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VA clinics to get federal audit

West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring among them

By BILL McCLELLAN
 Managing Editor
 Recent concerns over the use of alleged "secret waiting lists" have prompted Secretary Eric Shinseki of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to send out audit teams to clinics in the VA Medical Center, and that includes the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring.

According to media reports, employees at the North Central Federal Clinic in San Antonio, the Austin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, and Waco Veterans Affairs Medical Center were instructed by supervisors to ensure that wait times for veterans were as "close to zero days as possible." Employees allegedly manipulated medical appoint-

ment data in order to conceal long wait times for veterans seeking care. The investigations are not limited to Texas. A former clinic director for the VA in Phoenix alleges that up to 40 veterans may have died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix hospital, and that staff created a secret system to hide delays in treatment.



Kiefer

The West Texas VA Health Care System has not been mentioned in any of the reports. "At VA, our most important mission is to make sure veterans know VA is here to care for them and provide the high quality care they have earned

and deserve," said Michael Kiefer, WTVAHCS director. "Under the direction of Secretary Eric Shinseki of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, an audit team will arrive at the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring later this week." The visit is part of a nation-

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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

"Hump" day took on new meaning Wednesday at Big Spring High School when Doug Baum of the Texas Camel Corps treated students and faculty to a history/biology lesson about the desert dwelling animals. The Texas Camel Corps provides educational opportunities for public schools, at-risk children's camps, public camel treks and have been in feature films.

Camel Corps visits BSHS

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

It was hump day at Big Spring High School Wednesday. Doug Baum of the Texas Camel Corps treated students and faculty with a visit featuring two of his nine dromedaries.

The theme of his program was climate adaptation. "Everything is made for where it lives," Baum explained. "Polar bears live at the North Pole and penguins live at the South Pole. Camels live in hot or cold deserts." What defines a desert is if the area receives less than 10 inches of rain per year. West Texas often falls into that category, as Baum explained, making the area a perfect place for the camels to live. The plant life contributes to that fact. "They eat mesquite, grass

and prickly pear cactus," Baum said. "There are two species of camel," Baum continued. "The Arabian, which has one hump, and the Bactrian, that has two." The Bactrian camel is most commonly found in cold climates in Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc. "Basically any country that ends in stan," Baum quipped. The program focused on the physical features of the animals that have developed over millennia, making it possible for them to survive in harsh environments. These features included nose flaps that close during sand storms, the ability to collect moisture from the air through the hundreds of nose hairs, the third eye lid and

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With warmer weather, TxDOT touts cycle safety

Special to the Herald

State officials want to make roads safer for motorcycle riders. In an effort to reverse a 5-percent year-over-year increase in motorcycle crash fatalities, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its month-long "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign. The campaign, which started Thursday, coincides with the first day of national Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. In Texas last year, crashes killed 494 motorcyclists. That is up from 470 motorcycle-related deaths in 2012. Because 4,339 motorcycle crashes in Texas last year involved at least one

other vehicle, TxDOT is asking drivers to look twice, leave plenty of space and use signals before making lane changes. About one-third of these deadly crashes happen at intersections where cars and motorcycles meet. "Drivers who hit motorcyclists often say they never saw them," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "Our roads in Texas are crowded, so we all have to stay alert and be on the lookout for motorcyclists. For those driving cars and trucks, we urge you to check your mirrors, leaving extra room and use turn signals in order to prevent crashes and save lives." To help raise awareness, TxDOT

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College graduations

Howard College will wrap up its 2013-2014 academic year with a plethora of ceremonies today and Friday. Scheduled activities are:
Today
 • Dental Hygiene Pinning: 2 p.m. — Hall Center for the Arts (Auditorium)
 • LVN / ADN Pinning: 5:30 p.m. — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
 • SWCID Awards Convocation 7 p.m. — SWCID Activity Center
Friday
 • SWCID Commencement Ceremony 10 a.m. — SWCID Activity Center
 • Howard College Commencement Ceremony 7 p.m. — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

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Obituaries

Shirley Jean Rhea



Shirley Jean Rhea, 68, of Odessa, died Sunday, May 11, 2014, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Oct. 20, 1945, in Wichita Falls, Texas and married Morris Rhea July 13, 1991, in Odessa. He preceded her in death

Feb. 26, 2007.

Phyllis Evans



Phyllis Evans, 88, of Stanton, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in Greenwood, Texas. Grave-side services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born April 17, 1926, to Arthur William Howard and Margaret Mabel Goffin Howard in The Grange, Langley, England. Phyllis moved to Stanton in the early 1940s after marrying R. A. Evans of

She was a hairdresser and loved raising children. She was a longtime owner of Cassidy's Hideaway.

Survivors include her longtime companion, Jim Thomas of Odessa; three daughters, Bambi Heard and Melissa Butler both of Odessa, and Susie Morgan of Andrews; one sister, Gwendolyn Marker of Levelland; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her mother, Edna Louise Renick; her father, Alvis Lee Renick; and a brother, Jackie Langford.

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

Stanton, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Glen Evans and wife, Nelda of Greenwood and Paul Evans and wife, Nancy of Smithville; four granddaughters, Jamie Lloyd, Misti Shockley, Ashlie Barnhill and Kelly Evans; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bob Howard of England; and one sister, Nellie Curtis of England.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Patsy Evans; and a brother, Willie Howard.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

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

- MIRANDA MARIE MARTINEZ, 17, of 1002 N. Main St. no.21, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

- JASON MICHAEL GONZALES, 38, of 301 S. Furrh, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

- THEFT was reported at the 1200 block of Gregg, the 800 block of W. 16th St. and the 2000 block of

S. Gregg.

- ASSAULT was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson.

- ROBBERY was reported at the 1500 block of Chickasaw St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- HERMAN TORRES HERNANDEZ was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

- JASON MICHAEL GONZALES was booked by HCSO on a

motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

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

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- TRAUMA reported at the 500 block of W. 17th St. One patient transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of Stadium. One patient transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 2:50 p.m. and meeting starts at 3 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more

information, please call 517-4922 or 935-6306.

