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Officials: Law to keep vehicles out of yards seems to be working

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

It has been a busy time for Big Spring's code enforcement officers. During their Tuesday meeting, city council members heard a report on the rollout of Big Spring's new ordinance banning vehicles from unpaved yard areas. The aim of the ordinance, passed by a 6-1 margin in February, is two-fold — to help beautify neighborhoods and to help increase property valuations within the city limits. Violators risk hundreds of dollars in fines for repeated offenses. Thomas Hodges, chief code enforcement officer for the city, told the council he and his crew have been busy during the first few weeks of the ordinance taking effect. Hodges said his staff has identified

24 violations of the parking code and has initiated contact with homeowners to remedy the problem. "A lot of the people we've talked to are putting in requests for driveways, so we think we've been pretty successful so far," Hodges said. "Our goal isn't to issue citations, it's to educate the public ... The main thing is that people want to know how to comply with the ordinance, and we're good with that all day long. If we can address the problem (without issuing a citation), that's good." Hodges said the process of identifying violators is complaint-driven — "and to this point, there's been a lot of complaints," he said — when identifying which areas of town to focus on. Code enforcement officers either make personal contact with the potential violators or leave information relating to the offense on front doors. After that, the clock is ticking. Violators have seven days to remedy the problem before being cited, Hodges said. In other business, council members approved:

- A proposal to use Public Educational and Governmental fees the city receives from cable subscribers to expand TV coverage of board meetings in Big Spring.
- A new fee and deposit schedule for the community center.
- The purchase of a half-acre land off the north service road of FM 700 adjacent to Gregg Street. The property is being abandoned by the state.
- An agreement with the Big Spring Family YMCA to provide lifeguards and other support staff at the McEwen Aquatic Center.
- An amended lease agreement between the city and Scenic Mountain Medical Center in regards to to Malone and Hogan Clinic.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Chief Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Hodges gives a report on the effects of Big Spring's new parking ordinance during Tuesday's city council meeting.

YOUNG AIRCRAFT ENTHUSIAST



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Thirteen-year-old Calen Rodriguez tries to get his kite up in the air at Comanche Trail Park. The Rodriguez family and friends held a kite flying festival with about 25 children and adults participating and hopes to continue it next year.

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You can become part of Pops



By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual Independence Day celebration, is still four months away, but the event's committee, headed by Kelly Seales, is already hip-deep in preparations. As usual, Pops will feature patriotic and popular music from the Big Spring Sym-

phony, a salute to military service personnel and veterans and loads of food and refreshments, Seales said. One major change is that the pre-show entertainment will be provided by a local band, AC and the Heaters, headed by Adrian Calvio. "The format is going to be the same, basically," Seales said. "We'll change up a little

bit of the music, and the fireworks show will be even bigger this year, but other than that, it will be about the same as it has been the past several years." Also, as usual, the committee needs lots of help — monetary help, that is — from the community. See **POPS**, Page 3

Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off coming April 5

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Reporter

Clean it up Big Spring. April 5 is the official kick

off for the "Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off" and the "Clean It Up Big Spring" campaign. Groups,

families and individuals may participate in two ways, according to officials. Join in the city-wide clean up on April 5 by contacting

Keep Big Spring Beautiful President Peggy Hopper at hopperpeggy@yahoo.com See **TRASH**, Page 3

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Police blotter

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- **MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ**, 23, of 314 NE 8th St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest/detention previous conviction and possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.
- **EDWARD LOPEZ**, 25, of 1905 Wasson Rd. No. 27, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.
- **JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ III**, 18, of 2005 S. Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JOSUA LEE JUNKIN**, 26, of P.O. Box 448, Big Spring, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for expired registration, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only, expired registration, driving while license invalid and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JESSICA MICHELLE STAGE**, 33, of 2405 S. Main, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for speeding in a school zone, failed to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration and fail to appear.
- **DUSTI DARLENE MURPHY**, 34, of 240 S. Main, Garden City, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **VICTORIA MAE ALEXANDRIA HANNABASS**, 25, of 1200 E. 17th St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- **MICHAEL THOMAS WEBB**, 31, of 912 Robin Rd., Levelland, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for burglary of a building.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at 1 ValVerde Rd.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at the 1300 block of Tucson.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at S. Moss Lake Rd.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 178-179

median.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MEAGAN BROOKE SCARBROUGH** was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution.

• **VICTORIA HANNABASS** was booked by HCSO on a 5 day commitment order to jail for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

• **ANGELA RAE LUCKE** was booked by Glasscock County on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and two counts of possession of a dangerous drug.

• **MICHAEL ALLEN MCCLUNG** was booked by Glasscock County on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and two counts of possession of a dangerous drug.

• **EDWARD LOPEZ** was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **MARK ANTHONY LOPEZ** was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with previous conviction and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.

• **JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ** was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **JESSICA STAGE** was booked by BSPD on a capias warrant for speeding in a school zone, fail to maintain financial responsibility, fail to display or expired registration and violate promise to appear.

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

Tuesday:

- **MEDICAL** call at the 100 block of Interstate Highway 20. No transport.
- **MEDICAL** call reported at the 1800 block of E. FM 700. No transport.
- **GRASS FIRE** reported at Channing. Extinguished.

Take Note

• Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is raising funds to benefit the Diane Herrera family, which lost three members in a recent traffic accident. The parish will hold a special second collection during Sunday services, and will accept individual donations, as well. Send checks to the parish, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring, TX 79721 and write "for Diane Herrera family" on the check. For more information, contact Richard Light, parish administrator, at 432-466-9703.

• Funds have been set up at Howard County Feed and Supply and at Highland Animal Hospital for Wildlife Rehabilitator Melanie Gambrell. To contact Melanie email her at R4thepets@aol.com

• A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

• Relocation Rescue, a non-profit animal rescue, is holding a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser event 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry.

We supply all the materials needed for participants to paint a picture of their pets while enjoying a silent auction, wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun. For more information call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol, or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person. April 4 Mike & Friend; April 11 Prowlers; April 18 Prowlers; April 25 Midnight Express.

• Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2014. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club website at www.westexags.com

• Howard County Fair Association is in need of volunteers to

cross stitch squares for the Howard County Fair quilt to be raffled at the fair.

Theme this year is "Hummingbirds." For more information, call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.




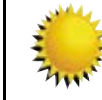

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Healthy Woman and American Cancer Society present "Be a Superhero" on April 16. A Lunch n Learn will take place at 11:30 a.m. and the Healthy Woman event - snacks provided - will be at 5:30 p.m.

Both events will be held in the Senior Circle Room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. ACS Relay For Life Specialist Manny Negron will be delivering information about the 20th anniversary Howard and Glasscock Counties Relay For Life. The free event is open to the public. To RSVP call, Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721.

• The Prom Closet will be back this year to provide beautiful barely worn or never worn prom dresses at no charge for area girls. For more information call Christian Fair at 816-3573.

