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Atmos rate talks hit snag: Darden

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Negotiators representing several West Texas cities — including Big Spring — are at an “impasse” with Atmos Energy concerning the natural gas supplier’s proposed rate increase.

Atmos recently filed a proposed rate hike with the state railroad commission which, if approved, would increase the company’s annual revenue by \$12 million.

“What the coalition is saying is, ‘what’s fair is fair.’ We want the same kind of rates (Lubbock and Amarillo) will be paying.”

Todd Darden
 Big Spring City Manager

The fact Atmos is seeking a rate increase isn’t the point of contention with Big Spring and other West Texas representatives — Big Spring City Manager Todd Darden said the company has negotiated in good faith throughout the process. What has been a sticking point, however, is agreements Atmos has reached with other cities.

Amarillo and Lubbock representatives reached agreements with Atmos that are favorable to the terms the company is seeking from the West Texas coalition, Darden said, and Big Spring and other communities in this area want the same treatment.

“We are at an impasse right now,” Darden said. “With regards to Amarillo and Lubbock, the West Texas coalition wants the same rate (Atmos) negotiated with those cities.

“What the coalition is saying is, ‘what’s fair is

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Woodcarving winners



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Wanda Reichert, top photo, won best in show honors at the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale, which concluded Saturday. In the photo at right, club member Lloyd Claxton shows off some of his creations

Special to the Herald

Following is a list of winners from this past weekend’s Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale, held at the Dora Roberts Community Center:

Best In Show – Wanda Reichert

First Place

- Realistic Human – Ed Moore
- Realistic Animal – Clinton Forbes
- Realistic Fish – Wanda Reichert
- Caricature Human – Lloyd Claxton
- Caricature Animal – Monroe Casey
- Caricature Western – Robert Miles
- Cane – Robert Miles
- Bark – Jim Stewart
- Woodburning – Cindy Miles
- Religious – Bill Parker

Second Place

- Realistic Human – Robert Miles
- Realistic Animal – George Friday
- Realistic Fish – Cindy Miles

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Legislative prayer gets Supreme Court review

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, which asks for God’s protection before every public session, will settle a dispute over prayer in the halls of government.

The case being argued at the court Wednesday involves prayers said at the start of town council meetings in Greece, N.Y., a Rochester suburb. It is the court’s first legislative prayer case since 1983, when the justices said that an opening prayer is part of the nation’s fabric and not a violation of the First Amendment.

But the federal appeals court in New York held that the town crossed a line and violated the Constitution by opening nearly every meeting over an 11-year span with prayers that stressed Christianity.

Under Chief Justice John Roberts, and with the replacement of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor with Justice Samuel Alito in 2006, the court has been more open to religion



in public life. The case may serve as a test of the ongoing viability of the decision in the 1983 case, Marsh v. Chambers.

But it also could have an even broader impact, giving conservative justices the opportunity to jettison legal rules that have tended to rein in religious expression in the public square.

That is what some conservative Christian groups, Republican lawmakers and state officials are hoping for, and it’s what liberal interest groups

fear. The issue extends well beyond prayer and could affect holiday displays, aid to religious schools, Ten Commandments markers and memorial crosses.

The Supreme Court “has issued a series of narrowly divided and splintered decisions that have confused the lower courts, baffled the public and incentivized government officials to suppress legitimate religious expression in order to avoid the costs and hazards of litigation,” said 85 members of Congress, almost

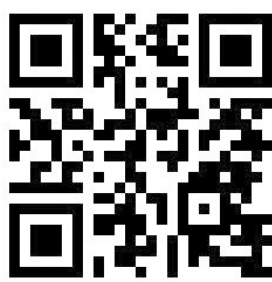
all Republicans, in a court filing.

Among the examples of confusion cited are the court’s twin rulings on a single day in 2005 that upheld a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the Texas state capitol in Austin, yet declared unconstitutional a display in the McCreary County courthouse in Kentucky.

The lawmakers are among those calling on the justices to adopt a clear rule — requiring government to refrain from coercing participation in any religion or religious exercise, or from creating a state religion — to determine whether a practice runs afoul of the First Amendment’s clause barring laws “respecting an establishment of religion,” known as the Establishment Clause.

But doing so would drastically cut back on protections against instances in which governments abandon religious neutrality, including the dispute in the New York

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Obituaries

Mel Stinson

Mel Stinson, 88, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013, in Crandall. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- **ANITA VALDEZ, 31**, of 603 Linda Lane, was arrested on a warrant issued by another agency.
- **TOMMY BILLALBA JR., 25**, of 4210 Dixon St., was arrested on warrants issued by another agency.
- **GUSTABO ALFREDO RIOS, 32**, of 1600 Harding St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid, previous conviction Class B misdemeanor.
- **JOSHUA EDWARD QUINN, 28**, of 501 S. Jefferson Dr., Abilene, Texas, was arrested on a warrant issued by another agency.
- **JEFFERY GLEN TURNER, 33**, of 1514 Tucson St., was arrested on charges of evading arrest/denial MA; driving while license invalid-MC; and failure to appear.
- **ISRAEL MIRAMONTES, 29**, OF 301 NW 10th St., was arrested on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **CRYSTAL RENEE COLON, 28**, of 2612 Hunter Drive, was arrested on a warrant issued by another agency.
- **SARAH LORRAINE COLON, 26**, of 2612 Hunter Drive, was arrested on a warrant issued by another agency.
- **DOROTHEA LOERINE TYSON, 22**, of 703 E. 15th St., was arrested on a charge of theft, shoplifting more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **JAMIE NICOLE ROBBINS, 24**, of 703 E. 15th St., was arrested on a charge of theft, shoplifting more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **RONALD LEE MONCADA, 49**, of 1302 Sycamore St., was arrested on charges of assault — family violence causing bodily injury; and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **DELILAH LIBRADA MONCADA, 41**, of 1302 Sycamore St., was arrested on charges of interference with duties of a public servant; expired motor vehicle inspection certificate; failure to appear and safety seat system — child ages 8 or less than 4 feet, 9 inches tall.
- **JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 29**, of 110 Scout Hut Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34**, OF 120 HOOSER, was arrested on warrants for operating an unregistered motor vehicle; failure to appear; and driving while license invalid-MC.
- **RICKIE DELL HAIR, 39**, of 1007 Nolan St., was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid-MC.
- **COMANECKI OLYN LOPER, 32**, of 2912 Cherokee, was arrested on charges of prohibited substance in correctional facility; and manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ, 39**, of 5107 NC R 1278, Midland, Texas, was arrested on charges of prohibited substance in correctional facility; and manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane, in the 1600 block of Canary St., in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 W FM 700.
- **HIT AND RUN** reported in the area of 10th and Rannels
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1500 block of Tuscon St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 11th Street and Birdwell.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg St and in the 200 block of West FM 700.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DONALD A DOLLEY, 43**, was booked by the BSPD on county clerk warrant for theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- **ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, 19**, was booked by the HCSO on a county court warrant for sentence-theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500
- **AMERICO DE LA RIVA, 40** was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify — giving false, fictitious information and on a New Mexico issued warrant for battery against a household member.
- **OMAR POWELL, 24**, was booked by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram and less than 4 gram; possession of a dangerous drug; and possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- **KENNETH WAYNE PHILLIPS JR, 21**, was booked by the DPS on charges of evading arrest/detention with a watercraft and driving while intoxicated-open alcohol container.
- **ANITA VALDEZ, 31**, was booked by the BSPD on a district court warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- **TOMMY BILLALBA JR. 25**, was booked by the BSPD on a Midland County warrant for theft, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000; and a Taylor County warrant for theft of property by check.
- **ISRAEL MIRAMONTES, 29**, was booked by the HCSO on a District Court warrant for unau-

Gilbert Cisneros

Gilbert Cisneros, 78, of Big Spring died Saturday, November 2, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

thorized use of a vehicle.