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

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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 dis-

ease 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 kerriroosenbaum9488@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.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 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.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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

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

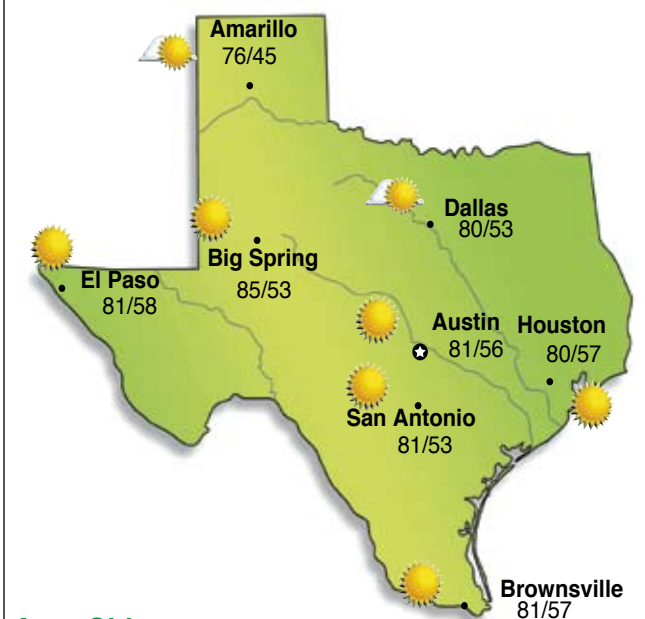
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 5/16	Sat 5/17	Sun 5/18	Mon 5/19	Tue 5/20
85/53 Sunny skies. High near 85F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	94/57 Abundant sunshine. High in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	93/62 More sun than clouds. High in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	99/64 Mainly sunny and windy. High in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	102/66 Windy with plenty of sun. High 100 to 104F and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:40 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	85	54	sunny	Kingsville	83	53	sunny
Amarillo	76	45	mst sunny	Livingston	79	51	sunny
Austin	81	56	sunny	Longview	77	50	sunny
Beaumont	79	57	sunny	Lubbock	82	48	sunny
Brownsville	81	57	sunny	Lufkin	79	51	sunny
Brownwood	83	49	sunny	Midland	84	53	sunny
Corpus Christi	79	60	sunny	Raymondville	83	55	sunny
Corsicana	79	52	sunny	Rosenberg	79	55	sunny
Dallas	80	53	mst sunny	San Antonio	81	53	sunny
Del Rio	86	55	sunny	San Marcos	81	55	sunny
El Paso	81	58	sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	52	t-storm
Fort Stockton	84	56	sunny	Sweetwater	84	54	sunny
Gainesville	77	50	pt sunny	Tyler	77	52	mst sunny
Greenville	76	51	mst sunny	Weatherford	80	51	sunny
Houston	80	57	sunny	Wichita Falls	80	51	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	66	48	rain	Minneapolis	54	36	rain
Boston	73	60	cloudy	New York	68	62	drizzle
Chicago	52	39	rain	Phoenix	95	67	sunny
Dallas	80	53	mst sunny	San Francisco	78	53	pt sunny
Denver	63	44	rain	Seattle	83	55	pt sunny
Houston	80	57	sunny	St. Louis	62	42	t-storm
Los Angeles	99	72	sunny	Washington, DC	82	68	t-storm
Miami	83	74	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 5/16	Sat 5/17	Sun 5/18	Mon 5/19	Tue 5/20
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Take Note

• Beginning its fourth year, the Scenic Mountain Midnight Rave Run takes place Friday in Big Spring State Park. Participants take on the mountain in the three-race series, which continues June 13 and Aug. 8. Runners can participate in one, two or all three races. There is a discount for signing up for all three. T-shirts are included. Entry fee is \$20 per race or \$45 for three. Each run begins at 11:55 p.m. Runners are asked to show up at 11:30 p.m. or earlier to check in. Registration will be available at the park Friday evening.

• American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry Saturday. Plates are \$10 each. Delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The American Legion is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. For more information call 263-2084.

• Celebrate your child's birthday at fire station no. 1 by bidding in a silent auction. Firemen will serve cake and drinks; and all paper goods will be furnished. All bids must be in by noon June 1. For more information, call 264-2244, ext. 211 or 213-1221 and leave a number and message. Plenty of fun for all, including water related games during warm weather, safety instructions, demonstrations, fire trucks and ambulances, etc. The party must be scheduled on weekends, excluding major holidays. Payment is expected at time of acceptance with no refunds. This is for a maximum of 12 children plus adults. The party can be scheduled for any approved weekend until May 31, 2015. Sponsored by Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Services Chaplain Corps.

• Big Spring ISD will hold an orientation for students entering kinder-

garten for the 2014-2015 school year Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Incoming students, their parents and families will have an opportunity to meet school staff and learn the district's expectations and procedures for kindergarten students.

Locations of the school are:
• Goliad Elementary, 1801 S. Goliad
• Washington Elementary, 1201 South Birdwell
• Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson Drive
• Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham
For information on the attendance zone in which live, contact the Big Spring ISD Bus Barn at 432-264-4108.

• Coahoma Scholars' Banquet, May 27, at the Settles Hotel. The banquet will honor Coahoma's top ten academic seniors, top ten academic juniors, scholar alumni award, scholar teacher award and community pride award. For those interested in sponsoring the banquet or for further information, call Amy Jacobs or Judy Dobbs at 432-394-5000, ext. 4.

• A fund has been set up at BBVA Compass Bank to help Melinda Garcia with medical expenses while recovering from surgery. Account number is 673000597.

• Medical funds has been established for Kathran O'Brien Grant, who is recovering from a recent accident. An account is set up at Western Bank No. 1012020. Contact Donnie Baker at 432-556-2186 for more information. A medical fund has also been set up at Wells Fargo.

• 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.

• 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.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,". For more information, including meeting times and dates, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families.

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

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

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

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in-office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer, call 264-7599.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Bring snacks to share.

AUDIT

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wide "Access to Care Review" ordered by Secretary Shinseki. Kiefer said the purpose of the review is to ensure a full understanding of VA's policy and continued integrity in managing patient access to care. As part of the review, a national face-to-face audit will be conducted at all clinics for every VA Medical Center during the next several weeks.

"This review is an important step in ensuring that those of us working at VA facilities in West Texas continue to

provide the highest quality, timely health care possible for our veterans," said Kiefer. "At the conclusion of the review, the VA Southwest Healthcare Network will ensure the timely and complete implementation of the team's recommendations."

West Texas VA Health Care System is currently experiencing a backlog in appointment requests, Kiefer confirmed.

"While the EWL (electronic wait list) has been in use, WTVAHCS has just recently needed to populate it for patients awaiting primary care appointments. This is as a result of the number of providers recently relocating to

other areas of the country," Kiefer said.

"When I accepted the position as director of the West Texas VA Health Care System a few months ago, I was aware of the challenges this facility was facing. Addressing the staffing turnover and retention was placed at the top of my list to address," he added. "We continue to address the vacancies of our professionals to provide quality health care to veterans in a variety of ways and we are implementing new processes in an effort to maintain accessible health care for our veterans," continued Kiefer.

According to a press release issued by the WTVAMCHS, a

salary survey was completed for mid-level providers recently which resulted in a salary that will be commensurate with community salaries.

"We have made offers to three nurse practitioners to join our staff and hope to have them within the next few weeks," noted Kiefer.

Kiefer didn't specifically mention it but it is obvious the health system — like every other entity and business in Big Spring — is suffering from a lack of employees as housing has doubled and even tripled over the past year with the oil boom.

