutical companies stopped selling U.S. prisons drugs for use in lethal injections, Texas and other death penalty states have turned to compounding pharmacies for made-to-order execution drugs.

Last week, a Georgia woman's execution was

delayed, then called off, when prison officials said they noticed the compounded pentobarbital planned for her lethal injection appeared cloudy, rather than clear. The Georgia Department of Corrections cited "an abundance of caution" in delaying punishment for Kelly Gissendaner, who would have been the first woman put to death in that state in 70 years, and a second inmate, Brian Terrell, who was set to die this week.

Texas has executed a nation-leading 521 inmates since 1982, when it became the first state to

use lethal injection. It's now been nearly three years since Texas began using pentobarbital as its only capital punishment drug, switching in July 2012 after one of the chemicals in the previous three-drug mixture no longer was available.

The last 17 Texas executions, stretching back to September 2013, have used compounded pentobarbital, and the last nine from compounding pharmacies the state has refused to identify.

Texas officials have insisted the identity should remain secret, citing a "threat assessment" signed by Texas

Department of Public Safety director Steven McCraw that says pharmacies selling execution drugs face "a substantial threat of physical harm." Law enforcement officials have declined to elaborate on the nature of those threats.

The U.S. Supreme Court, meanwhile, has refused to block punishments based on challenges to secrecy laws. However, the high

court is reviewing Oklahoma's lethal injection method, resulting in a hold on executions there, after a punishment using the sedative midazolam followed by two other drugs went awry. Oklahoma lawmakers now are considering a switch to

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Simon Silva, 93, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Donna Ellen "Nonnie" Simer-Miller, 58, died Thursday. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church.

Donald Couvillion, 85, died Saturday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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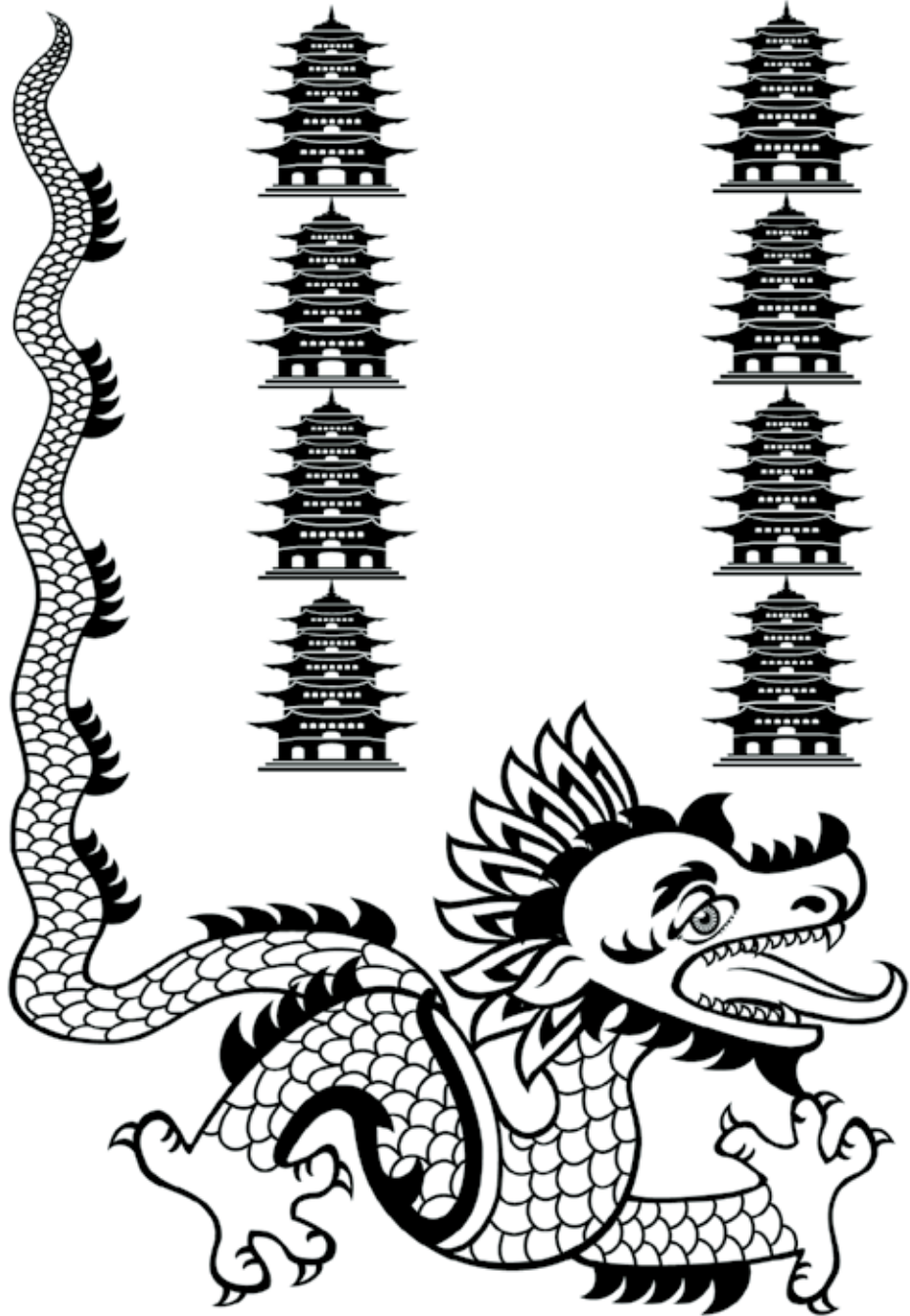
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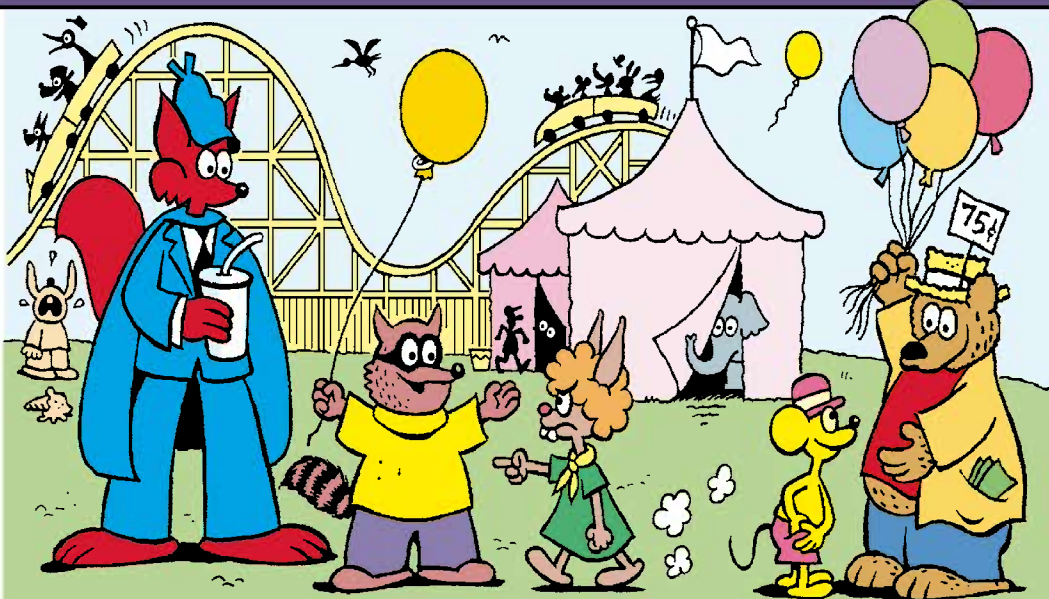
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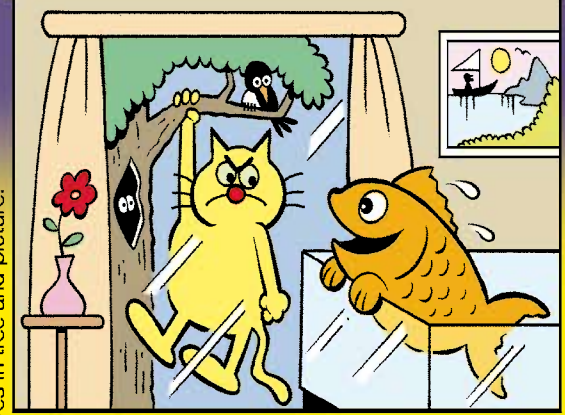
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Rachel Rabbit says Randy Raccoon stole her ring. Randy insists he's innocent. He challenges anyone to find the ring on him. After a thorough search, Randy came up clean. But Slylock Fox knows where Randy Raccoon placed the ring so it would not be found. Do you?

