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Council considers parking ordinance

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to "put some teeth" in an ordinance banning parked cars on front yards when it holds its regular bi-weekly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

Cars are already banned from front yards in the city, but the existing ordinance has "a lot of holes" which allows residents to avoid effective punishment, City Manager Todd Darden told council members earlier this month.

The current code calls for a \$5 fine (plus court costs) for anyone parking on their lawn, with subsequent fines of \$5 each succeeding week. In addition, the code has several exceptions that render it almost unenforceable, City Attorney Linda Sjogren told the council.

"So, basically, we charge them \$20 a month to park on their lawns?" asked Council member Raul Benavides. "That's nothing." Mayor Larry McLellan voiced his support for a tougher ordinance. "I don't think we'll ever get where we want (in beautification efforts) unless we put some teeth in the code," McLellan said. "A \$50 fine would be cheap — \$5 is ridiculous."

The new ordinance is expected to include both more expensive fines

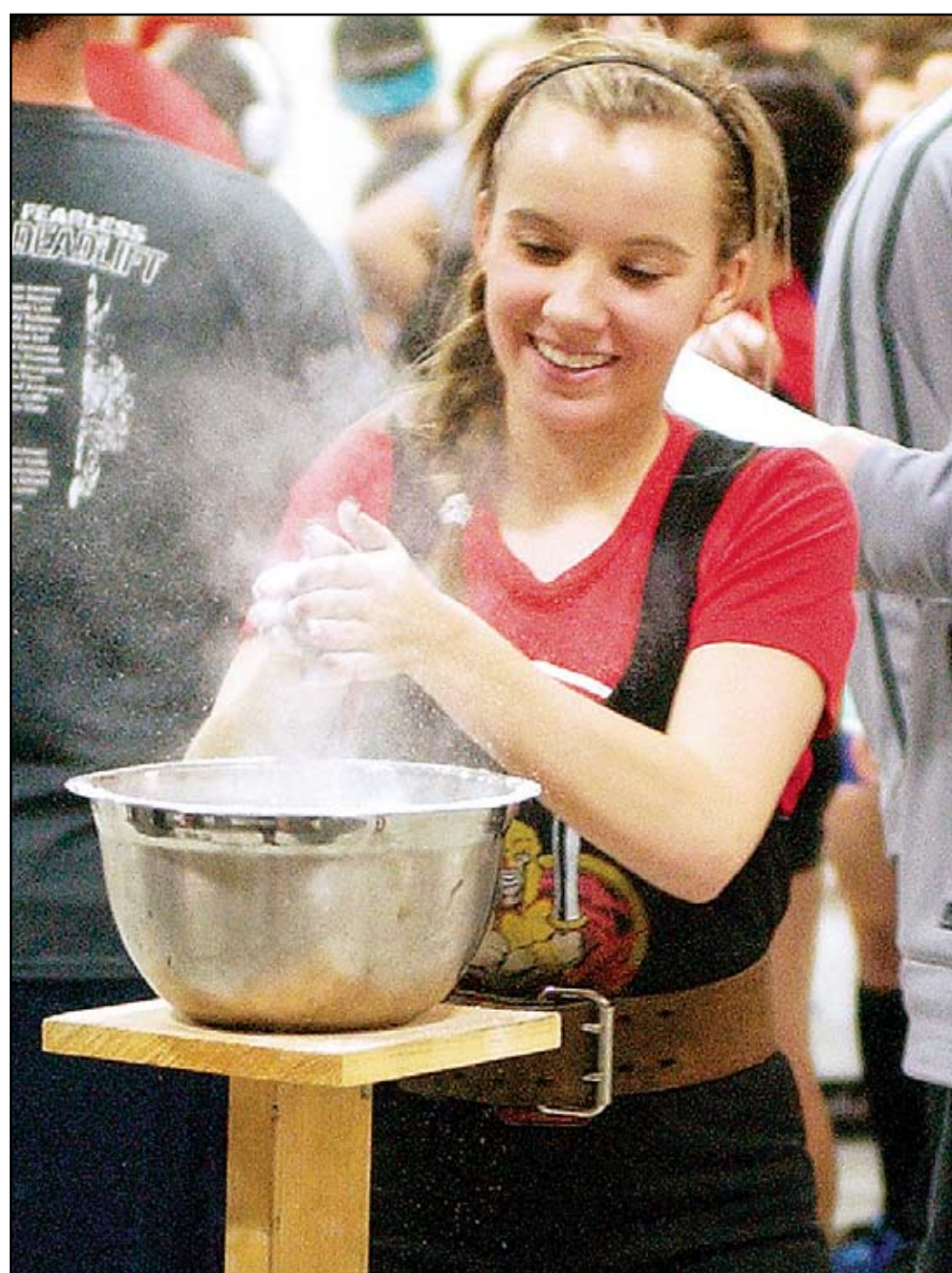
What: Regular meeting, Big Spring City Council.
Where: Council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.
When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

for first offenses and a graduating series of fines for subsequent violations. In addition, exceptions to the ordinance will likely be tightened.

In other business, the council will consider:

- A remapping of a 22-acre section of Kentwood Addition located west of Morgan Ranch Road and south of East 25th Street.
- An agreement with the architectural/engineering firm Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for the 2014 seal coating project.
- Creation of a Landfill/Sanitation Enterprise Fund.
- Interlocal agreements with Howard County concerning the landfill and emergency medical service.
- Appointments to the airpark development board.

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



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Coahoma's Megan Hurst delivers up her version of LeBron James' powder throw with a broad smile and a clap prior to competing in the Coahoma Powerlifting Meet on Saturday afternoon. See story and additional photos, Page 5.