"Tele-health services are being utilized to address staff

vacancies when that service is appropriate and applicable. Retention incentives are being offered to the professional staff in an effort to retain their services. Clinical leaders are also offering their services to provide direct patient care to veterans while recruitment processes are underway," the director said.

"In closing, I am very proud of the staff that are employed at the WTVAHCS and for their dedication to continue to provide health care to our Veterans," he added. "The facility has faced challenges in the past and we will conquer these challenges today with the committed staff at our facility."

CAMELS

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long lashes to protect the eye from dirt and the extra storage of fat in their humps in case of famine and drought are a few examples of the animals' adaptability.

According to the website, since 1995 the Texas Camel Corps has been educating on the unique

part camels played in opening up America's West.

Owner Doug Baum had stumbled across this little-known piece of history while a zookeeper doing research on the animals in his care. Though these beasts of burden have served man for almost 4,000 years, Baum realized there was a lack of awareness of camels and desert ecology as well as the historic U.S.

Camel Corps of the 19th century.

Thus was born the education arm of the Texas Camel Corps.

In addition to education programs, in 1998 Baum leased his camels and services to the feature film "A Texas Funeral," starring Martin Sheen. In 2002, the Texas Camel Corps provided camels for the film production "Nadezdha." The Texas Camel Corps is listed with the Texas

Film Commission.

Since 1997, the Texas Camel Corps has created curriculum for VisionQuest, a national placement agency for at-risk youth.

Doug Baum is a Big Spring High School graduate and son of Jim Baum, former Colorado City mayor

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Benito Hilario, Jr., 58, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SAFETY

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is hosting motorcycle processions across the state featuring the Texas Patriot Guard Riders, who will carry yellow-and-black flags emblazoned with specific safety messages. The volunteer riders usually attach American flags to their motorcycles while taking part in funeral processions for fallen soldiers, law

enforcement officers and emergency workers.

Additionally, TxDOT has added a new request to drivers — "Look Twice for Motorcycles" and count them. This strategy for saving lives is based on travel games like "Slug Bug." Counting motorcycles, officials believe, will condition Texans to look out for drivers on two wheels. Kids can play along with a downloadable game sheet.

The "Share the Road" campaign will appear at events around the state, inviting visitors to have their photo taken on a stationary motorcycle in a virtual reality setting. Those who participate can sign a pledge to share the road and look twice for motorcycles, and also earn the chance to win a donated prize such as tickets to local events.

sudoku

ANSWERS

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

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us, oh Lord, to see the beauty in others.

Amen

Where are the freedom loving Dems?

Are we moving toward an America in which only one worldview is socially — and, God forbid, legally — acceptable? Are the proponents of “tolerance” truly as intolerant and tyrannical as they seem to be?

It's not just the political and cultural left's increasingly totalitarian mindset in demanding that only its views be permitted that bothers me; it's that more and more people aligned with the left politically, i.e., rank-and-file Democrats, are outright supporting this trend or willingly looking the other way.

This is Barack Obama's America. He has established a climate wherein dissent from his and the left's “values” is reason for ostracism — and worse. Just a few short years ago, he professed to be opposed to same-sex marriage. Students of Obama's tortured history on this issue and his proclivity for deceit and political opportunism knew he wasn't sincere.

As long as Obama was on the record saying “I believe that marriage is the union between a man and a woman,” there was a modicum of protection for those subscribing to that view. But once he came out of the closet on the issue — so to speak — it was if he had issued a royal edict forbidding any other view, declaring that anyone who is against it is a bigot and whitewashing his own personal history to pretend that he'd never been guilty of the bigotry he was now so brazenly ascribing to others.

As I was watching this public charade, I often asked whether Obama was also condemning his former self for those very same “bigoted” views. I wondered how his blind admirers could so thoughtlessly accept his judgment of others without questioning his own previously contrary views. Actually, I didn't wonder, because I'd come to expect as much, but I trust you get the point.

But make no mistake; as soon as Obama announced that same-

sex marriage is a wonderful idea whose time had come at the precise second he announced his transformation, it was no longer acceptable in Obama's America to believe what Obama had said he believed the second before the announcement.

Prior to the exact fraction of a second that Obama shared his enlightened epiphany with us, there was, to be sure, an ongoing effort by the gay activists and the left in general to marginalize those daring to disagree. Many an employer had sent employees to Siberianesque sensitivity training to get their minds right if they had offended the left with their contrary opinion or by having a Bible at their desk. But Obama's regal decree painting a scarlet letter on traditional values adherents ushered in a new level of public shunning. There would no longer be any pretense of respect or tolerance for the Neanderthals who believe what people have believed for 5,000 years regarding marriage.

It would now be open season on them.

But I thought leftists urged open-mindedness, respect for people who disagree and tolerance for all other viewpoints. Yes, they did, but they were never the slightest bit sincere. They not only don't accord dissenters respect but also wish them harm.

Take twin brothers David and Jason Benham. HGTV proudly announced last month in Los Angeles that it had picked up a series featuring the Benhams, to be called “Flip It Forward.” “After a decade of flipping houses for profit,” said HGTV, “brothers David Benham and Jason Benham now help families buy the homes they never thought they could afford. In each episode, the guys help a deserving family find a fixer-upper and transform it into their forever home — with a healthy dose of sibling rivalry between the brothers along the way.”

But when the group Right Wing Watch reported that the twins are “anti-gay activists,” HGTV “decided not to move forward with the Benham Brothers' series” as quickly as you can say “traditional marriage.”

Never mind how much good these brothers would do for peo-

ple or how well the show might do. They had committed the unpardonable sins of speaking out against same-sex marriage and engaging in prayer protests. Rumor has it they're even pro-life. Oh, my goodness.

The thought police are just getting warmed up under Police Chief Obama. Consider, for a few examples, the forced resignation of Mozilla CEO Brendan Eich for his prior support of California's Proposition 8, the discriminatory treatment against Hobby Lobby and Chick-fil-A, the forcing of companies to cater same-sex marriage celebrations, the cancellation of commencement speeches of conservative luminaries, the “Duck Dynasty” imbroglio, and Obama's trampling on the conscience rights of people of faith.

Does anyone believe that economic tyranny will be the only weapon ever used against the left's political opponents?

If so, you haven't been paying attention. Try the Internal Revenue Service's targeting of conservatives and Homeland Security's labeling of tea partiers as “domestic terrorists.”

What is the left's endgame? For you Democrats who say conservatives are just as bad, I say you're deluding yourselves. We would never advocate the muzzling or selective IRS targeting of political opponents. If such activities were to proceed from the right, we would condemn them outright and demand they be ceased.

The issue isn't whether you agree with same-sex marriage or any other leftist cause. It's whether you believe that everyone is entitled to freedom. Where are the freedom-loving Democrats out there? Isn't it time for you to speak up?

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Victims of rape should dial 911

If a 19-year-old high-school dropout raped by her ex-boyfriend wants justice, she calls the police. The same should apply to a 19-year-old college freshman similarly attacked by another student.