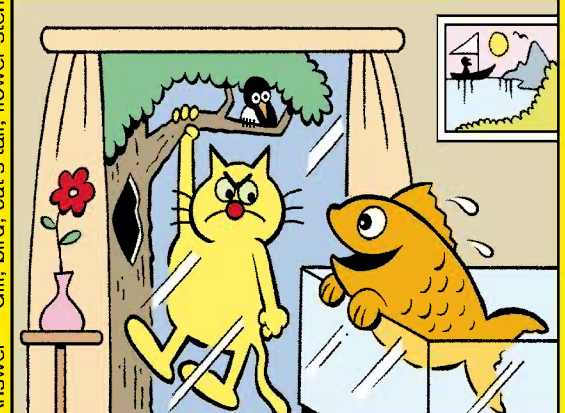


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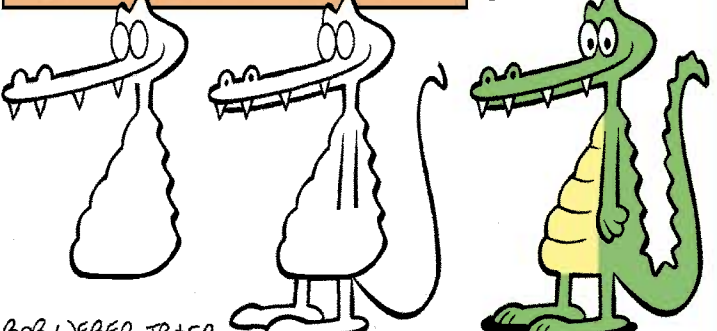


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HOW TO DRAW an alligator 3-8



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Ring-neck duck runs a foul of fracking oil pond



Courtesy Photo

Preferring aquatic plants and insects, a ring-necked duck winters along the Gulf Coast, in southern parts of the United States and in Mexico.

With our scrambled eggs halfway between the skillet and plates, the phone rang.

"It's a 903 area code," said Art. Thinking it was probably another aluminum siding, hearing aid, storm windows, or university solicitation, we ate breakfast in peace.

About an hour later we realized the caller had left a message. Asking for help with a duck, a woman sounded desperate.

When I asked where she was located, she responded, "In Avenger, in the piney woods of East Texas. We're not far from Longview."

After a brief pause, she continued by telling me a bird was "clear across the state." A ring-necked duck was covered with oil and chemicals. Found in a flow-back containment pond for hydraulic fracturing, it was at a drilling site outside of Big Lake.

"Papa had to go to the oil fields when the economy got so bad two or three years ago." Although her husband was based out of Midland, he went wherever the company directed. Sometimes she had to get a map out to see whether he was in Texas or New Mexico.

When he had called her to help him find someone who works with wildlife, she had told him to get on the Internet. Under wildlife rehabilitation he had found the closest facility was South Plains in Lubbock. Since he was working 12-hour shifts, he had left making contact to her.

Referred to us because we were nearer to the duck, the woman said her husband would be willing to meet someone. Knowing our San Angelo contact was closer to Big Lake, I called Diane Tracy to see if she and her husband, Dale, could pick up the bird. This last Sunday of February, folks in Lubbock, Big Spring, and San Angelo were all try-

ing to get this accomplished before a predicted sleet and ice storm prevented the rescue.

