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Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of this one-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of Main around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room. Extent of the injuries were unknown this morning.

Olson won't seek second council term

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council will see a new face following municipal elections this May, as freshman council member Craig Olson announced today he will not be seeking a second term.

In a statement provided to the Herald this morning, Olson said personal commitments weighed heavily on his decision not to seek re-election.

"I will not seek re-election for the District 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 you will understand."

Olson offered many thanks to the citizens and voters of Big Spring for their support, both before and after his election approximately three years ago.

"I'd like to offer a huge thank you to our entire community for the encouragement, support and kindness shown to me during my three years of service with the Big Spring City Council," Olson said. "A very special thank you for those in the city's District 5 who had confidence enough to vote for me three years ago.

"As I studied each and every issue and cast my vote as your representative, the city's long-term interests were always

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City looks back, forward

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Where are we now and where are we going?

That's the question Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua posed — and answered this week — as the city staff took a look back at what it

had accomplished in 2012 and the goals it has for the coming year.

At the top of the city's list of accomplishments for the past year was the voter-approved, \$11.7 million bond project to overhaul the municipal water and wastewater facilities.

"Of course, we have to continue

to run these facilities while we rebuild them, so it is a phased project," Fuqua said. "Tonight the council awarded the first phase of that project to Red River Construction Company," he said Tuesday. "We're looking at having the

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Retirements rework police department

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

As longtime Big Spring Po-

lice Department Chief Lonnie Smith looks to bring his law enforcement career to a close with retirement in a little more than two months, several other positions will be changing hands, according to local officials.

Smith — who announced his retirement during Tues-

day night's city council meeting — said he felt the time for retirement was right since the construction and opening of the Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center, which houses both the BSPD and Howard County Sheriff's Office.

"The new center will be a

cost saver to our local taxpayers and bring better efficiency to both departments," Smith said in a statement. "The benefits will have an effect on our community. By sharing the new center, both agencies share more information and assist each other with manpower and training.

This will be seen by the public as time goes on. The patrol division of both departments share briefings and work area, which conjoins the information needed to patrol more efficiently.

"The city patrol are still

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Chamber banquet tickets: Buy 'em now!

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

People are running out of time if they want to purchase tickets to this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Debbie ValVerde, executive director of the chamber, said Friday is the final day to buy tickets for this year's event, which will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets cost \$25 apiece.

This year's event is titled, "Moving Forward With Every Step," an idea that dovetails nicely with both the banquet

and the chamber's overall mission, ValVerde said.

"The banquet is not only important to our members, but to others in the community as well," she said. "When we all work together ... it's easy for us as a community to move forward."

The highlight of the banquet will be the naming of the chamber's man and woman of the year, who will be introduced by Marc Marchesseault and Sherry Hodnett, last year's winners.

In a bit of a departure from previous banquets, there will be no guest speaker at this year's event. Instead, Eddie Vandewalker and the students with the

Howard College Music Department will perform.

Other banquet highlights include the passing of the gavel from outgoing Chamber President Jan Foresyth to her successor, Jim Clements.

Banquet sponsors are Alon USA, GEO group, Oncor, State National Bank, Wal-Mart, Water Water and Wells Fargo Bank, ValVerde said.

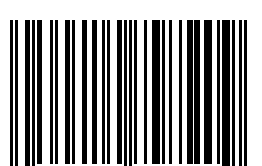
Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, located at 215 W. Third St.

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Obituaries

James Hollis Meek



James Hollis Meek, 79, of Odessa passed away Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born Jan. 11, 1934, in Big Spring, Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy, and was owner of the Swim Shop.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.M. and Helen Meek; daughter, Karla Meek; and sister, Reba Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Meek of Odessa; son, Kent Meek and wife Johnnie of Midland; daughter, Kathy Gianfala of Odessa; sisters, Cole Cunningham of Big Spring, Jolene Starrack of Cederman and Betty Jaun Valiquette of Midland; granddaughter, Sarah Fontenot; great-granddaughter, Tierrah; brother-in-law, Bob Kennedy; best friend, Gene Walls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Bettye J. Griffith



Bettye J. Griffith, 78, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013, at Marcy House. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at East Fourth Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 15, 1934, in Winters, Texas, to Juanita and Arthur Dean. She grew up in Forsan and married Royce Griffith on Aug. 10, 1952, in Forsan. He preceded her in death Dec. 6, 2006. She worked as a bank teller for many years at First National Bank in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Veanda Jones and her husband Bill of Georgetown; four grandsons, Brant Jones and Christi Jones of Grapevine, Blake Jones and his wife Holly of San Antonio, Landon Jones and his wife Jovanna of Midland and Lastain Jones of Austin; six great-grandchildren, Brooks Jones, Ellorie Jones, Jediah Jones, Salla Jones, Ryder Jones and Aurelia Jones; two brothers, Randy DEan and his wife Sydney of Perryton and Ricky DEan and his wife Lana of Winslow, Ind.; one sister, Barbara Tilley and her husband Marshall and daughter Rhonda of Amarillo; and three sisters-in-law, Pennie DEan and her daughters Anisina and Genifer of Big Spring, Hattie Griffith of Forsan and Reta Crenshaw of Plano.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry DEan.

The family suggests memorials to Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Joe Lozano Jr.



Joe Lozano Jr., 61, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Aug. 11, 1951, in Austin, Texas, and moved to Big Spring in 1958. Joe had worked for the Big Spring State Hospital and at Branham's Furniture. He was a member of Iglesia Bautista Le Fe.

Survivors include his wife, Irma Lozano of Big Spring; his children, Lisa Lamb of Fort Worth, Victoria Warren of Midland, Anastasia Lozano of Big Spring, Gary Lozano, Jake Garcia and Adrianna Garcia, all of San Antonio and Joe Lozano of Irving; his mother, Natalia Garcia of Uvalde; five brothers, Benny Lozano of Austin, Tony Lozano of Tomball, Phillip Lozano of Hobbs, N.M., Roland Lozano of Austin and Geno Lozano; six sisters, Lupe Mendez of Bryan, Cynthia Lucio, Cheryl Lozano, Patsy Garza and Melinda Ramos, all of Austin, and Theresa Sanchez of San Marcos, Calif.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe E. Lozano, and one brother.

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

Bonnie Coker



Bonnie Coker, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 17, 1934, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Gertie and George McEwen. She was a homemaker and also worked for 37 years for the Big Spring Independent School District as a bus driver. She was the first woman driver in Big Spring. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Chap Coker of Big Spring; one son, George Coker of Big Spring; one daughter, Connie Tate and husband Reed of Abilene; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Gregor of Phoenix, Ariz.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Benny McEwen.

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

Police blotter

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

- KASSAUNDRY DYHAN MUNOZ, 22, of 1007 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.
- LETICIA MARIA CRUZ, 33, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JENNIFER LOPEZ URIBE, 38, of 1101 Mesa, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for permitting an unlicensed minor to drive (parent or guardian).
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Hillside Drive.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of Angela Drive.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of Davis Road.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- LARRY WILSON STEIGER JR., 29, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, failure to display driver's license, public intoxication, speeding (two counts), violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and expired driver's license.
- RODOLFO GARCIA JR., 38, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on Dallas warrants for burglary of a vehicle and evading arrest or detention.
- KASSAUNDRY DYHAN MUNOZ, 22, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.
- JENNIFER LOPEZ URIBE, 38, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for permitting an unlicensed minor to drive (parent or guardian).

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area northeast of FM 700. One person was airlifted from the scene.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Wasson and March. One person was

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Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	44	sunny	Kingsville	84	62	pt sunny
Amarillo	58	34	pt sunny	Livingston	76	55	pt sunny
Austin	78	56	pt sunny	Longview	70	50	cloudy
Beaumont	74	58	pt sunny	Lubbock	68	40	pt sunny
Brownsville	82	62	pt sunny	Lufkin	76	57	pt sunny
Brownwood	78	51	pt sunny	Midland	77	48	sunny
Corpus Christi	79	62	pt sunny	Raymondville	83	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	72	49	pt sunny	Rosenberg	78	59	mst sunny
Dallas	72	50	pt sunny	San Antonio	79	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	80	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	56	pt sunny
El Paso	73	47	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	70	47	cloudy
Fort Stockton	83	51	sunny	Sweetwater	71	45	mst sunny
Gainesville	63	41	cloudy	Tyler	72	53	cloudy
Greenville	67	46	cloudy	Weatherford	70	44	pt sunny
Houston	77	59	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	50	33	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	47	29	pt sunny	Minneapolis	11	9	cloudy
Boston	21	7	sunny	New York	25	14	mst sunny
Chicago	24	19	flurries	Phoenix	74	56	cloudy
Dallas	72	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	50	rain
Denver	64	34	cloudy	Seattle	44	41	rain
Houston	77	59	mst sunny	St. Louis	26	22	pt sunny
Los Angeles	68	54	rain	Washington, DC	31	21	flurries
Miami	77	57	pt sunny				

transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 600 block of Dallas.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

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Take Note

- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community mem-

bers can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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of the highest priority. It is my sincere hope and prayer I have not disappointed you with my representation. I would also like to offer very special thanks to my distinguished council colleagues who voted for me two years in a row as mayor pro-tem. These are honors I will always remember and cherish.

"If I can be of assistance to our community in the future, please feel free to call on me, as I will always

welcome the opportunity," he added. "Big Spring is my home, also."

The first day for Crossroads residents to file to run for municipal or school district elections is Wednesday. Also up for grabs in the May election will be the seat currently held by first-term Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, who has not yet indicated whether he will seek re-election.