Few candidates emerging for city council races

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Candidate filing has been light so far for the upcoming Big Spring municipal elections.

Voters will elect two city council members this May

and, to date, they don't have much of a choice to make.

With the filing period only a few days old, both incumbents are the sole people to file for the races. Marcus Fernandez will seek re-election as District 1 council representative, while District 3 council mem-

ber Glen Carrigan has filed, as well. Both men are seeking their second term in office.

Candidates must be United States and Texas citizens but do not need to reside within the district they wish to represent.

Filing papers may be picked

up at city hall offices at Fourth and Nolan streets between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, officials said.

Coahoma voters will elect three city council members this May. At-large seats currently held by Paulette Lind-

sey, Zach Johnson and Linda Luce are up for election, although no one had filed their candidacy as of Friday afternoon.

For more information, contact Coahoma City Hall at See **COUNCIL**, Page 3

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Challengers scarce in school board elections

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

And they're off ... well, not really. Candidates filing their intent to run for an area school board or Howard College trustee position have been non-existent unless they were already an incumbent.

In the Howard College race, Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge, Adrian Calvio and Dr. Charles Warren — all incumbents — filed the first eligible day to return paperwork. So far, none of the four have challengers. Freeman, Ethridge and Warren all serve at-large trustee positions. Anyone who lives in the Howard County Junior College District may run for those positions. Calvio represents District 3, appointed to the position after Larry McCellan opted to resign in June following his election as Big Spring mayor.

Candidates filing for area public school board races are as follows.

Filing will continue through Feb. 29. Packets can be picked up in the individual school district's or college administration office.

Big Spring Independent School District

Irene Rodriguez, current board president, will seek another term serving District 1. Rodriguez has served on the board since 1994.

Newly appointed trustee Fabian Soreno has also tossed his hat into the race for District 7. Fabian was recently appointed to fill the position left by long-time trustee Phil Furqueron. Furqueron, who opted not to run in the last election cycle, served another year because no one turned up to run for District 7. District 3 representative Ken McIntosh

has yet to file.

Coahoma Independent School District Filing for the Coahoma ISD race has been slow to say the least. No one has stepped up to run in either of the two at-large positions, including incumbents Lori Martinez and Patric Robinson.

Forsan Independent School District In the Forsan ISD race, all three incumbents — Glen Graves, Becki Walsh and newly appointed trustee Darren Weaver — have filed their paperwork. As for candidate choices currently, the race stops at the incumbents.

Filing will continue through Feb. 29. Packets can be picked up in the individual school district's or college administration office. Early voting for the trustee election begins April 28 and will continue through Tuesday, May 6.

Contact Lyndel Moody at citydesk@bigspringherald.com or by 263-7331, ext. 234

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Obituaries

George William 'Bill' Cottom

George William "Bill" Cottom, age 71, of Brady, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, in Abilene, Texas.

He was born Feb. 19, 1942 in Enid, Okla. to George William Cottom II and Norma Kay (Lovely) Cottom. He graduated high school in Enid, Okla. He had lived in Brady since 1988. He married Reta Mae Tubbs on Sept. 10, 1986 in Brady. He was a heavy equipment operator for more than 30 years, working many of those years for Weaver Construction of Snyder. He was a Methodist.

Visitation for Bill Cottom was Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at Leatherwood Memorial Chapels in Brady. Cremation followed. Friends may view Bill's memorial video tribute and/or sign the online memorial guest book at www.leatherwoodmemorialchapel.com.

Thomas Vernon Swafford

Thomas Vernon Swafford 91, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, in a Midland nursing home. Grave-side services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Vernon was born April 10, 1922, in Marshall, Texas. He was a driller in the 1940s and drove a transport truck for the next 40 years. He also owned a small ranch in Paradise, Texas.

He is survived by three sons, Raymond Swafford

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Bill is survived by his mother, Norma Kay Cottom of Enid, Okla.; wife, Reta Mae Cottom of the home; son George William "Billy" Cottom IV and his wife, Heather, of Camino, Wash.; step-daughter, Sheila Lovell Johnson and husband, Chris, of Monroe, Wash.; step-sons, David Estes and wife, Holly, of Brady, Willie Estes of Brady and Bobby Estes of Brady; brother-in-law, Dale Tubbs and wife, JoAnn, of Winters, Texas; sister-in-law, Annie Littlefield and husband, Phillip, of Anson, Texas; grandchildren, Amanda Cottom, Colin Cottom, Courtney Nelson, Frankie Bowen, Krin Lovell, D.J. Estes, Justin Estes, Elisha Eckert and Reta Estes; great-grandchildren, Harley, Daniel, Wrandie, Keenn, Robbie, Mikayla and Austyn; 11 step-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and his side-kick, Peanut.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, George William Cottom II, and his grandson, Jerry Ray Estes.

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and wife, Kathy, of Midland, Billy Kenneth Swafford and Larry Swafford and wife, Jennan, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Glen Swafford and wife, Jennie, of Longview, and Ernest Swafford and wife, Alta, of San Angelo; one sister, Mary Ruth Allen, of Marietta, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Asa and Edna (Baker) Swafford, one brother, Clifford Swafford; two sisters, Elaine Hearne and Justine Oney; and one granddaughter, Cheynne Rainer.