In a freezing mist, Diane and Dale drove to Big Lake. Fortunately for the duck, the woman's husband had bathed it three times with Dawn in an attempt to save its life. When Diane called later, she said, "It was greasy and still smelled!"

After bathing it a fourth time, she dried it, wrapped it in towels, and placed it on a heating pad. Concerned about its weakened condition, she didn't think it would make it.

Having thawed tiny brine shrimp that she buys in frozen blocks at the pet store, Diane said she had managed to get the duck to start drinking out of a cup. While we were talking, she noticed the duck suddenly stood up, ruffled its feathers, wanted more to drink, nipped at her finger, and started acting like a duck.

Following the advice of Gail Barnes in Lubbock, Diane gave a solution of charcoal to the bird. Although it would absorb hydrocarbons, the liquid could not combat all of the chemicals that might have been swallowed. For its eyes was a saline solution used for contact lens.

To its diet, she added small crickets, krill, and minnows. During the ensuing days as the bird became more energetic, she allowed it to exercise briefly in the bathtub.

Eager to swim back and forth, the ring-necked duck readily signaled when it wanted out of the tub after three to four laps. Having lost its weatherproofing, it would quickly chill and sink if not removed.

Although it was a fairly common wintering and diving duck, Gail, Diane, and I had never handled one. When the woman in East Texas said it was a ring-neck, I could only think of a dove. Her husband, however, had recognized it because he was a hunter and had sent a picture of it to South Plains. When Gail received his email, she knew she had never had one brought to the rehab center.

Both male and female ring-necks have a peaked rather than a rounded look to the back of their heads. The rescued male had a purplish-black head and neck and two distinctive white rings across his black-tipped bill. His upper breast, back, rump, and tail were also black. After numerous baths, the feathers affected by oil on his underside would change from a "yucky-oily color" to a light gray.

Only in certain light, or held in your hand, does a brownish or chestnut collar appear, thus giving the duck its common and scientific name of ring-necked.

Remaining traces of hydrocarbons had lent to an aroma that Diane described as "fuel." Since Gail had a duck at South Plains that had more than a dozen baths and still smelled, Diane anticipated more baths and a complete molt, or replacement of feathers, before the ring-necked duck was releasable. She would also be watching for any lingering affects from chemicals.

Five days after receiving and working with the duck, Diane said by late afternoon it appeared sluggish. In her hands it did not exhibit the vibrant energy she had felt earlier in the week. Its elimination appeared watery. Although it continued to eat,

it seemed to be slowing down. The next morning she discovered the ring-necked duck had died during the night.

Even though the man had made an apparatus to lift it out of the water, the duck had been in the pond for at least two hours. Diane surmised it had taken days for the bird's body to succumb to the toxins.

She remembered that when she had brought it home, the duck had been thirsty and drank. Droplets that had fallen from its bill had left a film or color on the water. Realizing it looked like the sheen gasoline makes, Diane readily knew her attempts to overcome the hydrocarbons' effects on its body might not be enough.

Because tissue samples may reveal the chemicals encountered, the ring-necked duck will be analyzed by a research facility. The results may better equip those who will be trying to save wildlife in the future. Unfortunately, for this winter migrant, there would be no return to familiar waters offered by the Canadian wilderness during summer.

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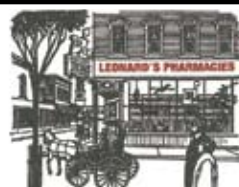
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HC pulls in awards

Hawks put 5 on WJCAC postseason honor roll

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

The Howard College Hawks men's basketball team made a strong showing in conference and post season play and now they are being recognized for their efforts in the NJCAA Region V, Division I Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) awards.

After only two years at the helm for the Hawks, Coach Scott Raines was named WJCAC Co-Coach of the Year with Steve Green from South Plains College.

Topping the conference awards for Howard College was Lis Shoshi, a sophomore from Peje, Kosovo, who was named the 2015 Defensive Player of the Year and named Honorable Mention for the WJCAC Conference awards.

"Lis has put in so much time in the gym trying to improve his game over the last two years," said Scott Raines, Hawk basketball head coach. "We are really glad to see his efforts pay off for his team and himself. He is very deserving of this honor."

In addition, several other Hawks were noted for their all conference and all region performances, including guards Rob Gray and Sam Finley, and sophomore forward Travis Charles.

Gray, who was nominated for All-American selection by officials at the Region V Basketball Tournament, and Finley were named to the WJCAC First Teams and Region V All-Region First Teams.

Both Gray and Finley were among the team's top scorers and rebounders this season.

Charles was a mainstay for the Hawks in each of the past two seasons.

"This team has been setting the example for teamwork all season long," said Raines. "They work hard both individually and as a team, and put in the hours in the gym to constantly get better. I'm very proud of each one of them and their individual recognition as well as their team performances."

After sharing the WJCAC conference champion title with South Plains College (SPC), the Hawk men's basketball season ended Saturday in a loss to SPC in the Region V tournament finals.

"As a team, we definitely had trials among the success but that is what makes us better as people and as players," stated Raines. "But this group of guys was a competitive group all season and were a joy for us to coach. We are proud of them for their season accomplishments and know that their success will carry them forward in their future as players."



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College standout Lis Shoshi was named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's Defensive Player of the Year recently. Shoshi was one of six Hawks who received postseason honors.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference

2015 Western Junior College Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Awards

Coach of the Year - Steve Green, South Plains College / Scott Raines, Howard College

MVP - Emmanuel Omogbo, South Plains College

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Lady Steers take 2nd at Crossroads tournament

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers turned in a stellar effort this past weekend at the Sixth Annual Tournament at the Crossroads.

A very stellar effort.

The Lady Steers nailed down a second-place finish in the Division I bracket, placing behind the Hawley Lady 'Kats who swept through the weather-shortened schedule with a 5-0 record.

