

Fitzgibbons, Shaw win party runoffs

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Next stop, November. Bob Fitzgibbons and Connie Shaw were victorious in the two Howard County races in Tuesday's primary runoff election, winning the Republican nomination in their respective justice of the peace races.

Fitzgibbons handily secured the GOP nomination for the Precinct 1, Place JP office, pulling in 75 percent of the vote against former Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. Fitzgibbons, who will face Democrat Carlos A. Leal in the November general election, garnered 859 votes, compared to 291 for Walker.



awesome "It's what else to say,"

long process — this is the first time I've ever done this — and now we'll probably wait until September before gearing up to do it again."

Shaw had a much tougher time securing the Precinct 2 JP GOP nomination, edging out Phillip Reid by a mere 19 votes out of more than

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it's humbling ... I really don't know Fitzgibbons said of his victory. "I just want to thank everybody who voted for me. This is special. It's been a



Herald photo/Lyndel Moody

Lupe Brito stands by a fence she says was pushed five feet by Monday's storm. Trees and outbuildings were damaged as was the roof of an adjacent home located a few miles north of Big Spring on Highway 350.

Storms take their toll

The Brito family witnessed damage to a home, fence and trees

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Lupe Brito and her family spent her Monday night riding out the raging storm in the closet of their house in the 3900 block of East High way 350. Lupe describes seeing what sounds like a tornado funnel forming in the large open field across from her home and the wind sounding as a deep, pulsating roar. Rain and hail hit the windows as the family huddled in the closet, Lupe said. "We saw it (a funnel) come down and then go back up and then slowly come down

again," she said .

Once the rain and hail subsided, Lupe said the main house on her and her hus-

"It looks like the

around the home.

A tarp now lays on the roof of a second home next to the main house where her granddaughter and her children reside. A wooden, red fence now stands loosely at least five feet closer to the house, pushed back, Lupe said, by the strong winds. Several tree branches were ripped and lay on the ground. The back of the large metal shop was dented, and looks as if it has been hit, Lupe said. Metal siding from the neighbors' house lies twisted and mangled in a field



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Robert "Bob" Fitzgibbons, left, and Kay Hulse look over primary runoff election results at the Howard County Courthouse Tuesday evening. Fitzgibbons handily won the Republican nomination for the Precinct 1, Place 2 Justice of the Peace race.

Coahoma graduates Thursday

Herald Staff Report

Coahoma High School will hold its 2014 commencement



ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring.

Kim Nichols will give the keynote address for the evening which will follow the valedictorian address given by Savannah Neff and the salutatorian address from

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Lord blessed us. He was taking care of us." Lupe Brito

band, Jesus', property was left relatively unscathed; however that was not the case to the other structures

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Grant: Drought not over

Special to the Herald

Weekend rains have helped increase the region's municipal surface water supply but "the rains this weekend are by no means a drought buster" said CRMWD General Manager John Grant.



"However. it is a start to replenishing area lakes that have been hard hit by the drought over the last five years," he added.

start seeing increases in our surface water supplies it has to start raining and raining in the right areas" said Grant.

The rains over the watersheds of Lake J.B. Thomas

"Before we can Grant

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More track is good, council says

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring city officials want the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to be the "one-stop shopping" center for its tenants' transportation needs.

To that end, the city council signed off on a

plan to extend rail service to the airpark during their Tuesday night meeting.

The \$1 million project will extend the existing rail spur to the edge of the airport tarmac.

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LOCAL

Obituaries

Gilbert "Aggie" Turner Gilbert "Aggie" Turner, 76, of



Bangs, Texas, passed away at his home on Sunday, May 25, 2014. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Bangs at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2014. Pat Ray will officiate the servic-

Gilbert Floyd Turner was born Jan. 20, 1938, in Palo Pinto County, Texas, to Coy Floyd and Lottie (Pope) Turner. He worked

in the oil fields for most of his career and was known as "Aggie" by his friends. The nickname came to be because Gilbert spent some time at Texas A&M. He was an avid reader and enjoyed reading any and everything he could. Gilbert was a very hard worker who always did what was needed to provide for his family. Gilbert absolutely lived for his children and his grandchildren as they were the greatest loves in his life. Gilbert was a loving husband, father, brother and son. He will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him.

Mr. Tuner was preceded in death by his parents, Coy F. and Lottie M. Turner; his brother, Gaylord Turner; and his sister, Greta Sue Yockers.

Mr. Turner leaves behind, to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Claudia Turner; 2 daughters, Janice Garret and Cindy Turner; 2 step-sons, Dieter Gerstenberger and Robert Gerstenberger; a stepdaughter, Rebekah Ellis; and 2 sisters, Loretta Yarbrough and Jo McWhorter.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the New Day Orphanage through the First Baptist Church of Bangs, Texas.

Paid obituary

Reynaldo "Rey" Juarez Reynaldo "Rey" Juarez, 46, of Big Spring died Friday 24, 2014, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Daley Carrasco Franco

Daley Čarrasco Franco, 40, of Odessa died Friday, May 24, 2014, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

NIEZA MARIE VARGAS, 32, of 1610 Young, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for criminal mischief impair/interrupt/divert public water – two counts and a warrant from another agency.

inmates at the time of this report.

 MARCUS EMORY STURGILL was booked by HCSO on a charge of violation of bond/protective order 2+ previous convictions. PINEDA JAUN RODRIQUEZ was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense.

• BLANCA WHITE • HALEY BLANE LUNA was booked by rant for parent contribto non-attenuting dance.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• 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. Weighin is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

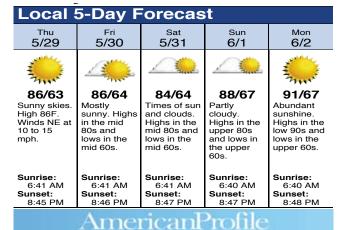
• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry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

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

• The Young and the Breastless of Big Spring meets every first Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Brooklyn's Deli in the Spring Town Plaza. This is a support group for breast cancer survivors.

FRIDAY

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



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Corsicana	83	66	t-storm	Rosenberg	86	68	t-storm
Dallas	86	67	t-storm	San Antonio	91	68	t-storm
Del Rio	96	68	mst sunny	San Marcos	89	66	t-storm
I Paso	97	72	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	82	66	t-storm
ort Stockton	90	65	mst sunny	Sweetwater	84	64	sunny
Gainesville	84	65	t-storm	Tyler	83	66	t-storm
Greenville	83	66	t-storm	Weatherford	85	65	t-storm
louston	87	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	88	64	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	66	pt sunny	Minneapolis	81	58	mst sunny
Boston	53	45	rain	New York	64	53	rain
Chicago	70	54	rain	Phoenix	102	76	mst sunny
Dallas	86	67	t-storm	San Francisco	66	52	sunny
Denver	87	56	mst sunny	Seattle	62	50	rain
Houston	87	68	t-storm	St. Louis	85	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	79	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	85	61	t-storm
Miami	86	76	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

session of illegal smoking materials, possession of drug paraphernalia and abandon/ endanger child criminal negligence two counts.