- **SIDNEY IRIS WHITAKER, 17**, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for failure to attend school and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CHARLES WILLIAM POOL, 17**, was booked by HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **GUSTABO ALFREDO RIOS, 32**, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOSHUA EDWARD QUINN, 28**, was booked by BSPD on a Taylor County warrant for possession of K2.
- **JEFFERY GLEN TURNER, 34**, was booked by BSPD, on a charge of evading arrest/detention; and warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear.
- **JASON HARVEY BEDFORD, 29**, was booked by the HCSO, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34**, was booked by HCSO on warrants for driving while licenses invalid; operating unregistered motor vehicle; and violate promise to appear.
- **RICKIE DELL HAIR, 39**, was booked by HCSO on warrants for driving while license invalid and no liability insurance.
- **COMANECKI OLYN LOPER, 32**, was booked by HCSO on charges of prohibited substance in a correctional facility; and manufacturing/delivery controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ, 39**, was booked by HCSO on charges of prohibited substance in a correctional facility; and manufacturing/delivery controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- **CRYSTAL RENEE COLON, 28**, was booked by BSPD, on a County Court warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **SARAH LORRAINE COLON, 26**, was booked on a County Court warrant for assault causing bodily injury.
- **DOROTHEA LOERINE TYSON, 22**, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **RONNIE LEE MONCADA, 49**, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a firearm by a felon; and assault causing bodily injury of a family member; and on a Austin warrant for parole violation.
- **JAMIE NICOLE ROBBINS, 24**, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and two Ector County warrants for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported on Hooser Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore St.

Daily call reports from the Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services were not available from the Big Spring Fire Department administration office by press time.

Take Note

• New affordable health insurance options are available. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants to help you understand the new marketplace. Come to our community presentation today at 5:30 p.m. at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699 or 268-4721.

• Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions is honoring International Credit Union Day by holding a food drive for Isaiah 58. International Credit Union Day was on Oct. 17, and this year's theme was "Credit Unions Unite For Good: A Better Way." The community is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to any one of the local credit unions by Nov. 15 to help make this food drive a success. The collection will be delivered to Isaiah 58 on Nov. 18.

• Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

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Sylvia Rodriguez

Sylvia Rodriguez, 57, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Today's Weather

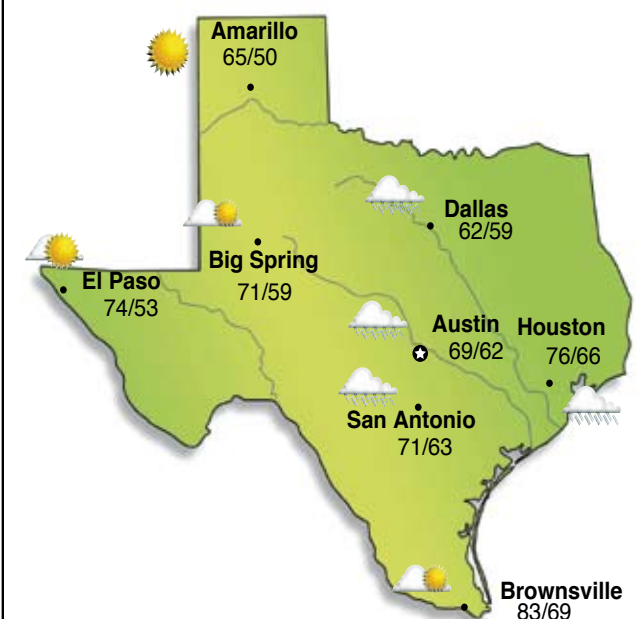
Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 11/5	Wed 11/6	Thu 11/7
		
71/59	77/49	64/38
Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later in the day. High 71F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:06 AM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM
Sunset: 5:53 PM	Sunset: 5:52 PM	Sunset: 5:52 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	59	rain	Kingsville	84	68	cloudy
Amarillo	65	50	sunny	Livingston	73	59	rain
Austin	69	62	rain	Longview	66	58	rain
Beaumont	75	62	cloudy	Lubbock	72	53	mst sunny
Brownsville	83	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	72	60	rain
Brownwood	66	60	rain	Midland	71	58	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	70	cloudy	Raymondville	84	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	63	58	rain	Rosenberg	76	66	rain
Dallas	62	59	rain	San Antonio	71	63	rain
Del Rio	68	62	rain	San Marcos	72	62	rain
El Paso	74	53	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	62	58	rain
Fort Stockton	72	53	windy	Sweetwater	69	58	rain
Gainesville	61	56	rain	Tyler	65	60	rain
Greenville	62	57	rain	Weatherford	62	57	rain
Houston	76	66	rain	Wichita Falls	70	58	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	39	mst sunny	Minneapolis	48	33	rain
Boston	44	31	sunny	New York	47	40	mst sunny
Chicago	58	46	pt sunny	Phoenix	77	55	mst sunny
Dallas	62	59	rain	San Francisco	68	50	sunny
Denver	44	28	pt sunny	Seattle	47	43	pt sunny
Houston	76	66	rain	St. Louis	63	51	pt sunny
Los Angeles	69	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	51	41	mst sunny
Miami	81	74	rain				

Moon Phases



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Tue 11/5	Wed 11/6	Thu 11/7
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Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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News in brief

Egypt's ex-President Morsi tells court he remains 'legitimate president,' rejects his trial

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian security officials say ousted President Mohammed Morsi has told the court trying him for inciting violence and murder that he remains the "legitimate president" of the country.

The officials say Morsi also said he rejects the proceedings against him. The defiant remarks came shortly after Morsi's trial began in Cairo on Monday.

The officials, who are inside the courtroom, spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the proceedings.

The officials say Morsi's comments came in response to a judge calling his name out after identifying him as a "defendant."

Morsi replied: "I am Dr. Mohammed Morsi, the president of the republic. I am Egypt's legitimate president."

Anti-American crowds protest at former U.S. Embassy in Tehran, marking takeover despite thaw

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Tens of thousands of demonstrators packed the streets Monday outside the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran in the biggest anti-American rally in years, a show of support for hard-line opponents of President Hassan Rouhani's historic outreach to Washington.

Such protests occur every year outside the former embassy compound to mark the anniversary of the 1979 takeover following the Islamic Revolution. But the latest demonstration is the largest in years after calls by groups such as the powerful Revolutionary Guard for a major showing, including chants of "death to America" that some of Rouhani's backers have urged halted.