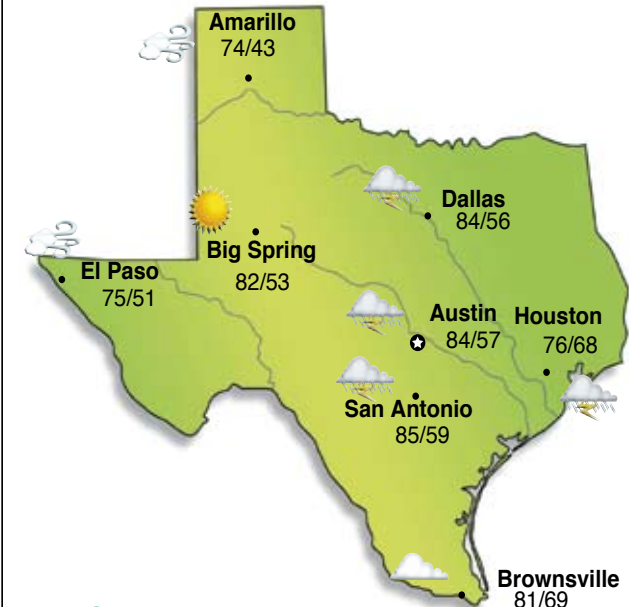
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29	Sun 3/30	Mon 3/31
 82/53 Sunny skies. Warm. High 82F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph.	 81/42 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s.	 80/49 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	 86/51 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.	 83/51 Windy with times of sun and clouds.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:39 AM Sunset: 8:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:38 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM

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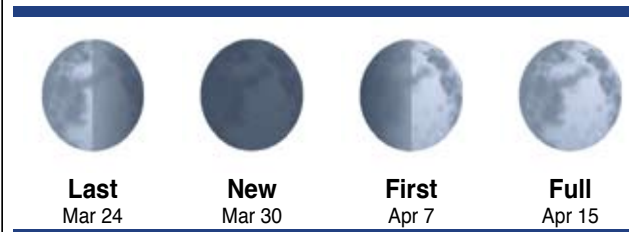
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	86	56	pt sunny	Kingsville	88	67	t-storm
Amarillo	74	43	windy	Livingston	73	65	t-storm
Austin	84	57	t-storm	Longview	74	63	t-storm
Beaumont	69	66	t-storm	Lubbock	77	48	windy
Brownsville	81	69	cloudy	Lufkin	72	65	t-storm
Brownwood	87	51	mst sunny	Midland	81	55	sunny
Corpus Christi	78	67	t-storm	Raymondville	87	68	cloudy
Corsicana	79	60	t-storm	Rosenberg	75	68	t-storm
Dallas	84	56	t-storm	San Antonio	85	59	t-storm
Del Rio	89	57	mst sunny	San Marcos	84	59	t-storm
El Paso	75	51	windy	Sulphur Springs	76	60	t-storm
Fort Stockton	82	53	windy	Sweetwater	84	53	pt sunny
Gainesville	83	50	windy	Tyler	74	63	t-storm
Greenville	79	57	t-storm	Weatherford	85	51	windy
Houston	76	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	84	48	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	50	pt sunny	Minneapolis	40	19	mixed
Boston	43	32	sunny	New York	43	38	mst sunny
Chicago	49	37	rain	Phoenix	76	50	windy
Dallas	84	56	t-storm	San Francisco	57	50	rain
Denver	57	33	pt sunny	Seattle	55	43	rain
Houston	76	68	t-storm	St. Louis	61	43	rain
Los Angeles	65	53	rain	Washington, DC	51	40	pt sunny
Miami	76	71	cloudy				

Moon Phases



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Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29	Sun 3/30	Mon 3/31
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TRASH

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the month of April at a location of your choice and email the number of participants and number of bags of trash collected to Hopper.

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Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 264-2565 or 263-7641.

To contact Andreia Medlin, call the Herald at 263-7331.

POPS

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“We really, really need donations this year,” Seales said. “This year, more than ever, donations are important to keep this event going.”

One way the committee is hoping to offset costs is by having sponsors “brand” the event, much like corporations earn naming rights to sports stadium.

“There’s a couple of ways companies can brand their name this year,” Seales said. “First, they can sponsor the entire show — the amount for that is negotiable — or they can sponsor the fireworks show for \$25,000.”

More than 18,000 people attended the 2013 Pops in the Park and Seales would like to see that number increase this year.

“This is one of the few events in Big Spring which appeals to all age groups and social classes,” she said. “This is a tremendous opportunity to support our veterans and our community.”

For more information on how to donate, contact Seales at 268-3528 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

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Diane Herrera, 51, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
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Why do bad things happen to good people?

Anybody who has ever worked in a retail or public service business knows that customers seem to come in waves, oftentimes appearing in large numbers after periods of time with little or no activity. Sadly it is also true that bad news and tragedy seem to operate on the same principle. The last few weeks have seemed to bear that truth out once again as I have personally been made aware of an unusual number of sad and tragic events which seemed to happen in rapid succession. A pastor friend of mine in East Texas loses his daughter in a head on collision, leaving her young children motherless. In the last few weeks Big Spring has lost a number of citizens to auto accidents and other tragic deaths. An airliner mysteriously vanishes with 239 souls onboard, and the list goes on and on.

After living more than six decades, and spending more than four of them in full-time vocational ministry, there are still hundreds of things I do not understand and, perhaps even more significantly, do not have answers for. I have honestly pondered for years the age-old dilemma of why bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. It just doesn't seem to fit the pattern of fairness that we all so desperately desire to be a constant in our lives.

When you try to look beyond the simplistic “life just isn't fair” reasoning it takes a good while to come up with anything consequential to satisfy that yearning for revelation knowledge and human comprehension of why things happen the way they do. It seems to us that everything we experience should have an explanation, every question should have an answer, and every good deed should be rewarded. Oh, yes, and every bad deed should be punished for sure. But it doesn't always work

that way in real life, does it?

Scams that take advantage of innocent people are happening in astounding numbers every day and the perpetrators too often escape punishment. Someone will work hard and accumulate valuables and a thief will break in and steal it all without conscience. A family is enjoying a cookout in their own yard and someone drives by and shoots a precious innocent child playing on the porch. Families are shattered forever when students die because of one deranged and mentally dysfunctional classmate who perversely wants to make a name that will live in infamy. Why do adults hurt children? How can unscrupulous and opportunistic thieves dupe elderly people out of their savings knowing it will leave them destitute and needy?

Why do any of these things happen, and even more disturbing is the question of why it seems too often to happen to really good people who don't deserve the resulting pain? While I may not have satisfactory answers to all of these questions, I recently read an article that gave me some food for thought.

Greg Laurie said, “If I decided how my days were to go, I would never write in “crisis.” I would never write, “Get sick” here or “Have my tire go flat” there, or “Have this unexpected disaster take place.” I would just write in all the good stuff. I would plan for everything to go my way. There would be no traffic on the freeways. It would always be green lights and blue skies.

“But guess what? We're not in charge of our lives. God is. I love what the prophet once admitted to the Lord: “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23, NKJV).

“The fact is God will allow so-called “bad things” to happen to us in the course of our days. But as time goes by, you will find that the significant things you learn in life didn't really come from the good times and the mountaintop experiences. They came from those times of crisis in which you were

more dependent on God. Many of the most difficult days will, in retrospect, turn out to be unbelievably valuable, because it is through those so-called ‘bad times’ that you will learn some of life's most important lessons.

“The things we experience are not random events that float in and out of our lives. Rather, they are specific events that have been chosen by God and are timely and purposeful. This means the good things as well as the bad things. It means the wonderful, happy times of life as well as the dark, difficult days.”

I have learned, as many of you have, that when it is all over and the dust settles our tough times, our struggles, and even our tragedies strengthen us in some inscrutable way. We want to believe that if we do good things, good things come to us. If we do bad things, we reap bad results. And while I believe that's generally true, it can't usually be understood on the micro-level. If we're looking at things that happen within, say, a 50-year span, that's a drop in the ocean compared to the infinity of time. We can't always see the threads of action and consequences because we're limited to looking at where we are right now and a short space behind or in front of us.

It's easy to get frustrated when people who don't care about God seem to do well in life. A businessman cheats yet wins a large contract, and the guy who parties all the time is robust and healthy—while you or your loved ones struggle with finances or medical issues. It makes us feel cheated, like maybe we've been good for nothing. But when we spend time with God and see things from His point of view, it changes our perspective completely. We may be jealous of the nonbelievers now, but rest assured there's a day of justice coming for everyone.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DAILY PRAYER

Lord we know we don't always understand
Your actions, but we know You will not lead
us astray. Amen

CNN's death row optional series

Actor-turned-producer Robert Redford boasts that his new CNN series, “Death Row Stories,” is “about the search for justice and truth.” That's odd, because the series has aired three episodes and they're all about victims of prosecutorial abuse. So far, nobody's really guilty. The second episode features a woman who never spent a night on death row.