But it doesn't apply nearly enough. Colleges have let themselves become arbiters of violent crime. They have no business being in that business. Furthermore, they got into the business for bad reasons.

The inevitable result has been students suing their universities over what they see as an inadequate response to their allegations of sexual abuse. The feds are investigating several schools — including Harvard, Princeton, Ohio State and Florida State — over the matter.

Many colleges want sexual crimes on campus handled in-house so the public doesn't learn of them. In Rhode Island, for example, colleges have recorded 500 sexual assaults over a recent decade, but only one involved a call to police.

The other bad reason is that many of the aggrieved women prefer going to university authorities for a more cushioned experience. It is believed that a college-based panel investigating charges of “gender-based sexual misconduct” will be more sympathetic to the woman's narrative.

It is also assumed that colleges will place less emphasis than police on possible mitigating circumstances: Whether the woman and her alleged attacker were drunk. Whether they already had a consensual sexual relationship, which is usually the case.

Oddly, the accusers often want to protect their alleged attackers from the harsher treatment they might receive in the criminal justice system. The Columbia University student magazine The Blue and White carried a perceptive analysis of what's going on, by Barnard College senior Anna Bahr. She wrote of the complainants:

“Some explicitly hoped for leniency — seeing their assaulter participate in a remedial, community-based program was more attractive than expulsion.

In other cases, students felt conflicted about sending their assaulter to jail — ‘ruining the life’ — of an individual who had once been a friend.”

Thing is, outside the cosseted confines of the university gates, victims don't assume they may customize the punishment meted out to their assailants. And you do wonder about the blurred lines — in some of the women's heads — regarding the true nature of the crimes they're alleging. In New York state, conviction for first-degree rape can bring up to 25 years in prison.

One celebrated case involves Emma Sulkowicz. While a sophomore at Columbia University, Sulkowicz says she invited into her room a man she considered a

good friend and with whom she had had consensual sex twice. In the course of having sex, he became violent, hitting her and forcing her to have anal sex.

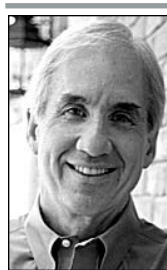
She says she felt disrespected by the university adjudicators and wronged when the panel held the male student “not responsible.” So she's suing the university for, among other things, not protecting her from the possibility that she might run into her alleged assailant at the library.

And she still hasn't called the police. In New York, the statute of limitations for someone to be charged with the sexual assault of an adult is five years. Sulkowicz could report him to law enforcement today.

Rape and any other violent attack should be a matter for police, not a team of university counselors, administrators and panels. If the police are not up to the task — and they've gotten better at dealing sensitively with sexual crimes against women — then that's the issue.

A university wanting to ease the perceived or real trauma of its charges might offer counseling and medical services. But when a student insists she's been raped and wants justice done, then the appropriate guidance is to help her dial 911.

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Big Spring ISD Pride Corner

Career Prep I and Career Prep II are Career and Technology Education (CTE) Courses offered to juniors and seniors at Big Spring High School. Many people in our community will recognize these courses by their old titles of VOE, DE, HECE.

These are the courses that juniors and seniors can take to gain credits for working in the community. The student, upon passing the class, gains 1.5 credits for each semester in the class and can take the class their junior year and then again their senior year.

Topics studied in the class are a multitude of safety issues dealing with the workplace, leadership skills, communication skills, practice filling out job applications, creating personal resumes, participating in professional interviews, a unit in finances and etiquette.

There are approximately 75 students employed throughout the community under the Career Preparation program.

Although under a different name, this course has been offered at BSHS for more than 40 years. Currently, the class is taught by Jill Willbanks, a 1974 BSHS graduate and Lana Piercefield, a former graduate.



Goliad Elementary has been busy this past week. The 4th and 5th Grade

Honor Choir performed a concert last week.



• Jump Rope for George on Wednes-



day, May 21. (Students who sold the most fundraiser items get to grab money).

• 5th grade field trip on Thursday, May 22.

• Jeans for Troops Thursday, May 22nd
Grades 3-5 Field Day on Friday, May 23.

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Big Spring ISD has been hosting Kindergarten Registration at each elementary campus. If you missed the event on your campus, please call the school office to begin the registration process.

Other events coming up at Goliad are:

• Grades K-2 Field Day on Friday, May 16.

• 3rd grade field Trip on Monday, May 19.

Equivalency diplomas opens opportunities for graduates

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Tina Compton and Mary Fagg were both young when they decided to quit school. But now, in their 40s, they have been given “a second chance at life.”

Compton and Fagg were two of the 47 individuals who walked across the Woodrow Wilson Middle School auditorium stage Wednesday night during the Vigo County School Corp. High School Equivalency Graduation.

“For many of our graduates, the HSE has been a second chance at life, a chance to better themselves and provide for their families,” Jeff Clutter, director of the adult education program for the Vigo County School Corp., said at the ceremony. “For whatever reason, they were not able to complete high school, but by earning their High School Equivalency Diploma, they have opened doors to opportunities they would not have had without it.”

Compton and Fagg, who described themselves as “best friends” and “like sisters,” were all smiles as they hugged on stage to congratulate each other for their accomplishments, decades in the making.

“It’s amazing. I can’t put it into words,” Fagg told the Tribune-Star

(http://bit.ly/1LD9VGh) when asked about how she felt upon receiving the diploma.

Fagg was 16 when she decided to quit school, a time when “I was going around with the wrong crowd.”

Now 46, she decided to get her diploma to fulfill a promise she made to her father before he passed away two years ago.

Her father, Fagg said, told her “to reach for the stars and not to stop.”

She also wanted to show her two daughters that she can do it.

But she didn’t do it alone.

Compton and Fagg, who also work together, went through the HSE process together. They studied together; attended classes together; took the test together; and on Wednesday, graduated together.

Also at the ceremony to cheer and applaud Compton and Fagg were their children and “grandbabies.”

Compton said she also drew inspiration from her four children, one of which is a 2-year-old. She also wanted to set a good example.

“I want to let her know that I did get (my diploma) and she should (also) go ahead and get hers,” Compton said.

Both best friends are looking forward to further study and better

careers.

Families and friends packed the auditorium for the graduation ceremony, which included speeches from four of the graduates and VCSC Superintendent Dan Tanoos, who praised the graduates’ perseverance and hard work.

One of the speeches was delivered by Sarah Elder, a graduate.

“For some of us, this is stepping stone to get a better job; for others this is going to be used to go to college,” Elder said.

“For me, I wanted to be able to tell my children that I did go back to class and I did finish and get my GED,” she told the attendees.

In the past year, 190 people from the community have passed the HSE exam, and 47 of those individuals participated in the graduation, Clutter said. The average age for this year’s graduating class was 25.

The Vigo County School Corp.’s Adult Education program offers free classes to help individuals prepare for the High School Equivalency exam. It offers 18 classes at 11 locations throughout Vigo County and serves more than 600 students per year, he added.