The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Police/Sheriff

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

- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE, 21, of 807 16th St., was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$1,500.
- ANGEL MARTIN AGUILAR, 18, of 1504 Tucson St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to two ounces.
- BRITTNEY JO HILGAR, 19, of 3618 Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to two ounces.
- BRYANT LEE BUTCHEE, 25, of 405 North Ave X, Lamesa, Texas, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention and public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of 17th St and the 1500 block of Cherokee St.
- ROBBERY was reported in the 1700 block of S. Gregg St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported in the area of North Highway 87 and Co Op Gin Road.
- BURLARGY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of E. 11th Place.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- COLBY JAMES MEARS, 33, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.
 - KEVIN RAMIREZ, 42, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
 - FALVIO SERRANO GARCIA, 28, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for sentence/assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

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- ADAN CHAVERA, 44, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for contempt of court—disobedience of a court order.

- ANDREW SLAON ROBINSON, 18, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest, detention with a vehicle or watercraft.

- MARYANN LYNN CERVANTES, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection, display expired registration, and speeding in a 45 mile per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone.

- ALISHA MCGEE, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for sale to minors — alcohol.

- GREGORY SHANE ROBERSON, 31, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid and violate promise to appear.

- ISAAC J. TARIN, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and on a warrant for failure to appear.

- SHEREDA SHANTE MINTZ, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to yield right of way at an intersection stop and failure to appear.

- MARK LEE SMITH, 54, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and criminal mischief impair/interrupt public service.

- JENNY MARIE HAMILTON LYON, 39, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for parent contributing to non-attendance and on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.

- CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLVEGROVE, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

- THOMAS RIOS, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and on a warrant for no drivers' license.

- BRITTNEY JO HILGER, 19, was booked by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

- ANGEL MARTIN AGUILAR, 18, was booked by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana.

- JOSE LUIS MORALES, 39, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- BRYANT LEE BUTCHEE, 25, was booked by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest, detention and public intoxication.

Melba L. Soles

Melba L. Soles, 92, of Hot Springs, Ark., formally of Big Spring, passed away in Hot Springs on Friday, Feb. 8, 2014. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

J.O. Chapman

J.O. Chapman, 90, of Big Spring, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Dolly Shober

Dolly Shober, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Deborah Evans

Deborah Evans, 63, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rena McCoy

Rena McCoy, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014, in Brownfield. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Anita Bustamante

Anita Bustamante, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ted Lancaster

Ted Lancaster, 86, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, in Prescott, Ariz. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frank Jara

Frank Jara, 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 9 2014, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Noon — The Just For Today Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets in Room 3 at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane.

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

- "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

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

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

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.



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News in brief

State looks closer at CPS

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Mistakes made by Child Protective Services caseworkers contributed to the deaths of two children and the serious injury of another during the past year, according to state records.

The Austin American-Statesman obtained records from 95 child death cases that were reviewed by the Office of the Inspector General between December 2012 and December 2013. The investigatory body began regularly reviewing child fatalities for the first time in December 2012, after a series of child abuse deaths.

Of those 95 cases, 71 indicated that CPS had been involved with the families before the child's death. CPS was cleared of mistakes in all but two of the cases.

According to records in one case, 1-year-old Aiden Fredrickson drowned in a Burleson County hotel bathtub in March 2013 after CPS workers "recklessly omitted a number of the resources that could have protected the life of the child." The investigator wrote that the caseworker knew the boy was living at the hotel with his mother even though she wasn't allowed to reside with him.

The CPS caseworker closed the case saying she couldn't find the family, even though she knew they were staying there. Aiden drowned while his parents were passed out on drugs. The caseworkers were not punished.

"We reviewed the case thoroughly and found that CPS actions were reasonable and policies were followed," said Patrick Crimmins, spokesman for the state Department of Family and Protective Services.

In another case, the investigators' report said that in May 2013, 6-week-old Skyler Joslin died from multiple injuries after a caseworker failed to visit her Camp County family in a timely manner.

UT chancellor Cigarroa says he'll resign

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa says he will resign after five years leading the 15-campus system in order to return full time to the practice of medicine.

In an email to system staff Sunday night, Cigarroa said he was leaving to be the head of pediatric surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. A Monday news conference has been scheduled for Cigarroa to make the announcement with Board of Regents Chairman Paul Foster.

"I knew the day would come when I would return to transplant surgery," Cigarroa wrote in the email, which was obtained by The Associated Press. "The time has come for me to return to my lifelong love and passion — saving lives one individual at a time."

Cigarroa, the system's first Hispanic leader, had maintained his job as a surgeon while overseeing nine academic campuses and six health science centers.

Among the highlights of his tenure was regents' recent approval of a new university in South Texas with a medical school and a new medical school at the flagship campus in Austin. But it also has been marked by tensions between the board and University of Texas at Austin President Bill Powers. The power struggle has reached the state Capitol, where lawmakers are considering whether to impeach regent Wallace Hall Jr. over attempts to force Powers out.

The planned university in South Texas will be the result of merging the Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg and Brownsville campuses, and creating a new medical school that supporters say is critically needed to meet education and

health care needs in the region along the Texas-Mexico border. The university is projected to enroll about 28,000 students, employ 7,000 people and generate \$11 million in research expenditures.

Soldier found in stairwell at Texas post dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Investigators are trying to determine what led to the death of a South Texas soldier who was found in a stairwell outside his barracks.

Officials at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston on Monday identified the soldier as 28-year-old Spec. Ian Patrick Morgan. No hometown was immediately provided for Morgan, who was discovered early Sunday and pronounced dead at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

An autopsy has been ordered. Military criminal investigators have taken over the case, saying the nature and circumstances of the death are being investigated. No additional information was released Monday.