JAMES CORY MICHALEWICZ was booked by HCSO on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.

Mountain Medical Center.

• TRAUMA reported at the 300 block of E. 17th St. One patient transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80. One patient transported to SMMC. TRAFFICACCIDENT

reported at the intersection of E. 3rd St. and State. No transport.

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MEDICAL call reported at the 400 block of Sunset. One patient transported to SMMC. Tuesday: • MEDICAL call of W. 5th St. One patient reported at the 1900 block of Wasson. One patient transported to SMMC. TRAUMA reported at the 2100 block of Carl. No transport. TRAFFICACCIDENT reported at mile marker 169 Interstate HIghway 20. One patient transported to SMMC. MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One patient transported to SMMC. TRAUMA reported at the 1000 block of W. 4th St. One patient

One patient transported call

transported to SMMC.

Howard Rd., Starks, La., was arrested Tuesday on charges of use of illegal smoking material, possession of drug paraphernalia and abandon/ endanger child criminal negligence two counts.

• RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN, 46, of 417 Westover, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 500 block of E. FM 700, the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Blvd., the 1600 block of 11th Pl. and the 1600 block of S. Moss Lake Rd.

• FOUND PROPERTY was reported at the 1000 block of S. Birdwell Ln.

FORGERY was reported at the 300 block of Owens.

• THEFT was reported at the 200 block of S. Goliad and the 1000 block of N. Main.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1600 block of E. 16th St.

• DISTURBANCE was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700.

ASSAULT was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson and the 3600 block of Hamilton.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82

 GENARO LOPEZ CASTILLO III was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

 PARTICK AARON RAMIREZ JR. was booked by BSPD on a possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.

• MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention – two counts, possession of drug paraphernalia, fail to identify fugitive with intent to give false information and possession of drug paraphernalia.

 VICTOR CASTILLO was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention, violate promise to appear, fail to display drivers license, ran stop sign and failure to appear.

JACOB DANIEL PETROWSKI was booked by HCSO to begin sentence for possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram.

NIEZA MARIE VARGAS was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal mischief impair/interrupt public service – two counts and parent contributing to non-attendance.

 HALEY BLANE MCKAY was booked by BSPD on charges of pos-

• JUAN FRANSICO MCKAY, 19, of 4616 BSPD on a capias war- MARTINEZ was booked by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear.

 RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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

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Friday:

• TRAUMA reported at the 800 block of E. 14th St. Service refused.

MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of Scott. One patient transported to Scenic

• MEDICAL call block of Sunset. One patient transported to SMMC.

• AUTOMOBILE FIRE reported at the 1800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

Saturday:

MEDICAL call reported at the 1900 block of Simler. One patient transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL call reported at the 1000 block of E. 12th St. One patient transported to SMMC.

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

Sunday:

 TRAUMA reported at the 1900 block of Morrison. One patient



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• MEDICAL call reported at the 1600 reported at the 300 block transported to SMMC. Monday:

MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Lancaster. One patient transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of NW 7th St. One patient transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Stanford. One patient transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA call reported at the 200 block of Refinery Rd. One patient transported to SMMC.

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Range conference here Thursday

Special to the Herald

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the West Texas Livestock and Range Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Broughton Agriculture Complex on the Howard College campus in Big Spring.

The conference is a seven-countv program involving AgriLife Extension offices in Andrews, Glasscock, Upton, Reagan, Howard, Martin and Midland counties.

"We've gathered a fine set of speakers who will present ranchrelated information covering a number of topics of interest to our area," said Rebel Royall, AgriLife Extension agent in Glasscock County. "These topics are selected by the AgriLife Extension agents based on needs gleaned from our local planning committees."

The morning session's topics and speakers will include;

- Livestock forage disaster program, Karla Hoelscher, Farm Services Agency, Howard County.

- Natural Resources Conservation Service Update, Eddy Spurgin, district conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Big Spring.

- Bull Fertility, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton.

– Mesquite Control, Ralph Porter, Dow AgroSciences, Abilene. What can I pay for cows and heifers? Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon.

– Stocking rates during and after a drought, Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

- Stay-Tuff Fence demonstration, Harold Shipman, territory manager, New Braunfels.

The afternoon session topics will include product discussions of cattle de-wormers, a talk on replacement heifer development and an optional off-site fodder demonstration.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units in the general category will be offered.

Individual registration is \$25 and includes a noon meal. For more information, contact

Royall at 432-354-2381, r-royall@ tamu.edu or the AgriLife Extension office in any of the participating counties.

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RUNOFFS

300 cast.

The former JP clerk is unopposed in November.

"I'm just very relieved and glad its over," Shaw said this morning. "I'm very appreciative of the people who came out and voted for me ... and I had a lot of people who helped me. I couldn't have done it without them. Now, I'm looking for to getting

County vote totals for statewide runoffs included: Republican

Lt. Governor — Dan Patrick 936, David Dewhurst 480.

Attorney General — Ken Paxton 763, Dan Branch 597.

Commissioner of Agriculture — Tommy Merritt 657, Sid Miller 569.

Railroad Commissioner - Ryan Sitton 747, Wayne Christian 528.

Democrat

U.S. Senator — David M. Alameel 40, Kesha Rogers 31.

Commissioner of Agriculture – Jim Hogan 42, Richard "Kinky" Friedman 34.

STORMS

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behind the home.

Howard County firefighters were called out to the 3900 block of East Highway 350 to remove a power line that had fallen on a house in that area. Tommy Sullivan, volunteer fire chief, reported to a local radio reporter the line was

still arching electricity at the time of arrival.

The downpour flooded the road and left hazardous driving conditions, causing near accidents, Lupe said.

Lupe said her church, Holy Trinity, is assisting the couple in repairing the roof on the second house. For now, her granddaughter and children will be living in the main house with Lupe and

rivers and there is still water

that will continue to flow into

the lakes for the next few

Total inflow to the CRM-

WD reservoirs as of Tuesday

morning was 36,470 acre-feet

with the Ivie Reservoir being

the biggest beneficiary. Total

Jesus until repairs are complete. That house, she said, seems to have escaped the damaging winds.

"It looks like the Lord blessed us," she said. "He was taking care of us."

The Britos were just one Howard County family whose homes and property were damaged by the storms Monday. A number of residents reported downed trees and

for the District now stands at

fences and roof damage.

A pair of "super cell" storm systems swept through Howard and Glasscock counties Monday, spawning tornadoes, high wind and hail while dumping a great deal of rain on an area already soaked by three days of precipitation.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Rick Hluehan said the first super cell developed east of Hobbs, N.M. and

quickly moved east through Howard County, while a second system formed near Midland and took a more southerly track through Glasscock County.