From what I've seen, they should have named the series, narrated by anti-death-penalty activist Susan Sarandon, “Death Row Propaganda.”

Episode two, the website says, is about Gloria Killian, who was “charged with capital murder, found guilty of murder in the first degree, and sent to prison in 1986.” That's misleading. Killian wasn't tried for capital murder. After she was convicted for her role in a 1981 home invasion murder in Sacramento, Calif., she was sentenced to 32 years to life. Later, a federal court overturned her conviction because prosecutors had withheld evidence.

Why make an episode for a death row series about a woman not sentenced to death? “She was threatened with the death penalty,” executive producer

Brad Hebert replied.

Any guilty people in your series? Three out of eight episodes, Hebert answered. On further questioning, he posited that his staff members are “torn” on the guilt of one, although they agree he did not get a fair trial. Another was convicted in military court after he was acquitted in civilian court.

Only Nathan Dunlap, Colorado's “Chuck E. Cheese killer,” who shot and killed four workers, is presented as guilty and “remorseless,” if severely bipolar. But wait; Gov. John Hickenlooper postponed Dunlap's execution indefinitely.

Director Steve Rivo thinks Dunlap got a fair trial. He added that even death penalty supporters agree capital punishment is “not really a deterrent.”

I don't agree. It deterred Clarence Ray Allen, the most recent inmate executed in California — in 2006.

Allen was in prison for the murder of his son's 17-year-old girlfriend when he ordered the death of eight witnesses. Three people died. He got the death penalty, and now Allen cannot reoffend.

The series' first episode is about an intern who dug up evidence that exonerated South Carolina's Edward Lee Elmore. New York Law School professor Robert Blecker, a supporter of capital punishment, thought it was a solid episode, as Elmore

“is an example of someone who never should have been condemned to death.”

The problem is that producers are stuck in a narrative: Intern or astronaut's mother or priest finds evidence that prevents the execution of an innocent inmate.

There's another narrative — and in my experience, it's more prevalent: Convicted killer finds easily duped advocates who ignore evidence and smear prosecutors.

When convicted rapist/murderer Michael Morales was scheduled for execution in 2006, his attorneys released a statement in which a witness accused prosecutors of coercing her to give false testimony at trial. The affidavit turned out to be a forgery. Still, Morales' lawyers won. They got a federal judge to stay his execution in a constitutional challenge to California's lethal-injection protocol. There hasn't been an execution in the state since. There may be no safer place for a convicted killer than on California's death row. That's California's real death row story.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

News in brief

Search for downed Flight 370 resumes in calmer seas as frustration mounts for relatives

PERTH, Australia (AP) — The desperate, multi-national hunt for Flight 370 resumed Wednesday across a remote stretch of the Indian Ocean after fierce winds and high waves that had forced a day-long halt eased considerably.

A total of 12 planes and five ships from the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand were participating in the search, hoping to find even a single piece of the Malaysia Airlines jet that could offer tangible evidence of a crash.

Malaysia announced earlier this week that a mathematical analysis of the final known satellite signals from the plane showed that it had crashed in the sea, taking the lives of all 239 people on board.

The new data greatly reduced the search zone, but it remains huge — an area estimated at 1.6 million square kilometers (622,000 square miles), about the size of Alaska.

“We’re throwing everything we have at this search,” Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Nine Network television on Wednesday.

Obama, dismissive of Russian influence and power, still rallies opposition to its aggression

BRUSSELS (AP) — President Barack Obama is using Vladimir Putin’s audacious annexation of Crimea to make the delicate argument that Russia is no world power but that its actions threaten Europe’s order and demand a punishing international response.

The president, stepping up the task of solidifying broad-based support against Russia, was in Brussels Wednesday, a day after dismissing Russia as a mere “regional power” that was threatening its neighbors “not out of strength, but out of weakness.” He said that as president, he worried more about a nuclear device in Manhattan than he did about Russia.

It was the kind of brush-off-your-shoulder language sure to antagonize the nationalistic Putin, but it also belied the time and energy Obama and European leaders have devoted to isolate Russia and fashion a menu of sanctions designed to stop Moscow’s aggression.

Obama comes to Brussels to shore up commitments he received from allies in The Hague, Netherlands, to reassure Eastern European members of NATO that the alliance will stand by them and to make a larger point about European security a quarter-century after the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Mudslide searchers press on with dogs, bare hands after discovery of more bodies

ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP) — With search and cadaver dogs leading the way, rescuers using small bulldozers and their bare hands pushed through sludge strewn with splintered homes and twisted cars to find 10 more bodies in the debris of a Washington state mudslide, authorities said.

Despite the grim discoveries as the search entered its fifth day Wednesday — and the likelihood that more bodies will be found — officials were still hoping to find survivors.

“We haven’t lost hope that there’s a possibility that we can find somebody alive in some pocket area,” said Snohomish County District 21 Fire Chief Travis Hots.

Two bodies were recovered Tuesday, while another eight were located in the debris field from Saturday’s slide 55 miles northeast of Seattle, Hots said.

That brings the likely death toll to 24, though authorities are keeping the official toll at 16 until the eight other bodies are recovered.

Officials: Senate secretly considered phone company option for NSA program 3 years ago

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Intelligence Committee three years ago secretly considered — but ultimately rejected — alternate ways for the

National Security Agency to collect and store massive amounts of Americans’ phone records, The Associated Press has learned.

One of those options, outlined in a classified 2011 NSA analysis and reviewed in detail during closed committee meetings, was similar to what President Barack Obama is now advocating: that the government stop the bulk collection of Americans’ phone records and instead ask phone companies to search their own business records for terrorism connections.

After reviewing the 2011 NSA analysis, the Senate overseers decided not to move forward with any alternate arrangement, according to two government officials familiar with the review.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the classified report.

The 2011 report is significant because not much has changed — operationally — with the NSA’s phone records program in the past three years. What has changed is that Americans now know the extent of the once-classified, massive surveillance operation, and they’re not happy with what they consider to be invasions of privacy.

Obama’s decision to call for changes in the program is not because he believes the program is flawed. It’s because he needs to regain the trust of the American public.

3 Secret Service agents sent home from Netherlands for disciplinary reasons before Obama trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service sent three agents home from the Netherlands just before President Barack Obama’s arrival after one agent was found inebriated in an Amsterdam hotel, the Secret Service said Tuesday.

The three agents were benched Sunday for “disciplinary reasons,” said Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan, declining to elaborate. Donovan said the incident was prior to Obama’s arrival Monday in the country and did not compromise the president’s security in any way.

Still, the incident represents a fresh blemish for an elite agency struggling to rehabilitate its reputation following a high-profile prostitution scandal and other allegations of misconduct. An inspector general’s report in December concluded there was no evidence of widespread misconduct, in line with the service’s longstanding assertion that it has no tolerance for inappropriate behavior.

The agents sent home from Amsterdam were placed on administrative leave, according to The Washington Post, which first reported the disciplinary action. The newspaper said all three were on the Counter Assault Team, which defends the president if he comes under attack, and that one agent was a “team leader.”

One agent was discovered highly intoxicated by staff at a hotel, who reported it to the U.S. Embassy, said a person familiar with the situation, who wasn’t authorized to discuss the alleged behavior on the record and demanded anonymity. The other two agents were deemed complicit because they didn’t intervene despite being in a position to assist the drunken agent or tamp down his behavior, the person said.

Snag delays arrival of Soyuz spacecraft carrying Russian-American crew at space station

MOSCOW (AP) — An engine snag has delayed the arrival of a Russian spacecraft carrying three astronauts to the International Space Station until Thursday.