The tournament opened with a 12-4 come-from-behind win over Colorado High School. Down 4-0 in the fourth inning, Big Spring pounded out 11 hits over the next two innings to seal the win for starting pitcher Yzzy Soliz.

On Friday evening, the Lady Steers met the Muleshoe Lady Mules and won a 4-1 decision in a defensive game that was highlighted by the solid pitching performance of Mariah Sarmiento.

On Saturday, Big Spring completed pool play with a solid 9-5 win over the Odessa High junior varsity. Soliz, again, went the distance in the circle and picked up the win.

The Lady Steers' hit parade was highlighted by a monster home run by Mercedes Ruiz.

Forsan and Big Spring squared off in the opening round of the Championship bracket Saturday afternoon. The Lady Steers' bats once again dominated the game, coming away with a 11-6 win that propelled Big Spring into the cham-

pionship game against Hawley. Sarmiento picked up her second win of the season with the complete game victory.

In the finals, the Lady Steer bats were held in check by the solid pitching and the outstanding defense of Hawley. The Lady Kats came away with the championship via an 8-2 win.

Despite the loss, Soliz pitched a solid performance.

Overall, the Lady Steers played great softball and proved that they can compete with the top teams in West Texas. The entire lineup had several key hits that fueled the offensive output. Turning in outstanding with the bats were Jaci Aguilar, Ashley Gonzalez, Cierra Martinez, Mia Olivia, Sydni Oliva, Makenzie Roberts, Ruiz, Shaylee Franks and Leah Burton. All contributed big hits over the course of the tournament.

Big Spring will return to action this Tuesday with a game at Coahoma.

In Division II play, the Big Spring JV finished the tournament with a 2-1-1 record with wins over Coahoma and Colorado. They came from behind to tie Lakeview in the tournament opener before dropping their second game to Andrews.

Lubbock Cooper, Wylie, and Andrews were the Pool winners in Division II.

Baylor women win 5th straight Big 12 tourney

DALLAS (AP) — Nina Davis, Niya Johnson and No. 5 Baylor never tire of the confetti celebrations, the championship caps and cutting the nets down.

The Lady Bears, after winning their fifth consecutive Big 12 regular-season in a season they weren't even the pre-season favorite, clinched their fifth conference tournament championship in a row with a 75-64 win over Texas on Monday night.

"Yes, this is the fifth year in a row, but we don't have five rings. This is only our second one of this season," said Davis, the sophomore post player who was the coaches' pick as the league's top player in the

regular season and now been the voted outstanding player in both of her Big 12 tournaments. "So it's definitely an exciting time."

After scoring 59 points in the first two tournament games, Davis had 16 points and 11 rebounds as Baylor (30-3) won its seventh Big 12 tournament overall.

"You have to remember that there are a lot of kids in that locker room, this is their first," coach Kim Mulkey said.

The Lady Bears clinched the league's automatic NCAA Tournament berth though they were already a sure bet to play a first-round game at home — maybe even as a No. 1 seed.

Manziel remains in rehab

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Johnny Manziel's commitment to fixing his personal life has the Browns feeling positive about his future as a quarterback.

Browns coach Mike Pettine confirmed Monday that Manziel remains in a rehab treatment facility. Manziel entered a private facility in Ohio on Jan. 28,

and Pettine said there is not a specific date for the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner to be released.

Pettine, appearing at the Cleveland Auto Show, was asked if he viewed Manziel's lengthier stay as a good sign.

"Sure," he said. "It's something that he was very resolute that needed to get done."

Rebels net at-large berth into national tourney

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team's hopes of being awarded an at-large berth in the NJCAA men's national basketball tournament ended on Monday when tournament organizers announced their 24-team field.

Here's the word that was delivered to the Region V Basketball Tournament runners-up: Better luck next year.

Two teams the Howard College men are very familiar with did,

however, gain entrance into the tournament, which begins on Monday in Hutchinson, Kansas. South Plains and Hill.

South Plains College wrapped up an automatic berth in the national championship tournament by winning the Region V title on Saturday. The Texans, 28-6 overall, reeled off an early 26-9 run and then held on to claim a 72-63 victory over the Hawks.

Hill College garnered an at-large berth in the tournament despite suffering a semifinal round loss to

Howard College on Friday.

The Rebels, who entered the Region V tournament as the No. 3-ranked team in the country, lost to HC in overtime.

The Rebels, 27-2 overall and seeded No. 12 in the tournament, will begin their run on Monday when they face Gillette. The winner of the Hill-Gillette bout will advance to face fifth-seeded Mineral Area on Tuesday.

South Plains, which earned a first-round bye, will face either Vicennes or Cochise on Tuesday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



KATHY MITCHELL
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spray without asking us. She is making us feel that we need to leave. How do we find out who the owner is so I can report Sally? -- Concerned

Dear Concerned: Some unenlightened landlords blame bedbug

infestations on the residents, but the truth is that a single infestation can reappear anywhere in the entire apartment complex over and over, regardless of origin, which is what may have happened in your space. It is necessary for all of the apartments in the vicinity to be thoroughly disinfected, meaning the neighbors above, below and on either side.

You can find out who owns the rental spaces through your county government offices, which should have records of land ownership. (In Chicago, it would be the Recorder of Deeds, but it varies by location.)

Dear Annie: My best friend's daughter is getting married this summer and has requested that her mom give her a bridal shower. Since the couple has been living together for a while, they did not register for gifts and are asking that the shower invitation include a suggestion for money or gift cards.

I have heard that this is a common practice these days. But I think it's ill mannered to ask your guests for money. What is your take on this? -- Old-

Fashioned in Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania: The way it works is for close friends and family of the bride to pass the word that cash or gift cards are preferred, and not include this in the shower invitation. It is also wise for the bride and groom to register for a few items, perhaps from a store they frequent where unwanted items can be returned for merchandise credit. This allows guests who are uncomfortable giving money to give something else. After all, giving anything is up to the guest, and the couple should show gratitude for whatever is received.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Ventura, Calif.," about dental scams and the response from the American Dental Association. I agree that a second opinion is important.