According to Big Spring officials, political hopefuls can begin picking up filing packets from city hall — located at 310 Nolan St. — on Wednesday. Filing ends March 1.

Filing for the election is being handled by the city

of Big Spring administration, while the election itself will once again be coordinated by the Howard County Elections Administration Office. For more information on filing to run in the May election, contact Big Spring City Hall at 432-264-2513.

Those looking to get a jump on the filing process can download applications and necessary forms from the Texas Secretary of State website, located at www.sos.state.tx.us

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water treatment plant completed sometime around December 2014 or early 2015. The wastewater plant moves a bit quicker and should be completed by August of 2014."

The project — financed largely by the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation with the city picking up the remaining tab — was approved by voters in May after the council voted unanimously to have it placed on the ballot.

Another matter that weighed heavily on both the present and future sides of the presentation was the municipal landfill, which city officials have been in the process recently of meeting with officials with the Texas

Commission for Environmental Quality.

"This is something we've been talking about for quite some time," Fuqua said. "We've looked at several different options and formed a committee. We've looked at other properties. We know our existing landfill will last approximately three years.

"We've developed and evaluated plans for our future expansion. We're looking at purchasing the land and we're beginning to work on those negotiations. We met with TECQ to initialize the permitting process and talked to them about the feasibility of our plan."

Fuqua also went over last year's efforts to replace a large amount of water lines within the city, which cost the

municipality approximately \$900,000 of its \$1 million budget and included portions of Third and Fourth Streets and Birdwell Lane.

Fuqua said he'd like to see the city continue to tackle the problem with aging water lines aggressively in the years to come.

The newly built Troy M. Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center also figured in heavily to last year's accomplishments. The combining of several services — dispatch, records and other safety services — between the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office is already saving taxpayers money, according to Fuqua.

The city also recently contracted with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper for improvements to the

Municipal Auditorium's sound and lighting systems, and is in the process of testing and exploring the outsourcing of fleet maintenance services to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

As for the future, the city already has one mammoth project staring it in the face — the recent donation of the Malone & Hogan Clinic to the municipality.

"This is something we did not go out and solicit. We received a phone call from the people who own the clinic asking us to help them and take this building," Fuqua said. "Some of the things we're working with are long-term management issues and, of course, maintenance and repairs. We're also looking at the possibility of moving the Senior Citizen

Center into the first floor of the building."

Fuqua said he has already spoken with officials from Scenic Mountain Medical Center who have assured him the hospital will have the kitchen space to provide meals for the program, as well as health screenings and other programs for the area's senior citizens.

Other projects on the city's 2013 radar include:

- Construction of an entrance to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark from the Highway 87 truck reliever route planned for the western side of the city.
- Updating the city's Master Plan.
- Evaluating street repair needs within the

city and implement a long-term program to systematically seal coat, repair and repave existing streets.

- Prepare for infrastructure needs related to new development.
- Address issues with employee turnover and morale due to the tremendous pull from the oilfield.

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assigned districts and work those areas through their shift. They start the shift and end the shift at the new building, but then they are in the districts assigned. As to noticing any difference in areas of town, the police presence should be the same. We have also completed consolidating dispatch services and records division. This consolidation has and will provide better efficiency in these areas and provide savings on both departments' budgets."

According to Smith, the city is under contract with Howard County to provide crime scene services, animal control and narcotics investigation personnel to the county, calling the exchange of services beneficial to both entities.

Smith's emotional announcement to the city council Tuesday evening isn't the only re-

tirement the BSPD has been dealing with in the past few months, according to Smith.

"In December, we had a crime scene technician, Wayne Jones, retire after performing his duties and service to our community for 20 years. The new person hired to fill his position is Tanna Thompson," Smith said. "On Jan. 31, Lt. Terry Chamness will also retire after 26 years of service to our community and department as administrative lieutenant and Howard County Emergency Management director.

Sgt. Chad Williams will be promoted and replace Chamness as administrative lieutenant

and emergency management director for emergency situations within the city of Big Spring.

County employee Ann Farley has assumed duties as emergency management director for events outside the city of Big Spring and in Howard County. With Williams' promotion, Sgt. Brian Gordon will be assigned to support services and animal control, while Cpl. John Haynes will be promoted to sergeant and be assigned to patrol division, replacing Sgt. Gordon.

Smith — who has served with the BSPD for more than 35 years and as chief for more than 15 years — offered thanks

to his department and community for their support through the years.

"I'd like to thank the personnel who have worked for and with me over these many years for their dedication to our department and community," he said. "I'd also like to thank the different mayors, council persons and city staff who I have served under for their support."

Smith's retirement goes into effect March 30.

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Do gun control laws control guns?

The gun control controversy is only the latest of many issues to be debated almost solely in terms of fixed preconceptions, with little or no examination of hard facts.

Media discussions of gun control are dominated by two factors: the National Rifle Association and the Second Amendment. But the over-riding factual question is whether gun control laws actually reduce gun crimes in general or murder rates in particular.

If, as gun control advocates claim, gun control laws really do control guns and save lives, there is nothing to prevent repealing the Second Amendment, any more than there was anything to prevent repealing the Eighteenth Amendment that created Prohibition.

But, if the hard facts show that gun control laws do not actually control guns, but instead lead to more armed robberies and higher murder rates after law-abiding citizens are disarmed, then gun control laws would be a bad idea, even if there were no Second Amendment and no National Rifle Association.

The central issue boils down to the question: What are the facts? Yet there are many zealots who seem utterly unconcerned about facts or about their own lack of knowledge of facts.

There are people who have never fired a shot in their life who do not hesitate to declare how many bullets should be the limit to put into a firearm's clip or magazine. Some say ten bullets but New York state's recent gun control law specifies seven.

Virtually all gun control advocates say that 30 bullets in a magazine is far too many for self-defense or hunting — even if they have never gone hunting and never had to defend themselves with a gun. This uninformed and self-righteous dogmatism is what makes the gun control debate so futile and so polarizing.

Anyone who faces three home invaders, jeopardizing himself or his family, might find 30 bullets barely adequate. After all, not every bullet hits, even at close range, and not every hit incapacitates. You can get killed by a wounded man.

These plain life-and-death realities have been ignored for years by people who go ballistic when they hear about how many shots were fired by the police in some encounter with a criminal.

As someone who once taught pistol shooting in the Marine Corps, I am not the least bit surprised by the number of shots fired. I have seen people miss a stationary target at close range, even in the safety and calm of a pistol range.

We cannot expect everybody to know that. But we can expect them to know that they don't know — and to stop spouting off about life-and-death issues when they don't have the facts.

The central question as to whether gun control laws save lives or cost lives has generated many factual studies over the years. But these studies have been like the proverbial tree that falls in an empty forest, and has been heard by no one — certainly not by zealots who have made up their minds and don't want to be confused by the facts.

Most factual studies show no reduction in gun crimes, including murder, under gun control laws. A significant number of studies show higher rates of

murder and other gun crimes under gun control laws.

How can this be? It seems obvious to some gun control zealots that, if no one had guns, there would be fewer armed robberies and fewer people shot to death.

But nothing is easier than to disarm peaceful, law-abiding people. And nothing is harder than to disarm people who are neither — especially in a country with hundreds of millions of guns already out there, that are not going to rust away for centuries.

When it was legal to buy a shotgun in London in the middle of the 20th century, there were very few armed robberies there. But, after British gun control zealots managed over the years to disarm virtually the entire law-abiding population, armed robberies became literally a hundred times more common. And murder rates rose.

One can cherry-pick the factual studies, or cite some studies that have subsequently been discredited, but the great bulk of the studies show that gun control laws do not in fact control guns. On net balance, they do not save lives but cost lives.

Gun control laws allow some people to vent their emotions, politicians to grandstand and self-righteous people to “make a statement” — but all at the cost of other people's lives.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us understand your Word, dear Lord, and follow it.

Amen

Obama inaugural: Just do it!

A lot less gloomy, a little more combative and much more impatient than four years ago, President Barack Obama used his second inaugural address on Monday to urge action on a nation in the grips of inertia.

“Progress does not compel us to settle centuries-long debates about the role of government for all time,” he said, “but it does require us to act in our time.”

Translation: Listen up, Congress. I've got four years left, and we're going to do things for this country even if I have to make you kick and scream to do them.

“For now decisions are upon us, and we cannot afford delay,” the president said. “We cannot mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate.”

It was a very careful speech. It had been worked on for months, with each word weighed. So it was no accident that Obama used the word “gay” but did not use the word “gun.” The latter has become more controversial than the former these days.

To Obama, a former professor of constitutional law, the speech had a historical framework. At the beginning of his speech, he invoked the most sacred words from the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

But this was more than just patriotic filler. It was a call to replace inaction with action. “For history tells us that while these truths may be self-evident, they have never been self-executing,” Obama said. “While freedom is a

gift from God, it must be secured by His people here on Earth.”

In other words, let's get up and do some things.

Four years ago, Obama and the nation were near despair. “Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred,” he said back then. “Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age.”

Back then, he talked about lost homes and shuttered businesses, and then spoke of something even worse: “a sapping of confidence across our land — a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights.”

This time, in this speech, the mood was different.

“A decade of war is now ending; an economic recovery has begun,” the president said on the west steps of the Capitol after taking his oath of office. “My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment, and we will seize it — so long as we seize it together.”

Togetherness was very much a theme of the speech. Hyper-partisanship has frozen the machinery of Congress, but the people working together can force a thaw.

And, showing some of the combativeness of his first inaugural address in which he rejected the political philosophies of Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, Obama directly scorned the philosophy of Mitt Romney.