Herald reporter Steve Regan contributed to this report.

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

DROUGHT

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and the E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie Reservoirs were a good start to re-establishing soil moisture, filling stock tanks and wetting the creeks and

COUNCIL

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Officials said the project, which was completed in partnership with the local Economic Development Corporation, will accomplish the double purpose of better serving current tenants and attracting new ones.

combined reservoir storage ecutive Director Terry Wegman said. "We're getting inquiries on a regular basis from companies wanting to locate out there because they will have access to rail

days, Grant said.

service.' The expanded rail service, combined with improved capacity at the **Big Spring Airport and** the coming Highway 87 reliever route (which will connect with the airpark), will allow the facility to offer a trifecta of transportation services - air, rail and road to its customers. "One of the most im-

Ruiz, Devon Maddox,

Elizabeth Warnick and

Also, Haley Walker,

Havden Adamson, Jacob

Jentsch, Jerry Sloan,

Joe Thompson, Jordan

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portant economic development projects in the state has been Alliance Airport in Fort Worth, which brought together air, rail and the interstate traffic," Wegman said. "That's what we've got in Big Spring, on a smaller scale. This will not only benefit the oil and gas industry, but it will have a long-term benefit for the community." While Big Spring officials definitely want to realize the city's fair share of economic benefits from the oil and gas boom, they are also look-

quez, Kali Gilbert, Kim

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Nelson, Megan Hurst,

Miranda McNew, Rudy

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Esquivel, Martha

108,840 acre-feet or 8.56 percent of total capacity. The Ivie Reservoir gained 8.66 vertical feet and captured 35,840 acrefeet of inflow.

"Customers of the District still need to remember how serious this drought is and with the recent rain not get

complacent" he said. "Just continue to use common sense, if you have an automatic sprinkler system and received one to two inches of rain at your house, turn off your sprinkler system for the next couple of weeks.

"The folks in West Texas have done a great job in re-

> Tax Fund Budget for the purpose of additional

special event funding. • Approved a higher incentive education program which will provide financial help to employees seeking college degrees.

• Signed off on lease agreements with Western Container and Howard County Teen Court.

• Reappointed Jim Purcell and John Myers

sponding to the drought and conserving water over the last few years and they need to be commended for that" Grant said, "but we still need to work together as we manage our water supplies."

For additional information, contact Grant at 432-267-6341.

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

MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

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ing further diversify the local economy.

started in January."

"This will provide opportunities for our current customers, but also provide opportunities to attract new tenants to the airpark," EDC Ex-

navides Mayor Pro Tem and appointed District 4 representative Bobby McDonald to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Increased the Motel

"This is a step to in-

crease diversification of

our workforce," Coun-

cilman Justin Myers

said. "This will par-

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eventually goes away."

Tuesday, the council:

• Elected District 5

representative Raul Be-

In

to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of Directors. Contact Staff Writer

Reynaldo "Rey" Juarez, 46, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Smith Funeral Home.



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Shayla Martin.

Candidates for graduation Amanda are: King, Ashley O'Brien, Bianca Anzaldua, Billy Acosta, Branson Kennedy, Breann Castillo, Brent Lambdin, Caige Miller, Caleb Chapa, Colten Ver Steeg, Dalton Crister, David Falgout, David Mejia, Devin





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Stupid EPA regs costing billions

o protect myself from undue criticism, or something much worse, I begin today's literary journey by issuing the following disclaimers; I love my planet and desire

her preservation. I love all of God's creation, living and non-living. I respect all humanity and believe everyone and everything has purpose. I felt it important to establish those few truths

before proceeding

with today's pon-

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PRINCE

subject, the role of that rather strange group of folks known as "environmentalists" that seem to constantly keep the waters of common sense troubled.

I am educated enough to know that plants and animal species are important to the ecological balance upon which all life forms, including humans, depend. Plants and animals are important food, pharmaceutical and chemical resources. Such vital resources should not be taken for granted and must be protected. I know that plants are at the base of the food chain. Through the process of photosynthesis, plants produce food. When humans consume plants or animals that eat plants, they get energy that fuels life.

I also know that life-saving medicines are derived from plants, animals and other living organisms. The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) states, "More than a third of our pharmaceuticals originated with wild plants."

The more than one million plant and animal species, including 4,000 fish species, associated with coral reefs provide food for subsistence fishermen in many communities throughout the world. Scientists continue to develop new food crops from wild plants which can prove beneficial to sustaining human life if domestic crop supplies are depleted or wiped out by disease, according to the EDF.

There are about 100,000 known tree species throughout the world. I understand that trees are crucial to human life because they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, prevent erosion, provide building materials and serve as

picture.

But one government agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, along with its advocates and proponents, has proven to be a real thorn in the flesh of all reasonable and sensible people. Even though they have made some valid contribution to the world's problems, the list of stupid EPA regulations is endless. Utilizing favorable court decisions that have proved elastic for their purposes, the EPA is seeking to exercise control over nearly every facet of American industry.

As an example, oil companies say a recent Obama administration ruling that protects a Southwestern prairie bird has already halted oil-drilling operations in Kansas and is costing the U.S. economy tens of millions of dollars. The decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that was announced in late March and took effect May 1 includes a provision that should allow federal officials and landowners in the five impacted states, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to manage conservation efforts. But oil producers say the interim weeks was too little time for them to digest the regulations and figure out how to avoid the potential criminal and civil penalties. "Not complying brings very stiff penalties, so we've basically just pulled out of western Kansas," Mike Vess, owner of Wichita-based Vess Oil Corp., said earlier this week. "The reaction was 'OK, we're just not going to drill."

American farmers have been saddled with a myriad number and variety of regulations. A major threat to farmers is Title V of the Clean Air Act. Title V, a CO2 emissions standard, would apply to "dairy facilities with over 25 cows, beef cattle operations of over 50 cattle, swine operations with over 200 hogs, and farms with over 500 acres of corn." The EPA puts the first-year cost of each Title V permit at \$46,500 and the pre-construction permitting program at \$84,500. The EPA has temporarily raised the threshold for CO2 emissions but this waiver is on shaky legal grounds.

How about the so-called "Dust" regulation. The EPA is considering a crackdown on farm dust.

The EPA proposes to regulate dust as a pollutant. So dust from that is unenforceable unless they hire and locate an enforcement agent on every farm in America.

Another area that is stringently regulated is the handling of manure, particularly the paperwork involved.

One farmer said that she spent 15 hours a week filling out forms to track each load of manure that her animals generated.

The EPA is also blocking the building of the Keystone XL pipeline that would bring oil from Canada's oil sands to Texas for refining. Construction of the 2,000-mile pipeline would produce billions of dollars in tax revenue from thousands of construction jobs. The added 900,000 barrels a day would contribute to our energy security.