To the graduates, it was a second chance.

State news in brief

Defendant absent when convicted in child’s death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 48-year-old San Antonio man has been convicted of a lesser charge of reckless injury to a child for the death of his 3-year-old adopted daughter but skipped court and wasn’t present for the verdict.

Matthew Aranda is now a fugitive and his \$250,000 bond has been revoked.

Jurors could have convicted him Wednesday of murder. Instead, they convicted on the lesser charge that’s also a felony. Aranda could get up to 20 years in prison.

The San Antonio Express-News reports jurors weren’t given an explanation for the empty chair where Aranda has been sitting during his trial for the 2009 death of Melody Velasquez.

Aranda contended the child fell down some carpeted stairs. Evidence showed more than a dozen fractures and bruises over her body.

School suspends 150 for dress code

DUNCANVILLE, Texas (AP) — School dress code violations have earned more than 150 Duncanville High School students a suspension.

The code requires tucked-in shirts with collars, non-sagging pants, belts and closed-toe shoes.

Students say the suspensions were handed out Wednesday when code violators were brought to the school cafeteria and then sent home.

Some students say the dress code hadn’t been enforced all year. The principal of the more than 3,700-stu-

dent campus about 10 miles southwest of Dallas, Andre Smith, disagrees. He says officials have high expectations for their students.

Police were summoned to the school later Wednesday after a student food fight but Duncanville city officials say they’re not aware of any arrests.

6 year-old Odessa boy gets life saving award

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A 6-year-old kindergarten student has been given the Odessa Fire Department’s Life Saving Award for his actions that saved the life of a flower delivery man on Valentine’s Day.

Derek Hefner accepted a plaque, accolades from department officials, students and teachers at Odessa’s Compass Academy where he goes to school and gratitude from the man whose life he saved.

Richard Tomlin made a delivery, then collapsed outside in front of the school. Derek, walking inside a school hallway, spotted him fall. He alerted teachers and Odessa emergency medical staff was summoned.

Attempt to halt state takeover of Beaumont schools

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Attorneys representing the Beaumont school board president and vice president are seeking a court order to block the state takeover of the troubled public school district.

The filing before a state District Judge Lora Livingston asks the Texas Education Agency be barred from installing a board of managers that

would replace the district superintendent and lower the district’s accreditation.

Livingston said Wednesday the accreditation issue can move forward but The Beaumont Enterprise reports she’s delayed a ruling on the board of managers plan until she receives additional information.

Warning to truck thief: Truck belongs to judge

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Whoever stole Melissa Madrigal’s pickup truck in Corpus Christ better hope they don’t wind up in court.

Madrigal is a Nueces County magistrate judge.

Madrigal’s Ford F-150 Supercrew was stolen Wednesday from outside her mother’s home in Corpus Christi.

Her checkbook, campaign files and a gift she recently received are missing with the truck.

She tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times the theft bothers her but she’s grateful it’s not a crime where she or her mother was physically hurt.

State blocked from intervening in gay divorce case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio judge has blocked the state’s effort to halt a divorce and child custody case involving a same-sex couple.

The Texas Attorney General’s office argued Wednesday before State District Judge Barbara Nellermoe that it has an interest in defending Texas’ ban on same-sex marriages.

Nellermoe refused to allow the state to intervene in the case. She previously ruled Texas restrictions on same-sex marriage are unconstitutional.

The San Antonio Express-News reports state attorneys have said they’ll appeal the decision.

Nellermoe’s ruling comes in the case of Kristi Lesh and Allison Flood Lesh, who were married legally in Washington in 2010.

Standardized test questions released accidentally

DALLAS (AP) — The company that runs Texas’ standardized school tests is acknowledging it accidentally released to test scorers two English essay questions on the exams before they were given.

Officials at the testing firm Pearson tell The Dallas Morning News the mistake was theirs and they regret it. The firm has a \$90 million contract with the state.

The English tests were given March 31 and April 1 and the two questions appeared a few days earlier in emails sent to scorers.

The Texas Education Agency says the likelihood is small that the information reached students.

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Spurs upend Blazers, advance to West finals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After a grueling seven-game series with the Dallas Mavericks, the San Antonio Spurs earned some rest by making Trail Blazers.

And it couldn't come at a better time.

Danny Green and Kawhi Leonard each scored 22 points, and San Antonio overcame an injury to Tony Parker to close out the Western Conference semifinals with a 104-82 victory over Portland in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

"We really needed this win for multiple reasons," said Manu Ginobili, who handled much of the ball-handling duties in Parker's absence. "First, because we didn't want to get on the plane tomorrow. It's tough to play every other day so far against a younger team after a four-hour flight. Then, every time you have an opportunity to close a series, especially at home, you want to take it. Then we saw Tony go down, so now we have a little break to get him back."

After playing with various

injuries throughout last post-season, the Spurs had been healthy in these playoffs until Wednesday.

After returning to the court with 9:46 remaining in the second quarter following his normal rest, Parker left the game exactly a minute later. He headed back to the locker room followed closely by San Antonio general manager R.C. Buford and team physician, Dr. Paul Saenz.

Parker will undergo an MRI today to determine the severity of the injury.

The good news is Parker and the Spurs have at least five days off to recuperate in another extended postseason run.

It's the third straight conference finals appearance for San Antonio, which lost a heart-breaking seven-game series to the Miami Heat in last season's NBA Finals.

San Antonio awaits the winner of the series between Oklahoma City and the Los Angeles Clippers. The Thunder have a 3-2 lead.

"Whoever's the best team, I

want to play them," Leonard said. "It's gonna prepare us for the (NBA) finals."

After nearly being ousted by the Mavericks, the Spurs' confidence was definitely lifted by a near sweep of the Blazers.

The ball movement, energetic defense and potent bench scoring that led San Antonio to the league's best record was virtually absent against Dallas.

It returned to overwhelm Portland, which had upset the Houston Rockets in the opening round.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Tatiana Sorokina scrambles to grab a ball near short a Lady Hawks' game against Odessa College recently. Sorokina was among a handful of HC women who were named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference all-conference roster. She earned honorable mention all-conference accolades.

Hawks, Lady Hawks well represented on WJCAC teams

The Howard College Hawk softball and baseball teams both made strong showings in conference and post season play and now they are being recognized for their efforts.

Topping that list for softball is the pitching duo of Jessica Elder and Nicole Wilson, both tapped as WJCAC First Team and Region V All Region First Team players.

"Jessica and Nicole have both been solid pitchers for our team all season," said Kelly Raines, Hawk softball head coach. "We really depended on them in our defensive attack and they came through for their teammates on a consistent basis."