“We do not believe that in this country, freedom is reserved for the lucky, or happiness for the few,” he said.

“The commitments we make to each other — through Medicare, and Medicaid, and Social Security — these things do not sap our initiative; they strengthen us. They do not make us a nation of takers; they free us to take

the risks that make this country great.”

He spent little time on foreign policy, except to say that America would defend democracy across the globe. But there are limits. “We, the people, still believe that enduring security and lasting peace do not require perpetual war,” he said.

Then he swung back to America, delving into its past, praising the “pioneers” who had been at Seneca Falls (for women's right in 1848), and Selma (for civil rights in 1965), and Stonewall (for gay rights in 1969).

“It is now our generation's task to carry on what those pioneers began,” he said, and then talked about how America's journey was not complete until there were equal rights for women, for “our gay brothers and sisters,” and “until no citizen is forced to wait for hours to exercise the right to vote.”

In coded language calling for gun control but carefully avoiding that term, he added: “Our journey is not complete until all our children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia to the quiet lanes of Newtown, know that they are cared for, and cherished, and always safe from harm.”

He added with the same message that he had emphasized throughout his campaign: There are no guarantees, but at least we are all in this together.

“With common effort and common purpose, with passion and dedication,” he said, “let us answer the call of history, and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom.”

Let's just do it. Now!

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News in brief

Sheriff: Second suspect possible in college attack

HOUSTON (AP) — A second suspect may emerge in the aftermath of the shooting at a Houston-area community college that left three people injured, the Harris County sheriff said Wednesday.

At least 10 shots were fired Tuesday during a dispute between two men outside the library at the North Harris campus of Lone Star College, Sheriff Adrian Garcia said. Authorities were still looking for the handgun that was used.

Carlton Berry, 22, is charged with two felony counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Garcia offered no additional details on the role of a possible second suspect. He said investigators were trying to determine what caused the argument, adding that the dispute was “idiocy, stupidity.”

“We had individuals who did not care about putting other people in harm’s way,” he said at an afternoon news conference. “It was a ridiculous, adolescent confrontation that occurred.”

Berry was injured in the incident and is under police supervision at a Houston hospital, Garcia said. Investigators were still trying to determine how he was wounded.

Berry had a Lone Star College ID but it was not clear whether he was enrolled at the school, Garcia said. Court records did not list an attorney for Berry.

Garcia said the two other people wounded in the shooting were recovering. Jody Neal, 25, with whom Berry was arguing, was shot in the abdomen and leg. Neal was pursuing his GED. Charges were not expected to be filed against Neal, as officials said that Berry was the only one with a weapon.

A maintenance worker for the college, 55-year-old Bobby Cliburn, was standing nearby and was shot in the leg. Sheriff’s officials corrected his age, which was reported earlier as 69.

A woman whose name has not been released also received medical treatment. It was initially believed she suffered a heart attack, but Garcia said she was treated for an anxiety attack.

Berry is scheduled for a court hearing Thursday, which could be delayed because of his medical condition, officials said. He faces a total bond of \$60,000.

FBI investigating fatal shooting of immigrants

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A letter sent from the Texas Department of Public Safety to the state Attorney General on Wednesday confirms that the FBI is investigating a state trooper’s fatal shooting of two Guatemalan immigrants.

The letter, which was copied to The Associated Press, came in response to the AP’s public records request for documents related to the state investigation of the Oct. 25 shooting near La Joya.

The incident began with a chase after Texas Parks and Wildlife game wardens spotted a red pickup near La Joya and the U.S.-Mexico border, about 250 miles south of San Antonio. The wardens requested help, and the DPS helicopter joined midway in the 14-mile, high-speed pursuit of what authorities said they believed was a “typical covered drug load.”

A trooper fired from the helicopter to disable the vehicle, and it crashed into a ditch. Two illegal immigrants died, and a third was injured. Authorities said the wounded immigrants were among six hiding under a blanket in the truck’s bed.

In the days following the incident, civil rights groups and the Guatemalan government expressed concerns that DPS was essentially investigating itself since the Texas Rangers, who were leading the investigation, fall under the DPS umbrella. A week after the incident, DPS Director Steve McCraw said he had asked the FBI and the U.S. Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division to investigate and would turn over the Texas Rangers’ report.

The FBI had declined to confirm or deny such an investigation. But in one of several arguments DPS made to withhold the documents, Wednesday’s letter states “a criminal investigation into the above-referenced incident is ongoing and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is also involved in the investigation at this time.” The letter is also copied to a FBI special agent in the agency’s San Antonio office.

Education chief: Court puts funding talks on hold

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams sidestepped the debate over \$5.4 billion slashed from public schools two years ago during his first appearance Wednesday before state budget-writers, who have kept those classroom cuts in place despite Texas’ deeper pockets this time around.

Those cuts triggered a series of lawsuits pitting hundreds of Texas school districts against the state. A judge in Austin plans to rule next month, but his decision will almost certainly be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

Williams, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as the state’s new education chief in October, said after testifying to the powerful Senate Finance Committee that it was premature to discuss public

school funding until the court case is settled.

“It’s more prudent now to wait until we hear what the court tells us,” Williams said. “The court is going to make a determination about whether we have adequate dollars or equitable funding. I think it is more prudent for the Legislature not to put loaded sums of money in one area and have the court make a determination that we got to reverse and go back in another direction.”

Unlike the Great Recession that dogged the state’s revenue outlook in 2011, a resurgent Texas economy and a booming oil and gas industry have put state coffers flush with dollars again. Both the House and Senate introduced budget drafts for 2014-15 last week, but neither restored the public education cuts that the Republican-controlled Legislature made in 2011 while faced with a \$27 billion shortfall.

State budget officials testified Wednesday that the bills do fund a projected enrollment growth of about 170,000 new students over the next two years, though at the same reduced per-student spending rate installed two years ago.

Asked about the impact the cuts have had in Texas classrooms, Williams spoke optimistically.

“We’re not seeing dramatic numbers of schools becoming academically unacceptable or losing accreditation,” Williams said. “So I think school districts are doing their part with the dollars they have.”

ID sought after human skull found in Texas woods

JASPER, Texas (AP) — A human skull found by a deer hunter in some East Texas woods has been sent to a forensic lab in an effort to identify the person.

Jasper County Sheriff Mitchell Newman said Wednesday that authorities have not had a missing person report for several years.

Officials say the hunter came upon the remains Tuesday night in a wooded area off a road just north of Jasper. Several pieces of vertebrae were also located.

Jasper is about 125 miles northeast of Houston.

Austin: psychiatrist charged with public lewdness

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A child psychiatrist fired from Austin State Hospital amid allegations he sexually abused boys getting treatment has been charged with public lewdness.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that Dr. Charles Fischer has been freed on \$5,000 bond on the Class A misdemeanor. Austin police records show the 60-year-old Fischer was arrested Tuesday afternoon in a wooded area. Another man fled.

A grand jury last June indicted Fischer on one count of sexual assault, two counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child by contact. He was fired in 2011 and his medical license suspended during the abuse investigation going back several years.

Defense attorney Chris Gunter says the new charges will likely mean Fischer’s bond in the felony case will be revoked.

Dallas-area woman who survived attack testifies

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area woman who needed more than 500 stitches after a 2011 beating and slashing attack says her now-former boyfriend first became violent in 2009.

The woman returns to the stand Thursday in the Dallas aggravated sexual assault trial of 34-year-old Jose Arreola. He’s also charged with family violence and retaliation.

Defense attorney Michael Todd says the woman was the aggressor and pulled knives on Arreola.

The woman testified Wednesday that she never saw Arreola angry or violent until he allegedly attacked her in 2009.

Prosecutors say Arreola was free on bail in that case when he allegedly raped and sexually mutilated the woman in March 2011. Doctors say the victim lost about 40 percent of her blood.

Texan gets prison for child porn distribution

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A South Texas man who had more than 12,000 child pornography images on his computers has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

A federal judge in Corpus Christi on Wednesday sentenced 64-year-old Joseph Fellhauer of Victoria. Fellhauer in October pleaded guilty to distribution of child pornography.

The investigation began in 2010 when an undercover law officer downloaded several child pornog-

raphy items from a computer linked to Fellhauer.

His home was searched in April 2011 and agents recovered several electronic media storage devices. Prosecutors say the items yielded more than 12,000 images and about 350 videos of child pornography.

Fellhauer has remained in custody since his arrest a year ago.

Life term sought for ex-dentist in wife’s death

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors will seek a life sentence for a retired East Texas dentist convicted of murder in the fatal shooting of his wife.

The penalty phase of Bobby Ray Nichols’ murder trial begins Thursday. A Smith County jury deliberated about an hour Wednesday afternoon before returning its verdict.

Nichols, who’s 76, fatally shot his 71-year-old wife Rosalind Nichols on June 29 during an argument at their home.

Nichols testified told jurors that he was “in a stupor” and did not intend to fatally shoot his wife during an argument at their home last summer.

Alleged cartel supervisor to be sentenced

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — An alleged manager in Mexico’s Gulf drug cartel convicted of immigration and weapon charges could face up to 20 years in prison.

Jose Luis Zuniga Hernandez — known as “El Wicho” — is to be sentenced Thursday in Brownsville. Just across the Rio Grande is Matamoros, Mexico, where federal authorities say he managed cartel operations before fleeing to the U.S. to escape his enemies.

Zuniga pleaded guilty earlier this month to illegal re-entry and being an illegal immigrant in possession of a firearm.

Border Patrol agents arrested him and four others in October 2011 near the Rio Grande. He was carrying \$20,000, cocaine and a gold-plated handgun.