I live in a huge retirement community. At least six people I know visited a large dental practice here, and all were told they needed extensive dental work. One man had a year of work done to the tune of \$22,000. The others, however, returned to their former dentists in their old home cities. The second opinions they received were all the same: Nothing needed to be done to their teeth. Seniors with savings should beware. -- Florida

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Mars and Jupiter's Rare Relationship

The particular kind of fiery cosmic harmony that's happening between Mars and Jupiter is not going to happen again this year, so be sure to act on the burgeoning bold feelings. Go at your situation from a new angle. Ask a different question. Decide to play a fresh role in the scene and watch how this transforms the main action.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are things you want to do that your life isn't allowing for right now. Good news: There will be time later. Hopefully, knowing this, you'll be able to focus joyfully on your current responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Riding the tide is easier in a friendly ocean. Do some research before jumping into a new situation. Ask around for personal recommendations. There are many choices out there, and some will be better than others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will get what you want, but not all at once. The small increments are a kind of test. When you're grateful for each part of the blessing, blessings will keep coming.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get back in touch with your values and preferences. They've changed, and that's why a decision has been difficult for you. Once

you're clear again about what matters to you most, deciding will be easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll walk the line between being super-responsible and being the kind of person just about everyone can relate to. Because people feel they can trust you while still having fun, you'll win friends and new business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whether you're trying to motivate colleagues, entice customers or simply ask a favor of someone, take time to set a mood first. A beautiful environment could be the difference between success and failure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some parts of the day will go according to schedule, and some will not. Keep your cool. An attitude of flexibility and friendliness will establish trust and promote good will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen up! Loud silence will tell you more than soft words, especially when you're communicating with a water sign (which are Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best advice, input or direction you get will be downplayed. The magic words to listen for are, "This might sound crazy, but..." The phrase may come from your own psyche.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You forge bonds with very few words and build instant rapport. You hesitate to use your talent for connecting with people for personal gain, though. There's good reason to stop being so self-effacing. Get on your own team!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who have great virtues are also capable of having great vices. That's why it's important not to place anyone on a pedestal. We are all equals with different circumstances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be dealing with people who want to please you today. If you really want to know what they think, don't share your own thoughts first. You'll be surprised at what you learn.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 10). People like what you're about. You'll double your support base

over the next 10 weeks. April brings heart-soaring adventure. You get serious about a personal goal in May. Pursue a business, product or invention in June, and continue working on it until you're satisfied your work has made the world a better place. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 8, 28, 4 and 15.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Please tell me the best way to deal with my psycho ex-wife. She makes my life miserable at every turn. We have been divorced for 12 years, and she is still at war with me, even though she has remarried twice in that time period. As far as I can tell, she got her law degree simply so she could make my life a legal nightmare. She always makes it difficult for me to see my children, she turns them against me, and she bleeds me dry financially. Please help. She's a Virgo, and I'm a Taurus."

As two earth signs, you have similar values, which can make negotiations tough: You both want the same thing, mainly your children's well-being, love and respect. Consider that you may be more stubborn than you want to admit, and try to own up to your part in this drama, if only to yourself. The honesty will help you stay calm and balanced. Avoid a fight. Give in wherever you possibly can, especially on the minor details that matter so much to her. Try to be civil even when she is not. Take heart in knowing that you will only be tied to her until your children are grown. The end is in sight.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Carrie Underwood was feeling "too pregnant" to attend the Grammys this year, but the Pisces superstar was thrilled to win. The accomplished and yet still relatable country music superstar was born when the sun and Mercury were in Pisces, indicating strong intuitive guidance. Her Venus and Mars in Aries brings the endless energy she'll need for juggling motherhood and a busy career.

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MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY READING

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Winning Attitude

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 5
♥ K 9 8 6 2
♦ A K
♣ J 8 4 3
WEST
♠ J 10 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 10 6 5 3 2
♣ 10 7 6
EAST
♠ A Q 9 8 3
♥ 4
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ K Q 5
SOUTH
♠ 7 6 4
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ Q 8
♣ A 9 2
The bidding:
East 1♣ South 2♥ West Pass North 4♥
Opening lead — jack of spades.

for. Here is such a case.
West leads the jack of spades against your four-heart contract. It seems likely at this point that you'll eventually lose two spades and two clubs and go down one. But if you've been to the wars before, you realize that you actually have a reasonable chance to make the contract.
You start by covering the spade jack with the king, losing to East's ace. East cashes the queen of spades and shifts to a diamond. You know from the bidding and play to date that East almost certainly holds the K-Q of clubs, as he would not have an opening bid if he lacked either of these cards.
You therefore try for an elimination play. After taking the diamond return with the king, you cash the Q-J of trumps, ruff your last spade in dummy, cash the ace of diamonds, lead a trump to your ace and return a low club to dummy's eight.
East wins with the queen or king, but must hand you the contract whether he returns a club or gives you a ruff-and-discard. It is true that in order for this line of play to work, you need to find West with the ten of clubs, but good fortune such as this comes only to those who know enough to look for it.