In addition, several other Hawks were noted for their all conference and all region performances:

Joining their teammates in post season honors are

Elizabeth Torres - Catcher - WJ-

CAC First Team; Region V All Region First Team

Corrina Liscano - Infielder - WJCAC First Team; Honorable Mention for WJCAC Most Valuable Player; Region V All Region First Team;

Samantha Ohmie - Infielder - WJCAC Honorable Mention; Region V All Region First Team;

Tatiana Sorokina - Infielder - WJCAC Honorable Mention;

Lani Munoz - Outfielder - WJCAC First Team;

Natalie Baltas - Outfielder - WJCAC Honorable Mention; Region V All Region First Team.

"This team has been performing well all season long," said Raines. "They work hard, put in the hours and show commitment to their sport. I'm very proud of each one of them and their individual recognition as

well as their team performances."

The Hawk baseball team also brought in a few post season honors after a valiant run in the Region V tournament earlier this month.

Sophomore Austin Solecitto was named WJAC Most Valuable Pitcher and was named to the Region V All Region First Team.

Teammates Reggie Wilson, Brenon Rhodes, Brandon Wagner, Dane Steinhagen, Ryan McCarvel, Jose Favela, Tanner Scott, and Zach Flanagan were all named to the WJAC All Conference Honorable Mention list.

"As a team, we definitely faced some adversity this season with injuries as well as consistency," stated Hawk baseball head coach Britt Smith. "But they are a competitive group and fought back late in the season."

Miami rallies past Nets

MIAMI (AP) — A game, a series, a season, they all would hinge on one shot.

That is, if the shot was taken.

Ray Allen and LeBron James would have none of that. They swarmed Brooklyn sharpshooter Joe Johnson and knocked the ball away — twice, actually — in the final moments, and the Miami Heat reached the Eastern Conference finals for the fourth consecutive year by rallying past the Nets 96-94 on Wednesday night.

Miami led for only 32 seconds after halftime — the final 32 seconds.

"It's always been like that for us," James said. "It's never easy. It's never easy for us."

Sure looks easy. It was the 10th straight series win for the two-time defending NBA champions.

James scored 29 points, Dwight Wade added 28 and Allen hit the 3-pointer that gave Miami its first and only lead since the second quarter.

The Heat won the series 4-1, a far cry from the 4-0 edge Brooklyn had in the regular-season matchups between the clubs.

"Give the Heat credit," Nets coach Jason Kidd said. "They were attacking there in the fourth quarter. We were attacking. Both teams were attacking. They made plays, they made shots and we didn't."

For much of the night, Brooklyn was making enough plays.

The Nets led by 10 points in the third quarter and got a virtuoso performance from Johnson, a game-high 34 points on 15 for 23 shooting. He just never got that 24th shot off.

Johnson took an inbound pass in the right corner with 4.4 seconds left, was defended by James as he worked toward the lane, and lost the ball when Allen got his right hand on it with 1.8 seconds left.

Johnson grabbed the ball but James knocked it away as time ran out.

Dominguez single lifts Astros over Rangers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers got a solid start on Wednesday night from Nick Tepesch, who was thrust into action because of mounting injuries in the rotation.

Unfortunately for the Rangers, the bullpen couldn't build on his work in a 5-4 loss to the Houston Astros.

Matt Dominguez hit an RBI single off the right-field wall in the ninth inning to help the Astros win a series against their in-state rivals for the first time since 2008.

The Astros took two of three after losing 15 straight series to the Rangers. Houston overcame a four-run deficit to win.

Tepesch allowed one run and two hits in 5 1-3 innings, striking out eight in his season debut in the majors. He was called up from Triple-A Round Rock earlier in the day.

Tepesch is the ninth different pitcher to start for the injury-plagued Rangers this season, which is tied with the

Chicago White Sox for most in the majors.

"He did a good job. He really did," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

"He got us into the sixth inning and we had the pieces in the bullpen that we wanted in the game.

"We just didn't shut them down."

Buffs to face Winters in regional quarterfinals

The Forsan High School Buffaloes will kick off their best-of-three regional quarterfinal playoff series tomorrow in Snyder.

Forsan, now 16-8 for the season, earned the right to face Winters by defeating Ta-

hoka this past weekend, 2-1

The Buffaloes' third-round series is set to start at 8 p.m. on Friday at Moffett Field. Game 2 will be played on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Game 3 will follow.

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Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

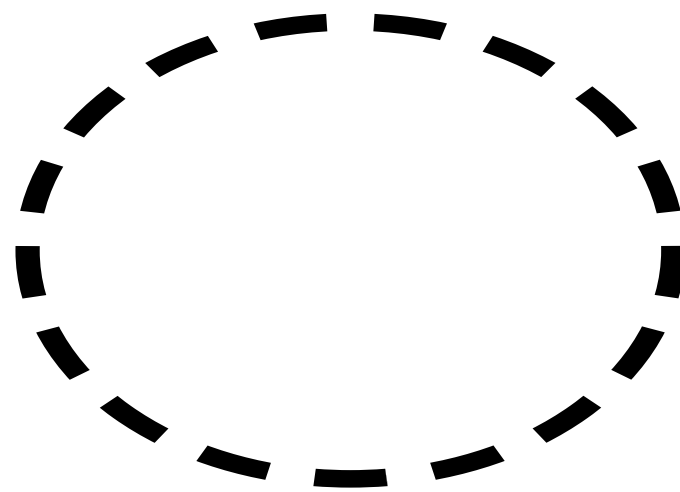
Manhattan Petroleum, Inc., PO Box 35888, Tulsa, Ok 74153, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation which is not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres and Clearfork formations, 87 Fairview Lease, Well No. 1. the proposed disposal well is located approximately 10 miles in a northwest direction from Big Spring, Texas, in the Sprabery (Trend Area) Field in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into the strata in the subsurface in a depth interval of 3,000 feet to 4,924 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted in writing within fifteen (15) days of publication to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Venus and Uranus Shake It Up

Venus and Uranus shake it up in Aries. Hearts will go wild. Love is illogical. Strange associations, inconvenient feelings and unlikely pairings will all be part of the excitement. Whimsical actions may seem to be of little consequence in the moment, but they will