A rocket carrying Russians Alexander Skvortsov and Oleg Artemyev and American Steve Swanson to the space station blasted off successfully early Wednesday from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The Soyuz booster rocket lifted off as scheduled at 3:17 a.m. local time Wednesday (2117 GMT Tuesday). It entered a designated orbit about 10 minutes after the launch and was expected to reach the space station in six hours. All onboard systems were working flawlessly, and the crew was feeling fine.

NASA and Roscosmos, Russia’s space agency,

said shortly before the planned docking that the arrival had been delayed after a 24-second engine burn that was necessary to adjust the Soyuz spacecraft’s orbiting path “did not occur as planned.”

The crew is in no danger, but will have to wait until Thursday for the Soyuz TMA-12M to arrive and dock at the space station, NASA said. The arrival is now scheduled for 7:58 EDT (2358 GMT) Thursday.

NASA launches a mission to measure snowpack in California, Colorado mountain ranges

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The snowpack atop mountain peaks in California and Colorado has a new set of eyes watching from high above to better gauge the amount of water that will rumble down rivers and streams each spring as runoff.

In a new mission, NASA fixed a lumbering twin-engine plane with high-tech equipment to make regular snow surveys, starting last weekend in drought-stricken California before the weather front expected to bring snow to the Sierra this week. At an altitude of up to 20,000 feet, the so-called Airborne Snow Observatory measures snowpack’s depth and water content with precision.

Improving on the old method of taking snow samples from the ground, scientists said that from the lofty heights they can calculate snow depth to within 4 inches and water content to within 5 percent.

The figures will answer a list of questions about mountain snowpack, said Tom Painter, NASA’s lead investigator for the mission.

“About 75 to 80 percent of our water comes from the snowmelt,” Painter said. “Understanding the snowpack is really, really important.”

At social painting events, beer and brushes help nonartists tap into their creative sides

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Fox and Hound pub in downtown Philadelphia boasts all the fixings of a standard sports bar: huge TVs, numerous beers on draft and a menu filled with burgers, wings and nachos.

So what are all the easels and canvases for? Welcome to Paint Nite, an opportunity to tap your inner van Gogh. Just order a drink, put on a smock and lighten up a bit as a friendly instructor takes you step-by-step through the brush strokes of a landscape, still life or skyline.

But be sure to reserve your spot ahead of time. The two-hour event, like more than a dozen others held weekly in Philadelphia, often sells out.

The experience known as social painting is seeing explosive growth in cities across the country as people seek to imbibe and relax while rediscovering their creative side.

At a rising number of domestic violence shelters, there is a place for both people and pets

NEW YORK (AP) — When her abusive husband left for work last fall, she grabbed her kids, her dog and her bags, only to run up against a heart-wrenching obstacle: None of the city’s more than 50 domestic violence shelters would accept the pet.

“Should I still leave?” the 34-year-old woman asked herself before fleeing and ultimately finding a foster home for her Chihuahua.

Now, after months apart, the family and Pappah the Chihuahua recently moved into the city’s first pet friendly domestic violence shelter, one of a growing number across the country that address a common reason victims are reluctant to leave — they don’t want to leave their pets behind.

Ranging from urban apartments to Western ranches, their numbers have shot up from four in 2008 to at least 73 now, with 15 more planned, according to Allie Phillips, a leading advocate for such shelters.

Behind the nondescript walls of a New York City building that quietly harbors about 120 adults and children, “pet-friendly apartment” signs mark units outfitted with such special features, such as a dog run built in a side alley, intended to keep residents from having to walk their pets on local streets, lest their batterers learn where they are.

HHS grants extra time to enroll for health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who’ve started applying for health insurance but aren’t able to finish before the March 31 enrollment deadline will get extra time, the Obama administration has announced.

“We are experiencing a surge in demand and are making sure that we will be ready to help consumers who may be in line by the deadline to complete enrollment, either online or over the phone,” Health and Human Services spokesman Aaron Albright said Tuesday.

The White House is scrambling to meet a

goal of 6 million signed up through new online markets that offer subsidized private health insurance to people without access to coverage on the job. The HealthCare.gov website got more than 1 million visitors Monday, and the administration also wants to prevent a repeat of website problems last fall.

Officials said the grace period will be available to people on the honor system, meaning applicants will have to attest that special circumstances or complex cases prevented them from finishing by March 31.

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Why not check this out ...at the library

Mark Gimenez has taken a break from writing, or at least we haven't purchased any of his books lately. The New York Times calls him the "the next Grisham," and he is, although a Texas version of him. "The Governor's Wife" (F GIM M) tells the story of the Bonners, the most powerful couple in Texas. Bode Bonner is the Republican governor and his wife Lindsay is always by his side, and — from the outside — everything looks rosy. But it isn't: Bode is bored and Lindsay is tired of being the dutiful wife, overlooking Bode's philandering. Can you see how this is going? Now in "The Common Lawyer" (F GIM M), Andy Prescott is a laid-back lawyer in Austin, Texas, until one of Texas' wealthiest men walks into his office and retains him as his lawyer and pays Andy more money than he has



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for free and Russell Reeves will do anything to save his 7-year old son and will require Andy to lay his life on the line.

Sarah Addison Allen has written "Lost Lake" (F ALL S) and that is where Kate Pheris spent her last best summer at the age of 12, before she learned of loneliness and heartbreak and loss. Now she's all too familiar with those things, but she knows about hope too, thanks to her resilient daughter Devin, and her own willingness to start moving forward. Perhaps at Lost Lake her little girl can cling to her own childhood for just a little longer... and maybe Kate herself can rediscover something that slipped through her fingers so long ago. One after another, people find their way to Lost Lake, looking for something they weren't sure they needed in the first place: love, closure, a second chance, peace, a mystery solved, a heart mended. Can they find what they need before it's too late?

From the author of "Loving Frank," Nancy Horan has written another great book. "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" (F HOR N) tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his tempestuous American wife, Fanny. At the age of 35, Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne has left her philandering husband in San Francisco to set sail for Belgium — with her three children and nanny in tow — to study art. It is a chance for this adventurous woman to start over, to make a better life for all of them, and to pursue her own desires.

Not long after her arrival, however, tragedy strikes, and Fanny and her children repair to a quiet artists' colony in France where she can recuperate. Emerging from a deep sorrow, she meets a lively Scot, Robert Louis Ste-

venson, 10 years her junior, who falls instantly in love with the earthy, independent and opinionated "belle Americaine." The shared life of these two strong-willed individuals unfolds into an adventure as impassioned and unpredictable as any of Stevenson's own unforgettable tales.

"Still Life with Bread Crumbs" (F QUI A) by Anna Quindlen is a story of unexpected love, a gunshot and a tin roof. Rebecca Winter is a photographer whose work has made her an unlikely heroine for many women. But with a shaky bank balance, a career in the descendent, she has fled the city for the middle of nowhere for solace. Will it work?