The crowds also send a message to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who cautiously has backed Rouhani's overtures to the U.S. and efforts to end the impasse with the West over Tehran's nuclear program.

Opponents of thawing relations with the U.S. say they will not back down, opening the prospect of deeper internal rifts and tensions that could put pressure on Khamenei to reconsider his backing of Rouhani's groundbreaking exchanges with the U.S.

In September, Rouhani accepted from a call from U.S. President Barack Obama following the annual U.N. General Assembly in New York, where U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry held talks with Iran's foreign minister. Ties between the two countries were severed after the embassy siege, which began a hostage crisis with 52 people held for 444 days.

Kerry hails Saudi Arabia as 'senior player' in Mideast as he seeks to bridge gaps with Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Seeking to bridge multiple policy rifts with Saudi Arabia, U.S. Secre-

tary of State John Kerry hailed the kingdom's role as "the senior player" in the Middle East on Monday.

Speaking to employees at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh ahead of meetings with Saudi Arabia's king and foreign minister, Kerry said Saudi Arabia had assumed the Arab leadership mantle from Egypt, which is currently distracted by major domestic uncertainty. He said strengthening the U.S.-Saudi partnership is critical to Mideast security and stability and cementing tentative political transitions around the region.

Saudi officials have expressed unhappiness with Washington's actions in Syria, its cautious warming with Iran and stance on Egypt's political turmoil, something Kerry has acknowledged in the past but played down as differences in "tactics" rather than in the end goal.

"Right now, we have some very important things to talk about to make certain that the Saudi Arabian-U.S. relationship is on track, moving forward and doing the things that we need to accomplish," Kerry told the embassy staffers. He listed a number of key areas, including Syria, Egypt and Iran, but also mentioned the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and the broader effort to tamp down "nihilism" that leads to extremist violence.

The Saudis have complained that the United States did not follow through on its threat to punish Syrian President Bashar Assad with military strikes for his government's use of chemical weapons. Last month, the Saudis won but turned down an elected seat on the U.N. Security Council, saying the body had proved itself largely meaningless because of its inability over two years to address the crisis in Syria. The Saudis also have watched with increasing nervousness as President Barack Obama has approved a cautious opening with their archrival Iran.

Navy bristling from case alleging contractor bought secrets with hookers, Lady Gaga tickets

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Nicknamed "Fat Leonard," the gregarious Malaysian businessman is well known by U.S. Navy commanders in the Pacific, where his company has serviced warships for 25 years.

But prosecutors in court papers say Leonard Francis worked his connections to obtain military secrets by lining up hookers, Lady Gaga tickets and other bribes for a U.S. commander, in a scandal reverberating across the Navy.

The accusations unfolding in a federal court case in San Diego signal serious national security breaches and corruption, setting off high-level meetings at the Pentagon with the threat that more people, including those of higher ranks, could be swept up as the investigation continues. A hearing Nov. 8 could set a trial date.

Navy commander Michael Vannak Khem Misiewicz passed confidential information on ship routes to Francis' Singapore-based company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia Ltd., or GDMA, according to the court documents.

Misiewicz and Francis moved Navy vessels like chess pieces, diverting aircraft carriers, destroyers and other ships to Asian ports with lax oversight where Francis could inflate costs, according to the criminal complaint. The firm overcharged the Navy millions for fuel, food and other services it provided, and invented tariffs by using phony port authorities, the prosecution alleges.

Biden, Rubio lend political star power to final day of race for Virginia governor

WINCHESTER, Va. (AP) — Terry McAuliffe and Ken Cuccinelli are both looking to make Tuesday's election for governor into a referendum on President Barack Obama's health overhaul.

McAuliffe planned to campaign Monday with Vice President Joe Biden a day after Obama weighed in, throwing national Democrats' full backing into the race. Cuccinelli, meanwhile, would be campaigning with Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and planned his final campaign rally with former Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, a hero of the libertarian wing of the GOP.

As the acrimonious campaign headed toward its end, the national health care law seems to be the major fault line for both candidates.

Seeking an upset, Cuccinelli pledged to continue his fight against the Democrats' national health care law. As Virginia's attorney general, he was the first to file a lawsuit trying to declare it unconstitutional. While the Supreme Court rejected his argument, he has not stopped his crusade against it.

McAuliffe has embraced the law and has pledged to use it to expand Medicaid in the state to provide health coverage for 400,000 Virginians. The federal government picks up the entire tab for expansion in the first few years, with the state picking up a portion of it in later years.

Deadly shooting rampage at LAX shows how easy it is to get a gun into an airport

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The gunman accused of shooting employees and terrorizing travelers at Los Angeles International Airport accomplished two of his goals: kill a Transportation Security Administration officer and show how easy it is to get a gun into an airport.

Paul Ciancia's deadly rampage left investigators to piece together what motivated his hatred toward the agency formed to make air travel safer after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, but could ultimately lead to changes in the way airports are patrolled.

Ciancia was shot four times by airport police, including in the mouth, and remains heavily sedated and under 24-hour armed guard at the hospital, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Sunday. The official was not authorized to speak publicly on the case and requested anonymity.

The FBI said he had a handwritten letter, stating that he made the conscious decision to try to kill multiple TSA officers.

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town of Greece, said Erwin Chemerinsky, a liberal legal scholar and dean of the University of California at Irvine law school. If the court adopts the test that the lawmakers and others are urging, "very little will be left of the Establishment Clause," Chemerinsky said.

Chemerinsky said the prayers in Greece should be held unconstitutional under any standard.

The Obama administration is taking a middle ground, siding with

the town because it said the appeals court made a mistake in departing from the Supreme Court's 30-year-old precedent. "Courts should not parse or evaluate the content of prayer," Solicitor General Donald Verrilli wrote in his brief, relying on the 1983 case. He said the administration has an interest in protecting the tradition of opening each day of Congress with a prayer that stretches back to the nation's founding.

At the Supreme Court, the justices stand at their seats while Marshal Pam Talkin asks God to "save the United States and this honor-

able court."

The facts of the situation in Greece, a town of roughly 100,000 people, are not in dispute.

From 1999 through 2007, and again from January 2009 through June 2010, every meeting was opened with a Christian-oriented invocation. In 2008, after residents Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens complained, four of 12 meetings were opened by non-Christians, including a Jewish layman, a Wiccan priestess and the chairman of the local Baha'i congregation.

A town employee each month selected clerics or lay people by using

a local published guide of churches. The guide did not include non-Christian denominations, however. The appeals court found that religious institutions in the town of just under 100,000 people are primarily Christian, and even Galloway and Stephens testified they knew of no non-Christian places of worship there.

The two residents filed suit and a trial court ruled in the town's favor, finding that the town did not intentionally exclude non-Christians. It also said that the content of the prayer was not an issue because there was no desire to proselytize or demean other faiths.

But a three-judge pan-

el of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that even with the high court's 1983 ruling, the practice of having one Christian prayer after another amounted to the town's endorsement of Christianity.

Richard Garnett, a University of Notre Dame law professor and former Supreme Court clerk, said it is likely that the court will reverse the appeals court and that a narrow ruling of the sort sought by the administration could cause some liberal justices to join their conservative colleagues.

But because the case can be resolved narrowly, Garnett said it probably is not one the justices will use to order judges to take a more hands-off approach to instances in which religion and government mix.