Zuniga’s lawyer had argued that he was fleeing for his life. Cartel infighting has driven several members into the United States.

More hearings set for Fort Hood massacre suspect

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Three days of pre-trial hearings have been set for the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood shooting rampage.

Col. Tara Osborn, the presiding judge in the case, set the hearings for Jan. 30-Feb. 1 at the Central Texas Army post in the case of Maj. Nidal Hasan.

Hasan faces the death penalty or life in military prison without parole if convicted in the 2009 rampage that killed 13 and wounded more than two dozen others on the Texas Army post. The trial date for the 42-year-old American-born Muslim officer has yet to be set.

Hasan also is charged with 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

Former investigator charged in drug conspiracy

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A former investigator with a South Texas district attorney’s office was indicted Wednesday on a drug conspiracy charge in a case in which others are accused of shooting a federal agent.

Aida Palacios was named in a superseding indictment filed Wednesday in McAllen as part of a conspiracy that sought to possess and distribute more than a ton of marijuana. Additional detail about her alleged role was not immediately available and it was unknown if she had an attorney.

Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra said Palacios worked primarily on cases of people writing bad checks off and on for years in the prosecutor’s office. Palacios resigned in August.

The investigation into the drug trafficking ring, in which prosecutors have now implicated Palacios, had been going on for two years when it took a violent turn last summer.

Before dawn on July 3, a special agent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations was wounded while conducting surveillance in Hargill, a rural community northeast of McAllen. Agent Kelton Harrison was chased, shot and ran off the road.

Pedro Alvarado, 41, and his 18-year-old son, Arnoldo Alvarado, were charged in the shooting. Pedro Alvarado’s 16-year-old son has been charged as a juvenile in a state district court with attempted capital murder and is awaiting a decision on whether he will be charged as an adult.

In December, five more people were indicted on drug conspiracy charges. Palacios was added Wednesday as the sixth person.

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News in brief

N. Korea warns it will conduct nuclear test, carry out more long-range rocket launches

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's top governing body warned Thursday that the regime will conduct its third nuclear test in defiance of U.N. punishment, and made clear that its long-range rockets are designed to carry not only satellites but also warheads aimed at striking the United States.

The National Defense Commission, headed by the country's young leader, Kim Jong Un, denounced Tuesday's U.N. Security Council resolution condemning North Korea's long-range rocket launch in December as a banned missile activity and expanding sanctions against the regime. The commission reaffirmed in its declaration that the launch was a peaceful bid to send a satellite into space, but also clearly indicated the country's rocket launches have a military purpose: to strike and attack the United States.

The commission pledged to keep launching satellites and rockets and to conduct a nuclear test as part of a "new phase" of combat with the United States, which it blames for leading the U.N. bid to punish Pyongyang. It said a nuclear test was part of "upcoming" action but did not say exactly when or where it would take place.

"We do not hide that a variety of satellites and long-range rockets which will be launched by the DPRK one after another and a nuclear test of higher level which will be carried out by it in the upcoming all-out action, a new phase of the anti-U.S. struggle that has lasted century after century, will target against the U.S., the sworn enemy of the Korean people," the commission said, referring to North Korea by its official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

A revised deficit collision course: Senate Dems eye new taxes, GOP seeks deeper spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's sharp disagreements over taxes and spending are on a re-routed collision course, as Senate Democrats launch a plan that includes new taxes and House Republicans vow to speed up their plan to balance the federal budget with spending cuts alone.

The Republicans' new approach would require even deeper cuts in social programs than they pushed last year. Liberals denounced those earlier plans as severe and unfair, and they say the new version would be worse.

The new commitments by House and Senate members stem from the ongoing dispute over raising the federal debt ceiling. The House voted Wednesday to postpone any showdown over the borrowing limit for three months. The Democratic-led Senate plans to endorse the idea, which the White House also supports.

That means the next big budget clash will occur in March. That's when major, across-the-board spending cuts — both parties dislike them — are scheduled to begin unless they are replaced by a different deficit-cutting technique.

It's possible that both parties will continue to find ways to postpone and minimize tough decisions on taming the deficit. But the new House and Senate endeavors could make such dodges more difficult. Voters, meanwhile, may get a clearer picture of the unpleasant choices they face.

Indian trial of 5 suspects in gang rape and murder of woman starts in special New Delhi court

NEW DELHI (AP) — Five suspects, their faces covered with woolen caps, arrived in a special

fast-track New Delhi court Thursday for the start of their trial for the rape and murder of a young woman on a bus last month in a case that triggered outrage and questions over the treatment of women in India's justice system.

Police were on alert outside the sprawling court complex in south New Delhi as the suspects arrived. Inside the court, about 30 policemen blocked access to the room where the trial was to be held, while scores of journalists and curious onlookers crowded the hallway.

The suspects were whisked into the courtroom by a phalanx of armed policemen for the start of the trial, although there were no immediate details released.

The court will hear opening arguments by the prosecution and defense lawyers. The trial will be conducted in a closed court room after Judge Yogesh Khanna denied a defense motion to make the proceedings public.

A sixth suspect says he is a juvenile and is expected to be tried in a juvenile court.

Families of many Bangladesh factory fire victims still waiting for promised compensation

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — When fire ravaged a Bangladeshi garment factory, killing 112 workers, dozens of their families did not even have a body to bury because their loved ones' remains were burned beyond recognition. Two months later, the same families have yet to receive any of the compensation they were promised — not even their relatives' last paychecks.

An official with the country's powerful garment industry said DNA tests must first be conducted to confirm the losses of more than 50 families. He would not say why the families have not even received the wages their relatives had earned before the Nov. 24 blaze.

Many of the families desperately need money after losing their primary breadwinners in the fire at the Tazreen factory, which made clothes for Wal-Mart, Disney and other Western brands.

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, a foreign supplier and the government promised to give the families of the dead 600,000 takas (\$7,500) each, finance the education of the dead workers' children and pay the November salaries of both dead and surviving factory workers.

"I have got nothing. Nobody is saying anything," said Ansar, who uses one name and who lost his wife and daughter in the fire.

Fontana, Calif., school police get semiautomatic rifles in controversial safety program

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — The high-powered semiautomatic rifles recently shipped to school police in this Southern California city look like they belong on a battlefield rather than in a high school, but officials here say the weapons could help stop a massacre like the one that claimed the lives of 26 students and educators in Connecticut just weeks ago.

Fontana Unified School District police purchased 14 of the Colt LE6940 rifles last fall, and they were delivered the first week of December — a week before the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Over the holiday break, the district's 14 school police officers received 40 hours of training on the rifles. Officers check them out for each shift from a fireproof safe in the police force's main office.

Fontana isn't the first district to try this. Other Southern California districts also have rifle programs — some that have been in operation for several years. Fontana school police Chief Billy Green said he used money from fingerprinting fees to purchase the guns for \$14,000 after identifying a "critical vulnerability" in his force's ability to protect students. The officers, who already wear sidearms, wouldn't be able to stop a shooter like the one in Connecticut, he said Wednesday.

"They're not walking around telling kids, 'Hurry up and get to class' with a gun around their neck,"

the chief said. "Parents need to know that if there was a shooter on their child's campus that was equipped with body armor or a rifle, we would be limited in our ability to stop that threat to their children."

Some parents and students, however, reacted with alarm to the news that school resource officers were being issued the rifles during their shifts. The officers split their time between 44 schools in the district and keep the rifles in a safe at their assigned school or secured in their patrol car each day before checking the weapon back in to the school police headquarters each night.

John Kerry, Obama's pick for secretary of state, to field questions from committee he chairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Sen. John Kerry, on a smooth path to confirmation as secretary of state, is likely to face friendly questioning when he testifies before the committee that he's served on for 28 years and led for the past four.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman will sit at the witness table Thursday when he appears before the panel, a month after President Barack Obama said he wanted him to succeed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Clinton is stepping down.

The five-term Massachusetts senator is widely expected to win overwhelming bipartisan support from his colleagues, and that notion was reinforced by the list of people who will introduce him: Clinton, Massachusetts freshman Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Republican Sen. John McCain.

McCain and Kerry are friends who have worked closely on national security issues. They're also decorated Vietnam War veterans and former presidential candidates who know the sharp sting of defeat.

At the conclusion of a Capitol Hill news conference Tuesday, McCain joked about Kerry's hearing and the tough tactics that won't be employed.

WTC workers leave graffiti of defiance, hope on skyscraper rising at ground zero in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — On most construction projects, workers are discouraged from signing or otherwise scrawling on the iron and concrete. At the skyscraper rising at ground zero, though, they're being invited to leave messages for the ages.

"Freedom Forever. WTC 9/11" is scrawled on a beam near the top of the gleaming, 104-story One World Trade Center. "Change is from within" is on a beam on the roof. Another reads: "God Bless the workers & inhabitants of this bldg."

One of the last pieces of steel hoisted up last year sits near a precarious edge. The message on it reads: "We remember. We rebuild. We come back stronger!" It is signed by a visitor to the site last year — President Barack Obama.

The words on beams, walls and stairwells of the skyscraper that replaces the twin towers lost on Sept. 11, 2001, form the graffiti of defiance and rebirth, what ironworker supervisor Kevin Murphy calls "things from the heart." They're remembrances of the 2,700 people who died, and testaments to the hope that rose from a shattered morning.