Here is the last of the non-fiction western books we received a few weeks ago: "Daughters of the West" (978.008 SEA A) by Anne Seagraves brings to life the colorful women of the Old West. There are horse-trading ladies, cowgirls who rodeoed, women who rode the cattle trail on side-saddle and schoolmarm — all represented the woman's touch to an otherwise uncivilized world. Another interesting sidebar of history are the "African American Women of the Old West" (978 WAG T). Written by Tricia Martineau Wagner, a subject generally overlooked by historians, Wagner profiles 10 incredible women in her book. Biddy Mason, who fought for her freedom; Elizabeth Thorn Scott Flood, a teacher deter-



Anne Seagraves

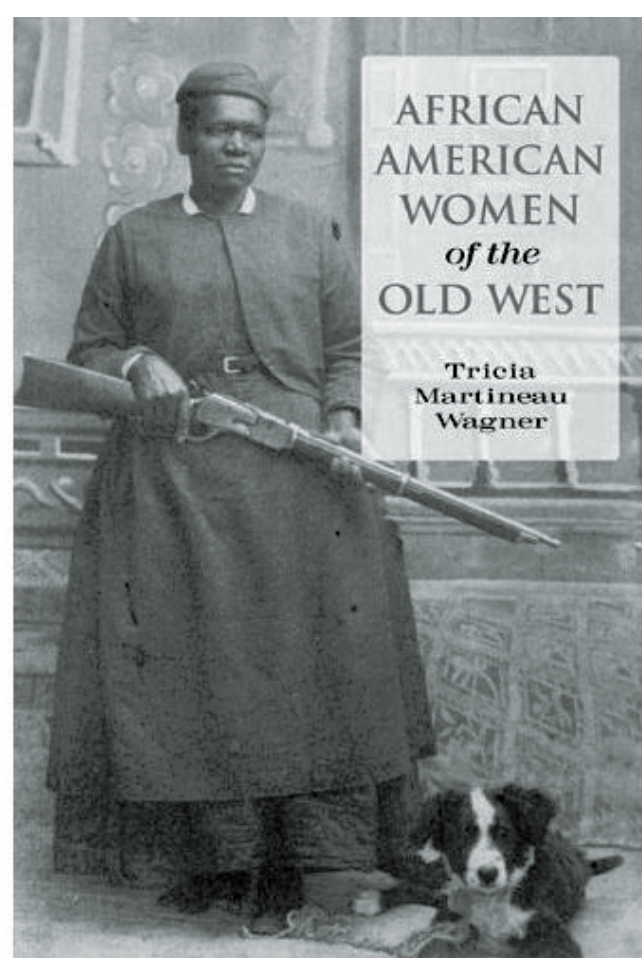
mined to educate black children; and Mary Ellen Pleasant, a civil rights crusader and savvy businesswoman, are just a few who are profiled.

You can also check out "Bold Women in Texas History" (920.720 BLE D) by Don Blevins; two new books by Mike Cox: "West Texas Tales" (976.49 COX M) and "Big Bend Tales" (976.493 COX M); "Remarkable Texas Women: More than Petticoats" (920.72 AND G), by Greta Anderson; and "Great Train Robberies of the Old West" (364.155 WIL R), by R. Michael Wilson.

For tales of train robberies in Texas and the Southwest, check out "The Newton Boys: Portrait of an Outlaw Gang" (364.155 STA C), by Claude Stanush. It portrays the misdeeds of the notorious early twentieth-century bank and train robbers. The Newton's story was made into a movie starring Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke and Julianna Margulies.

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Odds and ends

San Diego County spelling bee nearly left wordless

SAN DIEGO (AP) — David Hay had no words for what was about to happen.

And that's sort of important when you're running a spelling bee.

Hay was the bee master Tuesday at The 45th Annual U-T San Diego Countywide Spelling Bee, which was halfway through its tense, two-student final round when Hay realized he was about to run out of spelling words.

Hay says it hasn't happened in his 33 years as master. His 500-word supply is usually plenty, but the 92 middle-schoolers exhausted them, from "macaroni" to "obnulate" (ahb-NUHL'-ee-ayt).

He had to call a recess and scrounge up some spare words to finish.

Texas CPR instructor uses skills to save puppy

TALTY, Texas (AP) — The first time a CPR instructor in Texas ever used her training on a living being turned out to be at home with a four-legged friend.

It worked.

Alicia Pederson of Talty said Tuesday that applying her knowledge about breathing and compressions for humans saved her newborn puppy. Pederson learned CPR through the Dallas-based American Heart Association, where she holds an administrative job.

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DRAWING TO BE HELD MARCH 28TH

Texas' season ends with 69-64 loss to Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — For all that went off-script in the second half, Texas still had a chance to beat Maryland on the Terrapins' home floor in the game's final minute.

Chassidy Fussell, who wound up her career as a top 10 all-time scorer for the Longhorns, had a good look at a 3-pointer from the left

wing with about 40 seconds left and Texas trailing by one. The ball rimmed out.

After a pair of Maryland free throws, Nekia Jones — who entered the game 20 for 40 from 3-point range this season — worked for an open 3 that would have tied the game. Again, no dice.

The fifth-seeded Longhorns fell to the fourth-seeded Ter-

rapins 69-64 Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Maryland (26-6) moves on to face top seed Tennessee in the Louisville Regional, while Texas (22-12) is done after trying to win a second-round game for the first time since 2004.

"I would want those same players to take those same shots," Texas coach Karen

Aston said. "In particular, the shot Chas got out of the timeout, it was exactly what we were looking for. The shot that 'Kia got was a great shot. We didn't have any more timeouts, so they improvised a little bit, and I thought that was a really good shot."

The Longhorns were up against history at College Park — Maryland is now 18-3

in home games in the NCAA tournament — but they held three-time Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year Alyssa Thomas scoreless in the first half. While that should have boded well for the visitors, Texas had to settle for a 31-31 tie because none of its top players could

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Stanton grabs early lead at 4-2A meet

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

The Stanton High School Buffaloes grabbed the early lead at the 2014 District 4-2A Boys' Golf Championships earlier this week. The Buffaloes fired a 328 over the first 18 holes of the tournament and head into the final round with a 30 stroke lead over Denver City.

The Coahoma High School boys' team is currently fifth in the team standings, 55 strokes behind Stanton with a team score of 383.

Colton VerSteege turned in an outstanding first-round performance for Coahoma. He fired a round of 80 on the Comanche Trail Golf Course and finished in a tie for third in the individual standings. Stanton's Ben Crockett also carded an 80.

Denver City's Chase Gibson holds a 1-stroke lead over Stanton's Lvi Bryand in the individual standings. Gibson turned in a score of 78 over the first 18 holes. Bryand was one shot back with a round of 79.