The case is Greece v. Galloway, 12-696.

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TALKS

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fair," he added. "We want the same kind of rates (Lubbock and Amarillo) will be paying. All these cities are in the same West Texas division, and we believe

they should charge us is what they're charging everybody else in the division."

Darden said representatives of the West Texas coalition will continue negotiations with Atmos in hopes of reaching a final agreement. If those talks fail, a final decision on what kind

of increase the company can levy will up to the railroad commission, which is expected to rule on the matter in the coming months.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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Forsan advances to state; BSHS, CHS see runs end at regional meet

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Forsan was upended by Ozona — by fractions of a second — for the top spot at the Class A regional meet at Mae Simmons Park Saturday, but as runners-up, the Buffaloes will still be defending their state title in Round Rock this weekend.

Despite the narrow team defeat, Jeremy Cervantes

finished in first place in the field, beating his previous best time by more than 18 seconds. He completed the course in 15:56.31. The goal he set for himself, according to Head CC Coach Robert Hillger, was 15:57.

“Jeremy was something special to watch,” Hillger remarked. “Halfway through the first mile, he was in second. An Ozona kid was beating him. At the end, he ended up beating that Ozona

kid by nine seconds. He’s just a sophomore. He’s going to be fun to watch over the next couple of years.”

Also grabbing a Top 10 position was senior Tyler Evans, who finished with a personal best of 16:23. Matthew Mims and Justin Goff placed 12th and 14th, respectively and Cody Tanis rounded out the first five FHS runners with a 55th place showing. Granger Newton took 82nd and freshman Josh Evans came in at 86th.

Hillger and his capable squad now have their sights set its second consecutive state championship.

“I feel like we’re just as strong as we were last year,” Hillger said. “I do believe the competition is a little stiffer. Obviously Ozona is very good. Sundown is right there. Port Aransas is good. There will be five or six teams that will probably be within 20-30 places of each other. But I feel like our experience is going to give us a bit of an advantage on Saturday.”

Individual results
J. Cervantes, 1, 15:56.31; T. Evans, 7, 16:23; M. Mims, 12, 16:59; J. Goff, 14, 17:03; C. Tanis, 55, 18:35; Granger Newton, 82, 19:16; Josh Evans, 86, 19:25. Total Points: 71. Place: 2nd.

LUBBOCK — Both Big Spring teams decisively earned a trip to the regional meet after each

placed first at the District 4-3A tournament at Comanche Trail Park.

Of course, the level of competition spikes

dramatically at the regional and state levels. BSHS girls placed 14th as a team,

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HERALD photo/Bradley Tollefson

Big Spring’s Karina Alvarado finished in 25th place with a time of 12:43.10. Just behind her was teammate Faith Roberson in 26th, with a time of 12:43.40.



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Forsan’s Justin Goff helped guide the team to a 2nd place finish and another state championship appearance.



Courtesy photo

Simon Saldana of Big Spring stands proud at the pin on Hole No. 15 at Comanche Trail Golf Course last Saturday after sinking a hole-in-one. Saldana used a 9-iron. The feat was witnessed by Jackson Dempson and Mike Wright.

Romo spoils homecoming for Vikes’ Peterson, Ponder

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo was 90 yards from the end zone, trailing one-win Minnesota, by a field goal with another late-game interception fresh on his mind.

The Dallas quarterback found a way to spoil the homecoming for Adrian Peterson and Christian Ponder.

Romo threw for 337 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score to Dwayne Harris with 35 seconds left to answer a touchdown by Peterson that put Minnesota in front, and the Cowboys beat the Vikings 27-23 Sunday.

“Just really a great job by Tony,” said tight end Jason Witten, who had two catches on the winning drive and led the Cowboys with eight grabs for 102 yards. “I mean, as good as I’ve seen him in a long time as far as just kind of directing traffic and finding throws and staying poised with his decision-making and allowing us to get first downs.”

Romo’s first attempt to answer Peterson’s go-ahead score ended with an interception on a great play along the sideline by A.J. Jefferson — and was a reminder

of the late pick Romo threw in Dallas’ only home loss this year.

Dallas didn’t get another chance four weeks ago, when Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos ran out the clock and won 51-48 on a field goal on the final play.

But the Vikings couldn’t convert this late Romo mistake into points and gave him the ball back at the Dallas 10 with 2:44 remaining.

Dez Bryant had a 34-yard catch that put Dallas in position for at least a tying field goal, which was possible because Blair Walsh missed wide right on the extra point after Peterson’s touchdown. But Romo kept pushing, eventually finding Harris, who cut in front of Marcus Sherels and dived over the goal line.

Romo was 7 of 9 for all 90 yards on the winning drive, which handed the Vikings (1-7) their fourth straight loss.

“I think if you pull back and you really look at Tony Romo’s career, people want to talk about some of these plays where things didn’t work out,” Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. “But if you really look at his body of work and you look at it

objectively, he’s done this kind of stuff a lot.”

Five things to consider after the Cowboys (5-4) bounced back from a devastating loss at Detroit and avoided what probably would have been a more damaging defeat:

UNHAPPY HOMECOMING: Peterson, the East Texas kid raised on the Cowboys, was playing in their \$1.2 billion stadium for the first time and rushed for 140 yards. He got the go-ahead drive in the fourth quarter going with a 52-yard run, then went the final 11 on fourth-and-1. He easily got the first down and carried safety Jeff Heath the last few yards, with Heath trying to strip the ball as Peterson crossed the goal line.

Ponder threw for a touchdown and ran for another score against his hometown team. “It was a good experience to be here and close to home, play at this stadium and have family come watch,” said Ponder, who played high school football in the Dallas suburb of Colleyville. “But it’s a tough experience when we lose.”

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Post New Moon

Do you feel new in some way? Yesterday's new moon and total solar eclipse in Scorpio happened in darkness, but they flipped a light switch on in some area of life that needed to change. Ride the gathering momentum by planning, writing things down, talking with like minds and getting focused on your next steps.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The quality of your day will depend on your ability to stay focused and persevere. The tantalizing distractions around you will cease to be such when you're convinced that you have something better to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One way to avoid indulging in short-term pleasures that are bad for you is not to give yourself the option. Rid your environment of temptations, and you won't have to resist. You just won't think about it at all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Under stress, you are more likely to misbehave. Do the thing that will bring your stress level down or, better yet, the thing that will keep stress from entering your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). By being willing to listen to everyone in a hierarchy — those who rank both lower and higher than you — you will reduce the number of mistakes you make.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't like being told things gratuitously, especially things you already know. That's why you are careful not to offer unwanted advice to others. Your motivation is to help, which you'll do more by asking than by telling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your life is the way it is in part because of the people you choose to put in it. The way today plays out will depend on with whom you decide to spend your hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are dependent on someone to accomplish a task, and so it is imperative that you build a relationship with this person that supports solid, task-related communication.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are not always rational, and you are not always emotional. You'll employ a perfect mix of the two in today's

decisions and later be happy with the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to know whether you are doing something wrong, but a person who fears you, or respects you a great deal, may not offer a correction unless you ask directly for feedback.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Procrastination is a trap. Remind yourself often throughout the day that by taking action now (even though it might feel unpleasant) you avoid getting into a bad position later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone likes the idea of progress, but far fewer people like the idea of change. You'll realize that progress without change is impossible and start wrapping your head around what's to come.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An interestingly imbalanced relationship will be a feature of the day. Maybe someone knows quite a lot about you, while you know very little about him, or perhaps there's a difference of attraction levels.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 4). You'll enjoy a better quality of relationships in settling in with the kind of twosomes that meet the needs of both people. Your plans will change, but keep making them, adjusting and rewriting to get more of what you want out of life. Your work gets thunderous applause in January and March. May and August bring visitors. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 2, 16, 10 and 38.