"This is not just any construction site, this is a special place for these guys," says Murphy of the 1,000 men and some women who work in the building at any given time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Now that women can serve in combat roles, military chiefs will have to defend any exceptions


WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's decision to lift the ban on women serving in combat presents a daunting challenge to top military leaders who now will have to decide which, if any, jobs they believe should be open only to men.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is expected to announce Thursday that more than 230,000 battlefront posts — many in Army and Marine infantry units and in potentially elite commando jobs — are now open to women. It will be up to the military service chiefs to recommend and defend whether women should be excluded from any of those more demanding and deadly positions, such as Navy SEALs or the Army's Delta Force.

The historic change, which was recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, overturns a 1994 rule prohibiting women from being assigned to smaller ground combat units.

The change won't take place overnight: Service chiefs will have to develop plans for allowing women to seek the combat positions, a senior military official said. Some jobs may open as soon as this year, while assessments for others, such as special operations forces, may take longer. The services will have until January 2016 to make a case to that some positions should remain closed to women.

Officials briefed The Associated Press on the changes Wednesday on condition of anonymity so they could speak ahead of the official announcement.



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Plain Common Sense

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K
♥ 6 5
♦ K J 8 2
♣ A Q 9 7 4

WEST
♠ J 6 4 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ A 7 5 3
♣ 6 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 8
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ 9 6
♣ K 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ J 10 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ 1♥ 1NT Pass
3NT

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

In notrump contracts, declarer often must choose which of two suits to attack first. Unfortunately, there is no simple formula to govern these cases, and declarer does best by relying on common sense rather than a general rule.

Take this deal where South is in three notrump. He wins West's heart lead with the queen and immediately faces a crucial decision — whether to play diamonds or clubs first. Declarer knows from the bidding that he is contending with at least a five-card heart suit held by East.

If you look at all four hands, it becomes obvious that the contract can be made by going after the clubs first. South tries the club finesse, losing to East's king, and ducks the next heart lead, leaving East's remaining hearts to wither on the vine. Declarer eventually finishes with 10 tricks.

But if South tackles diamonds first, he goes down. West wins with the ace, returns a heart to South's ace (it does not help South to hold up), and East later gains the lead with the king of clubs to put the contract down one.

At issue is the question of whether declarer, who cannot see the East-West hands, should know to play clubs first. Actually, he should, but not because the suit is longer. That is merely a coincidence.

South should reason that if West has the king of clubs, the contract is ironclad regardless of which suit he attacks at trick two. He therefore automatically assigns that card to East and dispossesses him of it at once.

It is true that if East has both the king of clubs and ace of diamonds, the club finesse at trick two will prove ineffective. But in that case, leading diamonds first would also fail. The point is that playing the clubs first will always make the contract if it can be made, while trying the diamonds first might or might not make the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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		2	6	7	4			
2			4	1				3
	6		7	5			1	
5		1				8		7

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Men's Basketball

• Western Texas College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Women's Basketball

• Western Texas College at Howard College, 4:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

FRIDAY

Boy's Basketball

- Snyder at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m., Steer Gym.
- Sundown at Forsan, 8 p.m.
- Coahoma at Lamesa, 8 p.m.
- Colorado City at Stanton, 8 p.m.
- Garden City at Veribest, 8 p.m.
- O'Donnell at Grady, 8 p.m.
- Wellman-Union at Sands, 8 p.m.

Girl's Basketball

- Snyder at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m., Steer Gym.
- Sundown at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
- Colorado City at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
- Garden City at Veribest, 6:30 p.m.
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BSHS Players of the Week



Julianna Rodriguez

Julianna Rodriguez is only a sophomore, but she proved to be a valuable asset on the court for the Lady Steers, who are 3-3 in District 4-3A after a thrilling overtime win in Sweetwater on Tuesday — a game in which Rodrigue made some key plays.

"We're slowly developing her into a point guard," BSHS Head Girl's Basketball Coach Mike Warren said. "We have Dyrshae (Vanderbilt), but she can't play the entire game. (Rodriguez) is starting to handle the ball better each game. She drove the length of the court against Sweetwater and had a big assist which forced us to go into overtime and win the game. She also made some big shots for us. She's only a sophomore, but she plays like she's an upperclassmen."

BSHS has its sights set on the postseason and is playing well enough to challenge any district foe.

The Lady Steers will be hosting Snyder at Steer Gym on Friday at 6:15 p.m.



Tyler Graves

The Steers have stumbled since District 4-3A play began, but they claimed their first win Tuesday on the road against the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Though the Steers got off to a slow start, they played every opponent tough.

Part of the reason for Big Spring's grit are its hard-working players such as Tyler Graves, who is Head Coach Cliff Thompson's Player of the Week selection for the second time this season.

"(Graves) didn't have a great game against Greenwood offensively, but even when he's not shooting the ball well, he is doing other things. He did have a good game against Sweetwater on Tuesday. He plays well defensively in every game."

Graves was recently chosen to represent Big Spring in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Basketball Game.

"It's a real honor to be selected for the FCA. He's a good kid. He's never late, he never misses practice. He's just a dependable, hard worker."

Spurs beat Hornets without Duncan, Popovich

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have fought through various injuries to key players this season. Missing coach Gregg Popovich almost proved too much for them to overcome. Tony Parker had 24 points and 13 assists, and the Spurs rallied for a 106-102 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Wednesday night, overcoming the absence of Popovich and Tim Duncan for their 15th straight win at home.

Duncan's absence was noticeable, but Popovich's was more glaring — or less menacing, to be precise. Coach Mike Budenholzer's substitution pattern differed slightly than his boss', but the main difference were fewer glares and screams following missed

defensive assignments — and Popovich may have screamed himself hoarse in the first half when New Orleans shot 63 percent from the field.

"If (Popovich) was here, there would have been some people fired," Stephen Jackson said.

Popovich did not feel well all day, but waited until two hours before tipoff to miss the game, Budenholzer said. His absence caught everyone by surprise.

"Pop's a warrior," Jackson said. "Pop might be the only person who's tougher than me. I've never known him not to be here; but wherever he is, I hope he's well. I know he pulled his hair out watching this game, but we got a win."

Tiago Splitter had 25 points and added seven rebounds.

Jackson scored 15 points, Danny Green 12 and Manu Ginobili nine for San Antonio (34-11).

Eric Gordon scored 17 points for New Orleans (14-28). Ryan Anderson added 16 points, Greivis Vasquez 15 and Jason Smith 13.

The Spurs trailed most of the game with Popovich, Duncan (sore left knee) and Kawhi Leonard (left patella bruise) all sitting out.

The Hornets made their first five attempts, missed a pair on one possession and then proceeded to make their next five in taking a 31-21 lead with 3:30 left in the first quarter.

"You have to give (New Orleans) a lot of credit for the first half," Budenholzer said. "A lot of guys were mak-

ing shots. I don't think our defense was great, but give credit to New Orleans to how good they were. Our focus offensively, we moved the ball well in the first half and our focus defensively the second half was excellent."

San Antonio picked up its defensive intensity in the second half, especially midway through the fourth. The Spurs came up with three turnovers and forced four missed shots, resulting in a 12-3 run for a 101-89 lead with 2 minutes left in the game.

"We were a little bit tired in the first half," Parker said. "I felt like we had no energy. Then in the fourth quarter, Danny Green did a great job on Gordon. We were able to run the fast break and get some easy baskets and every-

body got going."

The Hornets closed within three points twice in the final minute on layups by Xavier Henry and Brian Roberts, but could get no closer. New Orleans coach Monty Williams, a former Spurs player and assistant coach, said San Antonio didn't steal the win.

"No, they beat us," Williams said. "That's what they do. They beat you if you make mistakes and we made too many. They missed 11 free throws and we still couldn't win the game."

Parker, who finished with only one turnover in 36 minutes, had 10 points while shooting 5 for 5 in the final quarter.

The Spurs held the See **SPURS**, Page 12

No. 1 Duke routed by No. 25 Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — With a steady din coming from the sea of orange behind the visitors' basket, No. 1 Duke had a tough time making a shot.

The Blue Devils went more than 8 minutes without a field goal in the first half Wednesday night, and a sellout became a blowout for No. 25 Miami, which delighted a boisterous crowd with a 90-63 victory.

The defeat was the third-worst ever for a No. 1 team. The last time Duke lost a regular-season game by a bigger margin was in January 1984.

"It wasn't demoralizing; they played better," Blue Devils guard Rasheed Sulaimon said. "I believe we have them on the schedule again."

"We expected them to be terrific, and we have to match terrific, and then you have a terrific game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "What you had was a terrific win for them, but not a terrific game."

We didn't hold our end of the bargain."

Miami (14-3, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) beat a No. 1 team for the first time, taking control with a stunning 25-1 run midway through the opening half. The Blue Devils missed 13 consecutive shots despite numerous good looks, while four Hurricanes hit 3-pointers during the run that transformed a 14-13 deficit into a 38-15 lead.

Duke (16-2, 3-2) fell to 0-2 when playing on an opponent's court. The Blue Devils' other loss came at North Carolina State, a defeat that cost them the No. 1 ranking. They regained the top spot this week but seemed rattled by the capacity crowd, only the 10th in 10 years at Miami's on-campus arena. Students began lining up for seats outside the arena almost 24 hours before tipoff, a rarity for the attendance-challenged Hurricanes.

"I don't know how you can sit outside for a basketball game for that

long," Miami guard Durand Scott said. "That made me want to win for them even more."

The Hurricanes, who are alone atop the league standings, won their sixth consecutive game. They beat Duke for the second straight time — but only the fourth time in the 19-game series.

Miami had been 0-6 against No. 1 teams. Coach Jim Larranaga also beat a No. 1 team for the first time.

"This is a great memory," Larranaga said.