Morgan was assigned to U.S. Army North headquarters, 56th Signal Co.

Wheels stolen from 22 new vehicles at lot

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — Thieves have stolen the wheels from 22 new cars and trucks at a Southeast Texas dealership and left the vehicles on unsteady wooden blocks.

Texas City police are investigating the theft of 88 wheels, including tires, from DeMontrond Chevrolet.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Monday that some vehicles fell off the blocks and have frame damage. No damage estimate was immediately released.

Investigators believe the theft happened between Saturday night and Sunday morning when the dealership

was closed. Sgt. David Fairchild says the crooks cut the locks off the gates, snipped wires to light poles and stole the wheels.

Police are checking security video and asking anyone who drove by and noticed suspicious activity to contact authorities.

A message left Monday with the dealership wasn't immediately returned.

1 hurt in crash of small plane near Hooks Airport

SPRING, Texas (AP) — Investigators say one person has been hurt when a small plane crashed and flipped near a Houston-area airport.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the accident happened Sunday afternoon in a wooded area near Hooks Airport in Spring.

The sheriff's office says the victim was transported to a hospital. The person's name and condition weren't immediately released. Two other people on board escaped injury.

Uncle Ben's recalls rice bags sold in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State health officials are reminding consumers about a nationwide recall of Uncle Ben's infused rice products in Texas.

The Department of State Health Services said Sunday that the recalled 5- and 25-pound

bags of Uncle Ben's rice are primarily purchased by institutional settings such as schools and prisons. Some warehouse club retailers also stock the bags.

Health officials issued the recall Friday after students and staff in Katy who ate the rice at lunch became ill. Their symptoms included burning, itching, rashes, headaches and nausea. The symptoms passed within two hours.

Health officials say the cause of the illness remains undetermined.

Mars Foodservices US says it voluntarily recalled the products "out of an abundance of caution."

Austin employees of national veterans group quit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A veterans' organization banned in South Carolina and fined in Tennessee is drawing more scrutiny in Texas where it has been operating in several cities for years.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the employees of the Florida-based Veterans Support Organization in Austin resigned as a group in December, because the funds they collected for veterans were not staying in Texas.

The Veterans Support Organization employs

veterans and nonveterans to ask for money in front of businesses and at intersections.

Critics of the group say little of the collected money actually makes it to veterans.

"The funds weren't going where they were supposed to be going," said former Austin chapter manager Robin Woods. "We were telling the public the money was staying here to help local veterans, but the money was going to Florida. . . What they were doing wasn't right for Texas or for veterans."

VSO President Richard VanHouten — an Army veteran who lives in a \$548,500 South Florida home, according to county records — received \$259,965 in salary.

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Two council and a mayoral spot will be decided on this May in Forsan. Seats currently held by Todd Schafer and Steve Park, as well as the post of mayor currently held by Roger Hudgins, will be on the ballot this year.

February 28 is the final

day to file for the city council elections.

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News in brief

AP Investigation: Documents show inconsistent judgments in US military sex-crimes in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — At U.S. military bases in Japan, most service members found culpable in sex crimes in recent years did not go to prison, according to internal Department of Defense documents. Instead, in a review of hundreds of cases filed in America's largest overseas military installation, offenders were fined, demoted, restricted to their bases or removed from the military.

In about 30 cases, a letter of reprimand was the only punishment.

More than 1,000 records, obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act, describe hundreds of cases in graphic detail, painting a disturbing picture of how senior American officers prosecute and punish troops accused of sex crimes. The handling of allegations verged on the chaotic, with seemingly strong cases often reduced to lesser charges. In two rape cases, commanders overruled recommendations to court-martial and dropped the charges instead.

Even when military authorities agreed a crime had been committed, the suspect was unlikely to serve time. Of 244 service members whose punishments were detailed in the records, only a third of them were incarcerated.

The analysis of the reported sex crimes, filed between 2005 and early 2013, shows a pattern of random and inconsistent judgments:

Cases abound of commercial pilots mixing up airports, government and media reports show

WASHINGTON (AP) — Do you know the way to San Jose? Quite a few airline pilots apparently don't.

On at least 150 flights, including one involving a Southwest Airlines jet last month in Missouri and a jumbo cargo plane last fall in Kansas, U.S. commercial air carriers have either landed at the wrong airport or started to land and realized their mistake in time, according to a search by The Associated Press of government safety databases and media reports since the early 1990s.

A particular trouble spot is San Jose, Calif. The list of landing mistakes includes six reports of pilots preparing to land at Moffett Field, a joint civilian-military airport, when they meant to go to Mineta San Jose International Airport, about 10 miles to the southeast. The airports are south of San Francisco in California's Silicon Valley.

"This event occurs several times every winter in bad weather when we work on Runway 12," a San Jose airport tower controller said in a November 2012 report describing how an airliner headed for Moffett after being cleared to land at San Jose. A controller at a different facility who noticed the impending landing on radar warned his colleagues with a telephone hotline that piped his voice directly into the San Jose tower's loudspeakers. The plane was waved off in time.

In nearly all the incidents, the pilots were cleared by controllers to guide the plane based on what they could see rather than relying on automation. Many incidents occur at night, with pilots reporting they were attracted by the runway lights of the first airport they saw during descent. Some pilots said they disregarded navigation equipment that showed their planes slightly off course because the information didn't match what they were seeing out their windows — a runway straight ahead.

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Class is back on the rise in Britain — but the profile of the elite has changed with the times

LONDON (AP) — For the past three decades, many Britons had hoped the rigid class system that defined their country from Dickens to "Downton Abbey" was finally dying. Now they fear that class, their old bugbear, is back on the rise.