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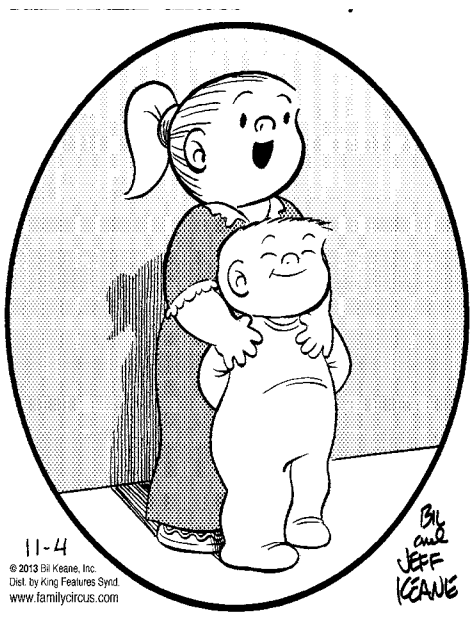
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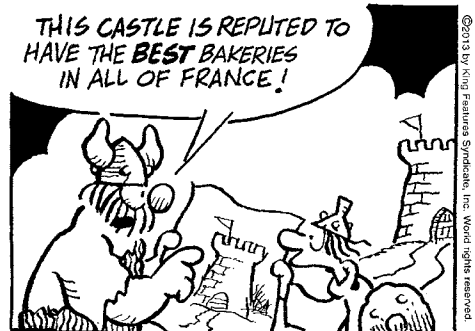
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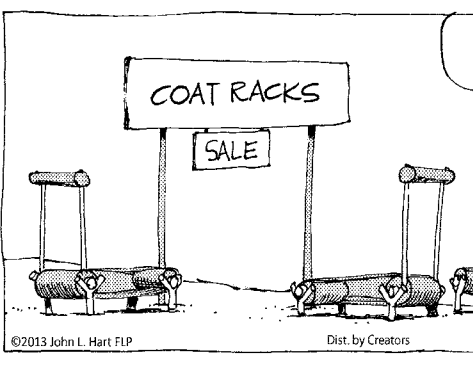
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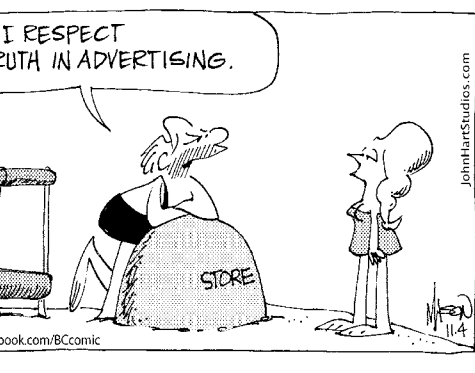
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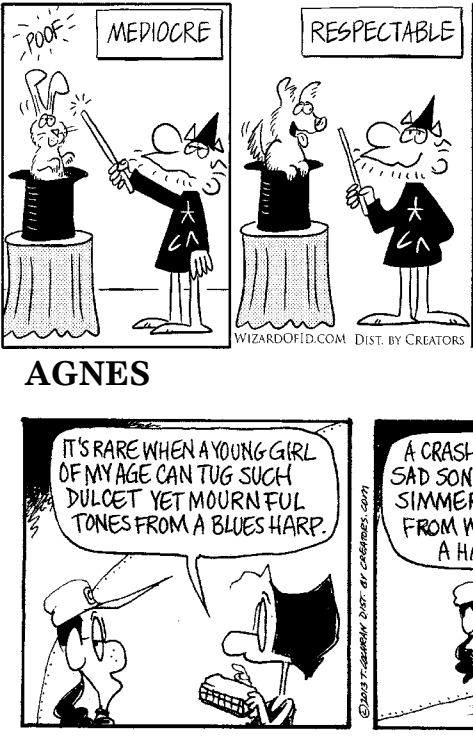
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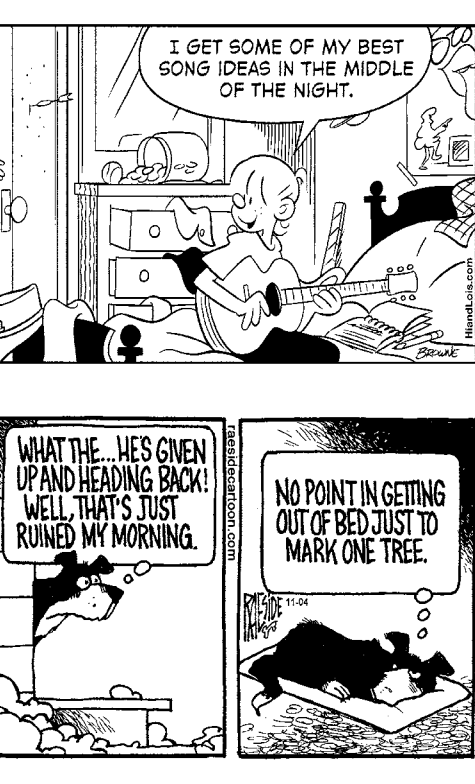
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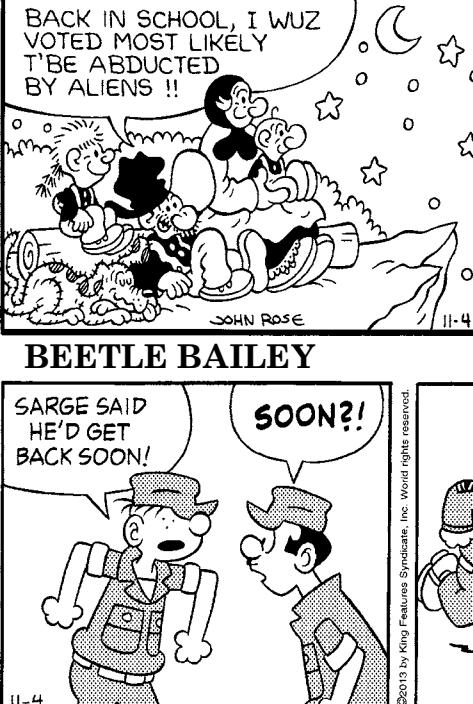
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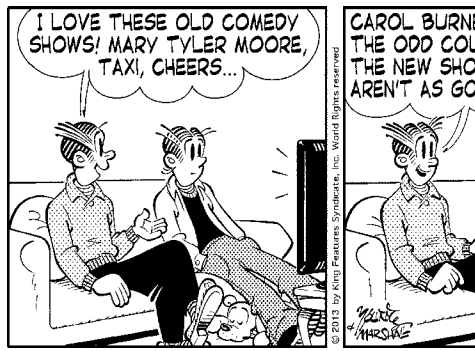
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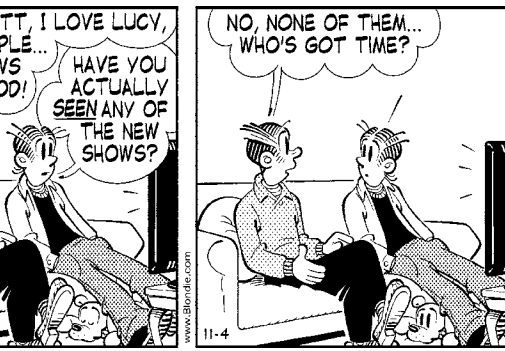
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This Date In History