During the BP oil spill the Dutch offered the use of 4 skimmers that would remove oil and water together from the Gulf. The oil which is heavier would settle to the bottom of the collection tank and the water would be pumped back into the Gulf. For 50 days while crude oil gushed into the Gulf of Mexico the EPA would not allow the skimmers to be used because the agency's regulations prohibited water with oil to be pumped back into the ocean. After 50 days the EPA relented but by then the damage was done.

The EPA's regulations have added billions of dollars in cost to American industry which in turn has passed on a huge burden on American taxpayers. Most radical environmentalists would like nothing better than to dismantle all carbon-emitting industries in America. If they see a smokestack, they want it regulated by their allies at the EPA.

I am not ignorant enough to imply that anyone who cares about endangered species, clean air and clean water is a radical extremist. I believe we West Texans need to be very concerned about many important environmental issues, most especially our water supply. But, preserving the human race is more important to me than ruffling the feathers of owls, prairie birds, or misguided environmentalists.

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

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DAILY PRAYER

We revel in the beautiful world you have created, oh Lord.

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In short, all of our planet and its inhabitants have a place in the big

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great slogan col ived too

f his story were a movie, then Gus' tale would start before he was born in December 2009. It would begin in a fertility clinic, where actor Jason Patric donated sperm so that his ex-girlfriend Danielle Schreiber could have a baby. Later, his parents

would reunite and then split up and then, after a contentious custody battle, find the love they always knew was there, wed and live happily ever after. But this story

begins in Hollywood, so there is no marriage; there are many breakups, separate residences and legions of lawyers — and there is a cause that other celebrities can get behind.

Patric is fighting a California of most sperm donors. After Gus was born, Schreiber and Patric did not live together, although she did visit Patric in New York. Gus called Patric "Dada." When the couple split for good in 2012, Patric sued for joint custody, and Schreiber withheld visits.

If the couple had married, then Patric would have parental rights. (Yes, I know, it's 2014, and many couples have children out of wedlock, but men who complain about their lack of parental rights should know they have a ready remedy: to marry the mother.)

If Gus were the product of sexual intercourse, then Patric could have claimed paternity.

But because Gus is the result of **Amen** in vitro fertilization, a court ruled Patric could not claim paternity. State law only recognizes as fathers those sperm donors who have a written agreement prior to conception with a single mother.

On May 14, however, state appellate Judge Thomas Willhite overturned the old ruling as inimical to the interests of the child. He gave Patric the chance to legally establish that he is the boy's father. Patric still has to make his case in court, his attorney, Fred Silberberg, told me; the ruling simply means that the actor will have the same opportunity as a non-sperm donor to convince a court that he is a "presumed father" based on his role in the boy's life.

Who doesn't want a chance for a father to fight for his son's best interests?

Well, if Patric is successful, the fallout from this case could bring unexpected litigation to parents of IVF babies who have maintained informal relations with donors.

Silberberg sees the Willhite ruling as a victory for sperm donors involved with their offspring. Willhite drily observed, "A mother wishing to retain her sole right to parent her child conceived through assisted reproduction can limit the kind of contact she allows the sperm donor to have with her child to ensure that the relationship does not rise to the level of presumed parent and child."

But as Schreiber's attorney, Patty Glaser, argued, countless single women relied on the sperm donor law to protect their decision to raise a child independently. Schreiber is one — and now a judge says the law unfairly excludes sperm donors seeking custody. The law also protects

same-sex couples with IVF children, as well as sperm donors who want to avoid real parenting and child-support claims. The Willhite decision casts uncertainty over IVF families, and that's hardly a positive

"Predictability is a significant part of democracy," said Glaser.

Patric has tried to move beyond the sperm donor angle — a smart move. He has started an organization. Stand Up For Gus. subtitled "The voice of the child." His new cause is to fight "parental alienation or estrangement" — the practice of one parent's withholding visitation from the other. It's "child abuse," he says.

I have no idea what outcome is in the best interests of Gus. I know that reluctant fathers can turn into doting parents and that some fathers don't have custody for good reason. Judges want to determine what is best for a minor now, not who behaved better five years ago.

The thing is that if Willhite is right that mothers can avoid custody suits simply by keeping sperm donors out of their children's lives, then men can avoid litigation simply by putting terms in writing when they give sperm to their ex-girlfriends.

"The voice of the child" is a great slogan, conceived too late.

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Top ten Coahoma High School seniors for 2014 (Some scholars were not present due to conflicting school activites)



Top ten Coahoma High School juniors for 2014 (Some scholars were not present due to conflicting school activites)



Coahoma ISD Superintendent Amy Jacobs, left, stands with Community Service Award winner Cindy Smith.

Kathy Nichols, the 2014 Scholar Teacher, poses for a photo with Jordan Lang who nomiated Nichols for the honor.

Jacobs stands with Scholar Graduate award recipeient Loma Jean Wynn. Also pictured is Brian Moore, CISD board president.

Coahoma ISD honors top juniors, seniors

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Twenty High School students district.

mitment to their com-Coahoma munity and the school

viduals for their com- has been very active in the school district," Jacobs said. "She has served on the school in her spare time is an this banquet possible," board and volunteers at any event."

the annual community Kindergarten Rodeo for

very grateful to our community businesses and numerous years and individuals for making Jacobs said. "We were The banquet was made able to launch the first scholar's banquet to honor our top academic students because of the

generous donations and support given by these businesses and individuals."

were honored Tuesday night for their hard work in academics at the first Coahoma ISD scholars' banquet held at the Settles Hotel.

"We wanted to give special recognition to our academic scholars," said Amy Jacob, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent. "Many of our students receive recognition for their extra-curricular activities, but we don't always stop to honor those who have excelled academically. We want to make a special effort to honor those who have excel in the classroom." During the banquet, the top ten ranking academic students of the junior and senior classes were honored. The seniors were individually honored and a small biography was read for each student in front of their family and friends. The top ten junior scholars were honored as group.

Top ten seniors were: Savannah Neff, valedictorian; Shayla Martin, salutatorian; Sarah Melendez; Shanen Warneke; Haley Walker; Amanda King; Jordan Lang; Caleb Chapa; JJ Sloan; and David Mejia.

Junior scholars were: Kelli Schaedel, Chris Biddison, Rylie Jacobs, Brandon Coker, Anna Harriso, Braxton Iden, Erin Fontana, Alexis Jackson, Aloura Scott and Joseph Melendez.

Also honored were three community indi-

Loma Jean wynn received the scholar graduate award, was given for the first time. She is a graduate of Coahoma High School and taught in the district for 31 years before

retiring in 1989. "In order to qualify for the scholar graduate award, a person must be a Coahoma High graduate and have graduated at least 10 years prior. The person also has to have made a contribution both to their community in which they live and to their profession," Jacob said. "This year is really special because Loma Jean not only taught her whole career at Coahoma ISD, but she is a resident of the community."