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create lasting memories that heavily influence the way-distant future.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Does it all seem to be happening at once? That's just an optical illusion. Narrow your vision. Look at one section of the chaos at a time. Break things down into small, manageable sections.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The red flag will go up, so don't ignore it. Walk away before you get in too deep. You wouldn't like this arrangement for your best friend, so you shouldn't let yourself be in it, either.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). To you, it may feel like you're doing sporadic bouts of work, but to those who check in on you, it will be quite impressive. At the end of the day, you'll be applauded for what you've finished.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You need a policy. Come up with one and write it down. With a policy to guide your decisions, you will be able to make them quickly and without wasted effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sophisticated taste comes through even though you are sometimes silly in your approach. There is good silly and bad silly. Your humor creates commonality and good will.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This day will start off shaky and improve as it goes. What you learn will

make you feel hopeful about the future, which actually seems to brighten with every positive thought you throw at it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are curious about the lives of others, and you might attribute a certain glamour to them that they don't really possess. Say the magic words, and doors will swing open, giving you a temporary pass into a disparate world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To love is to be happy. Receiving love back from the same person you love is absolute heaven. Tonight, messages between dear ones will be slightly scrambled, and sorting them out will be part of the fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are the beholder in whose eye beauty is born. If you

think it's lovely, it is. Believe in your own ideas, and let yourself enjoy your vision even if you seem to be the only one seeing it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're like a poker player who knows she's got killer cards and doesn't dare let her face show it. Your restraint will win you a nice pot of money, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Joining in will be fun for a while, but it doesn't take long for you to get bored with the status quo. If you follow the crowd, you're never going to see the places you get to see when you walk alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You crave organization and neatness. Randomness drains your energy, and you'll have a very low tolerance for it. The time you spend getting things in order will add to your health and well-being.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 15). You'll uplift or even save someone in June. Being able to help will feel huge, and with good karma and increased confidence, you'll make a deal in July. Just know the finer points before you sign. Events in September inspire new relationships and adventures. November will positively impact your work. Aries and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 24, 7, 40 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: To the Leo dealing with overwhelming financial worry and panic... (See Monday through Wednesday for the rest of this response.)

6. After your crying has subsided, slowly turn to take a good look at what you fear. You can do this. You're stronger than you know. Turn the "worst-case scenario" into a kind

of game. The object of the game is to imagine the outcome you fear and then come up with all the possible ways you might cope should those worst cases come to pass. The benefit of the game is that instead of a vague body of fear you will have defined problems with possible solutions.

7. Allow yourself to take things in stages. If you have to take a break from plotting and planning your next move to cry, scream or whatever, just do it. The uptight feelings will pass as long as you let them through. Take a walk, do something different, call a friend, and then get back to it.

8. Take action. That is what will return you to normalcy. How can you lighten your load? Could you clean out a closet and sell something? How can you get more money coming in? Brainstorm, and then act.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Legendary Baltimore Ravens linebacker and ESPN contributor Ray Lewis says, "With all the things I've been through, the No. 1 thing that I've learned is that we're supposed to help people through this world." Lewis was born under a well-rounded balance of astral influences, including a hardworking Taurus sun and an adventurous, passionate Sagittarius moon.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Anticipating the Unexpected

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K Q 4
♥ A
♦ K 7 2
♣ A J 10 6 2

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

EAST
♠ 7
♥ K 7 6 5
♦ J 10 8 6
♣ K Q 9 3

SOUTH
♠ 6 5 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A Q 9 4 3
♣ 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — jack of spades.

To be a competent declarer, one must also be a worrier. Optimism is unquestionably a great asset at the bridge table — as in everyday life — but its value is dubious when carried to the point where a clear and present danger is ignored.

Consider today's case where South is in three notrump and West leads a spade. Ten tricks — three spades, a heart, five diamonds and a club — seem likely when dummy comes down.

But declarer should not blithely proceed on the assumption that the diamonds are divided normally — that is, 3-2. He should allow for — and, if possible, protect against — the possibility that the diamonds might be divided 4-1 (or even 5-0).

South should therefore cash dummy's king of diamonds at trick two (instead of leading a low diamond to the ace, which is more usual). As soon as both opponents follow suit, the contract becomes certain, regardless of how the remaining diamonds are divided.

When declarer leads another diamond from dummy and East produces the eight (it doesn't help him to play the 10), South plays the nine. He doesn't expect the nine to win — the odds are greatly against it — but win or lose, the deep finesse assures scoring four diamond tricks and nine tricks in all.

In the actual deal, the safety play produces 10 tricks. But note that if declarer fails to play the diamonds as suggested, he winds up down one.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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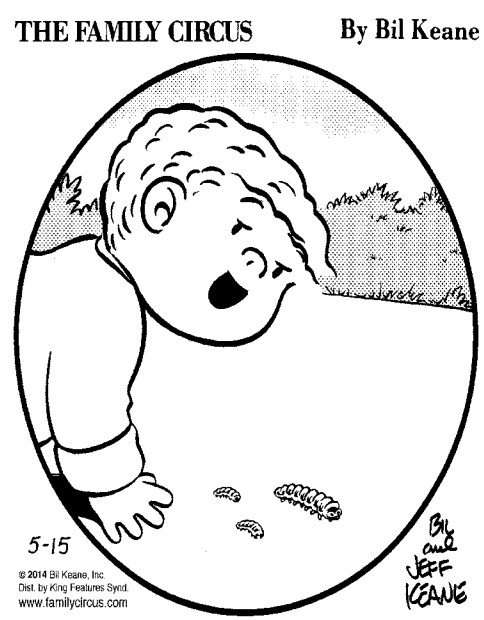
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"I WISH THEY'D AT LEAST CHANGE THIS WALLPAPER. I'M SO TIRED OF LOOKIN' AT IT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

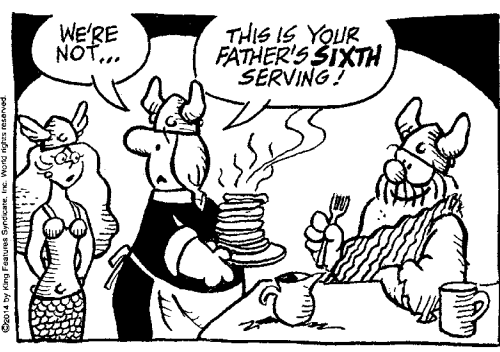


"Come see! The mommy-pillar is taking her kiddy-pillars for a crawl!"