Tomorrow: Weighing the risk factor.
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Sudoku Answer On Page 7

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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		6						9
		3			1	4	6	
		5	9			1	3	2
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5:PM	News ABC	P. Luche	Two Men	News CBS	Tele	News	Seinfeld	Justice	Focus	CHIps	Amish Mafia	Ocean's Eleven, Andy Garcia	Bar Rescue	Castle (DVS)	Jane	Jessie	Nation	SportsCenter
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Notic.	Two Men	News CBS	Noticiero	News	Seinfeld	Called	Business	M*A*S*H	Amish Mafia	Bar Rescue	Castle (DVS)	Movie: Why Did I Get Married Too?, Janet Jackson	Austin	Austin	College Basketball	College Basketball
7:PM	Fresh Repeat	Mi corazón es tuyo	Hell's Kitchen	NCIS (DVS)	Los miserables (SS)	The Voice	Big Bang	Upd	The Ghost Army	Griffith	Amish Mafia	Movie: Fool's Gold, Donald Sutherland	Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Keyshia	Austin	College Basketball	College Basketball
8:PM	S.H.I.E.L.D.	Hasta el Fin	New Girl	NCIS: New Orleans	Tierra de Reyes (SS)	Chicago Fire	Big Bang	Cougar	Vietnam War Stories	Heroes	Amish Mafia	Movie: Sahara, Penélope Cruz	Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Being Mary Jane	Liv-Mad.	Tennis	SportsCenter
9:PM	Forever	Que te Perdona	Mod Fam	Person of Interest	Dueños del Paraíso	Chicago Fire	Big Bang	Cougar	Lincoln-Gettys	Taxi	Amish Mafia	Movie: X-Men, Ian McKellen	Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Being Mary Jane	Liv-Mad.	Tennis	SportsCenter
10:PM	News ABC	Impacto	Cleveland	News CBS	Tele	News	Conan	With Scholars	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	Amish Mafia	Bar Rescue	Rizzoli & Isles	Being Mary Jane	Liv-Mad.	Tennis	SportsCenter	
11:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Noticiero	Cleveland	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Cougar	Ministerios	T. Smiley	Perry Mason	Amish Mafia	Bar Rescue	Perception	Wendy Williams	Good Dog	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
12:AM	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met	The Late Late Show	Tierra de Reyes (SS)	Seth Meyers	Conan	Uda	T. Smiley	McMillan and Wife	Amish Mafia	Heavy	CSI: NY	(12:05) The Real	Deck	Basket	SportsCenter	
1:AM	Paid	Alma	Law & Order: SVU	Ent	Paid	De'siones	Movie: Law Abiding	Light of the Southwest	Gallery	To Be Announced	Amish Mafia	Bar Rescue	CSI: NY	Vince Sw.	Wizards	World/Poker	SportsCenter	

DENNIS THE MENACE

3-10

"MRS. HOEST PLAYS PIANO BY EAR."

"DOESN'T YOUR NECK GET TIRED?"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

3-10

"I've got so many pounds of homework tonight, Mommy, I'm already exhausted."

By Bil Keane

HAGAR

MEN, ARE YOU READY TO FIGHT FOR YOUR LIVES TODAY?!

I'M NOT SURE...

ARE YOU AFRAID TO DIE LIKE A MAN?

NO! I JUST WANT TO DIE LIKE A 95-YEAR-OLD MAN!

3-10

BLONDIE

YOU LOOK STUNNED!

I AM! BLONDIE JUST ASKED ME ONE OF THOSE TERRIFYING QUESTIONS

OH, NO! WHICH ONE WAS IT?

ONE OF THE MOST TERRIFYING ONES

SHE ASKED ME IF I HAD FORGOTTEN WHAT SPECIAL DAY THIS IS

OH, I HATE THAT ONE

3-10

PLUTO

1. IMAGINARY DOG

2. IMAGINARY PLANET

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3-10-15

WIZARD OF ID

OK, YOU'RE ALL SIGNED UP

BUT YOU'RE REALLY PUSHING IT WITH THE PRE-EXISTING CONDITION

3-10-15

AGNES

IN A NORMAL WORLD, A CHILDREN'S-BOOK DRAWER WOULD BE HANDED TEXT AND FLESH IT OUT WITH PICTURES

KEY WORD: "NORMAL."

YES... SO IN MY WORLD, I DRAW STUFF AND THEN FIND SOMEONE TO FLESH IT OUT WITH WORDS.

FOR INSTANCE: I CAN'T WAIT TO READ THE TALE THAT THIS PICTURE GENERATES

IS THAT A PIG IN CHAPS OR A BIKE?

HI AND LOIS

HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR THANK-YOU NOTES?

C'MON, MOM, CHRISTMAS WAS ONLY A COUPLE MONTHS AGO!

ALL THE MORE REASON TO THANK PEOPLE FOR LAST YEAR'S GIFTS.

3-10

THE OTHER COAST

I STOPPED BY THE PET SUPPLY STORE ON THE WAY HOME.

I PICKED UP SOME RAWHIDE CHEWIES AND A BAG OF LIVER-FLAVORED DOG BISCUITS.

I ALSO BOUGHT A CALENDAR PUT OUT BY AN ANIMAL CHARITY AS A FUNDRAISER.

IT FEATURES CUTE KITTENS.

GET ME ANYTHING?

YOU ARE MY HERO.

SUCH A NOBLE DEED.

TRAITOR!

3-10

SNUFFY SMITH

MIZ PRUNELLE SAYS YA NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS MORE, JUGHAID !!

YA KIDDIN' ??? I SPEAK UP ALL DAY LONG !!

REPORT CARD

HOW LONG 'TIL LUNCH ?

WHY DO WE HAFTA L'ARN THIS STUPID STUFF ?!

CAN WE STRETCH RECESS TODAY ?

CAN I SKIP MATH AN' TAKE A NAP INSTEAD ?

3-10

BEEBLE BAILEY

IS MY COFFEE READY?

YOU'LL HAVE TO DRINK INSTANT COFFEE. THE GRINDER BROKE

NO PROBLEM

3-10

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 10, the 69th day of 2015. There are 296 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

On this date:

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln assigned Ulysses S. Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States. The song "Beautiful Dreamer" by the late Stephen Foster was copyrighted by Wm. A. Pond & Co. of New York.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson, come here I want to see you."

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1914, the Rokeby Venus, a 17th century painting by Diego Velazquez on display at the National Gallery in London, was slashed multiple times by Mary Richardson, who was protesting the arrest of fellow suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst. (The painting was repaired.)

In 1933, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake centered off Long Beach, California, resulted in 120 deaths.