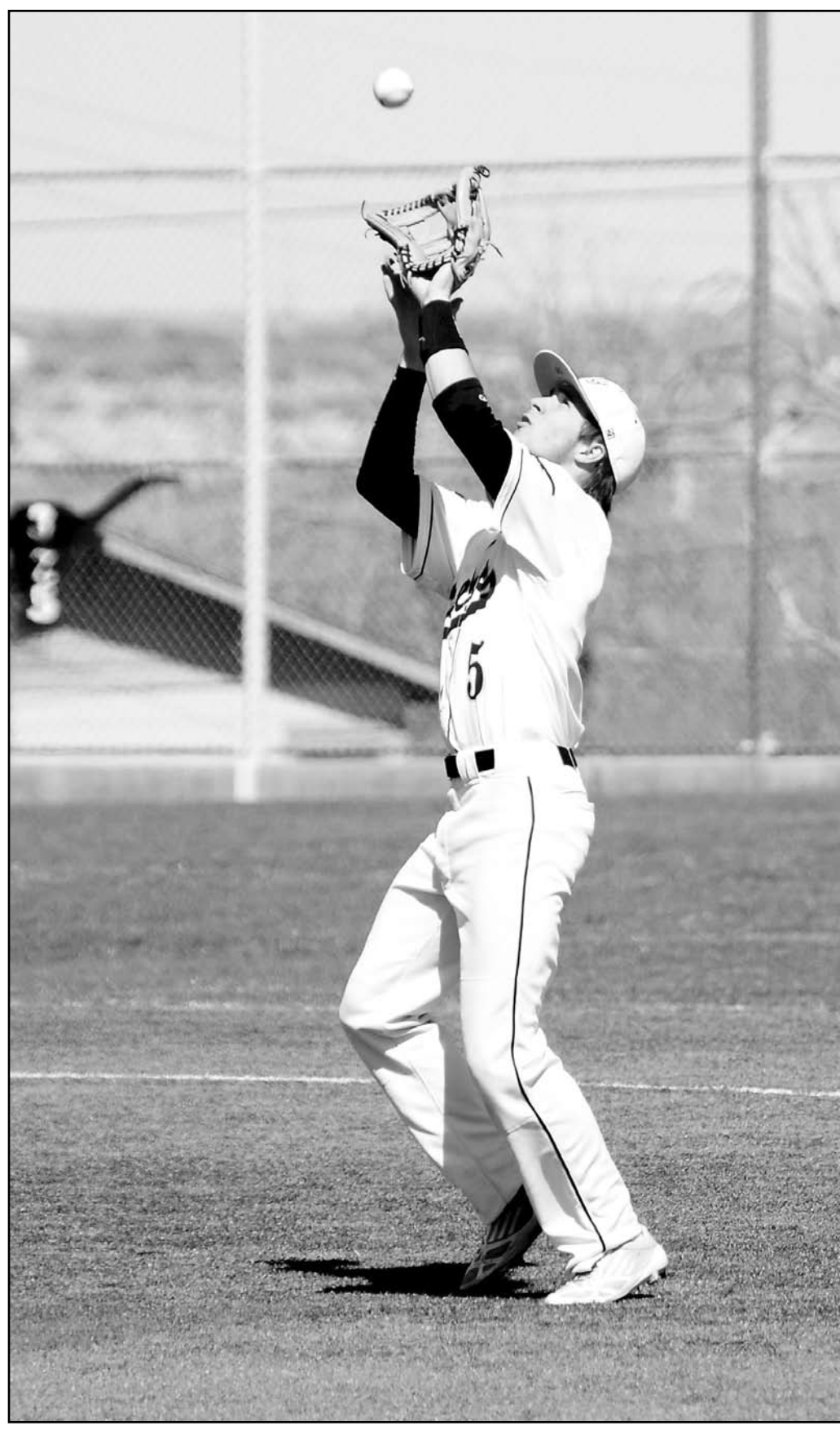
Coahoma also picked up solid outings from John Porras, Hayden Adamson and Zac Crabtree. Porras and Adamson finished the first round tied for 22nd in the individual standings with scores of 100. Crabtree was 27th with a mark of 103.

Loren Moore rounded out Coahoma's top five scorers with a score of 116. Ashton Johnson and Aaron Ferguson also competed for Coahoma, checking in with rounds of 121 and 129, respectively.

Stanton had five golfers place in the top 10. Following Bryand and Crockett in the standings were Nathan Garlington, who placed fifth with a score of 82, and K.J. Glaspie and Kyle Inman, who tied for sixth with rounds of 87.

Brody Kelso paced the Stanton "B"

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Nice catch ...

Big Spring's Brett Borman hauls in a pop fly in the infield during a recent game at Steer Park. Borman and the BSHP baseball team will host Monahans on Friday in a key District 4-3A matchup.

Steers score two in 10th, slip by G'wood

GREENWOOD - The Big Spring High School Steers scored two runs in the top of the 10th inning on Tuesday and claimed a tough 5-3 victory over the Greenwood Rangers in a key District 4-3A showdown.

With the victory, the Steers snapped a two-game district-opening slide. The team heads into Friday's home game with Monahans with a 1-2 mark in 4-3A action. Greenwood, now 0-3

in district play, took the early lead in the contest, scoring three times in the third.

Big Spring rallied back with three runs of its own in the sixth to tie the contest.

Adam Franco went the distance for the Steers and collected the win. The BSHP righthander scattered eight hits in the game.

The Steers' game with Monahans will begin at 7 p.m. at Steer Park.

BSHS girls to run in Greenwood

On Thursday, Big Spring High School Lady Steers' track and field team will be competing in the Greenwood Track Meet.

The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. with a scratch meeting. The field events will get under way at 3:30 with the pole

vault competition. The running events, including the Fat Man Relay for throwers) will start at 5:30 p.m.

School officials announced earlier this week, the BSHP boys' squad would be adding the meet to their schedule, too.



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Game on ...

Howard College's Elain Verdugo fields a ball at second base during the Lady Hawks' game against Odessa on Saturday. The HC women have lost three of their last four games in WJAC action.

BSHS suffers loss to G'wood

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

The Greenwood High School Lady Rangers scored 10 runs in the third inning on Tuesday and raced to a 17-7 win over the Big Spring Lady Steers in District 3-4A action.

With the loss, the Lady Steers fell to 1-4 in district play. Greenwood improved to 3-1.

"We were just not able to get things going for us," said Steers' head coach John R. Sparks. "The first two innings we played good sound ball, then Greenwood found a zone and stayed there."

Offensively, Big Spring struggled to get its bats going. The Lady Steers managed just six hits in the contest.

"We were stymied and could not get our bats going," said Sparks.

Despite the loss, Sparks said Big Spring is still a team that can make a run at the state playoffs if they can get going in the second half of their 4-3A schedule. "We will go back, work on some things, change some things up, and come out on Friday ready to battle with Monahans," he said. "We just need to know that we are capable of playing good solid softball and come out and compete every game. I am proud of these young ladies."

Big Spring will host Monahans on Friday, starting at 5 p.m.

MLB hopes for new drug deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players and management hope to reach a new drug agreement this week that would increase initial penalties for muscle-building steroids and decrease suspensions for some positive tests caused by unintentional use, people familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

For future suspensions, the deal also would eliminate the loophole allowing Alex Rodriguez to earn almost \$3 million during his season-long ban, the people said. They spoke on condition of anonymity in recent days because talks are ongoing.

The sides hope to reach an agreement by Sunday, when the Los Angeles Dodgers open the U.S. portion of the major league schedule at the San Diego Padres.

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American Profile

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Artistic Manipulation

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 3 2
♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ A 9 6
♣ K Q 3

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

EAST
♠ 5
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ J 10 8 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the queen of spades. You count your winners and find you have eight of them — two spades, a heart, two diamonds and three clubs.

Your chance of scoring a ninth trick is excellent, since the opposing clubs might be divided 3-3, or a heart or diamond finessc might succeed. But even though your prospects are very promising, you're not trying hard enough if you let your thinking stop there. You should also be think-

ing that this might be your unlucky day, and that relying on any or all of these possibilities could lead you to ruin.

There is one additional possibility to consider, and that involves playing your cards so that even if it is your unlucky day, you'll still make the contract. Accordingly, you duck the queen of spades and win the jack continuation with the king as East discards a diamond.

You then cash the three top clubs to see where you stand in that department. This produces some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that the clubs are divided 4-2; the good news is that you're now certain to make the contract regardless of where the king of hearts or queen of diamonds is located.

Eschewing any notion of attempting a heart or diamond finesse, you cash the ace of spades and exit with the four. This allows West to score his 10-8 of spades as you discard your club loser, but West is then in a pickle whatever he does.

He is forced either to lead a heart from his K-6 or a diamond from his Q-10-7, and whichever he does you are ready to greet the return with your A-Q of hearts and K-J-5 of diamonds. Trick No. 9 arrives safely on a silver platter.