Wynn is extremely active in the community serving as volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and on the the school district's Educational Improvement Committee. She is a member of the Retired Teachers' Association and the Coahoma Church of Christ. Wynn, a former high school cheerleader, is also a familiar face at Coahoma sporting events attending as many as she can.

Receiving the community service award was Cindy Smith . The award recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in supporting and volunteering for the school district.

"Over the years, Cindy

Long-time educator Kathy Nichols was honored with the scholar teacher award.

"The scholar teacher is chosen from the nominations by the top ranking seniors of the graduating class," Jacobs said. "Kathy was nominated by Jordan Lang. She was his kindergarten teacher."

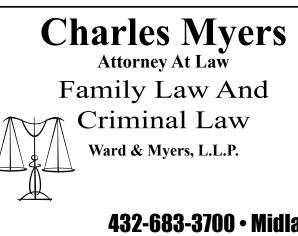
Nichols taught in the Coahoma school district for 33 years before retiring in 2009. She is currently working part-time at the district as a reading specialist. Nichols also organized

accomplished artist.

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NATIONAL

University: Poet, author Maya Angelou dies at 86



BY HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Maya Angelou was gratified, but not surprised by her extraordinary fortune.

"I'm not modest," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I have no modesty. Modesty is a learned behavior. But I do pray for humility, because humility comes from the inside out."

Her story awed millions. The young single mother who worked at strip clubs to earn a living later danced and sang on stages around the world. A black woman born poor wrote and recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history. A childhood victim of rape, shamed into silence, eventually told her story through one of the most widely read memoirs of the past few decades.

Angelou, a Renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, died Wednesday morning at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, her son, Guy B. Johnson, said in a statement. The 86-year-old had been a professor of American studies at Wake Forest University since 1982.

"She lived a life as a teacher, activist, artist and human being. She was a warrior for equality, tolerance and peace," Johnson said.

Angelou had been set to appear this week at the Major League Baseball Beacon Awards Luncheon, but canceled in recent days citing an unspecified illness.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, she was unforgettable whether encountered through sight, sound or the printed word. She was an actress, singer and dancer in the 1950s and 1960s and broke through as an author in 1970 with "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which became standard (and occasionally censored) reading and made Angelou one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream success. "Caged Bird" was the start of a multipart autobiography that continued through the decades and captured a life of hopeless obscurity and triumphant, kaleidoscopic fame. The world was watching in 1993 when she read her cautiously hopeful "On the Pulse of the Morning" at President Bill Clinton's first inauguration. Her confident performance openly delighted Clinton and made publishing history by making a poem a best-seller, if not a critical favorite. For President George W. Bush, she read another poem, "Amazing Peace," at the 2005 Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the White House. Presidents honored her in return with a National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor. In 2013, she received an honorary National Book Award.

She called herself a poet, in love with the "sound of language," "the music in language," as she explained to The Associated Press in 2013.

But she lived so many lives. She was a wonder to Toni Morrison, who marveled at Angelou's freedom from inhibition, her willingness to celebrate her own achievements.

She was a mentor to Oprah Winfrey, whom she befriended when Winfrey was still a local television reporter, and often appeared on her friend's talk show program. She mastered several languages and published not just poetry, but advice books, cookbooks and children's stories. She wrote music, plays and screenplays, received an Emmy nomination for her acting in "Roots," and never lost her passion for dance, the art she considered closest to poetry.

"The line of the dancer: If you watch (Mikhail) Baryshnikov and you see that line, that's what the poet tries for. The poet tries for the line, the balance," she told The Associated Press in 2008, shortly before her 80th birthday.

Her very name as an adult was a reinvention. Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis and raised in Stamps, Ark., and San Francisco, moving back and forth between her parents and her grandmother. She was smart and fresh to the point of danger, packed off by her family to California after sassing a white store clerk in Arkansas. Other times, she didn't speak at all: At age 7, she was raped by her mother's boyfriend and didn't talk for years. She learned by reading, and listening. "I loved the poetry that was sung in the black church: 'Go down Moses, way down in Egypt's land," she told the AP. "It just seemed to me the most wonderful way of talking. And 'Deep River.' Ooh! Even now it can catch me. And then I started reading, really reading, at about 7 1/2, because a woman in my town took me to the library, a black school library. ... And I read every book, even if I didn't understand it." At age 9, she was writing poetry. By 17, she was a single mother. In her early 20s, she danced at a strip joint, ran a brothel, was married, and then divorced. But by her mid-20s, she was performing at the Purple Onion in San Francisco, where she shared billing with another future star, Phyllis Diller. She also spent a few days with Billie Holiday, who was kind enough to sing a lullaby to Angelou's son,

Guy, surly enough to heckle her off the stage and astute enough to tell her: "You're going to be famous. But it won't be for singing."

After renaming herself Maya Angelou for the stage ("Maya" was a childhood nickname, "Angelou" a variation of her husband's name), she toured in "Porgy and Bess" and Jean Genet's "The Blacks" and danced with Alvin Ailey. She worked as a coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and lived for years in Egypt and Ghana, where she met Nelson Mandela, a longtime friend; and Malcolm X, to whom she remained close until his assassination, in 1965. Three years later, she was helping King organize the Poor People's March in Memphis, Tenn., where the civil rights leader was slain on Angelou's 40th birthday.

"Every year, on that day, Coretta and I would send each other flowers," Angelou said of King's widow, Coretta Scott King, who died in 2006.

Angelou was little known outside the theatrical community until "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which might not have happened if James Baldwin hadn't persuaded Angelou, still grieving over King's death, to attend a party at Jules Feiffer's house. Feiffer was so taken by Angelou that he mentioned her to Random House editor Bob Loomis, who persuaded her to write a book by daring her into it, saying that it was "nearly impossible to write autobiography as literature."

"Well, maybe I will try it," Angelou responded. "I don't know how it will turn out. But I can try."

Angelou's musical style was clear in a passage about boxing great Joe Louis's defeat in 1936 against German fighter Max Schmeling:

"My race groaned," she wrote. "It was our people falling. It was another lynching, yet another Black man hanging on a tree. One more woman ambushed and raped. A Black boy whipped and maimed. It was hounds on the trail of a man running through slimy swamps. ... If Joe lost we were back in slavery and beyond help."

Angelou's memoir was occasionally attacked, for seemingly opposite reasons. In a 1999 essay in Harper's, author Francine Prose criticized "Caged Bird" as "manipulative" melodrama. Meanwhile, Angelou's passages about her rape and teen pregnancy have made it a perennial on the American Library Association's list of works that draw complaints from parents and educators. "I thought that it was a mild book. There's no profanity," Angelou told the AP. "It speaks about surviving, and it really doesn't make ogres of many people. I was shocked to find

there were people who really wanted it banned, and I still believe people who are against the book have never read the book."