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nation's first female governor to serve out the remaining term of her late husband, William B. Ross. In 1939, the United States modified its neutrality stance in World War II, allowing "cash and carry" purchases of arms by belligerents, a policy favoring Britain and France. In 1952, Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson. The highly secretive National Security Agency came into existence. In 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants; for some, it was the start of 444 days of captivity. In 1980, Ronald Reagan won the White House as he defeated President Jimmy Carter by a strong margin. In 1987, 6-year-old Elizabeth (Lisa) Steinberg was pronounced dead at a New York City hospital in a

child-abuse case that sparked national outrage; her illegal adoptive father, Joel Steinberg, served nearly 17 years behind bars for manslaughter. In 1991, Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif.; in attendance were President George H.W. Bush and former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford and Richard Nixon. At the first-ever gathering of five past and present U.S. chief executives. © 2013, The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like THATSALL, PURDUE, YOU'LLSEE, ANOINT, CONCEPTS, RIYADH, OPT, WETSUIT, GEE, OLES, NEEDS, POLL, NAMES, RED, LONER, TAP, SEPARATE, POSTWAR, RATTLED, INCLINES, THE, GREEN, ACH, ENDOW, MEND, SCRA, TYPO, EPA, RETINUE, NEO, NORMAL, MGM, GRAND, TRIAGE, PUBGAMES, STONES, SPYSTORY.

Newsday Crossword

UNREAL by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Across clues include: 1 Jury member, 5 Castaway's escape vehicle, 9 Stetsons and sombreros, 13 Exam mark, 14 Loosen, as laces, 15 One of the Great Lakes, 16 France's capital, 17 Mix together, 18 Quite uncommon, 19 Garden-hose material, 22 Walk- (cameo roles), 23 and outs, 24 Fireplace residue, 27 Any carbonated soft drink, 29 Cereal grain, 32 Skin cream ingredient, 33 "Once a time...", 35 Painter Picasso, 37 Wooden nickel, for example, 40 Swampy ground, 41 Toward sunrise, 42 Hot drinks, 43 Recent Nav. Academy grad, 44 Little rascals, 46 Not quite right, 48 Country meadow, 49 Aviate, 50 Astroturf, for example, 59 Faucet problem, 60 What police enforce, 61 Desert haven, 62 Lacking color. Down clues include: 63 Give off, 64 Took part in a robbery, 65 Drove too fast, 66 Family rooms, 67 Lift with effort, 10 Typical Kuwaiti, 11 Bicycle wheel, 12 Fortune teller, 13 Auto navigation aid: Abbr., 20 Happen next, 21 Not appropriate, 24 Float (provide financing), 25 Goes bad, as milk, 26 Barnyard cacklers, 27 Living-room pieces, 28 Change for a \$5 bill, 29 Woodwind instruments, 30 Alternate name, 31 A whole bunch, 32 Peak, 34 Get ready, for short, 36 First part of a play, 38 Robber, 39 Know- (smarty), 45 Sent in a stamped envelope, 47 "Heavens to Betsy!", 48 Had a fondness for, 49 Doesn't eat, 50 Swiss peaks, 51 Harvest, as crops, 52 Folk story, 53 Showed up, 54 Victorious words, 55 Hotel room fee, 56 Starting from, 57 River sediment, 58 U-turn from NNW.

Kubiak hospitalized after collapsing at game

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans coach Gary Kubiak was hospitalized in stable condition Monday, one day after collapsing on the field at halftime of Houston's 27-24 loss to Indianapolis.

The reeling Texans, losers of six straight, were left to worry about their coach and wonder when he'll return to the team.

The Texans have not disclosed what's wrong with the 52-year-old Kubiak, saying only that he did not have a heart attack.

"There was a lot of unknown," said defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, who coached the team after halftime. "Everything was unknown as to what was going on and what happened to Kube."

Kubiak hunched over and dropped to his knees at the 24-yard line and he was immediately surrounded by medical personnel. He was taken off the field on a stretcher and put in an ambulance.

The Texans said Kubiak was conscious and with his family as he was taken to the hospital.

"He had an episode; he was light-headed and

dizzy," Houston general manager Rick Smith told NBC following the game. "He was evaluated by a number of specialists ... he is awake and coherent. We have to assess ... obviously, there's a lot of info. Hopefully, Gary will be back with us tomorrow (Monday)."

Denny Angelle, a spokesman for Houston Methodist Hospital, referred all questions about Kubiak to the Texans.

Kubiak has been head coach in Houston since 2006, a former NFL quarterback who calls the team's plays. The Texans were a trendy Super Bowl pick in the offseason and started 2-0, but the season had turned into a disaster even before Sunday night.

"It's on your mind when you're out there playing," receiver Andre Johnson said. "But you try to focus on the game and just go out and do your job."

Up 21-3 when Kubiak collapsed, the Texans struggled after halftime as the Colts rallied for a win. Veteran safety Ed Reed didn't want to blame the loss on what happened to Kubiak, who has had no

known public health problems.

"I thought we dealt with it well," Reed said. "We've just got to finish."

Kubiak's collapse came a day after Denver Broncos coach John Fox was hospitalized in North Carolina as he awaits aortic valve replacement surgery. The 58-year-old Fox will have surgery and miss several weeks while recuperating.

Fox had been told earlier about his heart condition and was hoping to put off the operation until February. On Saturday, Fox became dizzy playing golf near his offseason home in Charlotte and was taken to a hospital, where tests revealed he couldn't wait any longer.

Kubiak made his mark as Denver's offensive coordinator under Mike Shanahan, winning two Super Bowls. An eighth-round pick out of Texas A&M, he spent nine years as John Elway's backup. He finished his career 4-1 as a starter, all in emergency relief of Elway.

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Johnson takes Cup lead with dominating Texas win

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jimmie Johnson is the leader again in the Chase for the Sprint Cup title after a dominating victory Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway.

The five-time Cup champion knows all too well that his seven-point lead over Matt Kenseth is far from overwhelming with two races left in the season.

Johnson also left the

Lone Star State last November with a victory and seven-point lead — and lost the championship to Brad Keselowski.

"I hope history doesn't repeat itself," Johnson said. "That is the perfect example of this thing isn't over until it's over. Last year we had eight great races and two bad ones and didn't get the championship. ... There

are two very important races left."

Kenseth and Johnson were tied in points when they got to Texas, though Kenseth was considered the leader based on his seven wins.