From 1979, Britain was led for more than a decade by Margaret Thatcher, a grocer's daughter, and then by John Major, the son of a music-hall entertainer. The current leader, David Cameron, is a descendent of King William IV whose Cabinet is stacked with men, like him, from the country's toniest private schools and Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Even entertainment has a more upper-crust flavor these days. A recent Sunday Telegraph story with the headline "young, gifted and posh" said Britain's oldest private schools, such as all-male Eton and Harrow, had become a "production line of young talent," including "Homeland" star Damian Lewis, Benedict Cumberbatch of "Sherlock" and Dominic West of "The Wire."

Major, alarmed by the apparent reversals, recently sparked a flurry of debate with a speech that made front-page headlines.

"In every single sphere of British influence, the upper echelons of power in 2013 are held overwhelmingly by the privately educated or the affluent middle class," Major said. "To me, from my background, I find that truly shocking."

Caffeine common for kids, even preschoolers, study shows; soda, tea and coffee main sources

CHICAGO (AP) — Nearly 3 out of 4 U.S. children and young adults consume at least some caffeine, mostly from soda, tea and coffee. The rate didn't budge much over a decade, although soda use declined and energy drinks became an increasingly common source, a government analysis finds.

Though even most preschoolers consume some caffeine-containing products, their average was the amount found in half a can of soda, and overall caffeine intake declined in children up to age 11 during the decade.

The analysis is the first to examine recent national trends in caffeine intake among children and young adults and comes amid a U.S. Food and Drug Administration investigation into the safety of caffeine-containing foods and drinks, especially for children and teens. In an online announcement

about the investigation, the FDA notes that caffeine is found in a variety of foods, gum and even some jelly beans and marshmallows.

The probe is partly in response to reports about hospitalizations and even several deaths after consuming high-

ly caffeinated drinks or energy shots. The drinks have not been proven to be a cause in those cases.

The new analysis, by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows that at least through 2010, energy drinks were an uncommon source of caffeine for most U.S. youth.

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wrong with the bidding when South

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Tomorrow: Two heads are better than one.

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Slam lifts HC to sweep of Ranger

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Samantha Ohmie smashed a grand slam in the bottom of the fifth inning on Saturday and powered the Howard College Lady Hawks to a sweep of the Ranger College Lady Rangers in college softball action at Foundation Field.

Ohmie's bases-loaded homer helped spark a 10-run fifth and enabled the Lady Hawks to streak to a 12-3 come-from-behind win

in the second game of a double-header.

Ranger grabbed the early lead in the second game. The Lady Rangers scored twice in the third and tacked on another run in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead.

HC used the long ball to cut in Ranger's lead in the bottom of the fourth. After Corrina Liscano had walked to lead of the inning, Elizabeth Torrez drilled an 0-1 pitch over the wall in center to pull the Lady Hawks to within 3-2.

The Hawks completed the rally

in the fifth. HC sent 14 batters to the plate in the inning and collected six hits, including Ohmie's 1-out slam.

Jessica Elder picked up the win for HC. She allowed four hits and struck out four.

The Lady Hawks, backed by two homers from Torres, dominated Game 1 of the series, winning by an impressive 16-1 clip.

Howard College, now 5-1, will return to play on Feb. 12 with two games in Ranger.



Howard College's Samantha Ohmie is met at home plate by her teammates after hitting a grand slam in the fifth inning of the Lady Hawks' 12-3 win over Ranger College on Saturday at Foundation Field.

Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Hawks look to regroup tonight

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will be on a mission when they take to the court in Clarendon. Their goal is simply to get back on the right track.

Fresh off tough losses to South Plains College, the Hawks and Lady Hawks will return to action with a road game against Clarendon College tonight. Games will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the tip-off of the women's matchup.

The Howard College women will try and end a recent losing streak against Clarendon, a team they defeated earlier this season Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Howard is 11-13 for the year, and 2-7 in WJCAC action.

Clarendon College, which suffered a 70-66 loss to HC on Jan. 9, is tied with Western Texas for last place in the WJCAC women's standings with a 1-8 mark. For the year, Clarendon is 9-13.

David Joseph and the Hawks will be trying to erase the sour memories of Thursday's loss to South Plains when they take to the floor against Clarendon.

A win would keep Howard College's postseason hopes alive. The Steers, 19-5 overall, are 7-3 in WJCAC play and currently sit in fourth in the standings, half a game ahead of Western Texas. Only the top four teams in the men's and women's WJCAC standings advance to the Region 5 tournament.

Clarendon College has struggled to find any consistency this season. The team has struggled to a 7-16 record, including a meager 2-8 effort in conference play.

The Hawks dominated Clarendon in their earlier meeting this year, claiming a rousing 95-77 victory.

The men's game will start at approximately 7:45 p.m.



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Coahoma High School's Hannah Hobdny prepares to compete in the dead lift event during Saturday's Coahoma Powerlifting Meet. More than a dozen teams from throughout the area competed in the event.

Steers, Bulldogs shine at powerlifting meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring and Coahoma powerlifting teams both turned in solid outings on Saturday at the 13th Annual Coahoma Powerlifting Meet. Both posted top five marks in the boys' and girls' divisions.

Tyler Nairn and Robert Martinez highlighted the Steers' efforts. Nairn won the boys' 123-pound classification, while Martinez won the 148-pound honors.

Emily Crawford and Haley Davidson led the Lady Steers. The two placed first and second, respectively, in the girls' 198-pound division.