Scott scored a season-high 25 points for the Hurricanes, and Kenny Kadji added a season-high 22. Shane Larkin had 18 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and Durham, N.C. native Julian Gamble had 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Miami senior center Reggie Johnson came off the bench in his first action since being sidelined with a broken left thumb Dec. 18. He had two points and five

See **ROUT**, Page 12

Lawson, Chandler lead Nuggets past Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Denver Nuggets pounced when they sensed the Houston Rockets were starting to crumble.

Ty Lawson scored 21 points, Wilson Chandler had 20 and the Nuggets pulled away in the third quarter Wednesday night for a 105-95 victory over the mistake-prone Rockets.

Danilo Gallinari sank three 3-pointers and scored 18 points for the Nuggets, who converted 28 points off 23 Houston turnovers to beat the Rockets for the fifth straight time.

Denver took control with a 21-5 burst late in the third quarter, turning a flurry of Rockets' turnovers

into easy baskets. Lawson said the Nuggets noticed a lapse in the Rockets' defense as their mistakes mounted.

"They're high-scoring and they love transition, but they don't like guarding," said Lawson, who also had seven assists. "Whenever they scored, or even when we got the rebound, we played in the third quarter to push it and try to get easy points. They didn't really run back too much and that's what we did."

James Harden scored 23 points but committed seven turnovers, and Omer Asik grabbed 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

Latest NCAA scandal comes from headquarters

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The latest black eye for college sports belongs to the NCAA.

In an embarrassing blow to its watchdog image, the NCAA said Wednesday its enforcement staff had botched the high-profile investigation of the University of Miami by improperly conducting at least two depositions while working with an attorney for disgraced booster Nev-in Shapiro. Miami has been under investigation since the convicted Ponzi scheme mastermind said he had provided improper benefits to Hurricanes recruits.

President Mark Emmert said he was disappointed and angry with

the misstep, acknowledging he had not seen anything like this since taking the NCAA job 2 1/2 years ago. He said some "people" involved in this case were no longer working for the NCAA, though he declined to say who they were or whether they had been fired.

He said none of the evidence collected improperly would be used against Miami and that the long-awaited notice of allegations would be delayed until after an external review is completed in approximately two weeks.

It was an ugly stumble for See **SCANDAL**, Page 12

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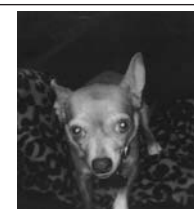
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Agree for Peace

It makes no sense to fight for peace. Peace is a much easier state to attain than one might think. What's hard is realizing that sometimes we actually don't want peace because there's some perverse charge in fighting. The Cancer moon encourages soul searching on this and other complicatedly simple topics.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19). No one is happy all the time. Watch out for the ones who want you to believe that they hold the key to unlimited smiles.



HOLIDAY MATHS

Their agenda is likely financial and not philanthropic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll work harder to make a certain impression on the people around you. It's not that you want to be recognized or lauded. Rather you want to create a certain feeling in people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A good personal trainer is aware of the body's tendency to adapt to repeated movements. If you want to see a difference, you have to change up the exercises. That's what you'll do today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Talking takes energy, but sometimes not talking takes even more. Acting appropriately in general is an energy expenditure that we often take for granted. To know the value of self-control, observe the way children behave untended.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's new hope for a struggling project. Trust that all these bits of information you are learning will come together in some useful way. Set your expectations carefully — you'll receive approximately what you expect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is healing between people who think the same things are funny. Laughing releases negativity and the kind of unease that quite literally causes disease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are talented and

your efforts have value — but not because of your talent. Because you work to ensure that you are of great use. The more useful you are, the more you'll be paid.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Why form an opinion yet? Neutrality is a perfectly acceptable mode of thinking. You don't even have to try very hard to be neutral. You just have flip your internal "analyze" switch to the off position and there you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though you have hopes that a certain endeavor will pay off, trying to make it do so too quickly is not beneficial to you. Just relax. In the mean time, show your plan to an expert for feedback.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you know down deep in your heart that someone really values your contribution, you don't feel the need for that person to constantly show it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The ones you've taught are coming into their own in some way. In a truly selfless act of leadership, you will step to the side so your students can rise to greatness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Emotional intelligence is your strong suit now. You have some insight into people and you'll use it to tap into positive emotions and motivate progress.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 24). As much as you enjoy your privacy, this year brings attention so embrace your special celebrity status. You'll shine in a crowd and be singled out for an important job in February. You'll meet physical goals in March. April is a welcome change to your personal life. New influence sparkle up your days and nights. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 40, 1, 14 and 19.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Am I or am I not meeting up with Channing Tatum on the astral plane? I think I am. I'm not crazy. I'm an accountant for a busy bakery, and I have plenty of family and friends around me who do not have any idea about my double life as girlfriend on the astral plane. I've

been dying to tell someone that I visit Channing Tatum in my dreams almost every night but afraid it would change how they think of me. My question is, is it wrong? — *Anonymous Aries*

Do you mean, is it wrong because Channing Tatum is married to Jenna Dewan-Tatum with a Tatum tot on the way? Or do you mean is it wrong because you're an Aries and he's a Taurus — next-door neighbors on the zodiac wheel who can get along brilliantly as long as they are not fighting like siblings? Or do you mean is it wrong because there are so many millions of others who also happen to be meeting up with Channing Tatum on the

astral plane? Whether it's wrong or right is not for me to say. I would however encourage you to exercise your sparkling imagination and zest on this plane in big and exciting ways, dear Aries!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Neil Diamond wrote songs for the likes of Elvis, the Monkees and The Hollies in addition to topping the charts with his own hits like "Sweet Caroline" and "Solitary Man". The legendary Aquarius was born with the moon and Venus in Capricorn, the sign of ever-young expressions of art and life. No amount of success will quell his inner drive to do even better.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: After 44 years of marriage, I can no longer trust my husband. "Steve" reconnected with a high school flame, and the end result was late-night emails, texts and calls. He even bought throwaway phones so they could stay in touch and meet out of town.

We went for counseling, and Steve took a stack of note cards to the first session with ultimatums for me. He accused me of being a lesbian and having affairs with women at work and in our neighborhood.

He then shared the intimate details of our sessions with his old flame and invited her to come along! He wrote long multiple-page letters and slipped them to my therapist when he thought I wasn't watching.

Recently, Steve spent \$12,000 of our money on a facelift, and he has set up at least 10 email accounts to hide things from me.

He finally promised to cut off communication with this woman unless it was about the upcoming high school reunion.

We began to put things back together, and then he again initiated intimate contact with her and went to our high school reunion without me.

Is there any hope of trusting this man again? Or at age 64, am I looking at moving on? — *The Faithful Wife*

Dear Faithful: Steve seems to be going through a major midlife crisis. The old flame makes him feel as if he's a teenager again. And the facelift was intended to make him look like one.

Will he ever return to Earth? There are no guarantees. Please don't plan your life around what Steve may or may not do in the



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future. Get some counseling on your own, see a lawyer about protecting yourself, and figure out whether you are better off with or without him right now.

Dear Annie: I live in a small community where many people volunteer for countless jobs, giving of their time and talents. I have a friend who is becoming increasingly critical of everyone's efforts, and it is depressing to be in her company.

How do I tell her that we are tired of her constant complaining while still remaining her friend? I'm taking out my hearing aids at our next encounter. — *Florida*

Dear Florida: Some people, as they age, turn into chronic complainers. Sometimes there are medical reasons, but often, it's simply how they are. You could nicely mention to your friend that she seems terribly unhappy because nothing pleases her these days, and then suggest she see her doctor for a thorough checkup. We hope it helps.

Dear Annie: "Worried Grandma" was concerned about her granddaughter, "Kelly," who had difficulty modulating her voice and felt that men were turned off by her loud personality.

Please tell her to look into whether Kelly has Asperger syndrome, a form of high-functioning autism. Asperger's often goes undiagnosed until later in life, but its primary symptom is extreme social awkwardness and an inability to appropriately "read" the social cues of others.

With special training, Kelly can learn how to modify her behavior and pick up on these social cues. But it's unlikely she can do it on her own. A correct diagnosis can go a long way toward repairing her self-esteem. I hope her parents will get Kelly the help she needs to succeed in this world. — *Vermont Professor*

Dear Vermont: Thanks for your input. It is possible that Kelly has a mild form of Asperger's, although she should see a medical professional to find out whether this is the case. If it is, she can contact aspergersyndrome.org for more information.