Johnson led 255 of 334 laps for his sixth win this season while becoming only the second three-time Cup winner at the high-banked 1½-mile Texas track. The No. 48 Chevrolet finished more than 4 seconds ahead of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"The 48 was in another class and nobody had anything for them," said Earnhardt, who had his fifth runner-up finish this season and has been top 10 in six of the last seven Chase races.

Joey Logano finished third, ahead of Kenseth while Kasey Kahne, another Hendrick driver, was fifth.

Johnson got his 66th career victory, including a record 24 wins in Chase races.

But he and crew chief Chad Knaus are now in their third season since winning their fifth consecutive championship.

"I've been watching a lot of MMA fighting lately, and you'll fall into a rhythm and think that somebody's got a fight won, and it doesn't end that way," Johnson said. "It's how this is going to be. Matt

didn't have maybe the best day, but he still finished fourth. This thing is going to the last lap at Homestead. It's going to come down to mistake."

Kenseth was running second behind Johnson for much of the first half of the race before getting penalized for speeding. That dropped Kenseth to 16th place and more than 28 seconds back, though the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota recovered for a top-five finish.

"We were just being too aggressive. Honestly, the 48 had us ... they were just dominant all weekend," Kenseth said. "That speeding penalty got us behind us. We definitely didn't need that, but really I don't know at the end of the day that it really affected our finish much."

At Phoenix, where the Chase goes next Sunday, Johnson is a four-time winner and finished second in March. His average finishing spot of 6.4 there is significantly better than the 17.2 for Kenseth, who has one victory at Phoenix and finished seventh there eight months ago.

"I'm still confident," Kenseth said.

"I felt real good going to Phoenix last year, and I thought we were in good shape and we had a problem. I've never seen it this tight, so I don't feel any better really

this year than I did last year," car owner Rick Hendrick said. "I think Jimmie has been very confident, but nobody has said he was unbeatable this year. Really, Matt's been right there the whole year."

Kenseth was still running second when Johnson pulled down pit road, a lap before Kenseth came in as the last to pit on a cycle of green-flag stops.

But Kenseth was caught speeding on pit road and had to serve a drive-through penalty. By time he got back on the track, he was the last car on the lead lap and about 25 seconds further behind than he had been before the two had pitted.

A caution a few laps later got Kenseth up three spots, but more importantly tightened up the field. Within a few laps after the ensuing restart, Kenseth was back in the top 10 and climbing.

By then, Kyle Busch had moved back into second, the same spot he was before a right front tire went down and put into in the outside wall on lap 57 to bring out a caution. Busch, who won the spring race in Texas, would up 13th.

When Busch went into the wall, he was between Johnson and Kenseth, who went onto pit road 1-2. The top Chase con-

tenders didn't exit that way.

While Johnson had a quick stop, he was second out behind pole-sitter Carl Edwards, who had the stall closest to the scoring line. Kenseth has an issue on his stop that dropped him to sixth.

Edwards, who had been the only three-time Cup winner at Texas, led six times for 38 times. But Edwards finished only 187 laps before an engine failure ended his day.

Four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon, the other Hendrick driver, was in contention for another championship after his win a week earlier at Martinsville moved him up to a season-high third in points.

But on Lap 74, the front left tire on the No. 24 Chevrolet blew, sending Gordon high and hard into the wall between the first and second turns. His returned to the race after repairs and finished in 38th place, 187 laps off the pace. He dropped to sixth the standings, 67 points back.

"I just know that the left front went down as I was going down the front straightaway. I felt it before I got there, and I just couldn't get it slowed down enough," Gordon said.

at home against Washington on Thursday night.

MORE DEZ DRAMA: The Cowboys were in position to extend a 20-17 lead when Bryant took his team out of field goal range with unsportsmanlike conduct for taking off his helmet and arguing with officials as a pass interference penalty against him was about to be announced. "I wasn't angry at the ref," said Bryant, who made headlines last week with a pair of sideline outbursts. "I know now not to take my helmet off."

NO NEED TO RUN: DeMarco Murray returned for Dallas after missing two games with a knee injury. He went 27 yards on his second carry but finished with just four carries for 31 yards and the Cowboys had a franchise-low nine attempts. "You'd certainly like to have more balance than that, obviously," Garrett said. "I do think with both of those situations at the end of the ballgame, sometimes it gets skewed."

Sudoku Answer on Page 10

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

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WEST
♠ 9 8 7 3
♥ A K 9 3 2
♦ 7
♣ 9 4 2
EAST
♠ J 5
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 9 6 4 3
♣ J 10 6 3
SOUTH
♠ A Q 6 2
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ 10
♣ A K Q 7

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♥
Pass 4♦ Pass 4NT
Pass 6NT
Opening lead — king of hearts.

It certainly seems reasonable to assume that when two teams meet to determine the world championship, the caliber of bridge is going to be at the highest possible level.

While it is true that this expectation is generally met, it is also true that there are always a few hands that shock the faithful and make them realize that even the expert foot may be made of clay.

These rare transgressions are not

really surprising when one considers that each participant plays several hundred hands and makes several thousand decisions in the course of a long championship event. An occasional fall from grace must therefore be accepted as par for the course.

For a good example of how bridge should not be played, consider this deal from the Great Britain-U.S. match in 1955. The bidding went as shown when a British pair held the North-South cards.

Why South jump-shifted in hearts rather than clubs or spades, or whether four notrump was Blackwood, is not known, but the fact is that North-South blundered into six notrump as shown. West cashed the K-A of hearts, and Uncle Sam rang up 50 points on the register.

The bidding was equally odd when the U.S. held the North-South cards. North opened the bidding with three notrump, and South raised to six notrump. The American pair were playing that an opening three-notrump bid showed a long, solid minor suit with not much on the side.

With nothing to go on, East selected the jack of spades as his opening shot, and North made all the tricks to score 1,020 points. So, in considerably less than brilliant fashion, the American team gained 1,070 points.

Tomorrow: A costly play.
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ROMO

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Cowboys scored touchdowns 10 seconds apart early in the third quarter to take a 20-10 lead. Romo had consecutive 26-yard completions to Witten, the second for a touchdown and a 13-10 lead. A week after Cordarrelle Patterson set an NFL record with a 109-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, he

fumbled a short kickoff out of bounds at the Minnesota 5. On the next play, George Selvie knocked the ball out of Ponder's hand in the end zone, and Nick Hayden recovered.

QB SITUATION: Ponder answered the quick Dallas touchdowns by going 4 for 4 for 74 yards on a drive that ended with a 31-yard touchdown to Kyle Rudolph, who bounced off Barry Church at the 6 and fought his way into the

end zone. Ponder was 25 of 37 after being named starter on Friday, and with Josh Freeman inactive because of a concussion. He also led a pair of 11-play scoring drives in the first half, including his 6-yard scoring scramble. "As we speak, I don't see why we'd make a change, but sometimes after ballgames, we make emotional decisions," said Vikings coach Leslie Frazier, whose team is

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Coahoma's Devin Ruiz takes off during the UIL regional cross country meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lobbock Saturday. Ruis placed 22nd individually. The state meet in Round Rock will be held this coming Saturday.