Tomorrow: Not all roads lead to Rome.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury Offers a Perspective Challenge

Mercury in Pisces forms a lucky angle to Jupiter in Cancer emphasizing the benefits of leaving your own perspective to see the world from another point of view. Of course, not everyone can do this. It's a skill that requires a certain amount of detachment from one's own ego, and that can only be achieved by the more secure souls among us.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Lately, when your mind wanders, it seems to land in the same soft, comfortable fantasy again and again. It doesn't mean you are in love; it just means your repetitive thoughts have created a neurological loop.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though your dream is trying to pull you closer, you're being pushed toward an alternative that suits someone other than you. It must be worked out, or you're likely to stay in one place.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In the exciting early stages of an interest, you are likely to commit to a timeframe or a goal. If your intrigue wanes before your commitment is complete, your creativity and

character will kick in to finish the job.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You simply can't be trifled with pettiness, and people sense that about you. Your kindness and self-respect keep you exempt from the social trials and tribulations that others experience.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Perhaps it's not a very Zen state of mind to ratchet up your standards, but it works for you now. In a strange twist of expectations, you will start out expecting more of others and wind up doing more yourself.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll feel inclined to share the best of what you know, hopefully to a worthy recipient. Those who don't listen could be privy to million-dollar advice or the wisest counsel in the world, and it wouldn't make a lick of difference.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be inclined to take it easy, move slowly, be cautious and yet not afraid. This is the winning tone now. Your refusal to tilt headlong toward your goal shows great restraint, and that will be rewarded.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you can't stop yourself from worrying altogether, at least you can work on

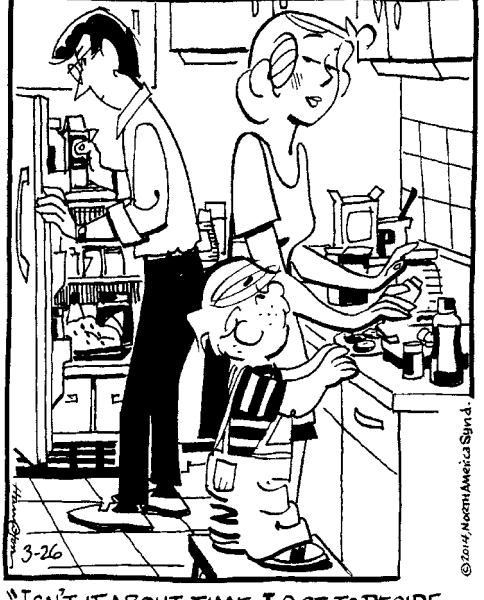
replacing unreasonable worries with reasonable ones. At midday, you'll suddenly see the solution and glimpse the bright tomorrow.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Of course you know there are far more significant things than work, but it will be hard to believe that when you're in the throes of a project that seems, while you're immersed in it, terribly important.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The love you receive will be among your greatest treasures. This is just one more of many reasons why you ought not to waste your time in a relationship that is not reciprocal enough to meet your needs.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may take longer to get started than you thought it would, but once you're in the rhythm of a task, you'll sail through, humming a happy tune all the way.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know that you can't please everyone, but when you're faced with entire groups of disgruntled people, it means you're in the wrong environment. Go where you're met with openness and a smile.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26). Though it is impossible to know the

mind of another, you will become extremely close to a loved one. Your bonded commitment and interwoven lives are part of what make this a stellar year. April brings a leg up financially. May shifts the focus to caring for the needy in your fold. There will be a contest and a win in June. Pisces and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 26, 24, 17 and 5.
MOLEOMANCY SPECIAL: See the archives for information on birthmarks and moles anywhere on the body above the calf. Continuing on down the body...
Left Calf: A birthmark in this area signifies a varied childhood in which the subject has been asked to accommodate unusual circumstances, adapt often to new environments and accept the unconventional. Usually, these early life situations contribute to the building of character and a memorable personality.
Right Calf: The possessor of this birthmark takes a flexible approach to life and is able to adjust to changes better than most. This person takes pride in his or her ability to react quickly, stay up and keep abreast of the changing times.

Left Ankle: This birthmark is a sign of being wanted, chosen and cherished. The image is that of being claimed and tugged by the foot into this life by people who needed what only you can give.
Right Ankle: The possessor of this mark will be "grandfathered" into special arrangements at key times of life because of his or her special talents, meaningful relationships and/or stellar timing.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Perhaps best known as Elizabeth Swann of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies, Keira Knightley has more than a decade's worth of professional credits, having started in show business as a young child. The lithe and lovely Aries was born when Mercury and Venus were also in that high-energy sign. Her Gemini moon lends the gift of versatility, style and skill in regards to communication.
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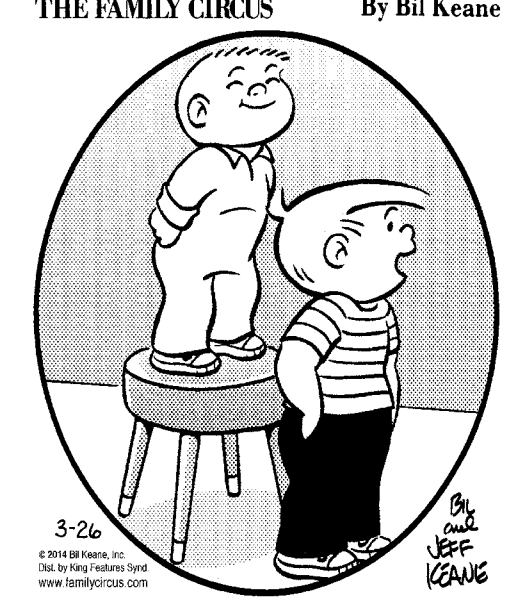
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"Isn't it about time I got to decide what we have for dinner?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

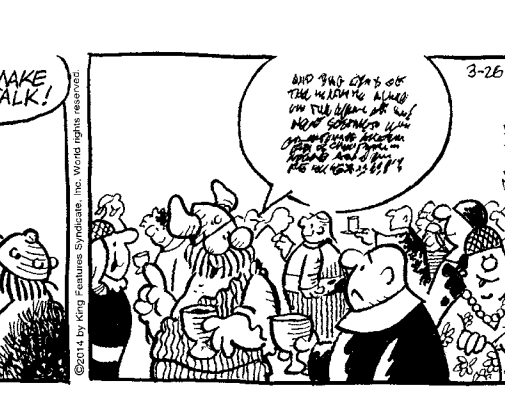


"Mommy, I'm helping PJ practice bein' tall."

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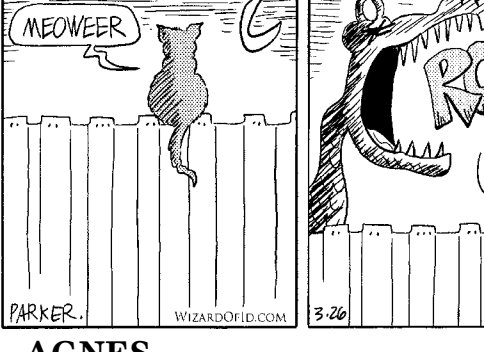
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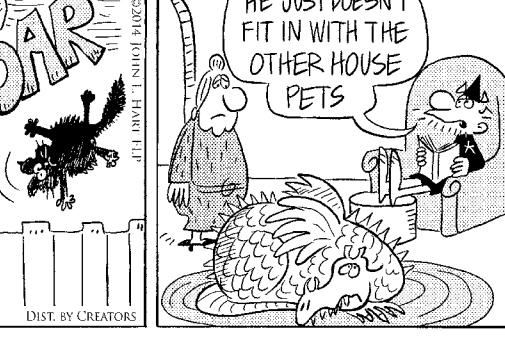
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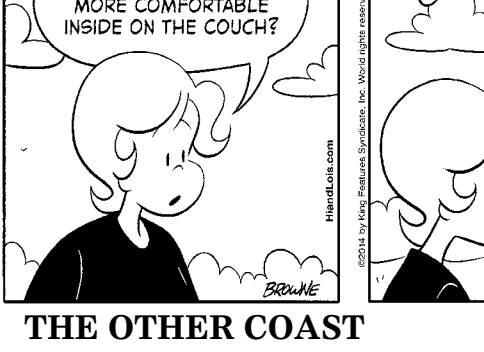
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 26, the 85th day of 2014. There are 280 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 26, 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl," starring Barbra Streisand as Fanny Brice, opened on Broadway. On this date: In 1812, an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna. In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco. In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, N.J. In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens. In 1937, a 6-foot-tall statue of the cartoon character Popeye was unveiled during the Second Annual Spinach Festival in Crystal City, Texas. In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3. In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Baker v. Carr, gave federal courts the power to order reapportionment of states' legislative districts. In 1979, a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- Mortgage, for example
- Letting customers in
- Flood barrier
- Poke fun at
- Four-star review
- Witnessed
- Held the deed to
- Otherwise
- Scoundrels
- Splice together
- Cave sound
- Carpenter's tool with teeth
- Jeopardy! champ Jennings
- "___ it the truth!"
- Dissuades
- Thermometer measure
- 30 from office
- Orthodontists' org.
- Two tablets, perhaps
- Air vents
- Contract conditions
- Crash into
- Mall tenant
- Scuttle a project
- Swelled heads
- Frat members
- Pass, as time
- Arrested
- French artist Pierre
- Christmas candy shape
- "___ the ramparts..."
- Dinner utensil with teeth