Mary Gomez was fourth in her 181-pound class, while

Bianca Correa and Danelle Conner were fourth in the 123- and 165-pound divisions, respectively.

Big Spring was third in the boys' team standings, and third in the girls.

Coahoma's Callum Hurst and Joe Melendez won their division. Hurst won the 114-pound division, while Melendez was tops in the 198-pound class.

Megan Hurst topped the Bulldogettes' efforts in the girls' meet. She collected the top spot in the 105-pound division with a three-lift total of 460 pounds.

Forsan's Jahnia Willard won the girls' 148-pound title with a meet-high 715 pound total.



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Big Spring's Charlie Boling performs in the dead lift event on Saturday while a BSHS Teammate looks on. Boling was fourth in the 242-pound division.

Coahoma Powerlifting Meet Final Standings

GIRLS		BOYS	
1. Greenwood	32	1. Coahoma	47
2. Big Spring	21	2. Greenwood	44
3. Colorado City	20	3. Big Spring	26
4. Irion County	19	4. Forsan	17
5. Coahoma	9	5. Ranskin	17
6. Hawley	7	5. Garden City	14
6. Forsan	7	7. Colorado City	10
9. Sterling City	7	7. Irion County	10
9. Sterling City	5	9. Sterling City	9
10. Midland Classical	4	10. Midland Classical	2
11. Garden City	3	11. Hermleigh	0
		11. Roby	0

Bulldogs to close out season tonight

The Coahoma High School boys' basketball team will close out its 2013-14 season earlier than originally planned when they travel to Lamesa.

Due to the Lamesa girls' team having a play-off game on Tuesday, Coahoma and Lamesa school official agreed to play the boys' regular season finale tonight. The game is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.



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Still alive ...

Big Spring's Alexis Cansino reaches for a loose ball during the Lady Steers' win over Sweetwater on Friday. Big Spring will play Fabens on Tuesday in Pecos in the first round of the Class 3A playoffs.

Lady Steers to play in Honeybee Invite

The Big Spring Lady Steers' softball team will get to test itself against some of the top teams in north-central Texas on Feb. 20-22 when they travel to Stephenville to compete in the 2014 Honeybee Invitational.

The three-day tournament will feature 12

teams.

Big Spring will open the tournament with pool play on Friday. The Lady Steers' first pool game will be at 10:30 a.m. against Stephenville. They will face Lampasas at noon, and then play Hamilton at 3 p.m.

The top eight teams in pool play will advance to the tournament's Gold division championship bracket, while the next eight teams will compete in the Silver bracket.

All games will be four innings in length, and will be played at the city park in Stephenville.

Little League sign-ups are set for Feb. 15

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring

Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

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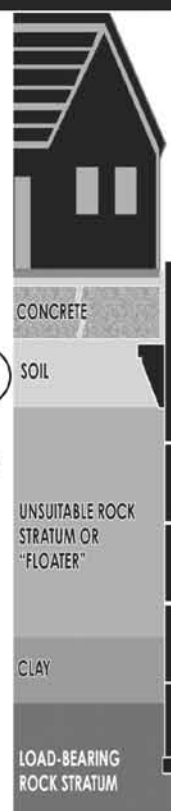
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mood Ring Moon

The swelling Cancer moon is a mood ring, ready to show the colors of our feelings at the slightest provocation. But before you demonstrate the emotions running through your veins, remember how quickly they are likely to pass. Assuming that you may only feel a certain way for an extremely short time, is it something you still want to share?



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone you love is having a problem, not being a problem. You'll feel more like helping out once you make the distinction. Together, you'll figure out what is needed to get free from the situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Go easy on yourself. To expect the same amount of productivity to come out of each day is unreasonable. Your energy fluctuates, and so do the world's demands on it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are a busy person, but you are

careful not to rudely project this, as you believe that each person you connect with is worthy of your best attention for a while, however brief that window may be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Motivation is wonderful when it happens, but don't expect it to happen. Work whether you feel motivated or not, and you'll win a prize you didn't even know existed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Over the next four days, your knack for presenting things will come in handy. Today you'll start the preliminary work. You know what it takes to be heard and to have your ideas acted on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have news to deliver. Should you be straight up or diplomatic? Instead of doing what feels most comfortable to you, consider the other person's feelings and personality first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is safety in numbers, but there's little to be gained by acting as part of a clique. You'll achieve your best results by adopting an inclusive manner and reaching out to all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be many around you who are aware enough to point

out problems, but not creative or generous enough to offer solutions. Try to align with those who have the best attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may be largely ambivalent about a situation, and yet you are also aware of how rude it might seem to the others involved if you were to show your true feelings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make a cogent argument for your case, and yet there is more involved for the decision makers than logic and intelligence can reach. Passion will win in the end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be taking part in an informal negotiation. You'll get the most out of this by asking for what you realistically think you can get. When in doubt, discuss your options with a Libra.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The project before you is massive, but your attitude is stellar, and so you should face this one undaunted. Anyway, it doesn't matter where you start; any small action will get you into the thick of it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10). You have a style all your own, and people will understand and

praise it. A relationship gets stronger and sweeter in March. Your top goal will be realized in May -- and the prize is evidence of where your priorities lie, so do choose carefully where you aim yourself this spring! April and July bring financial bonuses. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 3, 23 and 47.

THE SCHOOL OF MERCURY RETROGRADE: Mercury retrogrades can be like classrooms that offer the chance to review our way of relating to people and the world at large and to try to pick up new tools and improve upon our skills. The current Mercury retrograde starts in Pisces and backs into Aquarius on February 12th. In Pisces, Mercury is deeply empathetic and highly impressionable. Mercury in Aquarius continues the theme with a heavy social conscience and the desire to connect with many friends.