Angelou appeared on several TV programs, notably the groundbreaking 1977 miniseries "Roots." She was nominated for a Tony Award in 1973 for her appearance in the play "Look Away." She directed the film "Down in the Delta," about a drug-wrecked woman who returns to the home of her ancestors in the Mississippi Delta. She won three Grammys for her spoken-word albums and in 2013 received an honorary National Book Award for her contributions to the literary community.

Back in the 1960s, Malcolm X had written to Angelou and praised her for her ability to communicate so directly, with her "feet firmly rooted on the ground." In 2002, Angelou communicated in an unexpected way when she launched a line of greeting cards with industry giant Hallmark. Angelou admitted she was cool to the idea at first. Then she went to Loomis, her editor at Random House.

"I said, 'I'm thinking about doing something with Hallmark,'" she recalled. "And he said, 'You're the people's poet. You don't want to trivialize yourself.' So I said 'OK' and I hung up. And then I thought about it. And I thought, if I'm the people's poet, then I ought to be in the people's hands — and I hope in their hearts. So I thought, 'Hmm, I'll do it.'"

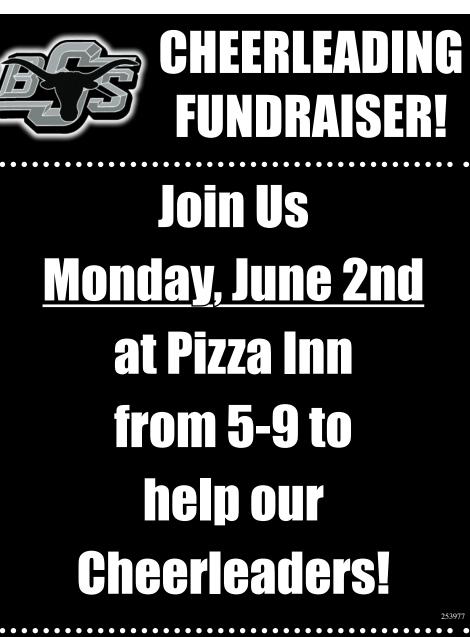
In North Carolina, she lived in an 18-room house and taught American Studies at Wake Forest University. She was also a member of the board of trustees for Bennett College, a private school for black women in Greensboro. Angelou hosted a weekly satellite radio show for XM's "Oprah & Friends" channel.

She remained close enough to the Clintons that in 2008 she supported Hillary Rodham Clinton's candidacy over the ultimately successful run of the country's first black president, Barack Obama. But a few days before Obama's inauguration, she was clearly overjoyed. She told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette she would be watching it on television "somewhere between crying and praying and being grateful and laughing when I see faces I know."

Active on the lecture circuit, she gave commencement speeches and addressed academic and corporate events across the country. Angelou received dozens of honorary degrees, and several elementary schools were named for her. As she approached her 80th birthday, she decided to study at the Missouri-based Unity Church, which advocates healing through prayer.



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Sports

Westbrook scores 40, **Thunder even series**

Westbrook is picking up where Kevin Durant left off.

Durant hasn't shown the same consistent excellence in the postseason that earned the Thunder star the MVP award after the NBA regular season. Westbrook has picked up the slack, making a case for being Oklahoma City's best player in the postseason.

Westbrook had 40 points, 10 assists and five steals in Oklahoma City's 105-92 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night that tied the series at two games apiece.

The guard has been doing similar damage throughout the playoffs, averaging 26.6 points, 8.1 assists and 7.5 rebounds in 17 postseason games. In one stretch, he had three tripledoubles in five games.

"Just his focus on every possession on the defensive end and his poise on the offensive end — I think that's what's fun to watch," Durant said. "People outside of our team don't really look at that type of stuff, but that's something we can definitely build on as a group, is watching him wreak havoc on the defensive end and offensively, playing with such patience."

Tuesday's performance matched the second-highest playoff point total of Westbrook's career, falling short of the 43 he scored in the 2012 NBA Finals.

"Coach told us he needed maximum effort from us tonight, and it starts with me at point guard," West-

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Russell brook said. "My job is to play both sides of the ball. If you want to win a championship, those are things you have to do."

> At times, Westbrook has been a maddening player for Thunder fans to watch. He's a dynamic player whose supreme confidence sometimes leads to ill-advised shots and a tendency to hold the ball at the expense of offensive flow.

> In Tuesday's game, he did almost everything right. He shot 50 percent from the field and took just five 3-pointers. He made 14 of 14 free throws.

> "Sometimes he's going to go off," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "He's capable of doing that. If he makes a lot of jumpers, it gets really tough."

> In the midst of posting a monster game, Westbrook still managed to help Durant score 31 points. It was Durant's highest-scoring game of the series after the NBA's leading scorer was held to a 22.7-point average in the first three games.

> Serge Ibaka added nine points and eight rebounds for the Thunder, who have turned around the series since he returned from an injury that was expected to keep him out for the rest of the postseason.

> "We just play well with Serge," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. lineup that we can't do with other guys."



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"We can do things with Serge in the San Antonio Spurs guard Danny Green (4) knocks the ball away from Oklahoma City Thunder guard Reggie Jackson (15) in front of Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) in the first quarter of Game 4 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City Tuesday.

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Soria miscue costs Rangers in loss to Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) With Rangers starter Yu Darvish unavailable, Scott Baker took his spot and held the Twins at bay. Unfortunately, Texas' normally rocksolid closer couldn't do the same.

Joakim Soria bobbled a slow-bouncing ball hit by Minnesota's Danny Santana

said after Soria (1-2) took his first blown save in nine chances. "There's no perfection in the game of baseball. The guy has done everything we've asked him to do and tonight he just didn't get it done."

The day began badly for the Rangers when Darvish, their ace, was scratched from his scheduled start with stiffness in his neck. Baker filled in admirably, giving up two runs on three hits over six innings, and Chris Gimenez hit a tiebreaking two-out RBI single in the sixth off Phil Hughes.

With Soria on in the ninth and Texas leading 3-2, the Twins ended their four-game losing streak by patching together two runs.

Oswaldo Arcia hit a one-out double off the wall in rightcenter, just a few feet shy of where he homered off Baker in the second inning, and Eduardo Nunez tied the game

Beltre, Nunez stopped short of the third baseman's glove, scooted right and circled around to the bag to avoid the tag.

"Somehow now we've got a new rule that you can go to left field and come back to third," Beltre said. sarcastically. "I should've known that."

Nunez scored the winning

spin in there, and by the time I got the ball it just spilled out of my glove and I dropped it."