DOWN

- Wedding dress frill
- Face-to-face exam
- Helper
- Daytona 500 organization
- Rebuffed
- "Shut up!"
- Grand-scale
- Circus safety gear
- Tire patterns
- "Right you ___!"
- Grooming device with teeth
- None of the above
- Unskilled workers
- Connection
- Lawn spoilers
- Fully stretched
- Palm-tree fruit
- Genesis paradise
- Landscape's tool with teeth
- Electric bill figure
- Nautilus captain
- Mine loads
- Arbor Day planting
- Ship off
- Venus de ___
- Sedate
- In a tangle
- Magician's cry
- Pantry pest
- Prior to
- Map lines
- Spooky
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- Slow-cooker concoction
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 "B" team's effort. He fired a round of 95 and helped carry the SHS "B" team to seventh in the team standings.

Others playing for the Buffs' "B" team included Tanner Luxton (108), Marco Marquez (122), Josh Quaid (138) and Brady Patrick (156).

In the girls' division, Lamesa grabbed the early lead in the 4-2A race. The LHS golfers turned in a team score of 369 over the first 18 holes and takes a 73-stroke lead over Stanton into the final round.

Skyler Church and Kaitlyn Woodfin paced Stanton's outing. The two turned in identical rounds of 104 and are sixth heading into the final round, which will

be held on the Yoakum County Golf course on April 2.

Madison Graves and Desiree Khongraj also played well, tying for 18th with scores of 117. Amber Peterson was 20th at 119.

Isavel Fernandez led the Stanton "B" team's efforts. She carded a score of 125 and finished 25th.

Olivia Turner (13), Kaitlyn Patrick and Toshianna Shipman (148) also finished for the "B" squad.

McClayne Holgorson and Lauren Simer highlighted the Bulldogettes' outing. Playing as individuals, Holgorson and Simer both posted top 25 finishes. Holgorson notched a first-round score of 111 and finished 14th.

Simer posted a score of 124 and finished 23rd.

- 36. M. Marquez, Stanton B ..122
- 38. Aaron Ferguson, Coahoma .129
- 38. C. Hickson, Colorado129
- 40. Chase Sandlin, DC.....137
- 41. Josh Quaid, Stanton B...138
- 42. Brady Patrick, Stanton B 156

GIRLS

Team	Score
Lamesa A.....	369
Stanton A.....	442
Denver City.....	459
Lamesa B.....	461
Brownfield.....	506
Stanton B.....	536

- Individuals Results**
- 1. Chelsea Rebber, Lamesa A86
 - 2. Leah Medlin, Lamesa A.....88
 - 3. Kaila Cox, Lamesa A.....93
 - 4. Kynleigh Adams, Lamesa B...101
 - 5. Lindy Medlin, Lamesa A...102
 - 5. M. Kimball, Colorado.....102
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Power surge ...

Howard College's Natalie Baltas drives a ball over the fence for one of her three homers against Odessa on Saturday. The HC women will host Western Texas on Friday, beginning at 1 p.m. at Foundation Field.

Bills owner Ralph Wilson dies at 95

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson never forgot how he was made to feel like an outsider for having the audacity to challenge the NFL.

It was 1959, and Wilson had just invested \$25,000 to join Lamar Hunt and Bud Adams in helping establish the upstart American Football League. Wilson and the seven other owners were immediately dubbed "The Foolish Club."

"You'd go to cocktail parties back in those days," Wilson recalled in an interview with The Associated Press in 2009, a month before being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of

Fame. "And they'd look at me like, 'What kind of dope are you, going into a new league?'"

Some 54 years later, Wilson was being remembered as a "visionary" for playing a key role in helping establish the modern-day game.

The Bills lost their sole owner, and the NFL lost its last surviving AFL founder and a person regarded as the league's "conscience" on Tuesday, when Wilson died at his home in Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich. Wilson was 95.

Bills president Russ Brandon announced Wilson's death at the NFL owners meetings in Orlando, Fla.

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Thomas found her game after halftime and finished with 16 points, while the Longhorns' boxscore makes for heavy reading. Fussell went 5 for 14, making just 2 of 7 3-pointers, and finished with 13 points.

Brady Sanders was 1 for 10 and committed four turnovers. Jones was 1 for 6 and missed all three of her 3s. Imani McGee-Stafford, who dominated in the first-round win over Penn,

finished with six points and fouled out in the final minute. Nneka Enemkpali had nine points, 10 rebounds and three turnovers.

"In the second half, we got a little wound up," Aston said, "and we started shooting too quick."

But Fussell and Jones missed the 3-pointers that would have completed the comeback. Thomas grabbed the last of her 11 rebounds after Jones misfired, then made a pair of free throws with 8 seconds left.

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19-year-old Navy RB McKamey dies in coma

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Navy football player Will McKamey, who has been hospitalized since collapsing at practice three days ago, has died while in a coma. He was 19.

The academy says the freshman running back from Knoxville, Tenn., died at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore on Tuesday with his family by his side.

"We are all so very heartbroken by the death of Midshipman Will McKamey," Naval Academy Superintendent VADM Mike Miller said in a statement. "This is devastating news for his family, his classmates, his teammates and the entire Naval Academy family. We offer our deepest condolences to Will's family, friends and shipmates in the wake of this tragedy."

He collapsed during spring practice Saturday and was airlifted to the Shock Trauma Center.

Earlier this week, McKamey's family said in a statement released through the school that their son did not sustain "a bad hit or unusual or extreme contact" in that practice.

"The Navy coaches have poured through the films of practice and seen nothing more than Will carrying the

football normally, doing what he truly loves," the family said.

McKamey's father, Randy, a high school football coach at Grace Christian Academy in Knoxville, posted on Twitter that his son underwent surgery Saturday to relieve pressure on the brain.

Will McKamey played for his father and ran for

more than 2,000 yards as a senior at Grace Christian in 2012. He suffered a head injury during a game late in the season that caused him to be hospitalized.

His family said he had been cleared to resume playing football after seeing four neurosurgeons and undergoing several CAT scans and MRI exams.

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R&A asks members to allow women

LONDON (AP) — The Royal & Ancient looks set to allow women to join one of the world's most influential golf clubs.

The Daily Mail newspaper on Wednesday cited a letter from the R&A to its 2,500 members recommending they change the all-male membership policy at St. Andrews, Scotland, the home of golf.

Wilson Sibbet, chairman of the club's general committee, reportedly wrote to members saying "now is the time to ask members of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club to welcome female members into the club."

A vote expected to be held in the autumn.

The R&A, which organizes the British Open, did not deny the letter's authenticity but would not comment further ahead of a planned statement Wednesday.

Pressure has been building on the R&A to allow female members. The R&A of St. Andrews was founded in 1754.

Corbin has elbow surgery

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Diamondbacks left-hander Patrick Corbin has undergone season-ending elbow surgery after a second opinion confirmed the need for the ligament repair.

The operation was performed Tuesday by noted surgeon Dr. James Andrews in Florida. Corbin revealed the operation via Twitter, and Diamondbacks bench coach Allan Trammell confirmed it later in the day.

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