During this Pisces part of the retrograde, it may be difficult to discern between the two kinds of problems there are in this world: My Problems and Your Problems. When you help people, you decide to make some of their problems your own. Before you do this, consider:

1. Does the person really want help? Sometimes people just want to complain and be the victim. Helping a person who is invested in this role is futile. If you are able to help, the remedy will last only a very short amount of time -- until the one you helped can come up with a new problem, possibly one that is worse than the one before. More on this tomorrow.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The extremely versatile Aquarian actress Elizabeth Banks is in high demand and riding out one of the busiest cycles of her entertainment career with projects as varied as the chilling "Hunger Games" saga, "The Lego Movie," the comedy "Walk of Shame" and more. Six bright air signs dominate Banks' natal chart indicating a lofty IQ, though her Venus in grounded Capricorn assures she'll never flaunt it.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 22 years. We each have two kids from previous marriages, and together, we have a son. All of our kids are doing wonderfully, except for my wife's daughter.

I don't mind helping out now and then, but "Bertha" is a complete mess. She is 33, with three children from three different fathers, none of whom pay child support.

Bertha has hated me from Day One and has tried to sabotage our relationship every chance

she gets. She works full time and makes a decent salary, but still mooches off of us on a monthly basis. My wife sends her thousands of dollars. Bertha's kids have videogame systems, expensive TV sets and fancy clothes. My wife pays Bertha's rent and phone and electric bills, and sends her gift cards for groceries.

The worst thing is that my wife lies about this and hides the expenses from me. She knows I am against sending all of our extra money to Bertha. I've told her she is enabling this child and Bertha will never get a handle on life if mommy always takes care of things. My wife recognizes that sending Bertha so much money is wrong, but she refuses to ask her daughter to account for the money. Instead, she just sends more. I keep complaining, and she keeps giving.

Bertha is the single source of our marital trouble, and my wife is even talking about

divorce. I want to retire next year, but we now don't have enough in savings to do so. In recent months, we have taken to keeping our money separate. I don't want to be Bertha's never-ending meal ticket. My wife is becoming increasingly bitter toward me. Is there any way to get through to her? -- *Tired in Toledo*

Dear Toledo: No matter how wrong it is, your wife is not going to stop enabling Bertha. She feels obligated to help her daughter, and every time you display anger, she becomes defensive and more entrenched in her position. Separate banking accounts is an excellent idea, although not a solution. Please ask your wife to come with you for counseling so she can understand how her behavior toward Bertha helps no one and you can figure out how to respond to this in a more productive way -- for yourself, if not for your marriage.

Dear Annie: I was adopted as an infant. My

parents were never willing to talk about my biological parents. I recently found my birth certificate, which has both my biological mother and father listed.

I am curious as to whether or not I should try to contact them. I am now in my 40s, and it happened so long ago that they might not want me bringing up the past. But I am curious as to what they look like and whether they have other kids. But I am afraid, too.

If I decide to go ahead, what is the best way to contact them? -- *Adopted*

Dear Adopted: First check your state adoption agency (often through the state health department) to find out whether they have a registry that allows both birth parents and adoptees to list information in case either party is interested in a reunion. Then look into the International Soundex Reunion Registry (isrr.org) at 888-886-ISRR.

Dear Annie: "Grateful Granny" wrote an open letter to the "other

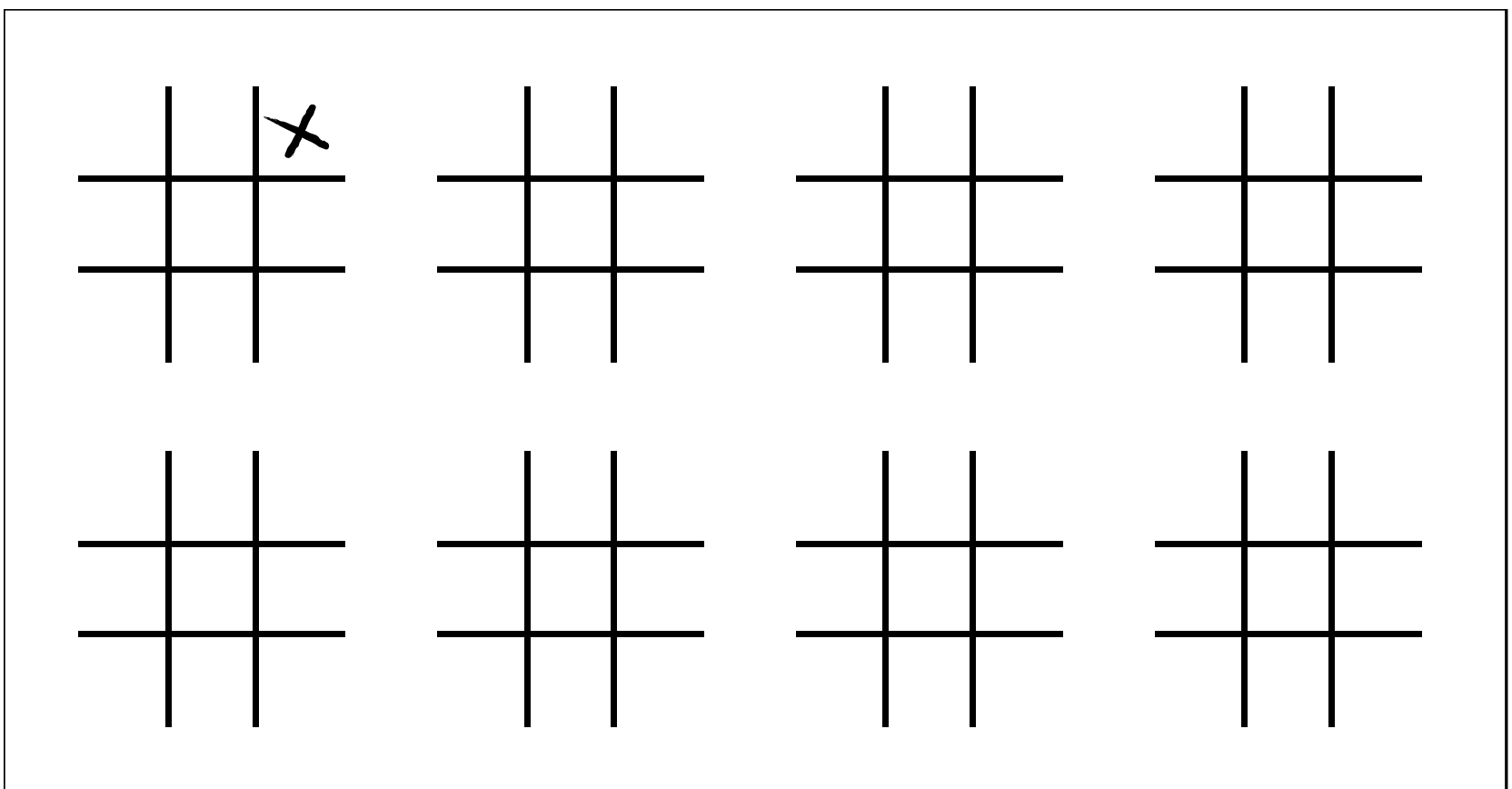
woman," welcoming her to take on a number of unsavory traits her ex-husband displays. He sounds like a loser, but Granny may not be a total peach, either.