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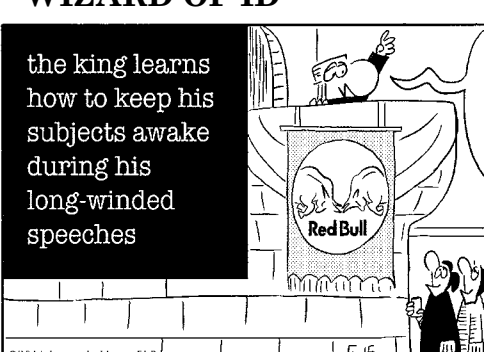
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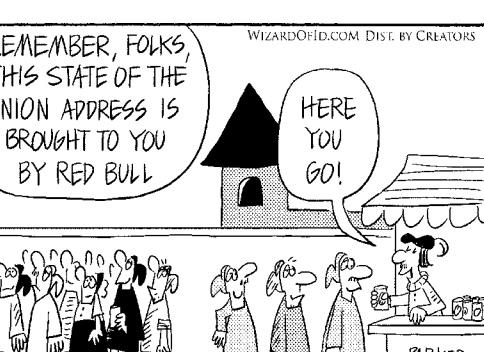
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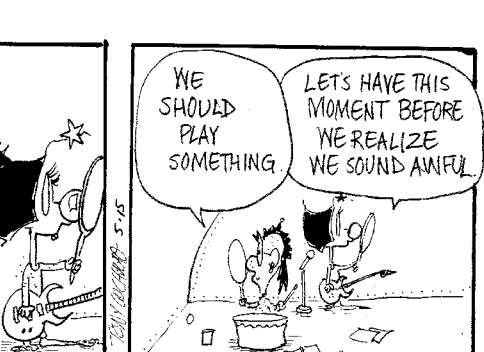
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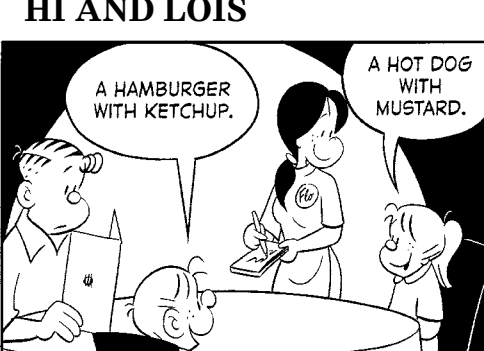
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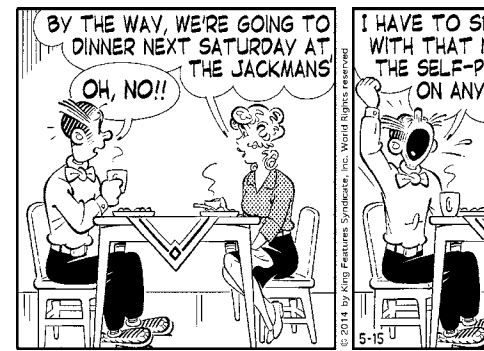
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 15, the 135th day of 2014. There are 230 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 15, 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed by Arthur H. Bremer while campaigning in Laurel, Maryland, for the Democratic presidential nomination. (Bremer served 35 years of a 53-year sentence for attempted murder.) On this date: In 1602, English navigator Bartholomew

Gosnold and his ship, the Concord, arrived at present-day Cape Cod, which he's credited with naming. In 1776, Virginia endorsed American independence from Britain. In 1863, Edouard Manet's painting "Le déjeuner sur l'herbe" (The Lunch on the Grass) went on display in Paris, scandalizing viewers with its depiction of a nude woman seated on the ground with two fully dressed men at a picnic in a wooded area. In 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil Co. was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Anti-

trust Act, and ordered its breakup. In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines). In 1954, the Fender Stratocaster guitar, created by Leo Fender, was officially released.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Baskin-Robbins rival
 - 5 Small spinners
 - 9 Gotten going
 - 14 Sector
 - 15 "This can't be good"
 - 16 Saudi neighbor
 - 17 Ornerly, in a way
 - 19 Nonsensical talk
 - 20 Compartments
 - 21 Fund for the future
 - 23 Take it very easy
 - 24 Antagonist
 - 25 Ornerly, in a way
 - 28 Massive fire
 - 30 Part of an Uncle Sam costume
 - 31 Low range
 - 32 Emphatic turndown
 - 35 1040 ID
 - 36 Ornerly, in a way
 - 40 Letters before "Fridays"
 - 43 Start of some tribute titles
 - 44 Took after
 - 48 Scrubber at the sink
 - 50 Crime lord
 - 53 Ornerly, in a way
 - 56 Frequent bake-sale sponsor
 - 57 Edit-menu selection
 - 58 Stale routine
 - 59 Chopin work
 - 61 Get ___ of reality
 - 63 Ornerly, in a way
 - 66 Adjust, as sails
 - 67 Home-decor giant
- DOWN**
- 1 Running bill
 - 2 Stradivari's hometown
 - 3 Convictions
 - 4 America's third-oldest university
 - 5 City with saguaros
 - 6 "Caught you!"
 - 7 Set forth
 - 8 ___ Khan (*Jungle Book* tiger)
 - 9 Short cut
 - 10 Wife of Iago
 - 11 Awkward ones
 - 12 Disassembles, perhaps
 - 13 Big name in media research
 - 18 Elevation abbreviation
 - 22 Harmon of *Rizzoli & Isles*
 - 24 Fudging of fact
 - 26 Time being
 - 27 Unable to decide
 - 29 Ending meaning "ultimate"
 - 33 Gone all day
 - 34 Replay mode
 - 37 Guffaw
 - 38 Milking-machine attachment
 - 39 ___ chi (martial art)
 - 40 Draftsperson's device
 - 41 Sink
 - 42 Duncan of dance
 - 45 Katy Perry or Cher
 - 46 The Sheens' birth name
 - 47 ___ favor for (help)
 - 49 German toast
 - 51 Microscope slide viewings
 - 52 Possible spinach-pie ingredient
 - 54 Crystal-clear
 - 55 Add fuel to
 - 60 45th state
 - 62 Big head
 - 64 What boys will be
 - 65 Ending for trick or quack

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Scoreboard

Table of basketball scores including BASKETBALL CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS, National League, and East Division results.

Table of baseball scores including Colorado, Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona, and various league divisions.

Quackenbush to El Paso (PCL). ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled 2B Kolten Wong from Memphis (PCL). American Association AMARILLO SOX — Signed LHP Logan Williamson...

Clips regroup for Game 6 after brutal OKC loss

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Paul's teammates figure he might need more time to fully recover from his role in one of the ugliest playoff collapses in NBA history. With the Los Angeles Clippers' season riding on Game 6, Paul knows he doesn't have that luxury.

and I told him that game is not on one guy," Griffin said Wednesday at the Clippers' training complex. "It's not on him. We made plenty of mistakes down the stretch, plenty of mistakes throughout the game that could ultimately change the outcome. That idea that the game is on him, you understand what he's saying, but it's not on him by any means. We still have two games left to play."

to change it on replay review. Paul still appeared glum, giving short, clipped answers to questions about his turnovers and the Clippers' ability to bounce back in Game 6. "I woke up this morning with a beautiful wife and two beautiful kids," Paul said. "At the end of the day, it is basketball, but there's a lot of guys' livelihoods who depend on it, so I've got to do my part."

Pack hope they have shored up defense

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Pleased with the Packers' draft, coach Mike McCarthy made a confident proclamation. Engrave it into the side of a foam cheesehead in large, green-and-gold type.

opens a two-day rookie minicamp. Green Bay took four defensive players in the NFL draft, starting with safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix from Alabama in the first round.

per game). In a perfect scenario for Green Bay, Clinton-Dix would be a playmaker needed at safety, a position at which the Packers failed to get an interception last year. He's already been assigned a jersey number that comes with some pedigree — No. 21, worn by Charles Woodson when he was making big plays in the secondary in Green Bay.

Local Events

- CGA 4-Man Scramble: The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Sunday, May 18 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.
HCATTA Golf tournament: The Howard County Area Texas Tech Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on June 28-29 at the Comanche Trail Golf course.
Guys and Gals Scramble: The Guys and Gals Scramble will be held on May 17-18 at the Big Spring Country Club.

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