COLLAPSE

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Kubiak has long been known as a top offensive coach, mentoring quarterbacks in Denver and now Matt Schaub — and Case

Keenum — in Houston. Kubiak was hired in 2006, along with general manager Rick Smith, after the Texans finished a franchise-worst 2-14. Smith spent 10 years with Kubiak while the coach was offensive coordinator of the Broncos.

The pair has helped trans-

form the Texans, which began play in 2002, from league laughingstock to contender. The team went 6-10 in their first year and 8-8 in each of the next two seasons. Expectations were high in 2010 after Houston finished at 9-7 for its first winning record in 2009. But the Texans instead fell to

6-10, which led to many fans calling for Kubiak's firing.

His original contract was due to expire after the 2010 season, but owner Bob McNair has stepped up to keep Kubiak and defend him several times amid the bumps. Last year, the Texans announced contract extensions for both

Smith and Kubiak, rewarding them for taking the team to the playoffs last year for the first time. Kubiak's three-year agreement has him under contract through 2014.

McNair said at the time he offered Kubiak a four-year deal, but the coach preferred to make it for three.

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while the boys came in at 17th.

Both teams are also quite young, but still showed a lot of promise, with Karina Alvarado leading the girls with a 25th place finish and a time of 12:43.10. Coming in just behind her at 26th was Faith Roberson, who recorded a time of 12:43.40.

The boys saw senior Izzak Zamora finish at a solid 52nd place, with a time of 17:34.90. Zamora is the only senior, leaving four juniors and a sophomore for Coach John-Michael Leggett to work with next season.

"Those guys ran really hard," he said. "We're a really young team. They ran as well as they have all year, but it left a lot of room for improvement. We are looking forward to seeing what we can

accomplish next year. It will be hard to lose Izzak and his leadership, but we're definitely excited about the future. Six of our seven runners will be back next season and we have a bunch of J.V. Guys ready to step into that final spot."

Individual results

Girls: K. Alvarado, 25, 12:43.10; F. Roberson, 26, 12:43.40; Kaitlyn Mathews, 104, 13:57.60; Hannah Alsobrooks, 110, 14:08.20; Rikki Salgado, 152, 15:13.80; Dyrshae Vanderbilt, 16:15.70; Valerie Goodblanket, 16:45.10. Total points: 394. Place: 14th.

Boys: I. Zamora, 52, 17:34.90; Richard Martinez, 93, 18:11.80; Diego Rodriguez, 18:17.30; Jose Vargas, 18:26.30; Raul Romo, 18:29.50; Ryan Lopez, 19:06.10. Total points: 423. Place: 17th.

LUBBOCK — In the Class AA division, Coahoma's Devin Ruiz and Kaeli Yager each placed

22nd in the boys and girls division, respectively, with Ruiz clocking in at 17:14 and Yager at 12:49.

"Every runner there representing Coahoma ran their best times," said Head Coach Paul Hartman. "Our runners did a great job all season."

Ruiz led the Bulldogs, which finished in 23rd with 515 points, just behind rival Stanton, who had 514. Yager was the lone Bulldogette, who medaled at the district meet.

Individual results

Girls: K. Yager, 22, 12:49.

Boys: D. Ruiz, 22, 17:14; Josh Dean, 129, 19:48; Landyn Young, 133, 20:00; Omar Sukhtankar, 150, 20:50; Garrett Richardson, 159, 21:51. Total

points: 515. Place: 23.

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2	4	9	8	7	3	5	6	1
1	6	8	5	2	9	7	3	4
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9	3	6	2	4	7	8	1	5
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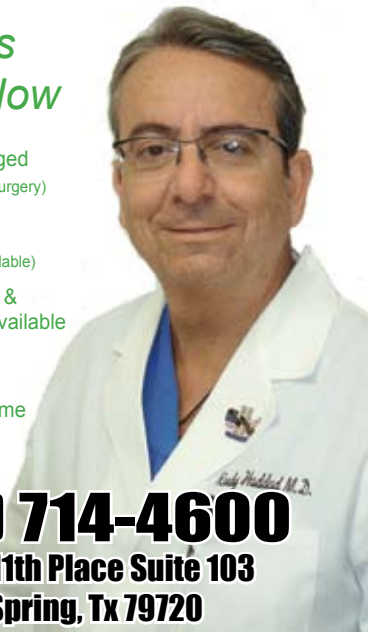
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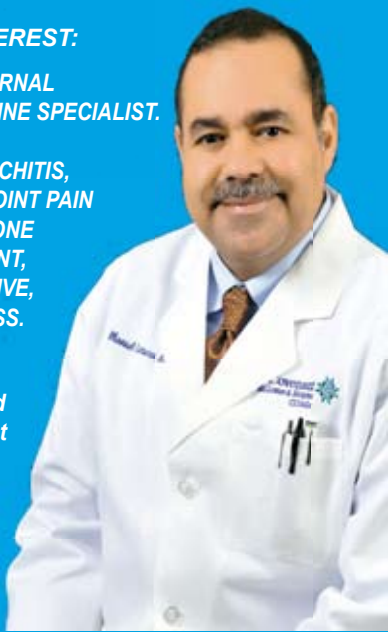
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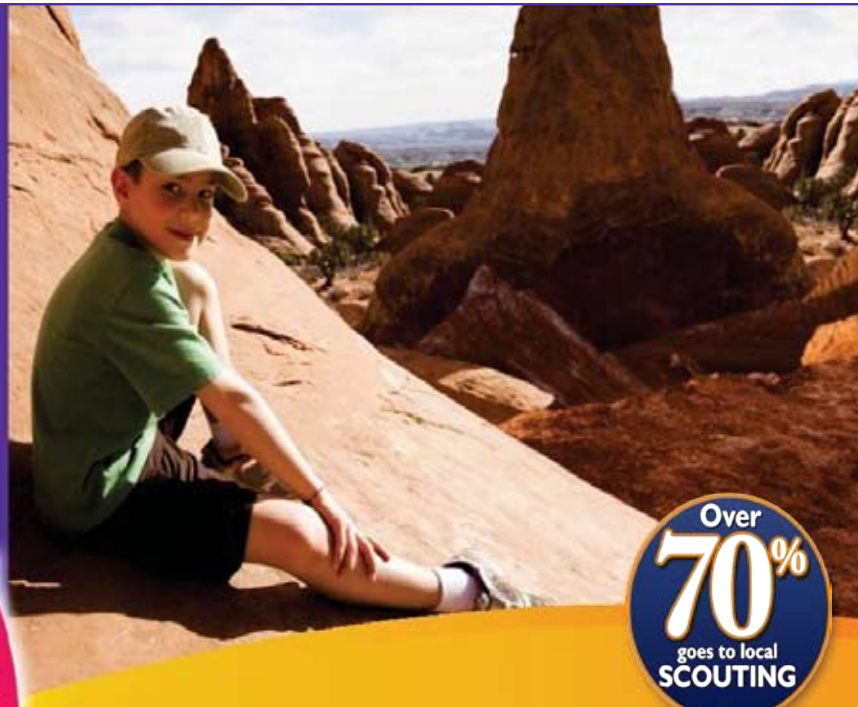
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