Horrors! The "other woman" has to deal with his baldness. I don't see how any woman could possibly continue to live with a bald man! That's right up there with his drinking, pot smoking and chronic unemployment. And at 65, I have some issues with erectile dysfunction and prostate problems.

Thank goodness my loving wife is not put off by my balding head and occasional ED problems. - *Angry and Annoyed*

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10 :PM	News ABC	Impacto Noticiero	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Familia-Suerte	How I Met Raymond	Ferguson	Muecas	XXII Olymp-ics (12:05)	Office	1st Fruits	Hitchcock Hr.	Tattoo	(:03) Law & Order	(:03) Law & Order	Movie: The Longshots, Tasha Smith	Shake It ANT Farm Deck	NBA Basket	SportsCenter	
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WHO DO YOU LIKE FOR THE BOBSELED THIS YEAR?

THE ITALIANS.

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OK, 200... THAT SHOULD BE PLENTY

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HOW ARE THE OLYMPICS GOING, DAD?

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IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED, YOU KNOW

I KNOW

AGNES

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I SAW A VIDEO ON THIS VERY TOPIC... IT WAS ON YOUTUBE.

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THANKS FOR WALKING ME THROUGH IT.

I WANT TO TEACH SOMEDAY.

HI AND LOIS

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BRRRR... FEBRUARY IS A COLD MONTH.

IT COMES IN LIKE A POLAR BEAR AND GOES OUT LIKE A PENGUIN.

I THINK SHE WANTS YOU TO TURN UP THE HEAT.

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2014. There are 324 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 10, 1968, U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France. On this date: In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America). In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. In 1841, Upper Canada and Lower Canada were proclaimed united under an Act of Union passed by the British Parliament. In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Co. in New York. In 1942, the former French liner Normandie capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy. RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than 1 million copies. In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater with Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman. In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis, Mo., area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

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ASK HIM

OH, HE ALWAYS PULLS HIS INNOCENT ACT

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ACROSS

- Company head
- Bro's sibling
- Scarecrow filling
- Per person
- Best of ___ worlds
- Angry
- Top-billed performer
- Frizzy hairdo
- Fit for a king
- Short vacation period
- Accomplished
- Sunbather's goal
- Barking sound
- Tempest in a ___
- Emeralds and pearls
- Pigeon sound
- Inheritance recipient
- Marine-reef material
- Residence for retirees, perhaps
- More unusual
- "Not guilty," for one
- Balloon-breaking sound
- Wall St. trading group
- Find another chair for
- Explosive initials
- Common dinner hour
- Payable
- Mall's convenience
- Chop into small pieces
- "There ought to be ___!"
- Notion
- Provide funding for

DOWN

- Highest-quality
- Solemn pledge
- Lasting mark
- Make confetti out of
- Living-room seating
- "Just doing my best"
- ___ a seat (act as usher)
- Police-car wailer
- Difficult journey
- Anger
- ___ angle (slanted)
- Fuse, as metal
- Crime, for example
- One or the other
- Have a meal
- Follow, as advice
- Boisterous
- Meats, veggies, fruits, etc.
- Tire filler
- Stage accessories
- Sticky stuff
- Blow, as a volcano
- Brick worker
- Got some shuteye
- Talk casually with
- Stinging insect
- Bullring "Bravo!"
- Grasslands
- ___ de Janeiro
- Increase in size
- One-pot beef dishes
- Long heroic tales
- Sign of the future
- Highest sudoku digit
- Concludes
- Edinburgh native
- Speak indistinctly
- Berets and bonnets
- Just sitting around
- Clutter-free
- Empty spaces

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