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16 Diva's solo

17 Took the car

18 Big brass horn

19 Half a quart

20 Renege

23 Before, in poetry

24 Pig's sound

25 Golf-score standard

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27 Racetrack informant

31 Loosen, as laces

34 Foal's mother

36 Poetic tribute

37 Loan for home-owning seniors

41 Republicans, for short

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47 Heavy mist

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49 Hits the road

51 Tooth docs' org.

54 Order-filling intervals

59 Imitated

60 Chapters of history

61 Try for a job

62 Commotion

DOWN

1 Cop's ID

2 Wrong move

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4 ___ Scotia, Canada

5 Heed, as advice

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7 "Ali ___ and the Forty Thieves"

8 More lively

9 Daily publications

10 Bone-dry

11 Perform a tune

12 Overfill

14 Get one's strength back

21 Baby goat

22 Once around the track

26 Cube rolled in a casino

27 Easy run

28 Frog's relative

29 Boundary

30 Swamp stalk

31 Advise strongly

32 Advertising sign gas

33 Prime-time family viewing rating

34 Patch up

35 French friend

38 Woman's summer frock

39 So-so, as a film review

40 Comedian's joke

45 Capital of 44 Across

46 Pie ___ mode

47 Gave lunch to

49 Tropical jam fruit

50 Beginning

51 Intensity, informally

52 River mouth

53 So far

54 "Bye-bye!"

55 "Once ___ a time..."

56 Overhaul

57 Spoken aloud

58 Stock-market debuts, for short

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SWAC suspends 15 players for fight in women's game

Texas Southern imposed its own penalty on the women's basketball team, withdrawing from the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament that begins Wednesday.

That move Monday night came hours before the conference handed out suspensions for 15 players involved in the bench-clearing fight between the Lady Tigers and Southern on Saturday night. It's believed to be one of the biggest number of suspensions in NCAA women's basketball history.

The conference announced later that seven players from Southern and eight from Texas Southern were suspended for their roles in the skirmish that resulted in the contest being ruled a double forfeit.

"After deliberate consultation and review with our conference office regarding the incident that transpired on March 7, 2015, we've come to the decision that our women's basketball team will not participate in the upcoming 2015 SWAC Women's Basketball Tournament, as we would not be able to successfully field

a competitive team due to the number of suspensions," Texas Southern Director of Athletics Dr. Charles McClelland said in release announcing the school's decision.

"In addition to the multi-game suspensions handed down from our league office, we will also be imposing some additional measures to ensure that our student-athletes fully understand the severity of what took place on Saturday. With that being said, we're not going to throw in the towel or give up on these young ladies."

Texas Southern players Toni Cheadle, Dana Jones, Miracle Davis, Diamonisha Sophus, Morgan Simmons, Ashley Ferguson and Alexis Johnson were all given one game suspensions by the conference. Kiana Vines received a two-game suspension.

Southern's Shaquandra Litmon, Jadea Brundidge, Jasmine Jefferson, Kendra Coleman, Corteni Purnell and Yasmine Nelson were all awarded a one-game penalty. Keonia Parrish was given two games. She was dismissed from the Jaguars team on Monday.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

Spring Training Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct	
Kansas City	6	0	1.000
New York	5	2	.714
Boston	4	2	.667
Oakland	4	2	.667
Houston	3	2	.600
Detroit	4	3	.571
Seattle	4	3	.571
Texas	4	3	.571
Minnesota	2	2	.500
Chicago	2	3	.400
Los Angeles	2	3	.400
Toronto	3	5	.375
Cleveland	2	4	.333
Baltimore	2	6	.250
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct	
Arizona	5	1	.833
Los Angeles	4	1	.800
Miami	3	2	.600
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600
St. Louis	3	2	.600
Washington	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	4	3	.571
Philadelphia	3	3	.500
San Diego	3	3	.500
New York	3	4	.429
Colorado	2	3	.400
Atlanta	2	4	.333
San Francisco	2	5	.286
Chicago	0	5	.000
Milwaukee	0	5	.000

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	38	25	.603	—
Boston	26	36	.419	11½
Brooklyn	25	36	.410	12
Philadelphia	14	49	.222	24
New York	12	50	.194	25½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Atlanta	50	13	.794	—
Washington	36	28	.563	14½
Charlotte	28	34	.452	21½
Miami	28	35	.444	22
Orlando	21	43	.328	29½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	40	25	.615	—
Chicago	39	26	.600	1
Milwaukee	33	30	.524	6
Indiana	28	34	.452	10½
Detroit	23	39	.371	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	45	18	.714	—
Houston	43	20	.683	2
Dallas	41	24	.631	5
San Antonio	39	23	.629	5½
New Orleans	35	29	.547	10½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	41	20	.672	—
Oklahoma City	35	28	.556	7
Utah	26	36	.419	15½
Denver	23	41	.359	19½
Minnesota	14	48	.226	27½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	50	12	.806	—
L.A. Clippers	41	23	.641	10
Phoenix	33	32	.508	18½
Sacramento	21	41	.339	29
L.A. Lakers	16	46	.258	34

Monday's Games

Washington 95, Charlotte 69
Atlanta 130, Sacramento 105
Boston 100, Miami 90
Memphis 101, Chicago 91
New Orleans 114, Milwaukee 103
Denver 106, New York 78
Golden State 98, Phoenix 80
L.A. Clippers 89, Minnesota 76

Tuesday's Games

Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Big 12 Conference

Men's Standings

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Kansas	13	5	.722	24	7	.774
Iowa St.	12	6	.667	22	8	.733
Oklahoma	12	6	.667	21	9	.700
Baylor	11	7	.611	23	8	.742
West Virginia	11	7	.611	23	8	.742
Texas	8	10	.444	19	12	.613
Oklahoma St.	8	10	.444	18	12	.600
Kansas St.	8	10	.444	15	16	.484
TCU	4	14	.222	17	14	.548
Texas Tech	3	15	.167	13	18	.419