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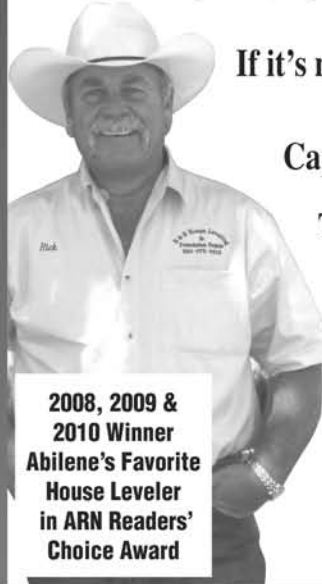
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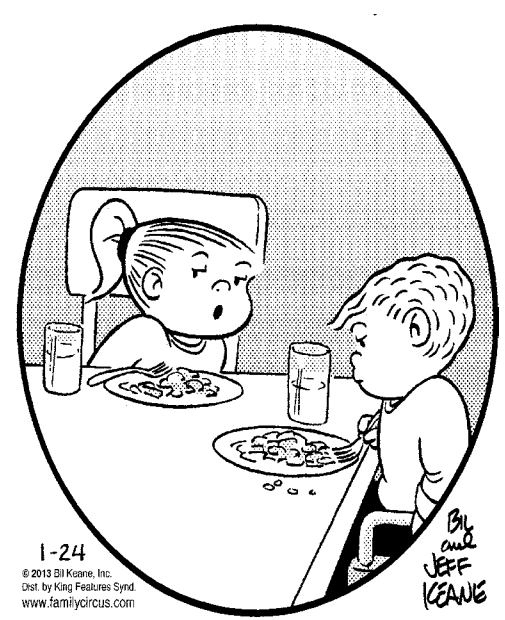
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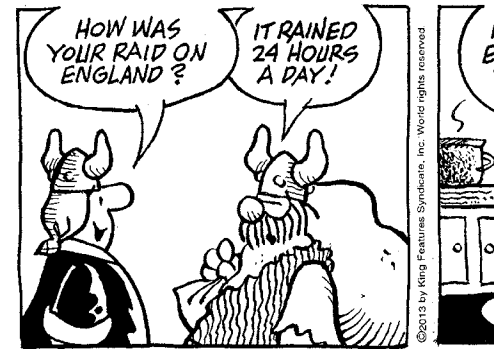
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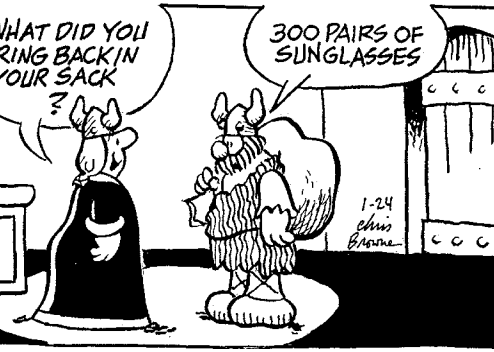


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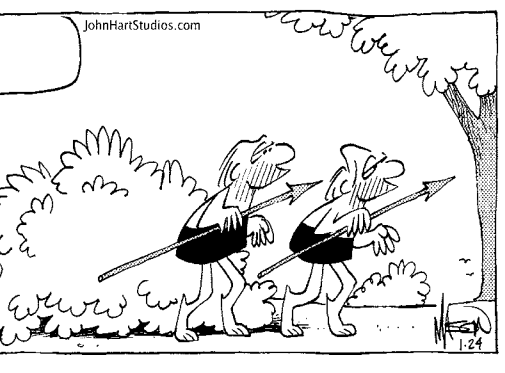
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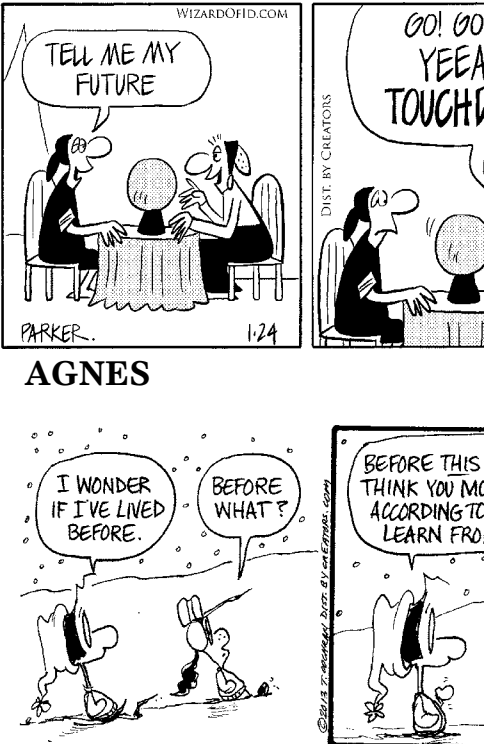
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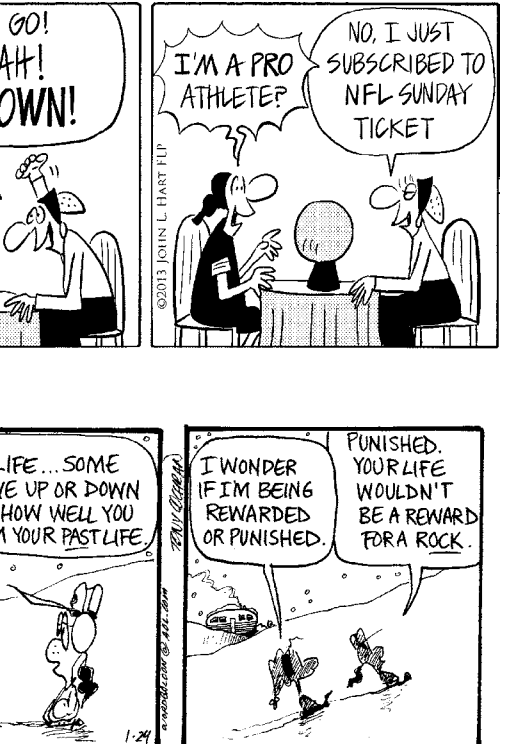
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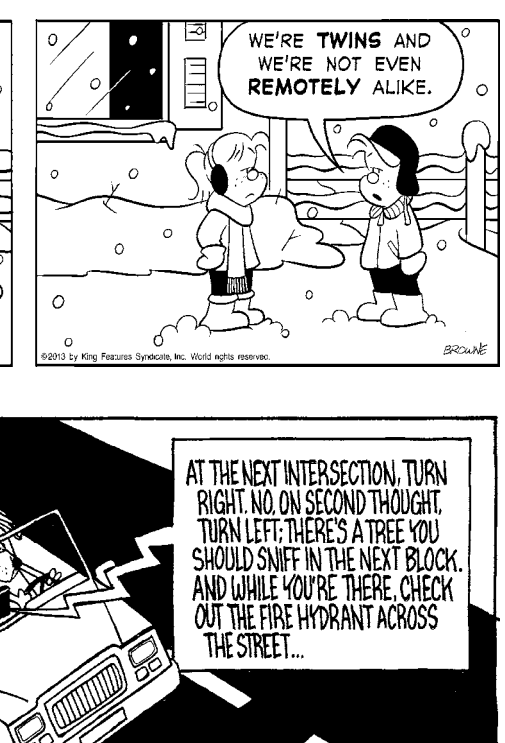
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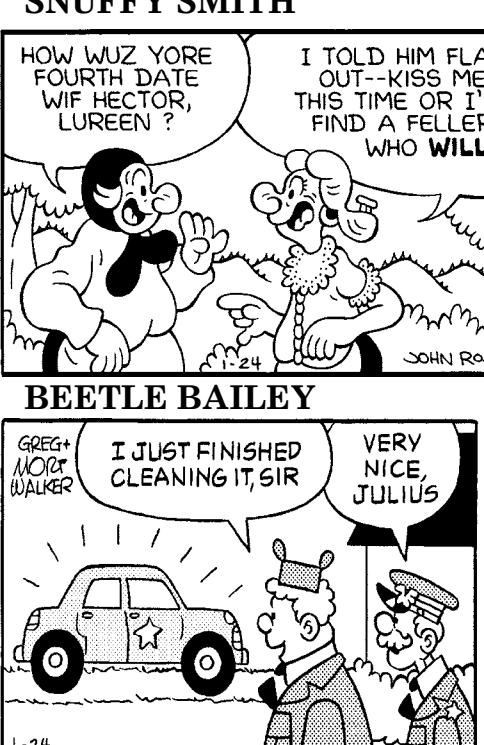
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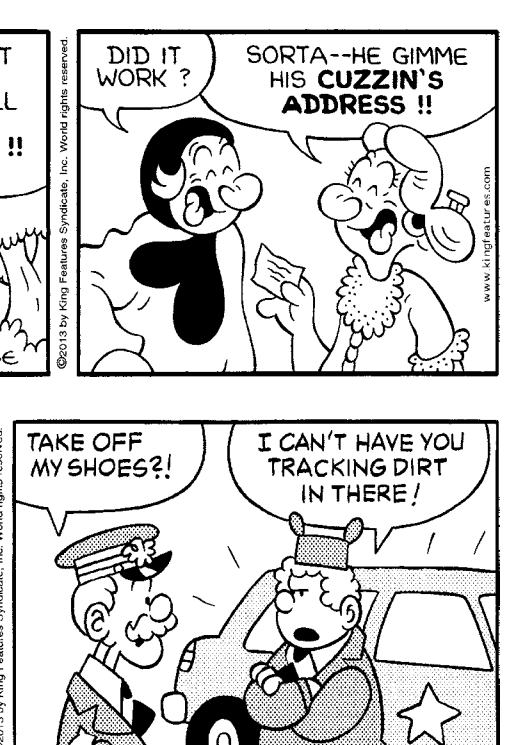
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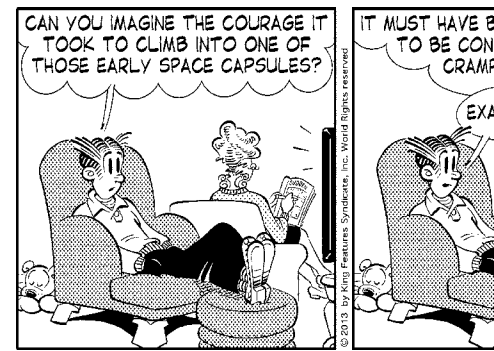
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1813, the Royal Philharmonic Society was formed in London.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1942, the Roberts Commission placed much of

the blame for America's lack of preparedness for Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1961, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crashed near Goldsboro, N.C., dropping its payload of two nuclear bombs, neither of which went off; three crew members were killed.

In 1963, a U.S. Air Force B-52 on a training mission crashed into Elephant Mountain in Maine after encountering turbulence and losing its vertical stabilizer; seven of the nine crew members were killed.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite, Cosmos 954, plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner, Robert Polhill and Mitheleshwar

Singh. (All were eventually released.)