AP photo

Glen Perkins (2-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory, stranding Rios after a leadoff triple that Santana, normally a shortstop, appeared to misplay in center field and couldn't catch after getting twisted around. Hughes had his winning streak stopped at five. Over his last five turns, he had a 1.08 ERA and a 27-0 strikeoutwalk ratio.

to the left of the mound with two outs and the bases loaded in the ninth inning, allowing the winning run to score in the Twins' 4-3 victory over the Rangers on Tuesday night.

"He's human," Rangers manager Ron Washington with a two-out single.

Then Nunez kept the rally alive with some nifty running.

He moved up when right fielder Alex Rios' throw home was up the line. On a fielder's choice grounder to Adrian

run when Santana ended the game with the softest of contact.

"We had a couple plays in there that we should make, and the last one by myself, I just blew it," Soria said. "It was a spinning ball, a lot of

Aaron Hicks saved Hughes

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U.S. soccer team takes 2-0 victory

SAN (AP) — Mix Diskerud figures the whole honor of wearing No. 10 is only temporary. He fully expects to play alongside Landon Donovan again down the road with the U.S. national team.

For one night at least, Diskerud did that jersey proud.

Diskerud and Aron Johannsson, a pair of second-half substitutes raised in Scandinavia, scored to lift a heavylegged United States over Azerbaijan 2-0 on Tuesday night in the first of three World Cup warmups.

"It's an honor. A lot of great players have been wearing that No. 10 for the U.S. previously," "I'll Diskerud said. enjoy it. When it comes to Landon, I'm sure that we're going to be playing together again someday, and of course he has more caps than me so I'm just borrowing the uniform right now."

The U.S. needed a boost from the bench after

FRANCISCO captain Clint Dempsey wasscratchedjustbefore kickoff because of a sore left groin. But the 14thranked Americans had trouble breaking down No. 85 Azerbaijan.

Diskerud, born in Oslo to a father from Norway and mother from Arizona who met in college, entered in the 71st and scored four minutes later.

With the ball high in the box, Diskerud headed it down to Michael Bradley, whose shot was cleared off the goal line by Elvin Yunuszade. Diskerud then banged the ball in with a rightfooted shot 6 yards for his third international goal.

"It deflected, and then it was just an easy job for me to score,' Diskerud said. "I got tackled exactly when I was going to shoot, and I was just laying down on the ground in agony."

He was wearing the No. 10 freed up when Donovan was cut from the roster.

Sterling responds, hearing still on

NEW YORK (AP) - Donald Sterling and the NBA are headed toward a hearing that will determine if he remains owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Unless Shelly Sterling finds a buyer for the team first.

The Sterlings were part combative, part cooperative Tuesday, with Donald Sterling fighting to keep his team even as his estranged wife said he had authorized her to sell it.

He didn't seem willing to give it up — at least not without a fight in his passionate response to the league's attempt to oust him.

"We do not believe a court in the United States of America will enforce the draconian penalties imposed on Mr. Sterling in these circumstances, and indeed, we believe that preservation of Mr. Sterling's constitutional rights requires that these sham proceedings be terminated in Mr. Sterling's favor," the response said.

Sterling's response to the league's charge that he damaged itanditsmerchandisingpartners with his racist comments was delivered before Tuesday's deadline.

He argued that there is no basis for stripping him of his team because his statements were illegally recorded "during an inflamed lovers' quarrel in which he was clearly distraught."

"A jealous rant to a lover never intended be published to cannot offend the NBA rules."

Donald Sterling

According to the response, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, Sterling says V. Stiviano recorded him without his knowledge and thus the recording was illegal under California law. He also said he could not have "willfully" damaged the league because he did not know it would be made public.

"A jealous rant to a lover never intended to be published cannot offend the NBA rules," Sterling said in the document, which was first reported by USA Today.

Meanwhile, the attorney for Shelly Sterling confirmed that Donald Sterling had given her written permission to sell the team. According to a person who is in contact with a potential bidder, who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the process publicly, the Clippers are seeking binding bids before next Tuesday — the day NBA owners are scheduled to meet in New York and vote on whether to strip Sterling of the team.

The league said in a statement Tuesday that if three-quarters of the 30 owners voted to sustain the charge, "the Sterlings' interests in the Clippers will be terminated and the team will be sold.'

Shelly Sterling submitted her own separate response to the NBA's charges Tuesday that included a "vigorous response to the attempt by the NBA to blame her for doing nothing wrong," according to a person with knowledge of the proceedings. The individual wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the response.

In his response, Donald Sterling says that next week's hearing cannot be fair because the owners have already made up their minds, quoting 10 teams who commented on Twitter or elsewhere that they supported the seizure of the team. An AP survey on the day Commissioner Adam Silver announced Sterling's lifetime ban found that more than half of the teams supported it and no owner was against it.

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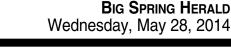
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East dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH

tinued the suit after East signaled with the eight or nine. Declarer ruffed, cashed the A-K of trumps and finessed the queen of spades. East took his king and

returned a club, but South rejected the finesse, since he had a sure way to avoid a club loser by taking the

ace and playing three rounds of spades, discarding a club from dummy. At these tables, declarer

They would not have succeeded, however, had the defense been sharper. At trick one, East should

have overtaken the king of hearts

with the ace and returned a club. Had he done that, South would have gone

It is not an extraordinary feat for

East to take the king of hearts with the ace in order to lead a club. He

should assume West's overcall was based on a five-card suit, which in

turn means declarer has only one

East should count on the ace of hearts and king of spades as two tricks for the defense and should con-

clude that his side's best chance for a

attacked at trick two, and, obviously, that it must be better for the club lead

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New Moon in Gemini

Human communication is constantly evolving, recently more rapidly than ever. The new moon in Gemini nudges us toward the next evolution. Whether you're learning to read a loved one with more clarity, to be smoother with small talk or to use a new app for keeping track of your contacts, all efforts to connect will be lucky under these skies.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What would your father do? Not that you should do the same thing, but this paternal perspective will help you quickly decide your next great move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's easier to embrace the consequences of your actions when you go into each move deliberately and with full awareness of the risks involved. An astute Virgo will keep you alert to such things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A new arena opens up to you. This may as well be a foreign country, as it will seem like you don't speak the same language as the others. Stay on your toes, and you'll get educated quickly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). First you want to experience clarity of vision. Once you can see what's really going on, you'll have more requests: good friends, tools, a plan... It all starts with accurate perception.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In most cases, people experiencing negative emotions don't like it,

and yet many of us credit bad feelings for motivating us into a better life. That's why you'll be grateful for something unpleasant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's fun to get caught up in the romance of new relationships. You've enjoyed delightful fantasies, and now it's time to come to a mature understanding of what's going on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've exhausted many lines of reason. Though you are smarter for the mental exercise, it might not have helped your decision-making process at all. Now it's time to let go of what you think and embrace your inner knowing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It takes discipline and restraint to organize your potential efforts, make a plan and stick to it. Your supply of willpower is limited. Don't put yourself in tempting situations, and you'll succeed