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
TCU vs. Kansas St. at Sprint Center, 7 p.m.
Texas Tech vs. Texas at Sprint Center, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games
West Virginia vs. Baylor at Sprint Center, 12:30 p.m.
TBA vs. Kansas at Sprint Center, 2:30 p.m.
TBA vs. Iowa St. at Sprint Center,

BASEBALL

National Basketball Association

Monday's Games

Detroit 6, Toronto (ss) 4
Boston 3, St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 1, Baltimore 0
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 3
Pittsburgh 1, Minnesota 1, tie
Atlanta 2, Washington 1
Houston 1, Toronto (ss) 0
Miami 13, N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati (ss) 7, L.A. Angels 5
Texas 4, Oakland 1
Chicago White Sox 3, Arizona 3, tie
Kansas City 5, Milwaukee 4
San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 5, tie
Seattle 4, Cleveland 3
Colorado 2, Cincinnati (ss) 2, tie

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. vs. Oklahoma at Sprint Center, 9 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

Atlantic Division

W	L	OTpts	GF	GA		
Montreal	42	18	6	90	177	146
Tampa Bay	41	20	6	88	222	177
Detroit	37	17	11	85	192	172
Boston	33	22	10	76	176	170
Florida	29	23	14	72	163	188
Ottawa	30	23	11	71	184	173
Toronto	26	35	6	58	179	209
Buffalo	19	42	5	43	126	224

Metropolitan Division

W	L	OTpts	GF	GA		
N.Y. Islanders	43	21	4	90	218	192
N.Y. Rangers	40	17	7	87	198	155
Pittsburgh	38	18	10	86	189	162
Washington	36	21	10	82	200	165
Philadelphia	28	28	13	69	177	195
New Jersey	28	28	10	66	151	170
Columbus	27	34	4	58	166	207
Carolina	25	32	7	57	152	174

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OTpts	GF	GA		
Nashville	42	19	7	91	199	166
St. Louis	41	19	5	87	204	163
Chicago	39	21	6	84	190	154
Minnesota	36	23	7	79	186	168
Winnipeg	33	21	12	78	183	176
Colorado	30	25	11	71	177	185
Dallas	29	27	10	68	207	220

Pacific Division

W	L	OTpts	GF	GA		
Anaheim	42	19	7	91	199	186
Vancouver	38	24	4	80	189	179
Calgary	36	25	5	77	191	172
Los Angeles	31	21	13	75	175	168
San Jose	33	26	8	74	189	187
Arizona	21	38	8	50	143	224
Edmonton	18	38	11	47	152	227

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

Monday's Games

San Jose 2, Pittsburgh 1, SO
N.Y. Islanders 4, Toronto 3, OT
Detroit 5, Edmonton 2
Vancouver 2, Anaheim 1
Nashville 2, Arizona 1, OT

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.

TRANSACCIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended free agent RHP Roman Madrid 50 games after a positive test for an amphetamine, a banned stimulant, in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Oliver Drake to Norfolk (IL). Reassigned INF Michael Almanzar, RHP Dane De La Rosa, LHP Chris Jones and C Brian Ward to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Cody Allen, Cody Anderson and Shawn Armstrong; LHPs Kyle Crockett, Nick Hagadone and Ryan Merritt; OF Carlos Moncrief; INFs Jose Ramirez, Giovanni Urshela and Zach Walters and C-INF Tony Walters on one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with OF Kole Calhoun, 1B Efrén Navarro, 2B Josh Rutledge, LHP Jose Alvarez, RHP Matt Shoemaker,

LHP Andrew Heaney, 2B Johnny Giavotella, RHP Nick Tropeano, LHP Tyler Skaggs, RHP Cam Bedrosian, RHP Michael Morin, RHP Drew Rucinski, RHP Cory Rasmus, C Jett Bandy, 1B C.J. Cron, 2B Taylor Featherston, 1B Marc Krauss, 3B Kyle Kubitzka, OF Grant Green, C Carlos Bandy, OF Daniel Robertson and RHP Danny Reynolds on one-year contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Correia on a minor league contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned LHP Ian Thomas and INF Elmer Reyes to Gwinnett (AHL). Reassigned RHP Matt Capps, C Yenier Bello, C Tanner Murphy and INF Johan Camargo to their minor league camp.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP Phil Coke on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Los Angeles Clippers G Dahntay Jones \$10,000 for bumping Golden State F Draymond Green during a postgame interview on March 8.

Women's National Basketball Association

NEW YORK LIBERTY — Signed Candice Wiggins.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed NT Alameda Ta'amu to a one-year contract.

BUFFALO BILLS — Re-signed DE Jerry Hughes. Signed K Jordan Gay to a contract extension.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signed WR Brenton Bersin, C Brian Folkerts and LB Ben Jacobs to one-year contracts and RB Fozy Whitaker and Ted Ginn, Jr. to two-year contracts.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed K Mike Nugent to a two-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed OL Ryan Seymour.

DENVER BRONCOS — Named Ray Jackson director of player development.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed WR Randall Cobb and QB Scott Tolzien.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Released WR Andre Johnson and QB Thad Lewis.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Re-signed LB Curtis Lofton.

NEW YORK JETS — Tendered contract offers to NT Damon Harrison and S Jaquavon Jarrett.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with LB Brandon Graham on a four-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Agreed to terms with LB Arthur Moats on a three-year contract. Released DE Brett Keisel.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Released OL Jake Long and OL Scott Wells.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Re-signed CB Brandon Flowers to a four-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed TE Derek Carrier to a two-year contract extension through the 2017 season.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed CB Will Blackmon. Signed LB Mike Morgan and TE Anthony McCoy to contract extensions.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Re-signed DE Larry English, DE Lawrence Sidbury, TE Luke Stocker and LB Jason Williams.

Canadian National Football League

CALGARY STAMPEDEES — Signed LB Deron Mayo to a contract extension.

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