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Maren ("The Wizard of Oz") is 94. Actor Marvin Kaplan ("Top Cat") is 86. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 77. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 74. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 72. Singer Aaron Neville is 67. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 67. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 63. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 63. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 54.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Haciendas, *por ejemplo*
 - 6 Shots in the dark
 - 11 Brewery fixture
 - 14 Bit of publicity
 - 15 Tom Sawyer's aunt
 - 16 Hurricane center
 - 17 Cardiologist's concern
 - 18 Broadcast studio sign
 - 19 Fun and games, for short
 - 20 Notre Dame team
 - 23 Feathery wrap
 - 25 Enjoy a repast
 - 26 Take down for questioning, maybe
 - 27 Cannonballs' paths
 - 29 Workout centers
 - 32 Greek sandwich
 - 33 Keeping company with
 - 35 Apple with a click wheel
 - 38 Unwelcome merger
 - 44 Folk singer Seeger
 - 45 Guatemala neighbor
 - 46 Too hasty
 - 50 Pretentious
 - 52 Explorer of kidvid
 - 53 Toastmasters
 - 56 Tennis official
 - 58 Luxury locale, so to speak
 - 59 Football great in a Coke commercial
 - 63 Unfavorable
 - 64 Zac of *The Lorax*
 - 65 Tither's portion

- DOWN**
- 1 Letters on some Civil War buckles
 - 2 _ Z (completely)
 - 3 Comes up, as a sub
 - 4 Opposite of pro-team
 - 5 Step of a process
 - 6 Erratic
 - 7 Novelist Morrison
 - 8 Economist Greenspan
 - 9 *Bounty* captain
 - 10 Arab republic
 - 11 Quaint assent
 - 12 Naval response
 - 13 Electronic dance music
 - 21 Dicker on price
 - 22 It may be underfoot
 - 23 Lively party
 - 24 Black-and-white treat
 - 28 Command to Fido
 - 30 Bishop's headdress
 - 31 Hotel amenity
 - 34 Chill in the air
 - 36 "Sure"
 - 37 Not-so-hot grade
 - 39 Schedule stat
 - 40 Former
 - 41 Reason for an R rating
 - 42 Old Testament prophet
 - 43 Collect, as collard greens
 - 46 Pays by mail
 - 47 *Vanity Fair* girl
 - 48 Climbed
 - 49 Female lobster
 - 51 Went bad
 - 54 DVD player button
 - 55 Yet
 - 57 Chain with a cat/dog logo
 - 60 Water east of Toledo
 - 61 Vanished
 - 62 Vivid crayon type
 - 66 Uppermost
 - 67 Roast beef alternative

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SCANDAL

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the NCAA, coming less than a week after its annual convention resulted in another round of reforms intended to firm up recruiting rules and other guidelines. And it comes as the organization faces more than a half-dozen lawsuits that could reshape how it does business, including one challenging the \$60 million in penalties levied against Penn State for the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

"Of course it hurts, any nick to a public perception that's not favorable to begin with is a problem," said Jo Potuto, former chairwoman of the NCAA infractions committee and a constitutional law professor at Nebraska. "The public perception has never been really favorable to the process or the infractions committee and so this is another hit."

Emmert tried to reassure schools that the principle of playing by the rules extends

into NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis.

"We can't just say it, we've got to do it," Emmert said. "While I have great confidence in the vast majority of cases, when you have something as candidly dramatic as this, you can't just offer words, you have to demonstrate that you're getting this right. The reason I wanted to get this out is to make sure that this is right. We want to hold ourselves to the same standards we hold others to."

What happens next is anybody's guess.

The external review, which will be conducted by former Justice Department official Kenneth L. Wainstein, a Washington attorney perhaps best known in sports for representing Gilbert Arenas after he brought guns to the Wizards locker room and confronted a teammate.

Wainstein will focus on Miami's case, but he will have the authority to investigate the NCAA's actions in additional cases, too.

The potential list could include

the suit brought by former Southern California assistant football coach Todd McNair, who claims the NCAA was "malicious" in its investigation into his role in the benefits scandal surrounding Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Frederick Shaller has already said he was convinced the actions of NCAA investigators were "over the top."

Wainstein also could look into the UCLA case involving freshman Shabazz Muhammad. In December, The Los Angeles Times reported that NCAA investigator Abigail Grantstein had been fired after her boyfriend was allegedly overheard discussing the case on an airplane. The NCAA has not confirmed the firing. The outside review could have potential ramifications, too, in a lawsuit brought by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett in the Penn State case.

This is not unfamiliar ground for the NCAA, and it could be that Emmert fears a lawsuit from Miami no matter

how the investigation turns out. Former Washington football coach Rick Neuheisel won a \$4.5 million settlement from the NCAA and university in 2005, saying he was wrongly fired for gambling in an NCAA basketball pool and failing to be forthright about it with NCAA investigators. Among other accusations, Neuheisel's attorney said the NCAA failed to provide Neuheisel's legal team with an updated version of its by-laws during discovery.

In this case, Emmert concluded something was wrong in the Miami case last fall when bills for an outside attorney showed up on an expense list, a hiring normally approved by the NCAA's general counsel. Emmert said it was not, and that's what initially caught the attention of those inside the Indy headquarters. He also said the person who had hired the lawyer was no longer working at the NCAA, making it more difficult to get information.

The fallout could lead to additional personnel moves, too, Emmert said.

Miami President Donna Shalala said she was "frustrated, disappointed and concerned" that the NCAA may have compromised the investigation. Potuto said she was surprised, describing the enforcement staff she dealt with as "open-minded" to investigations.


"I don't know about a rogue one or two people, but it is not at all representative of my experience with the enforcement staff people that I dealt with over the years," Potuto said. "Generally we found them (the enforcement staff) to be exceedingly fair to the point that we sometimes thought it impeded forceful investigations."

Just last week, Emmert told The Associated Press he was pleased that the number of salacious and high-profile cases that dominated 2011 -- a list that included the football programs at Miami, Ohio State and Penn State -- had dissipated, though he was cautious about another big scandal popping. Within days, the hoax about Manti Te'o's girlfriend broke.

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rebounds in 16 minutes.

The Hurricanes, ranked this week for the first time in three years, improved to 8-0 at home.

Seth Curry, Tyler Thornton and Quinn Cook went a combined 1 for 29 for the Blue Devils, who shot a season-low 30 percent. Sulaimon led them with 16 points.

Duke went 4 for 23 from 3-point range, while Miami went 9 for 19 and shot 57 percent overall.

"Especially in the first couple of minutes, we got a lot of great shots," Blue Devils forward Mason Plumlee said. "You're going to miss some, but you have to keep shooting. The biggest mis-

take you can make is questioning your shot because you're missing open shots."

Kadji made two 3s during the Hurricanes' first-half spurt, then capped it with a three-point play. Duke shot 22 percent in the first half, including two for 11 on 3-pointers, and trailed 42-19 at halftime.

There was no letup by the Hurricanes to start the second half. They scored the first seven points for a shocking 49-19 lead, and punctuated the drubbing with five dunks in the final 10 minutes.

"Some teams come out in the second half flat and think they have the game won," Larkin said, "but we stayed with it with the same energy in the second half. We played great the whole

game."

A Duke mistake — one in a long series — early in the second half had Krzyzewski red-faced and on the court, screaming at his team. But he couldn't inspire a turnaround.

"Over-rated," fans chanted with 3 minutes left. When the game ended, they poured onto the court and mobbed their team.

"The crowd I'm sure helped them some," Krzyzewski said. "But they didn't need much help."

Back in North Carolina, fans of the Tar Heels savored the loss by their rivals.

When the final score of the Duke game was posted on the video board at the North Carolina-Georgia Tech game, students chanted, "Go to hell, Duke!"

SPURS

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Hornets to 38 percent shooting in the second

half while improving to 19-2 at home this season.

Parker's layup gave the Spurs a 72-70 lead, their first since leading 9-8 2 minutes into the game. The advantage was short-lived, as the Hornets went on a 7-0 run.

Ginobili, making his first start after missing three games with a strained hamstring, had five points in the final quarter.

"It was huge that Manu played," Parker said. "Even if it was for 15 or 16 minutes, it was

big minutes. He looked good. He didn't go full speed. I think he was trying it (hamstring) and testing it.

In Dallas (on Friday), he's going to get more aggressive."

San Antonio started 4 for 11 on free throws, but offset it somewhat by going 7 for 16 on 3-pointers.

Splitter scored eight of the Spurs' first 10 points, with Parker picking up assists on three of the layups. Splitter drew two fouls on top draft pick Anthony Davis in his run.

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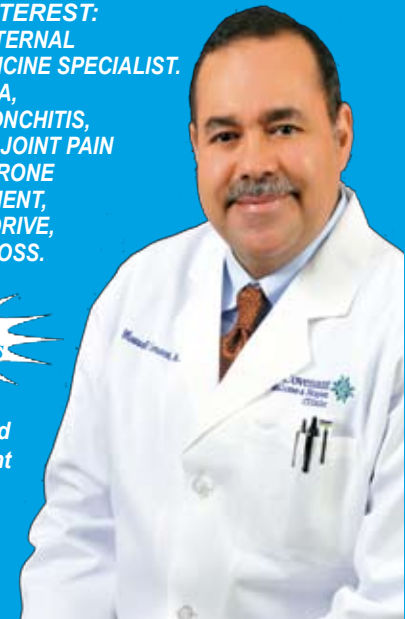
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