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stories are only funny if you're telling them to the right audience. Try out material in your inner circle first. If it plays there, it will probably play everywhere

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In centuries past, close and extended family all lived under the same roof. How did they do it? That's something you might wonder today as your family drives you nuts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll center yourself on the needs of others. Your acts of

caring will bring a large community closer. You'll have no idea what you've contributed until it's time for others to give back.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are capable, efficient and effective. Believe and do it. Every step of today's journey sees you sure-footed. You've got this. Follow through in full confidence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 28). Loyal friends help you with a personal transition, and you'll love what's on the other side of it. June sees you changing a habit to help humanity or the environment. What you do with your leisure time in July is truly magnificent. Better work and financial opportunities come in August and December. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 11, 32 and 13

NEW MOON IN GEMINI RITUAL: While the full moon inspires drum circles, dancing and wild howling, the new moon is a time for quietly sensing how we are on the inside, considering what has come to pass and setting an intention for the future. It's an extremely lucky time to perform a ritual.

The word "ritual" can cause a stir in some people who imagine it means spells will be cast, live sacrifices will be made, strange languages will be uttered. While these elements may be a part of some people's rituals, there are as many ways to design a ritual as there are people to design them.

Really anything can be a ritual. Drinking chocolate milk can be a ritual. It's more about a solemn approach to a series of purposeful actions regardless of what those actions may

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The Gemini new moon favors lighthearted rituals involving wind, air, communication and flight. It's the right time to hang a bird feeder, put up wind chimes, upgrade your phone, book a flight, change your air filters and the like. As you carry out your Gemini new moon ritual, imagine that all you do is bringing more joy and interest into your world, contributing to a new lightness of being.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Colbie Caillat is a poster girl for healthy choices. This Gemini Grammy winner maintains a meatless diet even when she's touring the world and living out of a suitcase. Caillat's Virgo moon is a moon of discipline, cleanliness and health. Her Mercury in earthy Taurus favors of a style of communication that is down-to-earth and natural, which definitely comes through in Caillat's songs.

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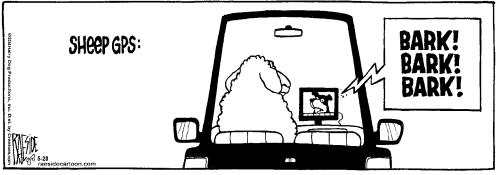


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spectacle meant to mollify the popular opinion, not a fair and impartial hearing: the outcome of these proceedings became a foregone conclusion weeks ago," the response states.

The response also notes the disparity between his lifetime ban and \$2.5 million fine and previous NBA punishments, including the \$100,000 fine levied on Kobe Bryant when he

was caught referring to a referee by a homosexual slur, and the 72game suspension of Ron Artest for punching a fan.

The NBA said Sterling is in violation because his racist comments were harmful to the league and its business partners, including the players. Sterling's response argues that because his comments came in the privacy of his girlfriend's living room he cannot be considered "taking a position" that damaged the NBA, as required under

the league constitution. "Mr. Sterling was not 'conducting' the 'sport of professional basketball' when he was arguing with Ms. Stiviano in her living room," the response says. "Not even the Commissioner alleges that Mr. Sterling intended to harm the NBA with his comment. Nor could he. This was an argument between a jealous man and the woman he loved that should never have left the privacy of his living room."

Sterling also noted his history of supporting ra-

cial diversity, including five black head coaches and a black general manager, Elgin Baylor, who held the job for 22 years. Baylor unsuccessfully sued Sterling, accusing him of racist behavior. It also notes that he was due to receive his second lifetime achievement award from the NAACP before the recording of his comments was leaked.

The response claims that it would cost Sterling \$300 million to \$500 million in capital gains taxes if he is forced to

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from a huge deficit by sprinting to the warning track and snagging the ball with a perfectly timed leap above and beyond the center field wall to steal a threerun homer from Donnie Murphy, who settled for a sacrifice fly. Rougned Odor followed with an RBI double.

Shortstop Eduardo

his only other start this season, last Friday at Detroit, Baker was supposed to resume a role as a long reliever. But he was in control the entire night.

Baker was a secondround draft pick by the Twins in 2003 who spent five years in their rotation, including a 15-win season in 2009, but he developed elbow trouble and needed Tommy John ligament-replacement surgery in 2012.

The Rangers, who

thing you hear is that you might be starting, but you embrace the opportunity and go out and do the best you can," said Baker, who joked that he made it a point not to look into the home dugout during the game. "For the most part, that was the case."

Baker didn't allow a walk and struck out four. He surrendered an RBI double to Joe Mauer with two outs in the third before retiring the last 10 batters he faced.

NOTES: Washington

start Wednesday night, with RHP Kyle Gibson (4-4, 4.68 ERA) pitching for the Twins. Saunders was hit by a line drive on the left ankle in his first start on April 4, and after nearly two months of rehabilitation he will pitch with no restriction, Washington said. Gibson is 3-1 with a 2.25 ERA in four starts this year at home. ... Twins assistant GM Rob Antony said OF Sam Fuld, on the DL since May

THUNDER

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Boris Diaw had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Tony Parker added 14 points for the Spurs, who also blew a 2-0 lead against the Thunder in this round two years ago. San Antonio will host Game 5 on Thursdav and won't be worried about the past.

"I think we shouldn't think like that," Parker said. "Each game is different. Each series. Each year. We worked hard all year to have home-court advantage, and now, it's our job to protect home court."

Oklahoma City dominated for the second consecutive game after getting blown out in the first two. The Thunder committed just seven turnovers and shot 49 percent from the field.

The Spurs scored the first eight points of the game, but things went downhill from there. A steal and dunk by Westbrook gave the Thunder

a 42-32 lead with just under five minutes left in the first half. Back-toback 3-pointers by Durant pushed Oklahoma City's lead to 50-36.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The Thunder led 58-43 at halftime. Durant scored 22 points and Westbrook added 17 points, eight assists and four steals before the break.

Parker shot 6 of 9 in the first half, but the rest of the Spurs made just 11 of 32 before the break.

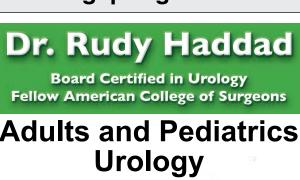
Alobfrom Reggie Jackson to Durant for a twohanded slam bumped Oklahoma City's lead to 60-43. A steal and jam by Ibaka made it 66-49, and a dunk by Westbrook made it 76-49.

The Spurs closed the quarter on an 18-7 run and cut their deficit to 83-67. San Antonio's Matt Bonner made a 3-pointer with 3:31 remaining in the game to trim Oklahoma City's edge to 12, but the Thunder maintained control.

"We were just not focused coming out," Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard said.







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